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STORY IN NEWS

Utah Sues TikTok for Raking in Millions from Virtual Strip Clubs Involving Minors

THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION AND UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL ALLEGE TIKTOK HAS KNOWINGLY BUILT A REVENUE STREAM FUELED BY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY AGAINST YOUNG USERS.

from *Melanie Hall*

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah Governor Spencer Cox and Attorney General Sean Reyes announced a lawsuit today that alleges TikTok Inc. has consciously allowed young people to be sexually exploited on the TikTok platform in exchange for money. The suit contends that a live streaming

feature on the TikTok app, called TikTok LIVE, lets adult users give TikTok currency to young users in exchange for sexual solicitation and exploitation while the company takes a cut of each payment.

This filing marks the second lawsuit against the company by Utah's Division of Consumer Protection (Division) through the Utah Attorney General's Office. In October 2023, the

State filed a consumer protection case against TikTok for intentionally designing and deploying addictive features to hook young users into endless use of its app. During the course of the Division's ongoing investigation of these practices, it became clear that the dangers TikTok poses to children are not limited to its addictive algorithm but also include an open-door policy for criminals to prey on users, particularly minors, through its TikTok LIVE feature.

This new Complaint alleges that TikTok coupled its livestream feature with monetization to create an environment built on exchanging TikTok's currency for illegal acts. TikTok's own internal studies and the admissions of its employees document how TikTok LIVE has allowed adults to pay young users to strip, pose, and dance provocatively for currency that can be cashed out for real money. As these young users are sexually exploited, the Complaint alleges that TikTok takes as much as a fifty percent commission on every transaction on LIVE, allowing TikTok to reap exorbitant profits, which amount to millions of dollars in Utah alone.

Furthermore, TikTok's alleged profiteering does not stop at child sexual exploitation. The Complaint claims that TikTok's live stream feature, along with its virtual currency, has allowed criminals to freely launder money, host illegal gambling rings, sell drugs, and fund terrorism.

"I find the new allegations against TikTok Live not merely concerning but incredibly disturbing. Such disregard for the safety of young users on the platform, much less profiting off their exploitation, cannot and will not be tolerated," said Utah Governor Spencer Cox. "We will take all necessary actions to protect them from TikTok's egregious behavior."

The Complaint alleges that TikTok has skillfully avoided regulatory

requirements to sidestep processes that would identify criminal behavior and keep users safe when spending their money. Instead, the company has prioritized profits over user safety, and the Complaint alleges that TikTok failed to institute even basic financial controls, leading to a heightened risk of fraud and criminal activity on the app. As a result, the Complaint contends that TikTok has allowed young users—who do not fully understand the value of TikTok's virtual currency—to be continuously exploited while TikTok pads its pockets.

The Division is also in an ongoing subpoena enforcement action with TikTok, which has tried to stonewall productions of important information, including documents cited in the Complaint filed today. The State intends to ask the Court to unseal the current Complaint as soon as possible to expose TikTok's conduct to the full light of public accountability.

"TikTok has created a virtual strip club allowing minors to be exploited across America by connecting innocent victims to predators in real-time. Adding insult to injury, Live facilitates money laundering while TikTok quietly charges fifty percent on every transaction to profit in the billions from the entire enterprise," said Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes. "Our investigation confirmed TikTok knows of the damage to young victims but feels it makes far too much money to stop. There are so many layers of harm in its practices that we cannot wait a day longer to act. The State of Utah is front and center in the fight against child exploitation. This suit is just one of many ways we are fighting for child safety online."

With this lawsuit, the Division and the Attorney General are seeking to stop TikTok's illegal practices and to require TikTok to forfeit monies it wrongfully obtained by profiting from illegal activity on its platform. The Division of Consumer Protection's investigation into TikTok's practices otherwise continues.

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Romney, Colleagues Criticize Democrats' Stunt Contraception Bill, Attacks on Religious Freedoms

from Senator Mitt Romney

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) joined Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) and 20 of their Republican colleagues in issuing a statement criticizing Senate Democrats for pushing stunt legislation, the *Right to Contraception Act*, which fearmongers and misleads the public on the accessibility of contraception and threatens the religious freedoms and parental rights of millions of Americans.

"There is no threat to access to contraception, which is legal in every state and required by law to be offered at no cost by health insurers, and it's

disgusting that Democrats are fearmongering on this important issue to score cheap political points," **the senators said.** "This bill infringes on the parental rights and religious liberties of some Americans and lets the federal government force religious institutions and schools, even public elementary schools, to offer contraception like condoms to little kids. It's just another way for Democrats to use activist attorneys and our courts to advance their radical agenda and that is why we oppose this bill."

