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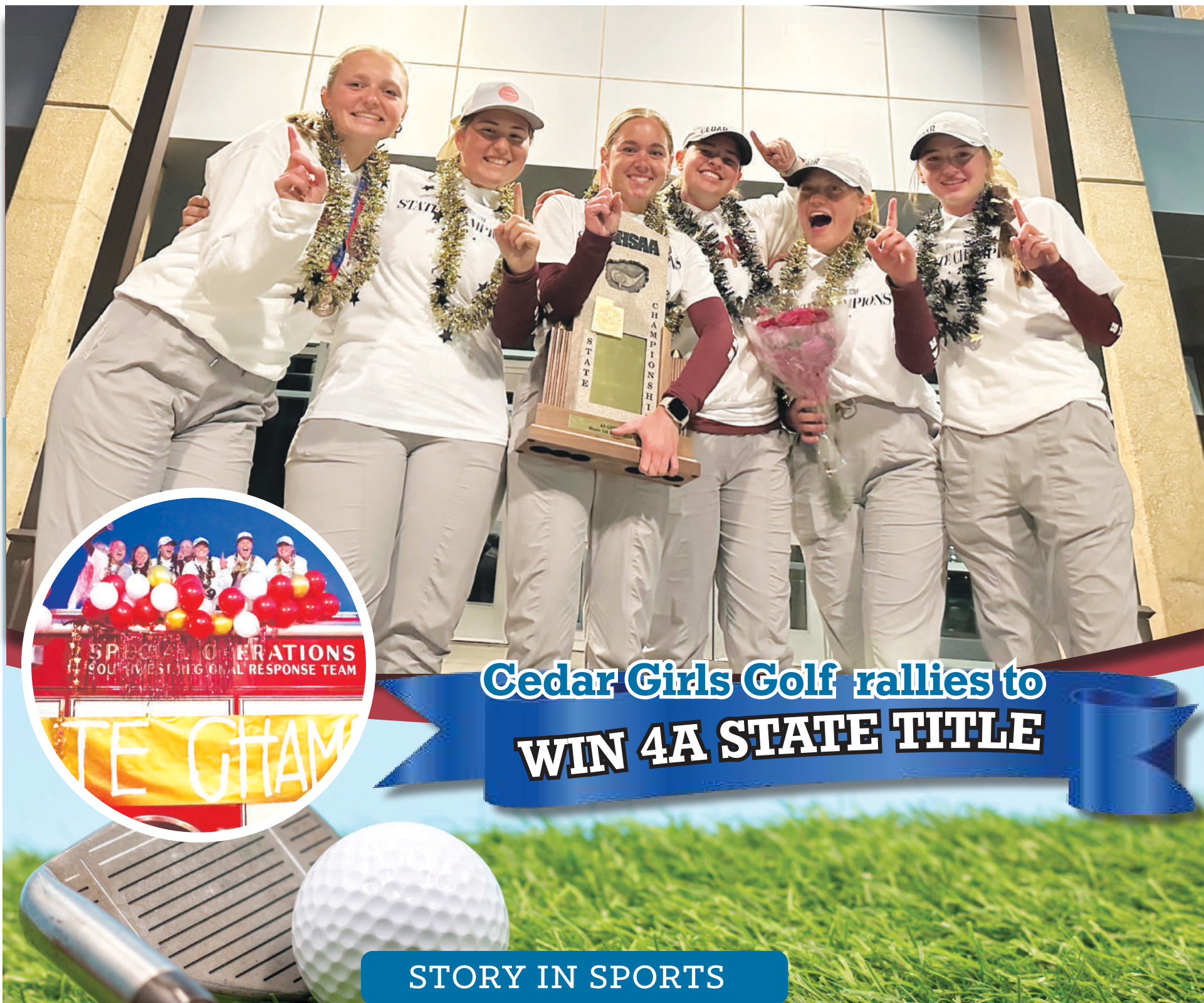
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## Cedar Girls Golf rallies to WIN 4A STATE TITLE

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# Utah Ranks

## NO. 1 BEST STATE

### Overall by U.S. News and World Report for a Second Year

from *Aundrea Peterson*

UTAH SENATE

**SALT LAKE CITY** – Utah was ranked as the No. 1 best state overall for the second year in a row by the U.S. News and World Report. Utah's notable attributes—including a booming economy, advanced infrastructure and quality education—make it a well-rounded state that offers the best of life to all those who visit and call it home.

Utah's No. 1 ranking as the best state overall by U.S. News and World Report adds to a string of recent accolades. These include holding the top spot for the best economic outlook for the 17th consecutive year in the Rich States, Poor States, being recognized as the best state for social mobility by the Archbridge Institute and Salt Lake City's distinction as the best job market in the country by the Wall Street Journal. "Utah's consistent standing as the nation's

best state is no coincidence," said President J. Stuart Adams. "Through our unwavering commitment to bolstering the economy and enabling our citizens to thrive, we've cultivated an environment where individuals and families can establish roots, pursue their goals and build the lives they want to live."

The U.S. News and World Report study analyzed more than 70 metrics in eight categories: health care, education, economy, infrastructure, opportunity, fiscal stability, natural environment and crime and corrections. Most notably, Utah jumped from No. 5 in education to No. 2 and from No. 15 to No. 9 in crime and corrections.

"I have known for a long time that Utah is the best state in the nation," said Speaker Mike Schultz. "From our striking landscapes to our top-notch economy, from our opportunities for upward mobility and education to our focus on strong families, Utah has it all. However, what makes Utah truly special is the people who call our state home

first-degree felony. However, in a recent plea deal, all the charges were dismissed but three including one first-degree felony for object rape and two counts of forcible sexual abuse, both second-degree felonies.

Braun was originally charged in October 2023 for touching a client inappropriately. Subsequently, in November of the same year, 10 additional cases were filed against Braun for separate incidents that occurred between April 2022 and August 2023.

While the Iron County Attorney's Office agreed to drop the additional 13 charges, Braun still had to admit all of the allegations as part of his plea agreement.

"A trial would have put the victims through a lot," County Attorney Chad Dotson said. "We really try to save them from that experience if we can. And in this case, the victims didn't have to go through that but the defendant still admitted to his crimes and he was convicted on

### Romney, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Halt U.S. Funding to UN if Palestinian Authority Receives More Privileges

from *Senator Mitt Romney*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**WASHINGTON**—U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT), member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC), joined Senator Jim Risch (R-ID), SFRC Ranking Member, and 23 Senate colleagues in introducing the No Official Palestine Entry (NOPE) Act, legislation to update existing law to ensure U.S. assistance does not go to entities that give additional rights and privileges to the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO).

"The U.S. should not lend credibility to an organization that actively promotes and rewards terrorism. By granting any sort of status at the UN to the Palestine Liberation Organization, we would be doing just that," **said Senator Romney**. "Our legislation would cut off U.S. taxpayer funding to the UN if it gives additional rights and privileges to the Palestinian Authority and the PLO."

"The Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organization are deeply flawed, plagued by corruption, and incite terrorism through the egregious 'pay for slay' program. Giving the PLO a voice at the United Nations is preposterous and fails to account for the PLO's role in inspiring generations of Palestinians to support acts of terror," **said Ranking Member Risch**. "This legislation will ensure taxpayer dollars are not used to give the PLO credibility."

In addition to Romney and Risch, the NOPE Act is cosponsored by *Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Mike Lee (R-UT), Tom Cotton (R-AR), John Cornyn (R-TX), Steve Daines (R-MT), Pete Ricketts (R-NE), Mike Crapo (R-ID), Bill Hagerty (R-TN), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Deb Fischer (R-NE), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Todd Young (R-IN), John Hoeven (R-ND), Rick Scott (R-FL), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), and John Thune (R-SD).*

#### BACKGROUND:

On Friday, May 10th, the Palestinian Authority will pursue a vote in the United Nations (UN) General Assembly to enhance its current status at the UN. This enhanced status may fall short of full membership, but it would include numerous rights and privileges that previously have only been granted to full members.

Current U.S. law prohibits U.S. funding to organizations, such as the UN, which give the PLO full membership or standing as a member state. The *NOPE Act* updates the existing funding prohibition to organizations that offer the PLO "any status, rights, or privileges beyond observer status."

### Southern Utah Massage Therapist Convicted on Multiple Sexual Abuse Charges

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A former Southern Utah massage therapist was convicted last week on felony sex abuse charges after admitting he inappropriately touched several clients.

Tyler Trost Braun, 42, initially faced a total of 16 counts of forcible sexual abuse, all second-degree felonies, and one count of object rape, a



# 2024 Iron County Small Business Grant Winners Announced

from Gabrielle Costello

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

**CEDAR CITY, UT** – Five local businesses were recently awarded funding to support their economic growth efforts in Iron County thanks to the Iron County Small Business Grant Program. The Iron County Economic Opportunity Board and the Cedar City Business & Innovation Center facilitated the program with funding made available through the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity Rural County Grant Program.

Over 40 small businesses submitted applications in 2024, with the potential to receive up to \$60,000 in funding through the program. After narrowing down the applications in a multi-step process, the following businesses were selected to receive various amounts of funding, following their in-person pitch to the Board Members:

- Ala Chelle Catering
- Cedar Sports
- Dallas Smith Media
- Fresh Start Flooring
- Yummy Tummy Sweets
- Construction of a new building/ adding to an existing building
- New or upgraded equipment or machinery
- Value-added agriculture expansion projects
- New or uncommon industry investment
- Business-related technology or services
- Business start-up costs

"This year we doubled the number of applicants from last year, showing how great of a need this program is in our community," said David Johnson, Economic Development Director for Cedar City and Iron County. "As the program continues to gain popularity, additional grant funding is being sought to assist even more small businesses in the future."

As part of the grant requirements, awardees are expected to provide at least a 1-to-1 funding match.

Project examples that these businesses will use the funds for include:

- Infrastructure developments

Utah is continually ranked highly as one of the best states to start a business by acclaimed companies like WalletHub. In 2024, Cedar City was named the best small city to start a business in the United States thanks to the positive business environment, access to resources, and business costs (Source: WalletHub). Supporting small businesses remains a top priority in Iron County so that dreams can continue to flourish.

## ABUSE CHARGES

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three felonies, which gave them a sense of justice served."

The original incident occurred in August of 2022. At that time, the victim reported to police that Braun had engaged in inappropriate touching during a massage session. Following his arrest, several other female clients came forward alleging similar misconduct.

In a recorded conversation arranged by investigators between Braun and one of the accusers, he acknowledged touching her genital area, the affidavit stated.

During the recorded phone call, the victim pressed Braun regarding his actions, to which

he responded by admitting and acknowledging what he had done.

"I guess I'm delusional, I think that's probably why it happened," Braun said.

Later in the conversation, Braun suggested that the atmosphere created during massages can often lead to blurred boundaries.

"It's really hard to smell someone to be that close to them and like I said it's like drifting in and out of consciousness sometimes giving a massage there's chemistry in the room," he said.

When asked if he had engaged in similar behavior with other women, Braun admitted to the victim that he had touched women in a sexual manner while working as a massage therapist in Vermont.

Tyler ended the phone call

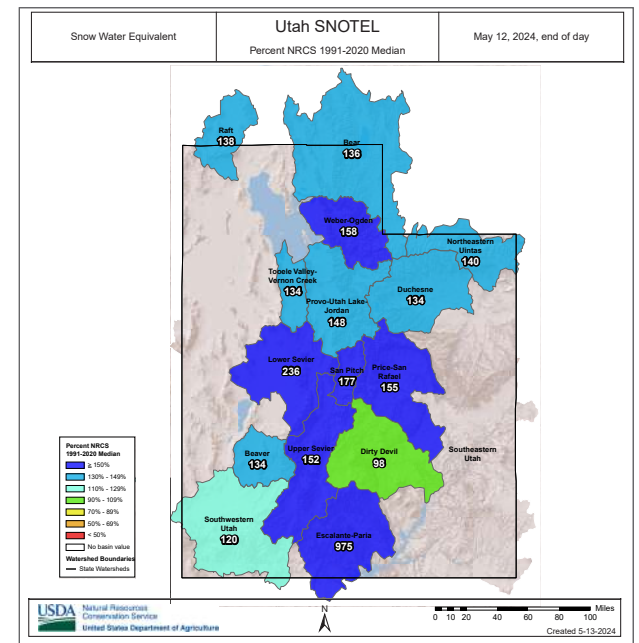
by sharing a passage from his personal journal, recounting a conversation with a former client who had also expressed discomfort with his massage techniques.

He acknowledged to the victim that such incidents should never occur and emphasized that his behavior should not instill fear in women.

After sharing the journal entry, he told the victim it was an "honor to talk with her" and ended the conversation with, "I'm at your mercy."

Braun first received his massage therapy license in Vermont in 2016. According to the Utah Division of Professional Licensing's website his Utah license expired on May 31, 2023.

Sentencing for Braun is scheduled for June 8.



### IRON COUNTY FORECAST

**MOSTLY SUNNY SKIES AND ABOVE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES ON REPEAT! HEADING INTO AND THROUGH THE WEEKEND HIGHS WILL RANGE FROM THE MID 70S TO AROUND 80 DEGREES WITH OVERNIGHT LOWS IN THE 50S. INTO NEXT WEEK THE QUIET SKIES HANG AROUND WITH TEMPS A LITTLE CLOSER TO SEASONAL NORMS.**

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FRIDAY	Mostly Sunny	80°/54°	0%	W 10-15
SATURDAY	Mostly Sunny	79°/54°	0%	SW 15-20
SUNDAY	Mostly Sunny	76°/49°	10%	WSW 15-20
MONDAY	Mostly Sunny	74°/47°	0%	SSW 15-20
TUESDAY	Mostly Sunny	74°/45°	0%	SW 10-15
WEDNESDAY	Mostly Sunny	75°/44°	10%	SW 10-15



## opinion

### FROM THE EDITOR



**CASSI SCHMUTZ**  
COPY EDITOR

**T**his week, I'm excited to spotlight the invaluable contributions of Esther Hailstone, our Office Manager at Iron County Today. Since joining our team in August 2023, Esther has brought a blend of dedication, local insight, and

unwavering commitment to her role, making her an indispensable asset to our operations.

Hailing from Cedar City, Esther's upbringing amidst the vibrant traditions of our community instilled in her a deep-rooted appreciation for our local ethos. With nine siblings, she learned the value of teamwork and community spirit from an early age, qualities that shine through in her work at ICT.

In her capacity as Office Manager, Esther's responsibilities span across virtually every facet of ICT's functions. From overseeing daily office operations to managing billing, coordinating classifieds/legal notices, and curating our online presence via the website and social media channels, Esther's influence permeates throughout our publication.

Her dedication to the cause was exemplified when ICT faced a challenge in delivering to newsstands countywide. Without hesitation, Esther took charge and personally ensured that every Thursday, our papers reached even the farthest corners of our county. If you've ever picked up our weekly paper from one of our stands, you owe a debt of gratitude to Esther for her tireless efforts.