Joining Romney and Scott in issuing the statement were Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI), Eric Schmitt (R-MO), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Rand Paul (R-KY), Mike Lee (R-UT), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Ted Budd (R-NC), James Lankford (R-OK), Jim Risch (R-ID), Mike Rounds (R-SD),

Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Katie Britt (R-AL), Bill Hagerty (R-TN), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), John Thune (R-SD), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Mike Crapo (R-ID), and Steve Daines (R-MT).

BRYCE CANYON RANGER DIES FROM ON-DUTY ACCIDENT AT ANNUAL ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

from Peter Densmore

NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

BRYCE, UT – A ranger at Bryce Canyon National Park has died from injuries sustained after tripping and falling while on-duty. Around 11:30 p.m. on Friday, June 7, Park Ranger Tom Lorig was working with park visitors at Bryce Canyon's annual Astronomy Festival. While directing a visitor to a shuttle bus, Ranger Lorig fell and struck his head on a large rock. Finding him unresponsive, the visitor quickly notified a nearby law enforcement ranger. National park rangers, medically-trained bystanders, and local EMS personnel cooperated to provide initial life-saving care, but were unsuccessful in reviving Ranger Lorig. He was 78 years old.

"Tom Lorig served Bryce Canyon, the National Park Service, and the public as an interpretive park ranger, forging connections between the world and these special places that he loved," said Park Superintendent Jim Ireland, "As our

community processes and grieves this terrible loss, we extend our deepest condolences to all of Ranger Lorig's family and friends. We also want to express gratitude to the National Park Service and Garfield County emergency services staff who responded as well as to the bystanders who assisted NPS first responders."

Ranger Tom Lorig served for 40 years as a Registered Nurse in the Seattle, Washington area, and for over 10 years as a permanent, seasonal, and volunteer park ranger. He began his work with the National Park Service at Carlsbad Caverns National Park in June of 1968. In the decades that followed, he would serve at 14 national park sites including Badlands, Bryce Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, El Malpais, Florissant Fossil Beds, Glen Canyon, Klondike Gold Rush, Mount Rainier, New River Gorge, Olympic, Saguaro, Yosemite, Zion, and Dinosaur National Monument, of which he was especially fond.



IRON COUNTY FORECAST

A TROUGH SLIDING THROUGH THE STATE FRIDAY WILL BRING ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS TO THE REGION AND SLIGHTLY COOLER TEMPERATURES. WARM AND SUNNY SKIES RETURN FOR NEXT WEEK.

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

This week, we have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the fathers in our lives. It's a special time to acknowledge the men who have raised us and those we've adopted as father figures.

Fathers play such a crucial role for us as individuals and society as a whole. The documented statistics on the positive impact of having fathers in our corner cannot be overstated. We owe these Dad's a great deal of gratitude, whether it's a heartfelt hug, a cool new shirt, or a delicious tomahawk steak.

Watching my husband embrace fatherhood has been one of the best experiences of my life. There's nothing I love more than seeing him and our son bond and create lasting memories together. Even if it means whatever activity they have gotten themselves into makes me want to close my eyes and hold my breath. I hope you get to spend time this weekend with the men who have positively influenced your life. Happy Father's Day!

We had an exciting week last week! Opening ceremonies for the Utah Summer Games, the Paiute Tribes Annual POW-WOW and a litany of shows or concerts. I hope your summer is off to a great start and you are jumping head first into Iron County's summertime offerings!

Don't forget about Flag Day this Friday, June 14th! If you view our calendar section, you'll find May Hunters' brief history of Flag Day and what it represents. We are well into our Patriotic season, so keep those flags handy.

WORD OF THE WEEK

PALAUER

[pa-lav-er] noun
unnecessarily elaborate or complex procedure; an improvised conference between two groups, typically those without a shared language or culture.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to Native American History

by *Jacqueline Murray*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Recently, the Iron County School Board expressed an interest in fulfilling a request made by members of the Paiute Tribe of Utah, to include Native American History in the curriculum. Curriculum development and content must be reliable, credible, vetted and include context guidance from the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah.

The recent op-ed, *Native American Education*, suggested use of unreliable content. Omitted from the op-ed are too many facts and context to address in this article. Here is just one example.

References to the "Society of Red Men and the Improved Order of Red Men, also called the Independent Order of Red Men" were societies that excluded non-whites. "The Independent Order of Red Men weren't Indians at all,

although many of their rituals were indeed based on those of Native Americans. They were white men who formed a fraternal organization by that name." Their 1886 Constitution states: "Sec. 1. No person shall be entitled to adoption into the Order except a free white male of good moral character and standing, of the full age of twenty-one..." The restriction to white males remained until 1974 when the "all white" clause was eliminated. (1)

Most of what was presented as appropriate curriculum material in the op-ed can be summed up as non-native appropriation and *mythinterpretation* of Native American History.

We can continue to quibble about the particulars as well as our sources, or accept and do the right thing as Washington Commanders hall of famer Art Monk said, "[If] Native Americans feel like Redskins or the Chiefs or [another] name is offensive

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."

- William Penn

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Slavery to Thinking Patterns

PART 8

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

When it comes to telling the truth, some people like to scoot by on technicalities, half-truths, customs, and word games to hide the real facts. They value their reputation over their integrity and do whatever it takes to make certain that people think highly of them. But when we look at the Biblical Scriptures and our own lives, we find that way of thinking is a recipe for disaster leading down the road of lies for no other reason than to preserve their reputations while slowly destroying their integrity. (Many examples exist in history, such as King David's giving into lust in the Bible, and American history starting with the enslavement of early immigrants, of indigenous people, and later of African Americans.) So modern day slavery is not an exception to the historical record of humanity. (Please read Part 4 in this series about Britain's past and present.)

Today, involuntary domestic servitude is a form of human trafficking found in distinct circumstances such as work in a private residence (look to wealthy Hollywood performers where this type of "employment" is common at their residences). It is a crime in which a domestic worker is not free to leave his or her employment and is abused and underpaid, if paid at all. Many domestic workers do not receive the basic benefits and protections commonly extended to other groups of workers—things as simple as a day off where the worker's ability to move freely is often limited with their employment in private homes increasing their isolation and vulnerability. In such cases, local

and federal workers do not have the authority to inspect employment conditions in private homes. Domestic workers, especially women, confront various forms of abuse, harassment, and exploitation, including sexual and gender-based violence. Taken together these can be symptoms of domestic servitude. When the

employer of a domestic worker has diplomatic status and enjoys immunity from civil and/or criminal jurisdiction, the vulnerability to domestic servitude increases.

This is especially heinous (meaning utterly horrible, foul, reprehensible, and despicable) when it

involves forced child labor. While children may legally engage in certain forms of work (regulated by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act enacted during the FDR administration), for non-agricultural jobs children under 14 may not be employed. For children between 14 and 16, they may only be employed in certain occupations during limited times outside of school hours. Between ages 16-17, they may be employed in non-hazardous jobs for unlimited hours. Exceptions to these rules exist, such as employment by parents, newspaper delivery, and child actors with regulations for agricultural employment generally less strict. State laws vary. Please go to the following website to find Utah Child Labor Laws 2024:

employmentlawhandbook.com/employment-and-labor-laws/states/utah/wage-and-hours/utah-child-laborlaws/. Utah child labor laws set forth the rules and limitations regarding the days and times children under the age of 18 years old may work in Utah. Next week we will review this more thoroughly. In Utah we want to protect children, the next generation of "deciders" and voters.

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to them, then who are we to say to them, 'No, it's not?' " Also, in 2013 when the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian hosted a symposium on Indian mascots, museum director Kevin Gover, himself a Native American, said the word was "the equivalent of the N-word." (2)

We can honor our Native American friends and community members by respecting and acknowledging their request to add Native American History to the curriculum and joining them in opposition to the use of the term "Redmen." *"The term 'Redmen' is a term not recognized within Native American communities as paying respect to the history and legacy of this nation's first people. But rather a slang term that has been used over 200 years to attribute racial defamation to Native people."* (Excerpt from the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah's letter to the Iron County School District, the complete letter is available on their website.) (3)

Sources:

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SUU's DEI Push: A Professor's Parting Critique

by Joe Baker

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

I was an economics professor for 23 years. My wife and I gifted thousands to SUU. Prior to retirement we decided I would teach another year and gift my entire salary to fund economics student scholarships.

This ended when President Scott Wyatt established the Orwellian-named Center for Diversity and Inclusion. SUU now spends your tax dollars indoctrinating students in critical race theory and victim-oppressor ideology.

"Diversity" excludes viewpoint diversity. CDI promotes exclusively the Marxist/critical race theory/progressive race viewpoint (<https://www.suu.edu/diversity/resources.html>). CDI readings include Communist Angela Davis and convicted cop-killer Assata Shakur. Several readings are by Marxist Ibram X. Kendi. Professor Kendi equates capitalism with racism and favors racial discrimination against whites. Conservative viewpoints (e.g. Thomas Sowell, Heather Mac Donald) are excluded.