We appreciate Esther for her warmth and willingness to lend a helping hand. Her expertise and approachability make her the go-to person for all matters.

In essence, Esther embodies the spirit of Iron County Today, serving as a beacon of reliability, professionalism, and community engagement. Her contributions are not just valued; they are indispensable, and we are immensely fortunate to have her as an integral part of our team.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### FOLDEROL

*[fol-de-rol]* noun

*a useless ornament or accessory;*

TRIFLE; NONSENSE



### AND THE TOWER BABBLES ON

## Oversight and Accountability Needed for US Forest Service

by *Gordon Smith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

I am a 5th generation long resident of Southern Utah. I am neither an environmentalist nor tree huger. All the land clearing of the juniper tree's I see as a good thing in general saving the water shed, but I wish to bring attention to a situation to all residents, that I believe to be criminal and

people making decisions need to be held accountable.

I encourage all residents to go see something really sick in nature and for themselves. One of my favorite places, a watershed with meadows and two hundred year old Western Red Cedars completely wiped out, and felled in Bear Creek, where there are native cutthroat trout and many other wetland species. The middle of this

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper."*

**W.B. Yeats**

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## opinion

# Great Britain's Slavery, Yesterday and Today

## PART 4

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The British Empire's role in ending the transatlantic slave trade and slavery worldwide may probably be regarded as one of the most virtuous events in the history of nations. Britain's role involved not only money and bribes, usually to pay off slave owners, slave traders, and regional leaders, but also included humanitarian and diplomatic pressure, even military might. Many other European countries were heavily involved in the slave trade, including the French, Dutch, German, Portuguese, and Spanish colonies (mostly in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas). It was the British, however with the Slave Trade Act of 1807 that first banned the trading of enslaved humans in the British Empire. The influence of people such as William Wilberforce MP led to the banning of the trade in enslaved people in the British Empire with continued diplomacy leading to the Treaty of Vienna on June 9, 1815, where Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh put pressure on allies France, Spain, and Portugal, the main slave buying countries, to abolish their slave trade. However, Britain finally in 1834 with the Slavery Abolition Act banned slavery through the British Empire, including freeing 800,000 slaves by paying 20 million pounds to compensate slave owners in the Caribbean, South Africa, and Canada, with British citizens forbidden to own slaves throughout the world. The American slaveholders continued to ship slaves into America while Britain placed a naval squadron off the coasts of East Africa to intercept slave ships from 1808 to 1870. Hundreds of thousands of slaves were freed through British diplomatic and naval actions.

But what is happening today in England? I was able to purchase a

book titled "Britain's Secret Slaves: An Investigation into the Plight of Overseas Domestic Workers" by Bridget Anderson, and I updated its information with current sources because the book originally was published in 1993. Despite Britain's historical lead in the abolition of human slavery, today modern slavery occurs in England when rich foreigners bring their "domestic workers", i.e. slaves, with

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them to England where the wealthy foreigners purchase estates and lavish homes. Knowledge has gotten out because some of these domestic workers have managed to escape. Then another problem exists because the escapees have no status as citizens of Britain because they do not have records of their birth or how they came to England with their rich owners. Changes are afoot in the United Kingdom because of the actions of the Policy and Evidence Center of the Modern Slavery & Human Rights organization which reports that while laws exist to stop modern slavery, the political will does not exist. In 2023 the Illegal Migration Act was passed, and while not yet implemented, when it is implemented, it is expected to affect thousands of people possibly in a negative way because the British government is prioritizing other migration issues at the expense of tackling human trafficking. Where will the trafficked people go? How will they support themselves? Will they be returned to their nation of origin? Yes, free the slaves and restore them to their families. Train them to support themselves. It is not just the UK government that needs to deal with this problem, but all western nations, including the U.S., need to wake up and free the slaves, train and return them to their homes. Where are the 400,000 slaves estimated to be in the United States? Next week?

## US FOREST SERVICE

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devastation at Warm Spring.

Off I-20 in Bear Valley go south at the corrals down the main Bear Valley road about 8 miles to where the canyon narrows, please take a camera and send pics to our Governor. They did not have to destroy the habitat along the creek. It is sickening and criminal, and just up the road in upper Bear Valley they plowed up hundreds of acres of black sage in the middle of the biggest concentrations of sage grouse that I know of. I also wonder how many artifacts were destroyed being how this work is on the Old Spanish Trail.

WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?

I thought the new fire line created just east of the old girls camp above three creeks was bad when I saw dead fish in the creek from no water erosion controls applied to the steep road down the fire line to the creek. Fish died from muddy water. Then there was the weed infested hay dumped from airplanes on the fire erosion control that went through mill creek years ago. Me and you have to have weed free hay for our horses while in the forest, but this derelict devastation of a pristine wetland should have never happened and it will never be the same in our lifetimes. I don't know of any place where it's legal to wipe out every tree along a stream in wetlands for 3 miles.

I feel confident our Governor of our great State didn't ok this work. Again they didn't have to cut all the trees along the creek, they could have left a 50 ft strip of trees each side the creek and cleared everything else. And if they're so worried about the sage grouse that they waste our taxpayer dollars on all the white tabs

they put on barbed wire fences in sage grouse country why would they disc under hundreds of acres of sage grouse habitat in one of their last stronghold areas. And by the way, it's not the barbed wire fences that kill sage grouse, it's the overpopulation of ravens that prey on the chicks and eggs. I've seen it.

I think the Forest Service better get their act together among other Government agencies. Folk's these are our public lands, and these are crimes against me and you. Who are the supervisors for Fish Lake and Dixie National Forest?

Kind Regards  
*Gordon Smith*

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# IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

## Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the previous meeting's minutes. The first major item was a proposed property trade between the city, Iron County School District, and a development team. The trade involved three properties:

- A 6.22 acre parcel owned by the development team next to Cedar City Middle School that the school district wanted for future expansion.
- A 3.84 acre triangular parcel owned by the school district adjacent to city property.
- A 1.86 acre rectangular parcel owned by the city.

The proposal was for the development team's property to go to the school district, the school district's property to go to the city, and the city's property to go to the development team. However, since the properties were not of equal value, the city would receive \$44,000 from an appraiser in addition to the school district land, and the development team would receive \$65,000 from the school district.

Some questioned the value and buildability of the steep city parcel, as well as broader concerns about high-density housing developments changing neighborhood character. Ultimately, the commission voted to recommend disposal of the city property, allowing the trade to proceed through further approval processes.

The next item was amending the R3 zoning minimum lot width from 55 feet to 30 feet for single-family homes. Extensive discussion occurred about how narrow 30 feet would be for construction, setbacks, driveways, etc. Renderings showed some lots as narrow as 14-17 feet of buildable width at 30 foot lot widths. Ultimately, the petitioner withdrew this proposal.

Several other zoning items related to a proposed high-density residential development in the northern automotive area were tabled due to public notice issues. However, public comments expressed concerns about increased density not aligning with the city's general plan, infrastructure capacities like sewer being exceeded, lack of parks/retail in that area, and changing the city's character.

The final substantive item was a proposal to allow a percentage of commercial property street frontage to count towards minimum parking requirements, reducing the number of physical parking spots businesses must provide. Research showed some other cities allowing 50-75% of street frontage. Potential benefits were reducing excessive parking lots and development costs. Concerns included street safety, snow removal, maintaining street access, overflow parking, and enforcement challenges. No firm recommendation was made, and the petitioner withdrew the proposal for further study.

## Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting began with an invocation by Father Montgomery and the Pledge of Allegiance. A city resident named Dale Olen addressed the council regarding a serious safety issue in his neighborhood on Silver Crest Circle. The issue was that a vacant lot on the corner had a high retaining wall recently built that now creates a blind corner when trying to turn left out of the neighborhood onto Cove Drive. With increased traffic speeds on Cove Drive, residents have experienced many close calls trying to turn onto the road. Mr. Olen requested that the city install a four-way stop sign at the intersection for safety reasons. The council agreed to evaluate the sight distances and possibility of a four-way stop.

After approving the consent agenda items, the council considered an application to waive facility rental fees at the Diamond Z arena for 4H groups, but chose to deny the request as the city does not customarily issue such fee waivers.

An ordinance was passed amending the city's Trail and Active Transportation Master Plans to incorporate planned trail routes around new housing developments by The Leavitt Group in the area. However, one section was tabled to provide more flexibility on the exact trail alignment based on upcoming development phases in that area.

The council also tabled an agenda item amending the Storm Drain Master Plan for the 1900 S Old Highway 91 area until engineers can provide sizing calculations on the required channel width and depth. This data was needed to specify guidelines for the developers building that infrastructure.

Two significant ordinances reducing minimum lot width requirements in R1 and R2 residential zones were approved after discussion. The R1 zone width is 70 feet minimum, while

the R2 single-family zone minimized at 50 feet wide. The goal was to enable more density and reduce non-conforming lots, while still preventing overly narrow lots by setting reasonable limits. However, the R3 multi-family zone standards still need adjustment.

An ordinance amending fencing regulations passed mostly as proposed, except a section was tabled to evaluate using fencing specifically to block vehicle light trespass between residential areas and roadways based on comments from the public.

Provisions governing the use of temporary storage/shipping containers at residential construction sites also passed, allowing them for 30 days after the final certificate of occupancy.

The council tabled an ordinance for one week that would allow flag-style lots in residential areas. More review was needed to determine if exceptions could make it practical for developing aging neighborhoods with small non-conforming lots.

A public hearing was held to increase city impact fees for water, sewer, transportation and parks/recreation by 5% based on an updated study. After some discussion about the role of impact fees, this ordinance was approved.

During the work session, city staff presented on the installation of a new cloth pile filter system at the wastewater treatment plant. The goal is to produce Type 1 effluent water suitable for irrigating landscaping with the recycled water. This could provide around 4,000 to 5,000 acre-feet of water per year for an estimated \$6 million value using existing water rights - a significant savings versus purchasing

## Parowan City Council

from Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting began with discussion about the agenda and timing for the next meeting. Due to the Parowan High School graduation scheduled for May 23, the Council made the decision to meet at 5:00pm. In addition, the agenda was rearranged slightly.

### Public Comment

During the Public Comment section of the meeting, Bret Howser, Manager of Brian Head City, expressed his support for the funding of the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director position that was described in a previous meeting.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

YEAR	STATE OF UTAH	IRON COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	CEDAR CITY	COUNTY POPULATION	INFLATION RATE
2020	\$18,500,000,000	\$64,397,882	\$97,275,145	\$64,844,920	57,286	1.4
2021	\$20,300,000,000	\$68,529,185	\$111,206,179	\$58,214,907	58,672	7.0
2022	\$25,600,000,000	\$80,413,678	\$116,183,977	\$50,602,850	62,508	6.5
2023	\$26,000,000,000	\$78,255,317	\$172,080,787	\$62,856,543	64,211	3.4
2024	\$29,400,000,000	\$67,789,445	\$200,512,950	\$145,080,951	65,765	3.2
<b>ANNUAL INCREASE</b>	11.78%	1.05%	21.23%	24.75%	2.96%	4.3



## IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

He stated that the benefits of providing the funds for the position support the partnership of Brian Head and Parowan. Brian Head will provide 50% of the requested funding for the position, if approved.

### Action Meeting

#### RAP Tax Committee Appointed

Councilwoman Topham presented the names of the appointed RAP Tax Committee members, who will meet regularly to review RAP Tax applications and award funds for RAP Tax projects. Marilee Stowell, Mike Crockett, Marta Mitchell, Jared Meibos, and Councilmember Rochell Topham were approved by the Council.

#### Engineering Design Selection for Sewer Treatment

Current phosphorous levels of releases are requiring the redesign of the sewer treatment facility. Parowan City has partnered 50/50 with Brian Head Town and selected Aqua Engineering to perform the preliminary engineering on this project. Aqua Engineering specializes in sewer treatment projects and is a good choice for the work. When construction begins, Parowan and Brian Head will review and change the cost split percentages if necessary.

#### 2024 Tentative Budget Items

Dan Jessen, City Manager, presented budget items requiring discussion.

#### Parowan City Employees Retirement Funding Increase

Parowan City employees' retirement is managed by Utah Retirement Systems (URS). Retiree benefits recipients are classified into Tier 1 and Tier 2. For Tier 2 employees, Parowan City has historically provided 10% of an employee's annual salary to fund this plan some of which was an overage and the remaining contributed to employees' 401k. In 2024, the funding requirement is 10.7%, which will require employees to provide .7% of their annual salary to fully fund the plan (as by law there is a hard cap on 10% funding by the City). The question presented to the Council Members was: Should we increase the Cost of Living increase by .7% to help employees fund this portion of their retirement? A motion was presented to the Council to approve this action and was defeated.

#### Parowan City Employees Cost of Living Adjustment

Mr. Jessen presented a proposal for a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) following URS standards (as was decided last year) for Parowan City employees. A motion was entered and seconded for a 4% COLA; lengthy discussion ensued, comparing with State employees and other municipalities. This motion was defeated. It was pointed out that denying this request may have a ripple effect, because employees are being asked to work hard and the cost of living has increased. Councilmembers expressed their opinions about whether the cost of living has increased by this number. After lengthy discussion, the Council approved a 3.9% COLA for Parowan City Employees.

#### Parowan City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Position

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce previously requested \$7500 to fund 50% of a position for an Executive Director. The original request was defeated; another motion was made by Councilmember Topham asking for approval of the request with the requirement of monthly reporting and an end of year review. This request was approved with the condition that the Chamber provides monthly reports and an end of year review.

#### PEHP Medical, Dental, and Vision Provider for Parowan City

Several insurance providers are considered for Parowan City Employee benefits. The lowest-cost option was PEHP, who has proposed a 5.5% increase over last year's costs for employee benefits for health, dental, and vision. The Council approved PEHP as the benefits provider for 2024-25.

#### Employee Policy Manual Discrepancies Separation Vacation Payout

Since 2019, Parowan City's policy has been to pay 50% of vacation pay to employees who separate employment up to the maximum accrued, which is 200 for regular employees and 240 for law enforcement. The change in 2019 had never been formalized in the documentation but had been communicated to employees implemented by Parowan City administration. The current printed manual still states that employees will receive a 100% payout on separation. The Council approved reinstating the payout at 100% for vacation pay at separation of employment.

#### Retirement Benefit Discussion

Mr. Jessen described a portion of the policy manual that states that "employees retiring with 15 years of service and 960 hours of accrued sick leave would receive five years of medical coverage for the employee and spouse unless covered by Medicare or Medicaid." In 2012, this resolution was edited to add language "other coverage from subsequent employment or access to other healthcare." Since introduction of the Affordable Healthcare Act, this section, as written, could be considered dated. The complexity of this issue and required decision-making prompted the Council to request a special Work Meeting to finalize discussion. The Council decided to have a special work meeting including a public hearing to discuss this on May 16, 2024 at 3pm.