To promote "diversity" is SUU violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act? A faculty search committee member commented to me "We do not need to hire another white male Mormon."

CDI encouraged students to buy from black-owned bookstores. During the BLM riots CDI promoted student donations to The Bail Project, SPLC, Woke Vote, BLM and other far-left anti-police organizations.

I terminated my annual Thunderbird Athletic Club donation after the athletic department promoted Black Lives Matter on their web and Facebook pages.

SUU Professor Richard Bugg addressed a student using

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the “wrong” pronoun. Professor Bugg has been subjected to DEI cancel-culture hell: administrative hearings, sanctions and social ostracism. For SUU faculty the message is clear: toe the DEI line or off to the re-education camp.

Professor Bugg is now suing SUU. For details see GWU Law Professor Jonathan Turley’s article (<https://jonathanturley.org/2022/09/03/southern-utah-professor-sues-over-mandatory-use-of-pronouns/>).

DEI’s divisive and destructive nature caught the attention of our legislature. Governor Cox signed into law HB261 “Equal Opportunity Initiatives”. EOI seeks to “outlaw DEI trainings, requirements, programs and offices at public universities, schools or any other institution of the state”.

Will SUU follow the letter and intent of EOI or will DEI remain and go “underground”? Count me as skeptical. The SUU President and Provost appear committed to the DEI agenda.

If SUU is serious about ditching DEI a good first step would be to rename Bristlecone Hall as Richard Bugg Hall.

Joe G. Baker, PhD

Let the Games Begin!

Utah Summer Games Opening Ceremony



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Every June the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games bring athletes, stunning fireworks, live music, and thousands of people to Cedar City for the Olympic-style festival for athletes of all ages, sports and abilities. This year they packed the stands of Southern Utah University’s Eccles Coliseum. June 7, 2024 was the 39th Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games Opening Ceremony. The Ceremony is unique and different from no other, it makes you feel a part of the community and grateful to live where we live. It’s celebrating—it’s being with friends and family.

Founded in 1986, the organization strived to create an atmosphere of competition like the traditions of the Olympic Games, creating a sense of community and connection that can only be found through sports.

The event offered entertainment by Australian country musician Morgan Evans, a running of the USG torch by two-time Olympian



Torch bearer, Doug Padilla, he competed for Team USA in the 1984-88 Summer Olympics, running with USA Track & Field World Championship Event. Photo from Brvnlee Clark

Doug Padilla and a fireworks ceremony regarded by many as the best in Utah. “The platform here is capable of reaching so many youth directly, and it impacts them. Ideally, it helps them to be able to visualize themselves as achieving really cool, fun things,” Padilla explained. “The

Summer Games Stories: **Rich Wilson** catches wave of momentum, leads Utah Summer Games to prominence. In the nearly 40-year history of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, few individuals have been as influential as Rich Wilson Executive Director of the Games during their early growth. **“The things that touched me more than the other aspects of the Utah Summer Games was the volunteer.”** Wilson stated. Through his focus on creating a smooth experience for volunteers as well as the athletes themselves, Wilson brought droves of people to Cedar City for the Utah Summer Games, both to help run the event and participate in it. Rich and his wife, Linda, and their family are major benefactors to SUU. “It takes vision and boldness to launch an event like the Utah Summer Games,” stated Wilson. “Rich Wilson had both the boldness and vision to help create an experience that has turned into an almost 40-year legacy of good for Cedar City, SUU, Iron County and Utah. He and President Sherratt made it happen and the legacy continues! Photo by May Hunter

potential that lies within each one of us is unbounded. We just don’t know it. The hope is that they can start to see that they can do anything.”

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Council meeting on June 5th, 2024, began with an invocation by a pastor from Mountain View Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Executive Director of SUU Aviation and an Air Force veteran.

The Mayor announced that the summer games festivities would begin on Friday with the lighting of the sky. It was acknowledged the passing of a dedicated citizen, Joyce Messer, who contributed greatly to community events and beautification efforts in Cedar City over the years.

A council member provided updates on two issues. The first was regarding the Industrial Road Project, where UDOT sketched out bid schedules and completion dates, with options to either bid out the project now and complete it in phases, or delay bidding until spring. The second issue involved UDOT's willingness to sell a 37.5 ft wide strip of land on the east side of North Main Street for a future park/commercial development, but requiring the City to maintain the 22.5 ft strip abutting the road through a landscape agreement.

A representative from Canyon Creek Services gave a presentation on the services they provide for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in Iron, Beaver, and Garfield counties. She highlighted statistics on the prevalence of these issues and the impact of the City's \$15,000 contribution to support their emergency shelter program.

An update on the SUU Aviation program was provided, noting its growth to be the largest collegiate helicopter program in the country, producing 10% of all helicopter pilots nationwide. The update highlighted

the program's \$59 million annual economic impact, partnerships with law enforcement for air operations, and efforts to attract economic development opportunities like the Inland Port. Addressing concerns from a previous meeting, it was clarified that the CRJ aircraft donated by SkyWest is used for maintenance training, not flying, and that they are actively lobbying for federal funding for a new \$10 million hangar.

A commissioner from Iron County spoke in support of SUU Aviation, highlighting their assistance during emergencies like floods, their role in attracting economic development projects, and their collaborations with law enforcement agencies through donated air operations.

Representatives from local development companies raised concerns about a recently passed city ordinance requiring developers to complete master-planned road improvements concurrent with the first phase of a subdivision, even if that phase does not directly border the planned road. They requested the ability to defer those improvements until later phases through a development agreement. The Council and staff discussed the intent behind the ordinance and the possibility of making adjustments through deferral agreements on a case-by-case basis.

A public comment was made expressing opposition to frequent changes to the general plan at the request of developers. The speaker advocated for higher impact fees on new construction to fund infrastructure needs like parks, schools, and road improvements instead of relying on measures like selling parts of parks to fund their development.

The Council approved the consent agenda items, including minutes, bills, a local consent for an event, and the installation of a four-way stop sign. They also approved a resolution amending the Active Transportation Committee bylaws to allow up to three committee members to reside outside Cedar City but within southwest Utah.

Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting began with a public hearing for a conditional use permit at 218 South 100 West. A representative from an outpatient treatment center explained their recent purchase of the house next door to their existing facility at 228 South 100 West. They plan to move administrative offices into 218 and rent out three bedrooms there while maintaining treatment services at 228. The primary issue was meeting parking requirements. Discussion centered on the ordinance requirement that parking "be effectively screened from adjacent residential properties." Ultimately, the commission recommended approval, contingent on a recorded parking easement between the two properties since they are adjoining businesses.

Next was a public hearing for an ordinance text amendment, which was tabled until June 18th upon the applicant's request, approved by motion. Following that was a public hearing for a zone change at 2671 North 100 East. A resident expressed concern about the frequent changes from low to high-density housing. A positive recommendation was given.

A public hearing was held on amending the transportation master plan to widen Canyon Ranch Drive from 75 to 100 feet to accommodate future development's traffic impacts per a traffic study. The findings and proposed mitigations from the traffic study were detailed, leading to significant discussion about the impacts on local businesses and residents.

The meeting continued on the major proposed development in Cedar City near the I-15 freeway. The developers sought amendments to the general plan and zoning to allow for increased housing density and commercial development on a large parcel

of land. The first item discussed was an amendment to the transportation master plan to widen Canyon Ranch Drive from 75 feet to a 100-foot corridor. This raised concerns from existing businesses along that road, like Terribles and Second East restaurant, which had built based on the existing 75-foot standard. They objected to potentially losing 12.5 feet of their property for the wider road.

The intersection of Canyon Ranch Drive and Main Street was identified as a major choke point if the road was widened, creating three closely spaced intersections. Various suggestions were made to re-route or reconfigure the intersections, but no firm solution was reached. Ultimately, the commission voted to approve the 100-foot corridor east and north of Wedgewood Lane, keeping the existing 75 feet elsewhere until further guidance could be provided by the incoming city engineer.

Next, amendments to the general plan were considered to change land use designations from low-density residential and rural estates to high-density residential and commercial. The developer's plan called for a mix of residential densities along with significant commercial areas near the freeway. Some commissioners raised concerns about deviating drastically from the existing low-density general plan designations.

After thorough discussion, the commission voted to recommend approval of the general plan amendments to high-density residential and commercial. The commission then considered three specific zoning changes: annexation transition to central commercial, R3M (up to 24 units/acre), and RN (smaller single-family lots). The RN zone, in particular, was viewed favorably as a way to create more affordable starter homes.

Some concerns were raised about whether the development would overload roads and infrastructure. Ultimately, the commission recommended approval of the zoning changes to central commercial, R3M, and RN zones, along with the associated development agreement containing density caps, open space requirements, and infrastructure study triggers.