### Work Meeting

#### Water Conservation Ordinances Coming

Parowan's Planning Commission will hold several Public Hearings at the May 15 meeting to address new ordinances addressing water conservation. These ordinances are required for Parowan residents to participate in the Utah State Landscape Conversion Incentive Program (<https://conservewater.utah.gov/landscape-rebates/>). Parowan City will consider implementation of these ordinances that will affect new development within the City. At minimum, the following water-efficient landscape ordinances for new construction are required for participation in the program:

- No lawn on parking strips or areas less than eight feet in width in new development.
- No more than 50% of front and side yard landscaped area in new residential developments is lawn. Lawn limitations do not apply to small residential lots with less than 250

square feet of landscaped area.

- In new commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family development common area landscapes, lawn areas shall not exceed 20% of the total landscaped area, outside of active recreation areas.

The topic will return to City Council within a month.

#### Highlights from Council and Staff Reports

- Parowan Elementary School drop-off and pick up change seems to be working smoothly.
- Airport contract discussions continue
- Arbor Day celebration on April 29 was successful
- Pickle ball site dirt moving and new pipeline installed. Rough grading continues; will survey for master site plan and go to bid
- Bike Park meetings with architect and site plans continue
- 2024-2025 Budget being finalized.
- Swimming pool target opening Memorial Day.
- Parowan Old Rock Church belfry was plumbed and secured. Painting continues by Rosenberg Painting with plans to be ready for Old Rock Church Days on 6/21
- Library repairs continue

Residents are encouraged to attend City Council Meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Parowan City Council Chambers. Alternatively, the meetings can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@parowancity2030>



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## public & health

# AARP OFFERS SMART DRIVING CLASSES

from Roland Gow

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring a series of safe driving classes designed specifically for older drivers. The classes cover the many changes that occur within ourselves, in roadway design and in the vehicles we drive. They also cover rules of the road, sharing the road with others and what to do when you can no longer drive.

Classes are four hours long and are led by local volunteers using materials specially prepared by AARP and other professionals. They cost \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members.

These lessons are designed to make drivers safer and more confident behind the wheel. They can help you save on your car insurance because many insurance companies offer discounts to individuals who have taken the course. These discounts generally last for three years from the date of the class.

The next event will be held on Monday, June 3, at the Iron County Visitors' Center, at 1:00 pm. This class will be led by Roland Gow (435-592-0658). Please call to make a reservation. Space is limited.

# Romney, Manchin Introduce Bill to Get Federal Workers Back into the Office

from Senator Mitt Romney

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**WASHINGTON**—U.S. Senators Mitt Romney (R-UT) and Joe Manchin (D-WV) today introduced the Back to Work Act of 2024, bipartisan legislation to require employees of federal agencies to return to in-person work. According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), in 2023, 17 of 24 federal agency headquarters were operating at an average capacity of 25% less. This legislation would limit telework to no more than 40% of days within an employee's pay period and require agencies to report to Congress on the productivity of its telework activities.

"It has been nearly a year since President Biden formally ended COVID-19 public health emergency declarations, yet most of our federal office buildings remain empty—wasting millions of taxpayer dollars every day. Americans deserve to have a federal workforce that is both present and productive," **Senator Romney said**. "Our bipartisan legislation would require federal employees to work in the office for a majority of the time, while still allowing reasonable flexibility for telework. Federal employees play an important role in ensuring that the government works for the American people, and it is past time for them to get back into the office to do the work that our constituents expect from their government."

"I'm proud to introduce the bipartisan Back to Work Act with Senator Romney to require federal employees to work in-person at least 60% of the time. Federal workers have a unique obligation to connect with the citizens they serve, and exclusively remote work hinders this essential collaboration. Local

businesses in West Virginia and across the country are also suffering from a lack of consumer traffic during the work days, which is negatively impacting our local economies. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this commonsense legislation that brings our society closer to pre-pandemic normalcy," **said Senator Manchin**.

## BACKGROUND:

*The Back to Work Act of 2024 would:*

- Set a general ceiling of 40% of days in a pay period for federal agency telework.
  - Provide reasonable flexibility for each agency, including allowing waivers for certain types of positions where telework is needed to support agency needs.
- Require agencies to monitor the work of employees engaged in telework to ensure they are actually working.
- Require agencies to report on their productivity metrics and the potential negative effects of telework on productivity, morale, security vulnerabilities, or waste, fraud, or abuse.

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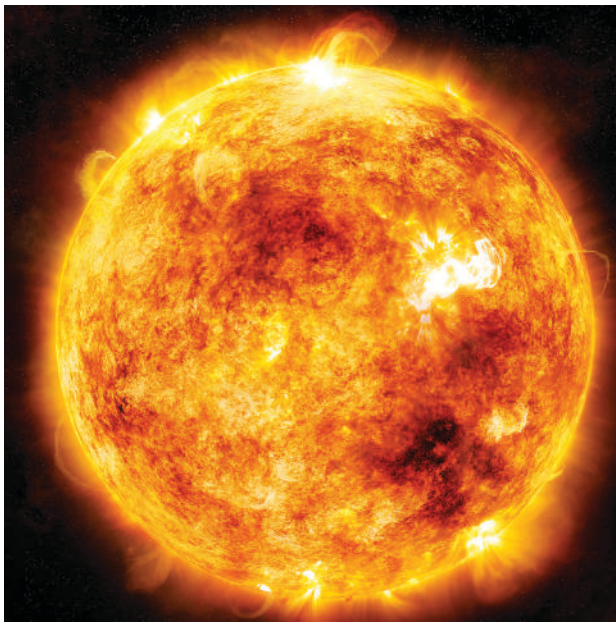




# Rare Northern Lights Display Graces Utah's Skies Over the Weekend

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



Nature enthusiasts and astronomers in Utah were treated to a rare spectacle on the evenings of May 10th and 11th, 2024, as the northern lights made a stunning appearance in the state's night sky. The aurora borealis, typically visible in regions closer to the Arctic Circle, delighted residents and visitors alike with its vibrant hues of green, purple, and pink.

The event was sparked by a powerful geomagnetic storm originating from the sun, which bombarded the Earth's magnetosphere with charged particles.

These particles interacted with gases in the upper atmosphere, producing the mesmerizing light show known as the aurora borealis.

According to experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the geomagnetic storm reached a G3 level on the NOAA Space Weather Scale, indicating strong fluctuations in the Earth's magnetic field. Such storms are rare

at lower latitudes but can occasionally extend the visibility of the northern lights to regions like Utah.

Reports of the northern lights sighting came in from various parts of Utah, including Salt Lake City, Park City, Moab, Kanab, and Cedar City. Nationally, the lights could be seen in states as south as Georgia and Southern California. Many residents took to social media to share their photos and videos of the celestial

phenomenon, capturing the attention of people across the state and beyond.

While the northern lights display in Utah was brief, lasting only a few hours each night, it left a lasting impression on those who were fortunate enough to witness it. The event serves as a reminder of the awe-inspiring beauty of nature and the interconnectedness of the Earth and the cosmos.





# Utah Wildlife Board approves 2024 Big Game Hunting Permits, changes to Shed Antler Gathering

from Aundrea Peterson

UTAH SENATE

**SALT LAKE CITY** — The Utah Wildlife Board approved the big game hunting permit numbers for 2024 and also approved some changes to shed antler gathering in Utah during a public meeting on Thursday.

## WHAT IMPACTS DEER POPULATIONS IN UTAH

*There are a few factors that impact deer populations in Utah and can cause them to increase or decrease. Some of those factors include:*

- Weather and precipitation (either extreme, ongoing drought or really



- heavy snowfall during the winter)
- Predator balance
- The quality and quantity of available habitat (which can be impacted by weather as well)
- Adult doe survival
- Fawn production
- Fawn survival

“It should be noted that harvesting buck deer does not drive deer populations,” Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Big Game Coordinator Dax Mangus said. “That is a common misconception that we hear when we make permit number recommendations each year. The most important factors that drive deer population numbers are the survival rates of doe deer (since bucks don’t have babies), fawn production and fawn survival after the winter. The way we

hunt buck deer in Utah doesn’t drive deer populations, but what happens with deer populations drives how we hunt buck deer.”

## HOW DEER PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE

The DWR manages deer, elk and other wildlife in accordance with approved management plans to allow for sustainable harvest while maintaining healthy wildlife populations across the state. Along with using the management plans, DWR biologists also weigh additional factors and data in recommending hunting permit numbers for deer:

- Buck-to-doe ratios established in the management plans for each area of the state (including the current estimates, three-year averages and overall trends). The buck-to-doe ratios are a good way to manage social preferences for hunting deer.
- Current population estimates and demographics. (This data is collected through yearly surveys and classifications of deer herds.)
- Data from GPS collars and body condition of the deer (measured during annual capture efforts), which helps estimate deer survival for the winter.
- Hunter harvest rates from the prior hunting season (which can help with estimates for successful harvest in the upcoming year).
- Habitat and environmental conditions across the state.

“Utah has 31 general-season deer hunting units that are managed for



post-hunting season buck-to-doe ratios of 15-17 or 18-20 bucks per 100 does," Mangus said. "The statewide average buck-to-doe ratio on public land, general-season deer hunting units was 21 bucks per 100 does after the 2023 hunting season. Good winter survival rates this year and high buck-to-doe ratios after last season puts us in a position where we can offer more buck deer hunting opportunities in 2024."

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## DEER PERMITS

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*The Utah Wildlife Board approved the following for general-season deer permits in the various areas of Utah:*

- Northern Utah: An increase of 150 permits
- Central Utah: A decrease of 75 permits
- Southern Utah: An increase of 5,375 permits
- Southeastern Utah: An increase of 400 permits
- Northeastern Utah: An increase of 950 permits

In total, the board approved 71,525 general-season deer hunting permits, which is a 6,800-permit or 10.5% increase from the previous year.

"During our big game captures this last winter, we found that a majority of the deer throughout the state were healthy and in great condition with high body fat," Mangus said. "Our animals with GPS collars are showing really high survival rates in both northern and southern Utah. We are anticipating excellent winter survival and are happy to see our deer populations starting to look better after being hit hard by the severe winter in 2022-23, especially in the northern parts of the state. Deer populations in southern Utah are looking great currently with their third consecutive year of good fawn production and high survival rates. Biologists look closely at each hunting unit and individual situation when they make permit recommendations. We use the best available data and our management plans to make proactive recommendations for the herd health of our wildlife."

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## ELK PERMITS

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The current statewide elk management plan includes an objective to have almost 80,000 elk across Utah — there are currently an estimated 80,600 elk in the state. The board approved a slight increase in public draw limited-entry bull elk permits and in antlerless elk permits for the 2024 hunts.

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## APPROVED BIG GAME PERMITS

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The table below shows the approved permit numbers for 2024, including those for the big game hunts, the once-in-a-lifetime hunts and the antlerless hunts:

*Editors Note: Due to space, Iron County Today was unable to include the table. The full article that includes the table can be found at [ironcountytoday.com](https://ironcountytoday.com) under News.*

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## APPROVED ANTLERLESS PERMITS

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The DWR issues antlerless permits for big game species in Utah for several reasons:

- To manage population size to the approved population objectives
- For herd health, including reducing disease concerns in certain parts of the state
- To improve the health of the habitat (and to avoid overgrazing)
- To reduce conflicts on private property, including depredation issues
- To address public safety issues of big game animals on highways and in cities

"Because reducing the number of female animals in a herd can reduce the overall population, all of Utah's recommended doe deer hunts are designed to be very targeted to address localized areas of specific concern, conflicts, disease issues or public safety considerations," Mangus said. "Currently, there are no doe deer hunts in Utah that are aimed at reducing the overall deer population on a hunting unit."

The board also voted to designate that, while it won't be illegal, hunters should refrain from harvesting cow moose with calves, when possible, during antlerless hunts.

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## SHED ANTLER GATHERING CHANGES

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During the 2024 legislative session, HB382 was passed, which designates that the Utah Wildlife Board has the authority to make a few updates to shed hunting in Utah. Those include the option to establish a season for recreational antler or horn gathering for both residents and nonresidents and designating rules regarding the commercial gathering and selling of shed antlers. The new law also establishes a restitution value for shed antlers at \$30 per pound and provides definitions for shed antlers and horns.

The DWR also recently formed a committee of diverse stakeholders to examine shed antler gathering in Utah. Under the new legislation, the board approved a few changes to shed antler gathering, including:

- No established season for Utah residents regarding shed antler gathering. However, the wildlife board voted to have the shed antler committee reconvene to look into the possibility of establishing a shed antler gathering season for residents and to present it to the public and the board during the December public meeting cycle. In the meantime, the board did not approve the DWR's recommendation of establishing a separate season for nonresidents.
- Continuing to require the ethics course for residents and nonresidents, and requiring it for any antler gathering between Jan. 1 and May 31 each year. The completion certificate must be carried (either digitally or physically) by the individual while gathering shed antlers.
- Allowing for emergency closures of antler gathering that are triggered by emergency winter feeding. Any closures for shed hunting would be statewide. The only exception for this would be on private land if the shed antlers were interfering with normal agricultural practices.
- Requiring a certification of registration for commercial antler buyers (an individual or entity that purchases shed antlers or shed horns for the purpose of reselling them for financial gain).
- Clarifying the legality of antler markets (allowing people to modify and resell shed antlers or horns, if obtained legally).

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## BIG GAME RULE CHANGES

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The board also approved a few other changes to current big game rules, including:

- Changing the rule language for night-vision devices from "unlawful to see **UTAH WILDLIFE BOARD** » 16



# LEE and ROY Partner on Legislation to Secure Federal Elections

*Aims to Ensure Voter Integrity by  
Requiring Citizenship Verification*

from Senator Mike Lee

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**WASHINGTON** – Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), alongside Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX), introduced the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act. This crucial legislation seeks to ensure that only U.S. citizens participate in federal elections by requiring proof of citizenship for voter registration.

The SAVE Act is cosponsored by: Sens. Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Ted Budd (R-NC), John Kennedy (R-LA), and Rick Scott (R-FL).

The SAVE Act amends the National Voter Registration Act, setting requirements for states to verify U.S. citizenship. It outlines acceptable documentation for proving citizenship and requires states to set up alternative verification processes for citizens without standard documents. Additionally, the legislation compels states to purge non-citizens from voter rolls and establishes federal penalties for intentionally registering non-citizens.

*“Illegal immigrants and non-citizens across the nation are being improperly registered to vote, allowing them to cast illegitimate ballots in federal elections,” said Sen. Lee. “At a time when trust in*

*voting is more important than ever, we must stop foreign election interference and pass the SAVE Act. Voting is both a sacred right and responsibility of American citizenship, and allowing the people of other nations access to our elections is a grave blow to our security and self-governance. I’m proud to stand with Chip Roy to save our democratic process and representative government.”*

*“Secure elections are a key cornerstone for any representative government; without them, we won’t have a country,” said Rep. Roy. “Radical progressive Democrats know this and are using open border policies while also attacking election integrity laws to fundamentally remake America. That’s why I am proud to introduce the SAVE Act with Speaker Johnson and my Republican colleagues, along with the invaluable support of citizens and organizations that recognize we must end the practice of non-citizens voting in our elections.”*

*“U.S. citizenship is sacred, and foreign nationals shouldn’t be able to vote in America’s elections,” said Sen. Kennedy. “The SAVE Act would ensure that people who aren’t even citizens don’t cancel out Louisianians and Americans’ voices at the ballot box.”*

By implementing rigorous checks for voter registration, this legislation would defend against improper voting and seek to restore confidence in the integrity of our federal elections.

## RealClearPolitics Election 2024

RCP Poll Averages

Election 2024	Trump	Biden	Spread
RCP Poll Average	46.1	44.9	Trump +1.2
5-Way RCP Average	41.5	38.8	Trump +2.7
Top Battlegrounds	47.7	44.6	Trump +3.1
Electoral College	Trump	Biden	Toss Ups
RCP Electoral Map	219	215	104
No Toss Up States	312	226	
Battlegrounds	Trump	Biden	Spread
Wisconsin	48.0	47.5	Trump +0.5
Arizona	48.3	43.3	Trump +5.0
Georgia	48.8	45.0	Trump +3.8
Michigan	46.0	44.8	Trump +1.2
Pennsylvania	47.5	45.7	Trump +1.8
North Carolina	48.2	42.8	Trump +5.4
Nevada	47.3	42.8	Trump +4.5
Battle for Congress	GOP	Dems	
U.S. Senate	49	43	8 TU
Generic Ballot	44.0	45.2	Dem +1.2

\* From RealClearPolitics.com

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## Southern Utah University

from Nikki Koontz

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

One of Utah's summer traditions will feature a notable country music performer in 2024.

Southern Utah University will host the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games Opening Ceremony, Presented by State Bank of Southern Utah on June 7 at Eccles Coliseum. The Opening Ceremony will feature country singer Morgan Evans as the musical act for the show. This year's event will blend several fan favorites along with new elements all in a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, which inspired the movement for the Utah Summer Games.

"We are so excited to welcome the entire state of Utah to Cedar City for one of Utah's favorite summer traditions," said Jon Oglesby, Executive Director of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games. "This year's ceremony pays tribute to the moment in history 40 years ago that inspired the Utah Summer Games in Cedar City. The original visionaries built a solid foundation for us to continue expanding over the next 40 years and beyond as Utah's official state games."

A notable addition to the 2024 ceremony is the increased presence of State Bank of Southern Utah, who has agreed to a multi-year partnership to be the presenting sponsor of the Opening Ceremony event. A longtime supporter of Southern Utah University and Cedar City, support of a long-standing community event like the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games fit within the mission of the Cedar City-based banking institution.

"State Bank of Southern Utah has been involved and volunteered with the Utah Summer Games since its inception," said Eric Schmutz, President and CEO of State Bank of Southern Utah. "State Bank promotes those things that bring our community together, and such is the case with the Utah

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Summer Games in celebrating human performance, collaboration, and comradery, which closely aligns with the bank's purpose and cause. State Bank of Southern Utah will always be involved with the Summer Games in more ways than a sponsor, as we are also a committed partner through volunteering and active participation."

One of the hallmark traditions of The Opening Ceremony experience has been high-level entertainment, with country performer Morgan Evans fitting the bill. An Australian-born country star with

a truly international reach, Evans has spent most of the last decade in the U.S., with a steady upward build to show for it. Releasing his Top 10 U.S. debut *Things That We Drink To* in 2018, he's gone on to score a Platinum-certified No. 1 with the country-pop charmer *Kiss Somebody*, a Gold-certified fan favorite with the buzzy *Day Drunk* and has racked up 800 million streams (and counting) – all while proving himself a captivating performer, equally adept at thrilling crowds by the tens of thousands all by himself, or with a band.

The celebration of the 1984 Summer Olympiad will be felt in theming, music, and other elements during the event, including the torch bearer, Doug Padilla. A California native, Padilla competed for Team USA in the 1984 and 1988 Summer Olympics, running with USA Track-and-Field in five world championship events. A longtime fixture in Utah running, he first came to fame as a student-athlete at BYU, winning the NCAA championship in the Indoor Two-Mile, along with earning eight All-America citations in his collegiate career.

"The 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles inspired the creation of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games and fed the momentum of the state games movement in Utah," said Oglesby. "It was important to pick a noted Utah Olympian to carry our torch in an Olympic year, and Doug's tie to the 1984 Olympics gave us the perfect opportunity to simultaneously celebrate both a noteworthy Utahn and a foundational moment in our Utah Summer Games heritage."

The Opening Ceremony will highlight competitors in the 2024 version of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, with athletes walking the Eccles Coliseum track. The event's well-known fireworks show will also continue, with the accompanying music paying homage to the 1980's and to the 1984 Summer Olympics.

The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games Opening Ceremony, Presented by State Bank of Southern Utah will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Eccles Coliseum, with doors opening at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are on-sale at [tbirdtickets.com](http://tbirdtickets.com). Attendees are also encouraged to visit the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games Block Party, Presented by KSL 5 TV, which will take place before the Opening Ceremony from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the SUU Practice Field west of the Eccles Coliseum home stands.



# Cedar City Man Convicted of Burglary and Property Damage Sentenced to State Prison

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 37-year-old Cedar City resident was sentenced to prison Monday following a jury trial last month where he was convicted on charges of burglary and property damage.

Joshua Jacob Clark was sentenced to the Utah State Prison for one to 15

years after an 8-member jury found him guilty of burglary of a dwelling, a second-degree felony, and property damage or destruction, a class B misdemeanor.

According to the court records, the charges stemmed from an incident on July 19, 2023, when Cedar City Police responded to reports of a potential home invasion.

Clark was found to have forcibly entered the home by damaging a window frame, subsequently entering the residence. Once inside he took off his clothes and defecated, the affidavit stated.

"It was discovered that the suspect broke into a home by ripping a frame

out of a window where the swamp cooler was placed, causing damage to the window and the window frame," the arresting officer wrote in the court records. "He then entered the home and proceeded to strip naked and defecate in the house. He left his soiled underwear in the home."

Despite commands to leave, Clark remained until forcibly removed by one of the residents.

The prosecution team, led by David Hill, successfully argued during trial for Clark's conviction, presenting testimony from various individuals involved in the case, including residents, law enforcement officials, and medical professionals.

During sentencing the Iron County Attorney's Office pointed to Clark's previous convictions that included burglary arguing he now poses a threat

to the community.

"This defendant has had multiple prior burglary convictions and opportunities for rehabilitation in Northern Utah," Dotson said. "With this current conviction, the criminal justice system needed to use incapacitation and imprisonment to protect the community."

In response to the sentencing, Dotson expressed appreciation for the efforts of law enforcement and his prosecution team in ensuring justice for the victims.

"I'm really grateful for everyone involved in this case that helped bring it to a successful outcome," he said. "Our community is safer today and the victims have received justice because of law enforcement's efforts and the prosecutor, David Hill, who was able to get a conviction at trial."

## Rep. Maloy and Utah Delegation Oppose New Biden Administration Effort to Halt Northern Corridor Highway

From *Nathan Tenney*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Representatives Celeste Maloy (UT-02), Blake Moore (UT-01), John Curtis (UT-03), and Burgess Owens (UT-04) oppose the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) announced by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The SEIS is being conducted to reconsider the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) Right-of-Way (ROW) permit to construct the Northern Corridor Highway in St. George.

"This new BLM supplemental is the latest effort by DC bureaucrats to undermine Southern Utah leaders as they plan our communities' future,"

said Rep. Maloy. "The Northern Corridor is an integral part of the transportation plan, and local leaders in Washington County have already completed more than necessary mitigation."

"The BLM's recent announcement is negating the decades of work and millions of dollars that Utah's local officials have spent to address transportation needs in Southern Utah while balancing environmental and conservation needs. I am deeply frustrated with this continuous federal overreach and dismissal of the people closest to the land. I encourage Utahns to participate in this comment process and urge the Administration to remember who they are leaving behind by ignoring local voices," said Rep. Moore.

"For over a decade, local elected officials have worked with the federal government to map out the Northern Corridor as directed by the law," said Rep. Curtis. "To see the BLM ignore the law and betray these local officials, while stifling access and growth in this area, is maddening. Unelected bureaucrats from Washington, don't understand this land better than those who have lived and worked on it for generations."

"Utahns have long awaited the completion of the Northern Corridor Highway to address regional transportation needs as our communities continue to grow," said Rep. Owens. "The BLM's decision to revisit the project's environmental impact undermines decades of collaboration and careful planning between

stakeholders and local leaders. It's time to prioritize the voices of our communities and move forward with the Northern Corridor project."

### BACKGROUND:

Washington County's population has been rapidly expanding, driving the need for the proposed right-of-way highway in the Northern Corridor. The highway is intended to connect Red Hills Parkway to Washington Drive Parkway and would reduce east-west traffic between I-15 and SR-18. In 2021, the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the proposal. However, the BLM and FWS have decided to revisit the project's environmental impact.

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use" to "unlawful to possess" while taking or locating big game from July 31 to Dec. 31, in order to make the rule enforceable for conservation officers.

- Removing the language in the

rule that requires aircraft to take off and land "only on improved airstrips," due to the rule already containing multiple provisions to limit hunting from an aircraft.

- Removing the requirement to plug bighorn sheep to make it easier for hunters, and because the needed harvest data can be collected

electronically.

- Removing the requirement for hunters to check in management bucks and cactus bucks to make it easier for hunters, and because the needed data can be collected electronically.

### APPROVED CWMU ANTLERLESS PERMITS

The DWR oversees the Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit program, which allocates hunting permits to private landowners who then provide hunting opportu-

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# DWR Habitat Council allocates \$3.4 million from hunting, fishing license sales to 2024 Habitat Restoration Projects

from Faith Heaton Jolley

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Roughly \$3.4 million was allocated to selected habitat restoration projects at the recent annual Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Habitat Council funding meeting on April 30.

The DWR Habitat Council was created in 1995 by the Utah Legislature as a way to provide funds for fish and wildlife conservation that are specifically used to:

- Enhance fish and wildlife habitat
- Preserve and protect habitat
- Manage and acquire new habitat areas for fish and wildlife
- Improve hunting and fishing access

These funds are a portion of the revenue from license, permit and certificate of registration fees related to hunting and fishing.

The Habitat Council consists of eight individuals who act as an advisory board. They provide recommendations regarding the use of the funds received annually each year from the sales of hunting and fishing licenses. Members include four public representatives and four DWR or Department of Natural Resources employees.

“We appreciate the hunters and anglers who truly are the backbone of wildlife conservation,” DWR Habitat Conservation Coordinator Daniel Eddington said. “Anyone who buys a hunting and fishing license helps fund many of the crucial habitat restoration projects that help to maintain fish and wildlife populations for future generations to enjoy. Providing the necessary habitat for these species is crucial to their survival and requires

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nities to public and private hunters for a variety of wildlife species. The CWMU program in Utah has opened more than 2 million acres of private land to the public for hunting.

During Thursday’s meeting, the board approved 9 fewer private antlerless permits and an additional 104 public antlerless permits allocated to CWMUs for the 2024 hunting season, for a total of 138

ongoing restoration efforts as climate conditions continue to shift.”

The funding available to the Habitat Council from this year’s fishing and hunting license sales totaled a little over \$3.4 million and will help fund 79 projects over the next fiscal year (from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). Several high-priority fish and wildlife projects will be funded during the upcoming fiscal year, including:

- **Maintenance and improvements on wildlife management areas across the state:** There are 194 wildlife and waterfowl management areas in Utah. These state-owned and -managed properties help to conserve critical habitats for wildlife, help minimize and mitigate wildlife depredation on private property and provide anglers and hunters — who provide funding for the WMAs through the purchase of a fishing or hunting license — a place to hunt and fish in Utah. This project received over \$916,000 of the total funding.
- **Utah Lake North Marina Harbor project:** This is phase one of a larger project to construct a new, accessible marina on the northwest side of Utah Lake. This first phase of the project will include building a fishing jetty and boat launch. This project received \$400,000 in funding.
- **Parowan Front Maple Hollow Lop and Scatter project:** This project will include the removal of pinyon-juniper trees on 1,237 acres to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and to provide more beneficial plants for deer and other wildlife in the area. This project received \$119,700 in funding.

private and 1,251 public antlerless CWMU permits. The rest of the CWMU permits for 2024 were already approved by the wildlife board in a previous meeting.

The board also approved the application for one new CWMU, an application change for an existing CWMU, and the renewal of 44 other CWMU applications.

You can watch the full meeting on the Utah Department of Natural Resources YouTube Channel.

- **Strawberry River Restoration project:** This is the second phase of this project and aims to continue to restore roughly 12 miles of the river after it was damaged by the 2018 Dollar Ridge and Pole Creek fires. This project received \$111,500 in funding.

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*We are extremely grateful for other partners who help fund these projects as well, which are so critical for fish and wildlife,” Eddington said. “We wouldn’t be able to complete as many of these necessary conservation projects without these important partnerships.”*

Since 2006, the Habitat Council program has:

- Allocated over \$44.3 million to complete 1,506 wildlife habitat projects across Utah
- Improved over 371,187 acres of terrestrial habitat
- Restored 2,008 miles of streams and rivers
- Acquired 28,358 acres of land and water ways — now managed by the state or placed under permanent conservation easements — for fish and wildlife

The recent Habitat Council funds are in addition to the:

- Record \$4.8 million in conservation permit funds that were allocated to wildlife research and additional habitat projects in April.
- \$5.5 million in funding from the Endangered Species Mitigation Fund allocated toward species and projects last month that will proactively help to prevent Endangered Species Act listings in Utah.
- \$6 million in general funds from the Utah Legislature for Utah’s Watershed Restoration Initiative.
- Other ongoing conservation funding and projects that take place throughout the year.

Both the Habitat Council and the Conservation Permit Program funding programs coordinate with Utah’s Watershed Restoration Initiative, a Utah Department of Natural Resources partnership-based program, which serves as a centralized portal for funding and tracking the completion of these habitat-related projects.



## MEET THE CAST:

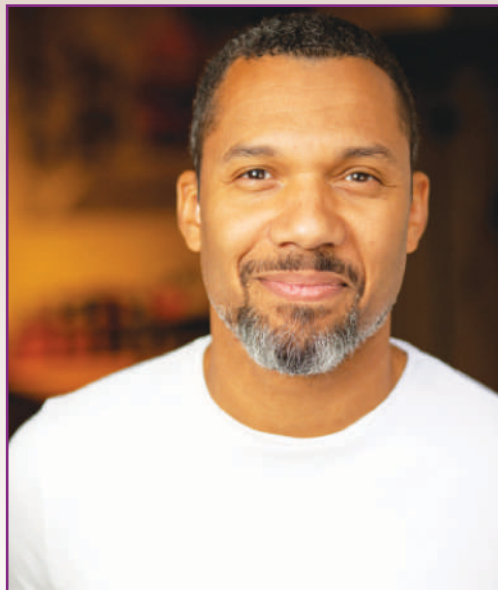
## THE MOUNTAIN TOP

from Utah  
Shakespeare Festival

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Utah Shakespeare Festival excitedly announces the cast of *The Mountaintop*, directed by Cameron Knight. Knight is returning to direct at the Festival, having directed *The Tempest* and *Richard III* in the past.