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
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	1.05%	21.23%	24.75%	2.96%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

RealClearPolitics Election 2024 RCP Poll Averages			
Election 2024	Trump	Biden	Spread
RCP Poll Average	45.5	45.0	Trump +0.5
5-Way RCP Average	42.0	39.95	Trump +2.1
Top Battlegrounds	47.9	44.7	Trump +3.2
Electoral College	Trump	Biden	Toss Ups
RCP Electoral Map	219	202	117
No Toss Up States	312	226	
Battlegrounds	Trump	Biden	Spread
Wisconsin	47.4	47.3	Trump +0.1
Arizona	48.3	44.1	Trump +4.2
Georgia	48.5	43.7	Trump +4.8
Michigan	47.0	46.7	Trump +0.3
Pennsylvania	47.8	45.5	Trump +2.3
North Carolina	47.8	42.5	Trump +5.3
Nevada	48.3	43.0	Trump +5.3
Battle for Congress	GOP	Dems	
U.S. Senate	49	42	9 TU
Generic Ballot	45.3	44.7	GOP +0.6

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RESTORATION GATHERING & POW-WOW



Paiute Flag
Ceremony posted the "Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Tribal Flag", the Utah State Flag and the United States Flag" All was quiet and respectful as the flags were posted

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah celebrated its 44th Annual Restoration Gathering Pow-Wow on June 7-9, 2024, at the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Pow-Wow Arbor located in Cedar City, Utah.

Each year, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah celebrates its restored federal recognition on April 3, 1980. The Restoration Pow-Wow is also a celebration of their past, their future, their culture, their heritage, their lands, and their presence as the indigenous peoples of this land.

The Annual Restoration Pow-Wow is a family-friendly celebration that is open to everyone. It is an excellent opportunity for the Tribe to celebrate and share its culture and heritage with the community and visitors to their



POW-WOW
Dancers have evolved over time. Many styles are a combination of several tribal traditions. Dancers must dance with the beat of the drum.



Chanel Borchardt-Slayton is the Paiute Tribe Utah Queen for 2024-2025. With honor and respect these young Paiute royalty will set the stage and example for all her peers throughout the year of her reign.

community.

The cultural significance of a Pow-Wow is to bring intertribal communities together, to dance with one another, not only for the celebration of life but as well as for healing," States Autumn Gillard, the Paiute Tribe's cultural resource manager.

"In addition to healing for their community members, their dancers dance for individuals that aren't able to dance for themselves, as well as for future children that are going to be born," Gillard noted. "So it helps bring healing and rejuvenation and positivity within tribal communities." Gillard explained the significance of the colorful attire worn by the dancers, which she said is properly referred to as "regalia" and should never be called a

Southern Utah University

Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games Announces 'Summer Games Serves'

from Brooke Heath

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

CEDAR CITY, Utah – The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, hosted by Southern Utah University, is launching 'Summer Games Serves' in time for the 2024 Games.

This initiative aims to support both the SUU campus and Iron County communities with a goal of raising funds for the SUU HOPE Pantry, and collecting donated items for the Iron County School District Foundation at the 'State Bank of Southern Utah VIP Reception'.

"The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games were built on pillars that included teamwork and a love of community," said Jon Oglesby, Executive Director of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games. "Of all the contests that will take place in Cedar City this summer, there is no foe that needs to be defeated more in our community than food insecurity and material need. We are excited to welcome Summer Games participants to join our team in making a positive difference on our campus and in our community."

'Summer Games Serves' aims to raise \$10,000 for the SUU HOPE Pantry, which provides food and essential items to SUU students and community members in need. During the 2023-24 academic year, the pantry saw a 72% increase in demand, with 49% of SUU students reporting

some level of food insecurity. The projected expenses for the 2024-25 academic year are about \$5,000 per month, excluding materials donated by generous supporters. The 'Summer Games Serves' initiative seeks to cover two months of these operational costs if the funding goal is achieved.

"The Pantry is a labor of love, from its initial inception when students and staff from a variety of backgrounds came together to see what could be done," said Pam Branin, Director of the Community Engagement Center at Southern Utah University. "The Pantry really reflects what happens when people work together to help each other, and our students are so appreciative."

HOW TO HELP:

- Donate Online: Visit Summer Games Serves Donation Page to contribute.
- Bring Non-perishable Food Items: Drop off donations at the 'State Bank of Southern Utah Pancake Breakfast' on June 8, near the 5K/10K finish line outside the SUU P.E. Building.

Gifts to the SUU HOPE Pantry are tax-deductible.



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POW-WOW

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feathers are typically earned at important milestones in the individuals life, usually being gifted to them from a friend or a family member during a ceremony. It's very sacred to display and be able to wear feathers on their regalia," she noted.