Following Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., audience members watch as he confronts both his mortality and the future of his work.



Abdul-Khaliq Murtadha



Alia Shakira

***“It puts a human touch and human connection on the legend that is Martin Luther King Jr. and brings him back down to the people,”***

*Knight said.*

Although fictional, the play shows themes of being a figure-head versus a private human.

“I love how bold the play is, and how bold Katori Hall was willing

to tell some truths about Dr. King and race and race relations in this country,” Knight said. “I promise you’ll enjoy it.”

The cast is as follows:

Abdul-Khaliq Murtadha is debuting at the Festival as Martin Luther King Jr. in *The Mountaintop* and Peter Shaw in *Silent Sky*. He has performed at LaJolla Playhouse, Seattle Rep, and Asolo Rep, and many others. Television credits include *Days of Our Lives*, *NCIS-LA*, *All My Children*, and more. Film credits include *Shirley* (starring

Regina King) and *8989 Redstone*. Murtadha is a founding member of Africana Repertory Theatre of IU Indianapolis, an ensemble member of the Fonseca Theatre Company, and on the artistic board of Crescent City Stage in New Orleans. Awards include Best Actor at the New Orleans Short Film Festival and the NAACP Award for Best Ensemble at The Matrix Theatre in Los Angeles. He is an Assistant Professor in the BFA Acting program and Co-Artistic Director of The Mosaic Theatre

Company at Auburn University. Murtadha received a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University and Master of Fine Arts from University of California, San Diego. He is a member of Actors’ Equity Association.

Alia Shakira is debuting at the Festival as Camae in *The Mountaintop* and Annie Cannon in *Silent Sky*. Other credits include *The House That Will Not Stand* at Horizon Theater, *A Lady and A Woman* at Impact Theater, numerous plays at New Federal Theatre, and

more. Television credits include *The First Lady*, *The Come Up*, *Woke*, and the film *The Color Purple*. Shakira received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting from Howard University and is thrilled to be making her Festival debut.

Produced in the intimate Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre, *The Mountaintop* opens July 13 and runs until October 5. Visit [bard.org](http://bard.org) to purchase tickets and to read the content advisory for the play.



# To the Tulip. Everyone's Favorite Flower

by *Mary Ann Anderson*

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL



**F**ourteen years ago I took my granddaughter—we left Las Vegas on her twelfth birthday, April 6th—to The Hague in the Netherlands. Fortunately for us, my sister and her husband were living

there and it seemed like such a good opportunity to visit Europe. My sister was a great hostess; we were there for about eleven days and she had something planned for every day.

I knew it would be cold in Europe in early spring, but that time of the year is the stunning festival at The Keukenhof Gardens, an acres-large tulip garden, with flower bed after flower bed of tulips, lovely green lawns, and small ponds with actual swans. The day we went was cold but with blue skies and warming sun, a somewhat unusual scenario, we were told.

We walked among thousands of tulips all day, and in our wandering we saw

some kiosks dedicated to the task of selling tulips. Well, actually, tulips bulbs, which they would ship anywhere in the world next fall, just in time for planting. In an attempt to take some of that beauty home with me, I decided to purchase one hundred bulbs, knowing that my yard could easily accommodate that many flowers. And well, if one hundred, then two hundred would be twice as nice. So I made arrangements to have three hundred bulbs shipped to Cedar City in October, thinking I could give some away.

Those tulips are still blooming each year! I surmise that the weather must be just right for tulips here; they love

the sun but need cold winters to be at their best. (That is why the bulbs that went to Las Vegas never saw the light of day, I guess.) The little red ones in my front yard are the earliest flowers on my street each year, and then the larger ones start blooming in the backyard. They don't mind the cold; every year; there are days when their little cups are filled with snow.

But this first Saturday in May, the weather enticed me out for the beginning of yard work. The tulips are gone. All that is left is stalks with browning leaves. I trimmed the stalks way down and removed any leaves that were obviously dead. A few leaves, still green, will add some color

to the yard yet.

I continued with other yard chores. You know those small, round, spikey weeds that become so painfully prickly when they turn brown? Three years ago I hand-picked those plants when they were small and close to the ground, hoping that if I could get rid of them, they wouldn't come up the next year. And the strategy worked. Each spring has seen fewer and fewer left-over plants, easy to remove as I crawl among the scalped tulips and thriving dandelions.

And so spring and summer are here. As long as the wind doesn't blow up too much dust and we don't get cold days, weeds and I engage in our seasonal battle.





## CUCUMBERS

Cucumbers are low in calories and high in fiber—a great combination for healthy eating (and healthy digestion). They contain vitamins and minerals your body needs to function at its best—supporting everything from bone to immune health. They also prevent dehydration. Although commonly thought to be a vegetable, cucumber is a fruit. Eating a cucumber daily strengthens your immunity and reduces risk of chronic disease. The water in cucumbers naturally aids digestion—it helps your body break down food and absorb nutrients. Cucumbers are natural hydrating agents and help to reduce fine lines and wrinkles.



# Life Begins The Day You Start A Garden

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

## TOMATOES

Benefits of eating tomatoes from your garden—they are delicious, last longer, and pesticide free. Tomatoes provide a wealth of great benefits from lowering cholesterol, making bones stronger, get glowing skin, reduce inflammation, prevent heart disease, diabetes, and so on.

**W**ondering when you can plant your garden? Cedar City and most of Iron County have an average of 135 frost-free days. In Spring, the average last frost date is May 19th. In April we can start planting cool-season vegetable starts or seeds. Pansy and snapdragon flowers are also cool-season. We can't start planting warm-season vegetables until May. But we still need to take precautions for any possible late frost.

May is finally here so you can start preparing your soil. You can start tilling the soil, using a mulch also help replenish nutrients into the soil. May is the best





## 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, 7pm, 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

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**AA—Alcoholics Anonymous**

(435) 635-3603 • [www.utahaa.org](http://www.utahaa.org). Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 532-6829 KCCB 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) 532-7856

**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**

KCCB 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 @ Thrashingfloor.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

KCCB 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

**Native Goods Marketplace**

Last Friday of the Month, 10AM-2PM at Utah Paiute Tribal Housing Authority Parking lot (565 N 100 E). Join to buy goods, food, and handmade items.

**Nicotine Anon (12-Step)**

Fri 5 pm • KCCB 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

**Cars & Custard**

2nd Mon., 6-8 PM at Culver's 1065 Main St., Cedar City. Classic Cars & Trucks, Customs, Your pride and joy. A free small Custard for each car entry, provided by Culver's! Contact Mike @ 909-717-1232 or [ekimjacobs@gmail.com](mailto:ekimjacobs@gmail.com) for more info.

**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 [cedarmod-ela@gmail.com](mailto:cedarmod-ela@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. [cedarchestquilters-guild.org](http://cedarchestquilters-guild.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.cedarcity-communityband.org](http://www.cedarcity-communityband.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)

**Friends of Festival Country K9s**

offers Dog Training classes and therapy dogs for libraries, schools, and more. We also have events like animal adoptions and microchip clinics. Call Gail Workman at 435-592-5487 for info.

**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](https://forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7)  
Adolescent: [forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9](https://forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9)

**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: [thewellnessplaceccc.com/upcoming-classes](http://thewellnessplaceccc.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@sonrisechurch.net](mailto:info@sonrisechurch.net).



## calendar

THUR, MAY 16

**FAMILY SEARCH CENTER CLASS (10AM & 6pm)** at 95 North 2125 West Cedar City, UT 84720. This weeks class will focus on Land Records and taught by Catherine. The entrance is on the West side of the building. Please bring a flash drive to make a free copy of the handouts. OR a Research book will be available for the cost of printing.

MON, MAY 20

**MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM) AT** The Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn Ancient Judeo-Christian dances, easy and fun No cost. Info @ (702)460-2317.

TUES, MAY 21

**THE ART OF MAKING MUSIC AND MOTION** (1-2PM) workshops for The Intellectually Disabled at The Johnson Arts Center, 59 N 100 W. This workshop is conducted by Brittania Howe, from The Shakespeare Festival Greenshow. No cost. Info @ (702)917-2151.

THURS, MAY 23

**FAMILY SEARCH CENTER CLASS (10AM & 6PM) AT 95** North 2125 West Cedar City, UT 84720. This weeks class will focus on Pre 1850 Research and taught by Pam. The entrance is on the West side of the building. Please bring a flash drive to make a free copy of the handouts. OR a Research book will be available for the cost of printing.

SAT, MAY 25

**LABYRINTH WALK AT ST JUDE'S EPISCOPAL Church** (12- 2PM) (70 N 200 W, 1 block north of W University Blvd) No Charge. Please join us in a sacred, calm environment for walking prayer on the largest indoor labyrinth in the state of Utah. Replica of the Chartres Cathedral's labyrinth ca. 1200 A.D Come experience this powerful practice used for centuries to unite body, mind and spirit. No experience required, facilitators are present. For more info please call Anne at (702) 539-3400

SAT, JUNE 1

**PET FAIR (10AM - 2PM) IN THE CEDAR CITY** Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar City). This is a fundraiser for the Cedar City Animal Shelter, all monetary and pet food donations are welcome and appreciated. Come by to see adoptable pets that are looking for their forever home as well as food, pet treats, and pet vendors! We are looking for pet vendors to participate! Contact Sarah 719-649-4321.

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## celebrations

### MISSION CALL

#### Abigail Roundy

Abigail Roundy has been called to serve in the Peru Lima South Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She begins missionary training on June 3rd. Her farewell will be May 19th in the Cedarview Ward. Abigail is the daughter of Lee and Suzanne Roundy.



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## schools

### IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by *Braylie Tullis*

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Fiddlers Canyon Elementary



Fifth graders recently went on a field trip to St. George to see the Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm and spend some time at Thunder Junction park. They had a great experience learning about dinosaurs and getting a little sunshine! Fifth graders also presented their "We the People" program to students and parents. They have been learning all about American history and government this year, and the program was a great way to show off what they've learned. Some went the extra mile and earned the Patriot Award: Noah Allred, Bethany Gordon, Fiona Eckman, Mary Chaudry, Charity Savage, Porter Ralphs, Kaylee Louthan, Micah Rushton, and Taytum Reynolds. Well done! We are hosting two clap-out events this year. The first is for graduating seniors who went to Fiddlers. They can come in their graduation cap and gown on Wednesday, May 22, at 3 pm so students and staff can congratulate them and send them on their way into the wide world. The second event is for our 5th graders on the last day of school, May 24, at 1 pm. They will also get to have students, staff, and parents give them a round of applause on the way out the door to middle school. We are so excited for what the future brings for our Mustangs, both past and present!

The last week of school has numerous

activities, field trips, and events, so please watch your child's homework folder, Remind, and the Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA Facebook page for permission slips, updates, and reminders.



#### Enoch Elementary

Students explored Enoch Elementary's basement and coal cellar. This tour was one of the prizes earned through the Color Run Fundraiser. Students will also win a black light party, a remote-controlled car, and fun accessories to wear during the color run event.

Enoch's 4th graders visited Desert Garden



Park and Thunder Junction in St. George as a special end of year trip.

Congratulations to the student who read all 25 battle books! They earned a waffle party, with lots of fun toppings. The Grand Battle against South is coming soon! The top teams from each school will answer quiz questions about the books.

#### Three Peaks Elementary

Third grade students at Three Peaks Elementary had the opportunity to visit the Fremont Indian State Park and Museum on April 25, 2024. During construction of Interstate 70, the largest known Fremont Indian



village was uncovered and the museum was constructed to preserve treasures from the site; including pottery, baskets, and arrowheads. Students were able to discover artifacts, petroglyphs, and pictographs left behind by the Fremont Indians. Park Rangers led very organized activities to help the students learn about the Indigenous people that used to occupy this area. We are grateful for the opportunities the Iron County School District bus garage and drivers provide for us to be able to travel and discover the beautiful state of Utah. Just a reminder that the last day of school

is May 24th, 2024 and both May 23 and May 24th are early out at 1:30pm.

#### East Elementary

We have entered the final weeks of the school year. Our SOAR store has been a huge success. Through good choices and positive behavior, students have earned SOAR bucks throughout the year. Being able to purchase items at the SOAR store was a highlight for many of our students. Several classes decided to pool their money and pay for a class pizza party. On Monday, students who received Brag Badges for exceptional behavior participated in our first annual Brag Badge Bash. Mr. Moyle and Mrs. Hinman served them ice cream sodas during an extra recess.

Assemblies, awards, and field trips are fast and furious at this time of year! 5th grade had their patriot Award program, the PTA is sponsoring a Bounce House reward for those students who have participated in their home reading program, and on May 20th the 4th and 5th graders will be traveling to SUU for field day, as construction has eliminated our field day space. Multiple other field trips and grade level events are scheduled during this busy time of year. We would like to thank the following sponsors for helping us to support our students through generous donations and/or the use of facilities: SUU, 5 Buck Pizza, FunTime Inflatables, and Arrived Logistics, Inc.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, May 20th! At 5:30 pm. East families are invited to our annual "Meet Next Year's Teacher" event. You will be able to chat with next year's teacher and enjoy a slice of pizza. We hope to see you there!

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

**1 JOHN 5:13**

*"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."*



## history

# MOMENTS IN TIME

from King Features

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

- On **May 27, 1831**, trapper-explorer Jedediah Smith, who established the South Pass across the Rocky Mountains in modern western Wyoming as a well-known and heavily traveled route for fur trappers, was riding alone when he was attacked and killed by a hunting party of Comanche Native Americans on the Santa Fe Trail.
- On **May 28, 1983**, Irene Cara's song "Flashdance (What a Feeling)," from the "Flashdance" movie soundtrack, reached the top of the U.S. pop charts and helped push the film to the No. 3 spot on that year's total box-office revenue list. It also proved to be the biggest hit of Cara's career.
- On **May 29, 2014**, LGBT advocate and Emmy-winning actor Laverne Cox of the Netflix original series "Orange Is the New Black" became the first transgender person to appear on the cover of TIME magazine.
- On **May 30, 1899**, amateur bandit Pearl Hart and her drifter boyfriend, Joe Boot, held up an Arizona stagecoach, making away with over \$400 in cash. Although discovered and sentenced to prison, neither served their full term, and Hart was pardoned by the governor in 1902, living out the rest of her life in relative obscurity.
- On **May 31, 1970**, an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale off the coast of Casma, Peru, in the Pacific Ocean caused an avalanche traveling at over 100 miles per hour that buried the towns of Yungay and Ranrahirca, killing an estimated 50,000 people and making it the worst natural disaster ever recorded in the country's history.
- On **June 1, 1958**, following a long political crisis over the Algerian War, former French president Charles de Gaulle was called out of retirement to head a new emergency government as prime minister for a six-month term in an effort to keep the country together.
- On **June 2, 1920**, Eugene O'Neill won his first of four Pulitzer Prizes, for his play "Beyond the Horizon," which was also his first full-length work to be staged. Though he was initially not happy over the news, his attitude improved upon learning the award came with a \$1,000 prize and did not involve a ceremony.

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## faith



**Elder John D. Amos** meets South Carolina Governor, Henry McMaster and the coordinating communication council to share the humanitarian mission of the Church in Columbia, South Carolina, March 2024.



**Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders** (center) with **Elder Ahmad S. Corbitt, General Authority Seventy** (left), and **Elder C. Alan Gauldin, Area Seventy** (right) during a visit to the state capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas, April 2024.



**Elder Quinn S. Millington** shares the humanitarian mission of the Church with Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 2024

## BUILDING BRIDGES: Latter-day Saints Visit State Legislatures Across the Southeast US

*SAINTS AND LEADERS CELEBRATE  
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SERVICE  
THROUGH OPEN DIALOGUE*

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

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Between January and April 2024, leaders and members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints visited with elected officials during legislative sessions in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and South Carolina. Governors, state representatives and senators, and other constitutional officers learned about the humanitarian mission of the Church and celebrated religious freedom.

“Engaging with lawmakers and community leaders offered a valuable opportunity to express appreciation for their service,” said Area Seventy Elder Daniel P. Amato during a visit to the Florida Capitol in January 2024. “[We also shared] our common values and principles of loving one another, as Christ has asked us to do.”

At the Arkansas Capitol on April 23, 2024, Elder Ahmad S. Corbitt, Second Counselor in the North America Southeast Area Presidency, joined Elder C. Alan Gauldin, Area Seventy, and others from the Church.

“It was a privilege to meet with Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders and see that her priorities coincide with our humanitarian outreach to elevate maternal health outcomes and address food insecurity among children,” Elder Corbitt said. “I was likewise pleased to see how charitable and civic minded the local leaders of the Church are. They were an impressive group of men and women of God.”

Area Seventies were accompanied to the capitols by stake presidents, communication directors and stake Relief Society presidents who were constituents of elected officials.

“It was nice to sit in such a public setting and talk of our Savior Jesus Christ. That probably doesn’t happen very often in political settings,” said Rachael Ross, West Columbia South Carolina Stake Relief Society President. The visit with South Carolina government leaders was on March 30, 2024.

Church leaders shared the “Caring for Those in Need” global humanitarian project summary and discussed the service being given by the Church and its members in their own communities.

In Kentucky on February 1, 2024, Elder Nathan A. Craig, Area Seventy, gathered Latter-day Saint youth for a selfie with Governor Andy Beshear.

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## faith

### BUILDING BRIDGES

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Elder Craig then asked the youth to speak about how the Church is serving those in need in their communities. “It reminded us all that the youth are not the leaders of tomorrow — they are leaders today,” Elder Craig said. “Having youth join us changed the dynamic of the day.”

On April 3, 2024, stakes in Missouri also engaged the youth in sharing their faith and championing religious freedom. Missouri first lady Teresa Parson hosted the delegation from the Church for a second year. (See a report on last year’s visit.)

“The foundation of faith, family and freedom is important to us,” Parson said.

Emma Goodman, a young woman from the Springfield Missouri Stake, attended the event.

“Going to the capitol as a representative of the Church was an amazing experience,” Goodman said. “We were able to openly speak and share about our faith and what we do with JustServe to help people all around Missouri.”

Resolutions on the floor of the Georgia and South Carolina state houses honored the work of the Church through the Giving Machines, the upcoming Tabernacle Choir Southeast U.S. tour and service in the community.

In South Carolina, Elder John D. Amos was honored for his service in the resolution on the house floor.

“Our actions speak louder than our words,” Elder Amos said. “We are literally preaching the gospel as we do what we do. So we need to always be striving to do things the Savior would have us do. In return, people will know us as disciples of Jesus Christ.”



**Elder M. Andrew Galt, Area Seventy** (top left), following the Georgia Senate resolution commending the Tabernacle Choir and the Church in Atlanta, Georgia, February 2024.

# Protecting our Bald Eagles

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**E**agles are a common sight in Southern Utah.

There are a few bald eagle mates that stay year-round in Southern Utah. Eagles reuse their nest every year, therefore staying in the same area. Once eagles mate successfully, and raise young ones from that nest, they will continue to every year. The birds will keep adding to the nest every year, cleaning out debris from the previous year, making repairs, making sure the nest is ready for the new chicks.

Bald eagles fear humans at all times, but will tolerate much less disturbance during the nesting season, than at other times of the year. A nesting pair will seek isolation, and any human interference, if prolonged, may drive the birds away from the nest.

Division of Wildlife Services encourages you to get outdoors and get to know your local wildlife from a safe distance. If you see any of these bald eagles, who call Utah their home year round, especially if the young ones are in the nest—please keep your distance. For about two and a half months, the parents will care for the chicks by bringing food to the nest. After approximately 12 weeks, the chicks work their way out onto the branches near the nest. They’ll learn to fly, but stay in the nearby area.

If you want to take pictures make sure you are at least 600 feet away from the eagles and their nests. You can get really close pictures using a telephoto lens on your camera or simply use a good pair of binoculars.

Bald eagles are rebounding, but they’re still well below their historic numbers. It is impossible to see an adult Bald Eagle soaring overhead without feeling something—a flash of recognition, or maybe even a surge of hope. Eagles have been a symbol of strength, courage, and freedom for generations. When you see a bald eagle, it could be a reminder to recommit yourself to your short and long-term goals and make your dreams come true.

The Founding Fathers made an appropriate choice



This photo was taken with a camera using a telephoto lens, at approximately 600 feet away from the nest. The eggs need to be maintained at a temperature of 105 degrees. Parents share the duties of raising the chicks.

when they selected the bald eagle as the emblem of the nation. The fierce beauty and proud independence of this great bird symbolized the strength and freedom of America. But as latter-day citizens we shall fail our trust if we permit the eagle to disappear.

There are few sights more thrilling than a bald eagle at its nest. Responsibilities come with this enjoyment. As you enjoy eagles, you must ensure your presence and behavior do not have a detrimental effect on the eagles.

Respect their space, enjoy their presence at a distance with good optics.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation—the Bald Eagles



## GARDEN

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time to plant most of your seeds.

Start growing these veggies in May—corn, broccoli, green onions, peas, spinach, radishes, turnips, beets, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and squash are among a few. Check your frost zone. It's still not too late to plant tomatoes and peppers from seeds as well. Strawberries, blackberries and raspberries can be planted in late April or early May. Or you can buy vegetables, fruit, and flower starts from the nursery.

Fruit trees do exceptionally well in raised nursery beds because you have better control over the quality of your soil, weed infestations, drainage, soil compaction, and other factors. Buying plant starts from the nursery will help you get your garden off to a good healthy start and keeps flowers blooming and beautiful all summer. Home grown vegetables from your own garden with nurtured soil taste much better than those produced by hydroponics or other unnatural growing mediums. Grown folks from the older generation often comment that fruits and vegetables don't taste like they used to. Food harvested and imported in the grocery store begins to lose moisture and nutrients over time. The soil in your garden packed with healthy minerals helps you reap fresh crops packed with nutrients and flavor that taste much better. Besides, you'll be better able to monitor freshness as you'll know exactly when they were picked.

There's no comparing the taste of a tomato bought at the grocery store that lacks flavor with tomatoes freshly picked from your garden. The thing is a lot of produce in the American grocery stores was grown and transported from far away. This means the quality of the food degrades the longer it takes to be stocked in the stores and sold.

Sure, growing your own vegetables can get a bit tiring. But it's not as complex as many people makes it seem.

To start your own garden, clean any debris from winter, edge and get the area ready. If you don't have an actual garden place, you can use containers, boxes or even your flower beds. Choose a sunny spot. Most vegetables grow better when exposed to full sun. Be sure to plant fruit and vegetables you and your family love to eat.

To many of us, the thought of growing your own fruits and vegetables is unnecessarily stressing yourself when you can easily go buy them at the grocery store.

This isn't all true. Growing vegetables in a home garden is a simple yet life-changing solution to many health, environmental and economic problems.



### Easy Steps:

- Choose workable soil
- Choose your crops wisely
- Build your bed
- Plant your crops
- Weed your garden
- Be patient
- Keep your garden healthy
- Harvest

Gardening takes time, patience and discipline, but it's also the perfect way to de-stress. It's very gratifying to plant, tend, harvest and share your own food. It builds self-esteem, good for your heart, natural boost of vitamin D, and exercise. Gardening can actually make you happy. Gardening adds years to your life, and life to your years.

There are two things you need to have if you have a garden, and those are hope and patience. And in our present situation, hope and patience are vital!

**To plant a garden  
is to believe in  
tomorrow**

*-Audrey Hepburn*



### CARROTS

Garden fresh carrots are good for you, as they're chock full of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that support immunity, heart, kidney and liver health, eyesight, and more, making them an excellent addition to your diet.



### BEETS

Garden fresh beets are good for you, as they're chock full of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that support immunity, heart, kidney and liver health, eyesight, and more, making them an excellent addition to your diet. Beets offer various health benefits, including reduced blood pressure, better athletic performance, improve brain function, to name a few. Don't like the taste of beets? Try adding them to your daily smoothy



## CV's Allen signs letter to cheer at Utah Tech

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View cheer coach Brittney Houston spoke with emotion about Nikki Allen for a wide variety of reasons, but the one thing that stood out in her mind about the senior was a combination of “an exceptional case of natural talent, extremely hard work and determination.”

When the math added up, it paid off for Allen as she became the first cheerleader to earn a scholarship, signing a letter of intent May 9 to cheer at Utah Tech University for the Trailblazers in front of her friends, family, teammates and her coach, who is an alumni of the school under its former name of Dixie State.

Allen credited her gymnastics work as motivation to try out for the cheer team when she came to the CV campus. She had her mind set on getting to cheer in college from her sophomore year.

“I started going to clinics around the state, and learning new things helped me,” Allen said. “It was interesting to meet a bunch of girls at the same level trying to

get to the same goal. They were like my own teammates.”

Houston didn't have to sell her old school to Allen, but said she liked the idea of being a little closer to home.

“Nikki had plans to go to UVU and try out, but she felt the draw of Utah Tech being a little closer with the warmer weather,” Houston said. “She had quite a few friends who were going there with her, too. She has the talent to be on any of these collegiate teams.”

Allen's process of trying out for the team involved choosing the school, getting recommendations and reference forms, and Houston compared it to “applying for a job.”

“Utah Tech is close to my heart because that's where I cheered 20 years ago,” she said.

Since the UHSAA sanctioned cheerleading as a sport, Houston said it's opened the door for many more opportunities to continue at the collegiate level.

“Colleges have taken a bigger notice, and these athletes can be better prepared,” she said. “Especially in the southern part of the state, there's extreme talent and such a high skill level. Sometimes, colleges recruit, but they haven't had to at this point because there are so many talented athletes like Nikki.”

Utah Tech is making its debut with the cheer program, which opened the door for Allen and allowed her to make history for Canyon View.



**Nikki Allen**, center (in UT shirt), poses with her friends and cheer teammates after she signed her letter of intent to cheer at Utah Tech on May 9 at the Canyon View school library.

## CV Baseball Title Dreams come up Short

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**WEST JORDAN** – Union baseball coach Matt Labrum was a sophomore and a junior at the school when the program won back-to-back state titles in 1988 and 1989. Under a sun-splashed sky, the Cougars shined their brightest with one big inning and brought home another big trophy after a 35-year wait.

Breaking the game open with six runs in the top of the fourth inning, Union went on to beat the Canyon View Falcons, 9-3 on May 11 to complete a two-game sweep of the 3A championship series played at Salt Lake Community College. After giving up a 15-run inning and getting blown out by Manti earlier in the tournament, Labrum knew what his team had to do to

adjust and refocus the energy.

“We looked at that game and tried to figure out what we could control,” Labrum said. “We could play better defense and throw strikes. We did that one game at a time. It was a huge thing, and it hasn't always been that way. It's awesome to be a part of this one.”

Already leading 2-0 heading to the fourth, the Cougars took full advantage of wildness by CV starting pitcher Jaxon Jensen who issued six walks, struck out five, and gave up seven runs. Union scored two runs on bases-loaded walks in the surge.

For Canyon View head coach Jason



**The Canyon View Falcons** hold the second-place 3A state tournament trophy after falling 9-3 to the Union Cougars on May 11.





## Cedar Girls Golf rallies to win 4A State Title

**A**fter winning the Region 9 championship earlier, the Cedar Reds girls golf team had big ambitions, but faced a bigger mountain on Day 2 at the 4A state championship. Needing to overcome a 13-stroke deficit and two teams in front of them, the Reds pulled off the comeback and got to bring home a state title for the first time.

Carding the low round of 335, Cedar won the 4A crown May 9 with a two-day total of 682, four strokes ahead of runner-up Green Canyon. First-round leader and Region 9 rival Crimson Cliffs finished five strokes back in third place.

On a day that featured tougher weather conditions at Talons Cove Golf Course in Saratoga Springs, senior RaeLee Johnson led the way with a round of 80 and finished tied for seventh in the individual standings with a 165 total for 36 holes. Taylyn Wilson shot a final-round 82 and was fifth overall at 162, one shot ahead of Crimson Cliffs' Brynlee Bandle.

Sophomore Breelle Evans was 12th overall with two rounds of 84, good for 168. Denym Bohn completed Cedar's team score for the final day with a round of 89.

-At the 3A baseball playoffs, the Canyon View Falcons overcame a challenge and punched its ticket to the best-of-3 championship series with three victories in the double-elimination tournament.

The run started May 6 at Larry H. Miller Field on the BYU campus with Zac Millett throwing a complete game and Bubba Ludlow scoring a big insurance run in the bottom of

the fifth inning as the Falcons held off the Morgan Trojans with a 3-1 win. CV scored single runs in the third

and fourth to take a 2-0 lead, but Morgan (22-10) cut the deficit in half in the top of the fifth on a two-out single by Tryker Jones.

The Falcons had the answer when it mattered as Ludlow tripled with one out and scored on a sacrifice fly by Asher Slack. Millett and the Canyon View defense did the rest, leaving two runners stranded in the top of the seventh to secure the victory.

On May 7, the Falcons survived another thriller and edged past Region 12 rival Emery, 4-3. The Spartans scored all of its runs in the top of the third to build a 3-0 lead, but Canyon View answered quickly with a three-run rally of its own in the bottom of the inning. Asher Slack had an RBI double, Ludlow scored on a wild pitch, and Zach Maine hit into a fielder's choice to tie the game.