We believe that the feathers are very sacred and they help carry their prayers to heaven," she said. "And the sound of them when they're dancing, they're speaking to each other, the feathers are."

For thousands of years, Cedar City has been a

"costume." The eagle feathers worn by the dancers are of special significance, Gillard said, noting that such

gathering place starting with the ancestral people of the Paiute, Hopi, and Navajo Tribes. Our people are what makes Cedar City so vibrant

and exceptional. The people of Southern Utah have carved out of the desert a place they call home through vision, hard work and perseverance. Cedar City occupies the ancestral home of the Southern Paiute People. This land has a deep connection and we all call Southern Utah home.

There were between 500-750 who attended the Pow-Wow each day this year. The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah would like to thank all that attended their 44th Annual Restoration Gathering Pow-Wow, and hope to see you next year.

Parowan Youth Coach Convicted of Unlawful Conduct with a Minor

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 5th District Court judge sentenced a volunteer youth coach last week after he was found guilty for having sex with a minor he met on an online hookup site.

Judge Matthew Bell sentenced Chad Kay Robertson, 39, to one year in the Iron County Jail Monday June 3 and two years probation with credit for time served since Jan. 25 when he was first arrested.

Robertson, a former volunteer basketball coach at Parowan High School, was convicted on one count of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and dealing harmful materials to a minor, both third-degree felonies.

Robertson initially faced seven third-degree felonies including five counts of unlawful sexual conduct, one count of dealing harmful materials to a minor and one count of enticing a minor. However, the state dismissed all but two of the charges as part of a plea agreement.

According to court documents, Robertson met the minor through an online site called Sniffies, a map-based hookup web app for gay, bisexual and bicurious men, where the minor misrepresented his age.

"The 16-year-old minor stated that he lied about his age on this website in order to create his Sniffies profile account," the affidavit states.

Authorities said the boy reported meeting Robertson several times in various locations, including Robertson's home and a nearby park. Evidence from the boy's cell phone, including images and messages, supported his statements.

While the minor did not ever disclose his age to the defendant, he told police Robertson had seen him in a high school play where the two made eye contact several times. He also stated that their sexual relationship continued thereafter.

During the investigation, Robertson admitted to police the sexual interactions and to sending inappropriate photographs to the minor. He acknowledged that one encounter also occurred when the boy was 15 years old.

The minor told authorities that on Halloween he went "Trick or Treating" at Robertson's house with his friends and said he was surprised when Robertson's



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Man Convicted by Jury for Rape sentenced to a Minimum of Five Years

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A former Iron County resident was sentenced to prison last week after a jury found him guilty of raping a coworker in 2021.

Migel Angel Leon Gomez, 28 was handed down a sentence of five-years to life for three first-degree felonies including rape, forcible sodomy and object rape. He also received a sentence of one to 15 years for one count of forcible sexual abuse, a second-degree felony.

Each charge came with its own sentence but were ordered to run concurrently, allowing Gomez to serve them all at once rather than one after another.

Gomez was convicted by an eight-member jury after an emotional three-day trial in April for sexually

assaulting a coworker at a Paragonah dairy farm on Halloween morning of 2021.

According to the court documents, Gomez was arrested in Jerome, Idaho in January 2023 and extradited to Utah.

The affidavit, initially filed in 5th District Court by an Iron County Sheriff's investigator, stated that Gomez was accused of raping and sodomizing an adult female coworker nearly one morning inside a shed at their workplace in Paragonah.

The woman reported the incident to her supervisors. Gomez was terminated and "immediately" moved out of state. However, detectives located him in Jerome, Idaho two years later.

While Gomez told authorities he and the woman had been in a relationship for about three to four months, he was unable to provide

officers with her name. The affidavit stated he referred to her only as "guera," which is Spanish slang for "white girl."

"Gomez explained that in the early hours of the day on which he was confronted with these allegations, he and 'guera' had consensual sex," the documents state.

During trial, Iron County prosecutor Shane Klenk, described during his closing arguments what the 25-year-old woman experienced as "a nightmare of sight, sound, smell and pain," as she unsuccessfully tried to prevent the attack.

"She heard herself telling the defendant over and over again, 'No! Stop! This isn't happening!'" Klenk told the jury.

In contrast, Gomez continued to hold to the narrative that he and the woman were in a relationship and that

the incident was consensual.

Klenk argued the victim had undergone "arduous" counseling and therapy to combat her post-traumatic stress disorder and other issues from the traumatic event. He also commended her for her strength in returning to work after the incident occurred.