Ludlow helped CV break the tie in the bottom of the fifth when he led off with a walk, stole second, and scored on an error. Pitcher Jaxon Jensen allowed only three hits, walked three and struck out 11 to earn the win. He

### RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



## TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

*From all the headlines of the sports week, we deliver another dozen questions for your reading and answering enjoyment. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!*

1. What NBA team decided to send video of 78 plays it perceived as missed calls by officials after Game 2 of its Eastern Conference semifinal against the New York Knicks? Bonus: Who was the head coach fined \$35,000 by the league for criticism of the officiating?
2. How many points did Caitlin Clark score in her home debut for the Indiana Fever in a WNBA preseason game that was played May 9?
3. What Canadian city, home of the NBA's Raptors, was granted a WNBA franchise that will start play in 2026, with the official announcement coming later this month?
4. Instead of playing as a DH for the remainder of the season, what L.A. Angels star elected to have surgery to deal with a torn meniscus in his left knee? It will sideline him for the fourth straight season.
5. The New York Rangers beat the Carolina Hurricanes in overtime May 9 to take a 3-0 series lead in its Eastern Conference semifinal and are 7-0 so far in this year's playoffs. The team also started 7-0 and went on to win the Stanley Cup in what year – the same year "Friends" debuted on NBC?
6. After winning a National League batting title in 2023 with a .352 average, who was traded from the Miami Marlins to the San Diego Padres last week?
7. What legendary retired NFL quarterback was roasted last week and carried live on Netflix?
8. While the Kansas City Chiefs are the defending NFL champions, the players aren't without troubles off the field. What Chiefs wide receiver is a suspect in an alleged assault at a Dallas nightclub that injured a man last week?
9. A Wichita, Kansas man was arrested in January for stealing a statue of what MLB icon from a youth baseball league and faces a prison sentence of up to 19 years?

10. What New York Knicks guard saw his streak of 40-point playoff games end at four, but returned from an injury in the second half to lead the team to a Game 2 win over the Indiana Pacers?
11. What NHL team had the league's worst record and won the lottery to pick No. 1 for the draft that happens in late June in Las Vegas?
12. At what spot will the new Utah team have its first pick in the 2024 NHL Draft?

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Philadelphia 76ers. The tickets were given away by ownership to local first responders and other health-care workers, but the Sixers still lost at home in Game 6, 118-115.
2. Ezekiel Elliott.
3. Tampa Bay Rays
4. Chicago Bears.
5. Chris Finch. Finch was able to return to guide the Timberwolves to a 106-99 victory over the defending champion Denver Nuggets in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal series.
6. Jim Montgomery. The Bruins lost Game 6, but beat the Maple Leafs 2-1 in overtime in Game 7 to advance.
7. Jacoby Brissett.
8. Auston Matthews
9. One minute.
10. Justin Fields.
11. Mike Yastrzemski.
12. Jack Flaherty.



## PREP SCOREBOARD

## SCORES

## BASEBALL

## Region 9

5/9 4A playoffs, super regionals (best-of-3)  
Dixie 12, Cottonwood 0  
Ridgeline 7, Provo 2  
Bear River 7, Mountain Crest 2  
Desert Hills 4, Uintah 1  
Snow Canyon 20, Mountain View 0  
Crimson Cliffs 5, Juan Diego 4  
Pine View 7, Park City 2  
Timpanogos 21, Stansbury 2

5/10 Dixie 8, Cottonwood 1  
Ridgeline 14, Provo 5  
Bear River 3, Mountain Crest 0  
Desert Hills 9, Uintah 4  
Snow Canyon 9, Mountain View 6  
Crimson Cliffs 7, Juan Diego 2  
Park City 4, Pine View 0  
Park City 7, Pine View 4  
Timpanogos 9, Stansbury 3

5/13 (Scores will be reported in the May 23 edition)  
4A playoffs, quarterfinals  
At Salt Lake CC  
Dixie vs. Ridgeline  
Bear River vs. Desert Hills  
Snow Canyon vs. Crimson Cliffs  
Park City vs. Timpanogos

## Region 12

5/6 3A playoffs, quarterfinals  
Canyon View 3, Morgan 1  
Union 3, Juab 2  
Manti 9, North Sanpete 1  
Emery 9, Grantsville 7

5/2 3A playoffs, Super Regionals (best-of-3), Canyon View 12, Richfield 1  
Grantsville 13, South Summit 1  
Emery 8, Am. Leadership 0  
Summit Academy 12, Morgan 2  
Juab 11, Delta 1  
Union 11, Ogden 1  
Manti 16, Providence Hall 4  
Carbon 8, North Sanpete 5

5/7 Canyon View 4, Emery 3  
Manti 20, Union 7  
Morgan 7, Grantsville 5  
Juab 6, North Sanpete 1

5/8 Morgan 8, Canyon View 1  
Morgan 6, Emery 5  
Union 13, Juab 9  
Union 14, Manti 2

5/9 Canyon View 10, Morgan 3  
Union 9, Manti 1

5/10 3A playoffs, championship (best-of-3)  
Union 3, Canyon View 2

5/11 Union 9, Canyon View 3

2A West  
5/7 2A playoffs, one-loss bracket  
Enterprise 16, Gunnison 2  
South Sevier 22, Monticello 2  
San Juan 17, Parowan 5  
Milford 19, North Sevier 8

5/9 2A playoffs, quarterfinals  
At UVU  
South Sevier 4, Enterprise 1  
Kanab 1, Beaver 0

Duchesne 4, Grand 2  
San Juan 11, Milford 5

5/10 2A playoffs, semifinals  
Kanab 9, Duchesne 3  
One-loss bracket  
South Sevier 3, Beaver 0  
Grand 4, San Juan 0  
South Sevier 12, Grand 11

## SOFTBALL

## Region 9

5/9 4A playoffs, Super Regionals (best-of-3)  
Cedar 9, Timpanogos 7  
Ridgeline 13, Orem 3  
Hurricane 9, Murray 4  
Crimson Cliffs 7, Stansbury 5  
Desert Hills 12, Mountain Crest 2  
Bear River 5, Tooele 3  
Payson 9, Sky View 4  
Snow Canyon 14, Logan 2

5/10 Cedar 20, Timpanogos 3  
Ridgeline 10, Orem 1  
Hurricane 6, Murray 2  
Stansbury 5, Crimson Cliffs 4  
Crimson Cliffs 8, Stansbury 6  
Desert Hills 4, Mountain Crest 1  
Tooele 11, Bear River 1  
Bear River 7, Tooele 1  
Payson 6, Sky View 3  
Snow Canyon 11, Logan 1

5/15 4A playoffs, quarterfinals  
At Spanish Fork  
Hurricane vs. Ridgeline  
Crimson Cliffs vs. Cedar  
Desert Hills vs. Bear River  
Snow Canyon vs. Payson

## Region 12

5/9 3A playoffs, quarterfinals  
At Spanish Fork  
Emery 5, Canyon View 4  
Morgan 2, Carbon 1  
Grantsville 15, South Summit 0  
North Sanpete 12, Providence Hall 0

5/10 3A playoffs, semifinals  
At Spanish Fork  
Emery 9, Morgan 3  
Grantsville 6, North Sanpete 4  
Grantsville 17, Emery 11  
North Sanpete 10, Providence Hall 0

5/11 3A playoffs, championship  
Emery 4, North Sanpete 3  
Grantsville 11, Emery 8, 9 innings

## 2A South

5/9 2A playoffs, quarterfinals  
At Spanish Fork  
Altamont 1, Parowan 0  
Enterprise 7, Grand 1  
Beaver 13, South Sevier 12  
San Juan 9, Duchesne 5

5/10 2A playoffs, semifinals  
At Spanish Fork  
Enterprise 15, Altamont 1  
Beaver 12, San Juan 2  
Enterprise 6, Beaver 5  
South Sevier 4, Parowan 3

5/11 2A playoffs, championship  
Beaver 3, South Sevier 2  
Enterprise 8, Beaver 3

## BOYS SOCCER

## Region 9

5/10 4A playoffs, first round

Mountain Crest 3, Cedar 2, 2 OT  
Tooele 3, Orem 1  
Snow Canyon 4, Stansbury 1  
Hillcrest 3, Bear River 0  
Mountain View 3, Timpanogos 1  
Cottonwood 2, Sky View 2, Colts win  
4-1 on penalty kicks  
Provo 3, Jordan 1  
Uintah 3, Park City 1

5/14 4A playoffs, quarterfinals  
Snow Canyon at Desert Hills  
Hillcrest at Dixie  
Tooele at Layton Christian  
Mountain Crest at Murray  
Mountain View at Ridgeline  
Cottonwood at Crimson Cliffs  
Provo at Green Canyon  
Uintah at Logan

## Region 12

5/9 3A playoffs, semifinals  
At Zions Bank Stadium  
Manti 3, Juab 0  
Ogden 1, Morgan 0

5/11 3A playoffs, championship  
At America First Field  
Ogden 4, Manti 1

## 2A South

5/9 2A playoffs, semifinals  
At Zions Bank Stadium  
Rowland Hall 2, St. Joseph 1, OT  
Am. Heritage 3, Maeser Prep 0

5/11 2A playoffs, championship  
Rowland Hall 0, Am. Heritage 0,  
Winged Lions win 9-8 on penalty  
kicks

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

## Region 9

5/10 4A playoffs, second round  
At UVU  
Orem 3, Hurricane 0  
Mountain View 3, Jordan 0  
Timpanogos 3, Ridgeline 2  
Payson 3, Crimson Cliffs 1  
Logan 3, Desert Hills 1  
Sky View 3, Murray 1  
Pine View 3, Provo 0  
Layton Christian 3, Park City 0  
4A playoffs, quarterfinals  
Orem 3, Mountain View 1  
Timpanogos 3, Payson 2  
Logan 3, Sky View 0  
Pine View 3, Layton Christian 1

5/11 4A playoffs, semifinals  
Orem 3, Timpanogos 0  
Pine View 3, Logan 2  
Championship  
Pine View 3, Orem 2

## STANDINGS

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## Region 9 Baseball

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	11-1	22-5
Dixie (1)	10-2	24-3
Desert Hills (4)	8-4	19-8
Crimson Cliffs (7)	7-5	16-8
Pine View (11)	4-8	17-13
Hurricane (17)	1-11	7-15
Cedar (19)	1-11	6-21

## Region 12 Baseball

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab (2)	12-2	20-12
Canyon View (4)	11-3	17-9

Carbon (3) 10-4 17-9  
Manti (6) 8-6 17-9  
Emery (8) 7-7 16-13  
Richfield (13) 4-10 7-18  
Delta(15) 2-12 7-19  
N. Sanpete (14) 2-12 7-20

## 2A West Baseball

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (1)	12-2	20-4
Enterprise (2)	11-3	20-7
Beaver (4)	11-3	19-6
S. Sevier (6)	10-4	20-9
Milford (8)	6-8	12-14
Millard (13)	4-10	4-19
Parowan (11)	2-12	4-15
Water Canyon (14)	0-14	2-17

## Region 9 Softball

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (2)	12-0	22-3
Cedar (4)	9-3	19-7
Snow Canyon (3)	8-4	19-7
Crimson Cliffs (12)	6-6	15-11
Hurricane (8)	5-7	17-9
Dixie (19)	1-11	6-18
Pine View (21)	1-11	3-21

## Region 12 Softball

	REGION	OVERALL
N. Sanpete (2)	12-2	20-11
Carbon (5)	12-2	19-12
Emery (1)	10-4	20-7
Canyon View (8)	9-5	16-12
Manti (12)	6-8	9-18
Juab (9)	5-9	12-11
Richfield (13)	1-13	5-17
Delta (15)	1-13	4-18

## 2A South Softball

	REGION	OVERALL
Enterprise (1)	15-0	31-2
S. Sevier (3)	12-3	19-7
Beaver (6)	11-4	20-12
Parowan (5)	10-5	15-9
Millard (12)	6-9	7-16
Milford (10)	6-10	12-15
Kanab (11)	5-11	6-12
Panguitch (13)	2-9	6-12
Water Canyon (18)	0-14	0-16

## Region 9 Boys Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Dixie (5)	10-2	12-2
Crimson Cliffs (7)	9-3	10-4
Snow Canyon (9)	8-4	9-5
Desert Hills (8)	7-5	8-6
Cedar (20)	5-7	5-10
Pine View (25)	3-9	3-11
Hurricane (27)	0-12	0-14

## Region 12 Boys Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Manti (1)	14-0	16-1
Carbon (4)	12-2	13-3
Juab (5)	9-5	11-5
Delta (9)	6-8	6-9
Canyon View (10)	6-8	6-9
Emery (12)	4-10	4-11
Richfield (15)	3-11	4-12
N. Sanpete (16)	2-12	3-13

## 2 A South Boys Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Grand (3)	11-1	11-2
Gunnison (8)	8-4	10-4
Beaver (9)	8-4	8-5
Millard (11)	8-4	9-6
Parowan (17)	3-9	3-14
South Sevier (18)	3-9	3-14
San Juan (20)	1-11	1-12

## Region 9 Boys Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Pine View (3)	11-1	25-5
Crimson Cliffs (5)	11-1	18-9
Hurricane (16)	6-6	11-15
Desert Hills (18)	5-7	10-16
Cedar (21)	5-7	8-17
Snow Canyon (17)	4-8	9-17
Dixie (24)	0-12	2-23



# Reds Softball shuts down Timberwolves, sweeps series

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

After hanging on late to win its opening game in the best-of-3 super regional round, the Cedar Reds put a big defensive stamp on Game 2 and the offense hit the ball everywhere early and often to finish a sweep of the series.

Kaitlin Bulloch and Shaylee Johnson homered, and Johnson's three-run shot with two out in the bottom of the third inning as Cedar rolled to a 20-3 rout over the Timpanogos Timberwolves on May 10 to advance to bracket play in the 4A state softball tournament.

After the visiting Timberwolves struck in the top of the first with two runs, the Reds got started with seven in the bottom of the inning, highlighted by a two-run double from Heather Blackner. Cedar added three in the second on Bulloch's home run before a 30-minute lightning delay, then added one more run when play resumed on an RBI triple from Hayley Ennis to push the lead to 11-2.

"With our hitting, we were attacking the ball everywhere and weren't afraid to swing," said Cedar senior Marley Geddes, who drew three walks and scored three runs in her final home game. "We knew we had to play strong and show them they couldn't compete with us as well as they thought they could."

The fourth-seed Reds improved to 19-7 overall and put the win away with nine runs in the third, the last three on Johnson's home run, her second of the series. Cedar opened bracket play at the 4A state tournament Wednesday in Spanish Fork against No. 12 Crimson Cliffs, an upset winner over No. 5 Stansbury in its super regional.

In the series opener, Shaylee Johnson homered to break a sixth-inning tie, and the Reds went on to beat the Timberwolves, 9-7 on May 9. Timpanogos hit five home runs that accounted for all of their scoring, including a three-run shot from Liv Lott that completed a five-run rally in the top of the sixth to tie the game at 7-7 before Johnson broke the tie with Cedar's fourth home run of the day.

## CV BASEBALL TITLE

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Jacobsen, it was an emotional loss resulting from the friendship he shares with Labrum.

"I don't like competing against my friends, but I'm happy for him," Jacobsen said. "He's been coaching baseball longer than I have and is always battling."

Appearing in the championship series for only the second time in school history, the Falcons had its best threat of the day in the fourth when they loaded the bases with no outs, but Asher Slack hit a line drive that turned into a double play and brought momentum to a crashing halt. CV (20-12) would score single runs in each of the final three innings and finished with six hits.

"Baseball is a funny and frustrating game," Jacobsen said. "We just couldn't get two, three hits together. We hit the ball right at guys both days."

In the series opener played May 10, the Cougars (23-11) broke a tie with two runs in the top of the fourth and used stellar defense late to hold on for a 3-2 victory. Canyon View had pulled within a run as Cameron Calvez doubled and scored on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the sixth, but Union's infield defense robbed two Falcon hitters of potential base hits in the bottom of the seventh as P.J. Hancock pitched a complete game to earn the win.

## Falcons Softball eliminated early at 3A Tournament

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Canyon View softball team saw its 2024 season come to an early end May 9 when it dropped an 8-3 decision to the Carbon Dinos in the final game of the day at the Spanish Fork Softball Complex. The Falcons finished the season with a 16-12 overall record.

Seeded eighth in the tournament, CV had scored a pair of runs in the first inning and held a 2-1 lead before No. 5 Carbon rallied with six runs in the bottom of the fifth to pull away and secure the victory.

The Falcons were able to stay alive in its previous outing with a convincing 18-3 rout in four innings over the Juan Diego Soaring Eagle. Hailee Sisk and Saige Hancock homered to highlight a 24-hit attack against the No. 10 seed.

CV scored 12 runs in the bottom of the second and finished the win with four more runs in the bottom of the fourth due to the 15-run mercy rule.

Canyon View opened the tournament with a tough 5-4 loss to Emery, the tournament's top seed. The Falcons broke a 2-2 tie with a pair of runs in the top of the fifth inning, but the Spartans were able to rally with three runs in the bottom of the seventh capped by a two-run homer from Katelyn Nielson.

Emery overcame seven errors to earn the victory and advance.

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## GIRLS GOLF

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didn't allow a base runner over the final two innings.

With a berth in the championship series on the line, the Falcons stumbled and fell 8-1 in a rematch with Morgan on May 8. The Trojans built an early 3-0 lead in the first two innings and broke the game open with five runs in the fifth.

Catcher Cameron Calvez broke up the Morgan shutout with an RBI single in the bottom of the third inning.

In the winner-take-all elimination game, Canyon View scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and beat the Trojans, 10-3 on May 9 to earn their second trip to play for a state title and first since 2010. Jaren Bradshaw had the key blow in the sixth with a two-run single that capped off the rally.

Ludlow earned the win on the mound, allowing only four hits in five innings of work.



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## Softball Season Ends In Battle Against California Baptist

by Regan Hunsaker

SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

**SEATTLE, Washington**  
— Southern Utah's

season came to an end today at the hands of California Baptist. The Thunderbirds battled throughout the game but fell 4-1 to the Lancers at the WAC tournament.

Five Thunderbirds collected hits on the day, the biggest coming from sophomore Alayah Toscano, who drove a double down the left-field line to secure the team's only RBI in the game.

Junior Keimon Winston started the game for Southern Utah, pitching just two outs in the first inning. Winston allowed three runs on four hits before handing the ball to freshman Emily Delgado. Delgado pitched the remainder of the game, conceding one run on seven hits in relief.

Coach Don Don Williams said "This team

faced adversity all season and embraced the challenge. I am so proud of what they accomplished. The future of this program is bright."



California Baptist got off to a strong start, with Borkokwski and Estrada hitting singles to get on base. Lyon then doubled to right center, scoring both runners and giving California Baptist an early 2-0 lead. Lyon later scored on a single from Soto to make the score 3-0.

Southern Utah managed to get on the board in the bottom of the second inning, with Cassidy Munoz hitting a single and eventually scoring on a double from Alayah Toscano.

In the top of the sixth inning, California Baptist managed to add to their lead, with Borkokwski walking and eventually scoring on a triple from Estrada. Southern Utah continued the battle, but the final score was 4-1 in favor of California Baptist.

## Utah Summer Games & Utah Tennis Association Create New Partnership

from Nikki Koontz

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, a department of Southern Utah University that operates Utah's official state games, has partnered with another notable Utah organization to bring athletic events to Cedar City.

The SUU department announced an agreement with the Utah Tennis Association – the state's representative body to the United States Tennis Association – to host a series of summer tournament events on the SUU tennis courts and at area high schools. The organizations will partner to host USTA events in both July and August in Cedar City under the 'Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games' event umbrella.

"We are thrilled to enter into an agreement with the Utah Tennis Association to begin hosting USTA events in Cedar City," said Jon Oglesby, Executive Director of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games. "Utah Tennis and the USTA represent the types of partners we are striving to work with at SUU – service-focused, visionary, and invested in promoting the power of sports to encourage healthy lifestyles and community. We are hopeful this partnership will also add to the economic impact and exposure for the area."

The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games already operate a June tennis event for players of all abilities. The USTA events will focus on players of particular skill levels, with Utah Tennis setting the criteria for the tournament draws based on player ratings.

"The Utah Tennis Association is excited to partner with the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games and Southern Utah University to bring a fantastic tennis tournament experience to Cedar City," said Gretchen Soffe, outreach manager for USTA Utah. "It's exciting to see all the growth in Southern Utah and we can't wait to see some excellent tennis on the beautiful SUU courts."

To learn more about the upcoming tournaments, visit the website at [utahsummergames.org](http://utahsummergames.org).

The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games is a long-standing community engagement program of Southern Utah University. Founded in 1986, the event had 10,566 overall participants in 2023. The goal of the department is three-fold: 1) Promote educational opportunity and access at Southern Utah University; 2) provide economic development to Cedar City, Iron County, and the State of Utah; and 3) encourage healthy lifestyles and communities through sports and other competitive activities.



# Thunderbird Men Take Second, Women Take Seventh On Final Day of WAC Outdoor Championships

by James Wilson

SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

**O**REM, Utah - The Southern Utah University track

& field program wrapped up the 2024 Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships on Saturday, May 11 with the men's team claiming second place and the women securing seventh place.

Head Coach Eric Houle said: "It has been a very long year of competition for our Men's and Women's teams. So, having the individual and team successes we had this weekend was a great way to cap off a very successful year."

## MEN'S RECAP

In second place, the men's team finished the weekend with 125 points, behind only Grand Canyon.

Leading the way in the 400m was Jaedyn Carpenter, who claimed the top spot in the event with a blistering time of 45.95 seconds. Dylan Gibson was close behind him, taking third-place and a time of 46.38 seconds. Gibson also finished strong in the 200m, bringing home a time of 21.21 seconds and taking fifth.

In the 5000m, Travis Feeny capped off a successful weekend with a second-place finish and a 14:31.53 time. Isaiah Labra followed him up in fourth and a time of 14:33.35.

Kaden Allen had an impressive all-around day in both the discus and the 800m, claiming third in both events while bringing in a throw of 166'9.5" in the discus and a 1:51.08 time in the 800m. Stephen Campbell also posted high marks in the discus with a sixth-place finish and a distance of 158'9".

## WOMEN'S RECAP

With 60.50 points, the women's team wrapped up competition in seventh place. Host school Utah Valley claimed the women's championship.

In the 4x100m relay, the team of Maya Benjamin, Iana-Michovani Graham, Shante Myrie, and Secret Mceuen claimed fifth with a combined time of 45.36 seconds, also elevating the team to the new Thunderbird record in the event.

With a throw of 165'11.75", Morgan Blackburn took home the WAC title in the discus. Rebecca Hazelet and Jay Hunt also qualified in the top eight with Hazelet taking sixth and picking up a distance of 143'5.25" and Hunt claiming eighth with a distance of 135'11".

Seadra Hamilton shined in the 400m hurdles, taking fifth and a time of 1:00.16. In the 100m hurdles, Savannah Nielson finished her weekend in eighth place and a 13.89-second finish.





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## Error Corrections

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(Pg. 12) Last week's report on a couple charged with manslaughter ("Cedar City Woman Arrested for Manslaughter in Fatal Fentynal Sale") contained incorrect information garnered from the police statement regarding the victim's pregnancy. According to Cedar City Police's recent update as of May 8th at 1:30 p.m., she was not pregnant at the time of her death.

(Pg. 26) "National Day of Prayer" by Ruth Scovill stated, "Danny Hansen sang a lively and joyous rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner and The Lord's Prayer..." It should have read "Danny Hansen sang a lively and joyous rendition of Jubilation Deo..."



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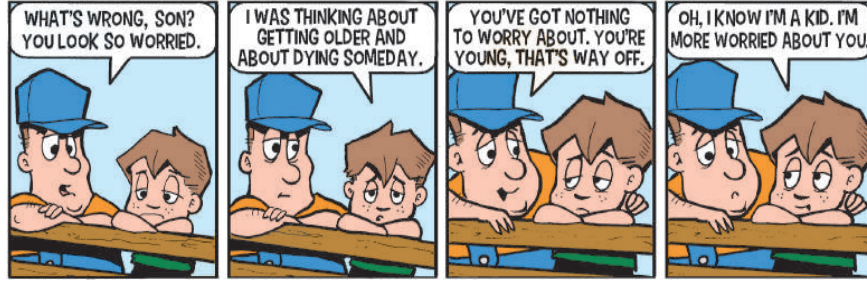
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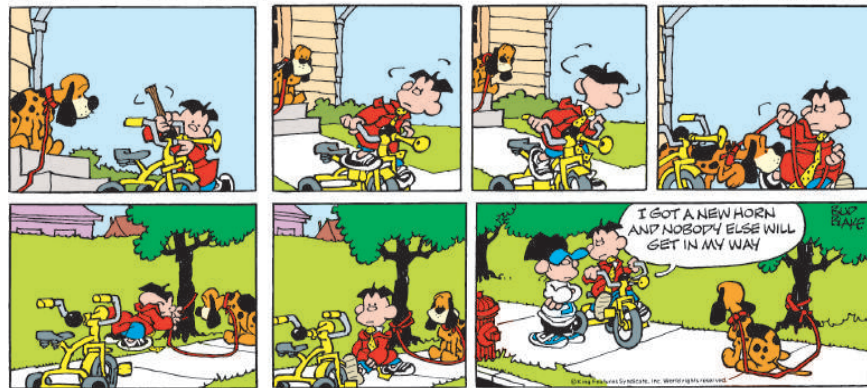
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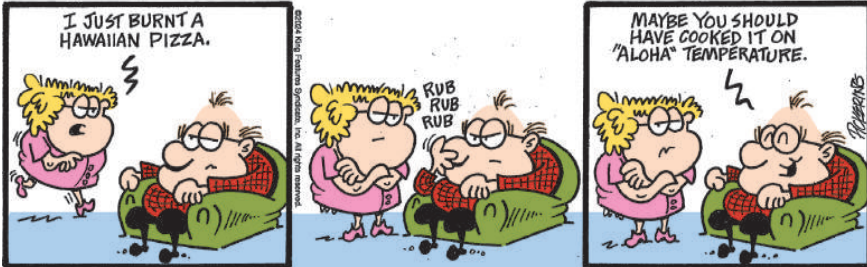
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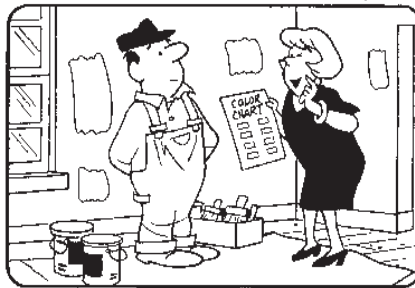
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Tarp is longer. 3. Paint can is larger. 4. Window sill is different. 5. Foot is longer. 6. Top of doorway is different.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Reddish brown
- 5 \$ dispenser
- 8 Cries of aversion
- 12 Spiced tea
- 13 Goat's plaint
- 14 Entreaty
- 15 Mystique
- 16 Blue Angels events
- 18 Australian red wine
- 20 Fedora feature
- 21 Medicinal plant
- 23 PC key
- 24 Schubert compositions
- 28 "Monopoly" cubes

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- 31 Misery
- 32 Barbs
- 34 "Science Friday" network
- 35 Adjoining
- 37 Sweeten
- 39 Rocker Nugent
- 41 Minnesota —
- 42 Penniless one
- 45 Fearsome fly
- 49 Relaxing time on the slopes
- 51 Equitable
- 52 "Understood"

- 53 Lucy's TV pal
- 54 Forearm bone
- 55 Minus
- 56 Season opener?
- 57 Some July babies

- 7 Painter
- 8 Supported
- 9 Acting smug
- 10 Hacks with an axe
- 11 Postpaid enc.
- 17 Mexican Mrs.
- 19 Sleep like —
- 22 Treble clef lines
- 24 Bristle
- 25 Caviar base
- 26 Fabric features
- 27 Calming drug

- 29 Tax pro
- 30 Mess up
- 33 Bygone jets
- 36 Prairie homes
- 38 Of service
- 40 — Moines
- 42 Beach bucket
- 43 Church area
- 44 Invitation notation
- 46 Story
- 47 China (Pref.)
- 48 Historic periods
- 50 White wine cocktail

### DOWN

- 1 Early TVs
- 2 "Nopel"
- 3 Rani's dress
- 4 Royal crowns
- 5 Vast rainforest region
- 6 — chi

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which European country has the largest population?
2. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a character named Ron Swanson?
3. SCIENCE: What are the three layers of the Earth?
4. MOVIES: Which 2001 movie has a famous "bend and snap" scene?
5. MONEY: What is a modern U.S. penny made of mostly?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a common name for an animal in the Leporidae family?
7. LITERATURE: Which children's book contains the line, "Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast"?
8. ANATOMY: Where is the pinna located in the human body?
9. HISTORY: Who was the fourth president of the United States?
10. BUSINESS: What did Amazon sell exclusively when it started business in 1994?

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Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword

- Trivia Test Answers
1. Russia; 2. "Parks and Recreation"; 3. Crust, mantle and core; 4. "Legally Blonde"; 5. Zinc; 6. Rabbit or hare; 7. "Alice in Wonderland"; 8. Ear; 9. James Madison; 10. Books.



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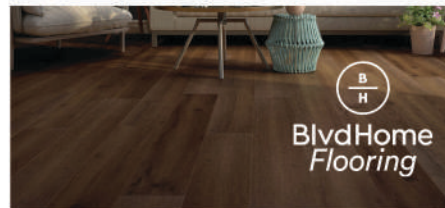
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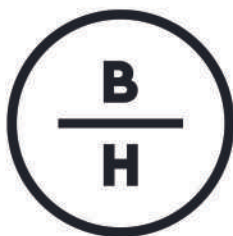


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