"Not because she wasn't bothered by going back to the shed. She continued to work there specifically because of how much it bothered her. She is determined to see that this assault will not define her, that it will not dictate the choices of her life," Klenk told the jury.

Several letters of support from family members and church leaders written on his behalf prior to sentencing described Gomez as having an upstanding character.

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OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT

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During his time in the Utah House of Representatives and prior, Phil has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the citizens of Utah. Phil's opposition to doubling the grocery tax during a time of rising inflation exemplifies his understanding of the economic pressures facing Utah citizens. Furthermore, his advocacy for secure elections reinforces the foundation of our Republic.

His strong stance against Federal overreach on Utah land during the Obama era, the prosecution he faced for his advocacy, and his official pardon by President Trump all demonstrate his commitment to fighting for Utah's sovereignty.

We highly value Phil's refusal to accept money from special interest groups that would undermine Utah's traditional family values.

We believe Phil Lyman is the leader we need to ensure a prosperous and principled future. We encourage Utah Citizens and county Republican Parties to join us in supporting his candidacy for Governor.

The Iron County Republican Party

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Better Roads Ahead



The Opening Ceremony featured Australian Country Singer, Morgan Evans, as the musical act for the show. Photo from Brynlee Clark



Hosted by SUU and presented by State Bank, SUU Football Team displays posters of Sports Events, at the Opening Ceremony. Photo from Brynlee Clark

GAMES

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Chosen as the torchbearer due to his competitive spirit and passion that embodies the same spirit fueling the Games, Padilla's appreciation of the event is tied to the inspiration of athletes of all levels.

In addition to boosting the confidence of individual athletes, USG hopes to create a sense of community within Utah, Cedar City and the community as a whole. Utah prominent figures attending the event were Utah First Lady Abby Cox, Utah Congresswoman Celeste Maloy, SUU President Mindy Benson and Eric Schmutz, the president and CEO of the opening Ceremony's present-ing sponsor.

The full event signaled the start of summer for Cedar City, where the Games will continue to thrive in coming weeks.

In the spirit of giving back, the ceremony highlighted the recently announced "Summer Games Serves" initiative, designed to raise funds for the SUU HOPE PANTRY, which offers food and essential items to SUU students and community members in need.

The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games were built on pillars that included teamwork and a love of community. The Utah Summer Games is a festival for athletes of all ages and abilities. Since 1986, the event has been conducted at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah. This year was exceptional, with a total of 9,600 participants, 50 thousand spectators, and 1,000 volunteers. USG would like to thank all of the participants and volunteers who made this year a huge success.

"The strength of the team is each member."

Savage Cedar City, UT Transload Sets Stage For Regional Economic Growth

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Savage, the Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA), Iron County and Cedar City are proud to announce the grand opening of the new Savage Cedar City, Ut Transload facility, providing transload services between trucks and railcars, on-site storage for shippers, and direct access to Union Pacific Railroad. By connecting area businesses and agriculture producers to broader national and global markets, this latest addition to the Savage Transload Network will help optimize supply chains, drive regional economic growth, bolster industry efficiency and foster sustainable transportation solutions.

"We're excited to connect Iron County and Southern Utah communities to the national rail network at our new transload facility and create more efficient supply chains, with providing more environmentally friendly alternative to long

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ECONOMIC GROWTH

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including 70 railcar spots available for transloading a wide variety of materials and food-grade products. The event was attended by local business leaders, elected officials, community members, and representatives from various sectors, all eager to witness the impact of the railport on local and regional development.

"This new railport in Iron County is a tremendous opportunity to expand services for our trucking and industrial businesses," said Cedar City Mayor Garth O. Green. "Companies like Savage are leading the way and we look forward to all that's to come."

"The opening of the Savage Cedar City, Ut. Transload facility is a landmark event for our county," said Iron County Commissioner Mike Bleak. "It promises not only to create jobs but also to integrate Iron County more deeply into the national economic fabric. We are proud to collaborate with Savage, UIPA and Cedar City on this new transportation infrastructure, which will bring lasting benefits to our communities and businesses."

The Cedar City & Iron County Office of Economic Development provides rich business resources to foster retail, tourism, manufacturing, distribution and business opportunities. Cedar City & Iron County are within one day's trucking from major western markets, with immediate access to Interstate 15, a regional airport and railroad connectivity. We are recognized for our seam-



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less business development process, an educated workforce pipeline known for longevity, and an unmatched quality of life with fresh air, access to national parks and home of the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Learn more at www.cedarcityut.gov/econdev or follow on Facebook.



Last summer, we as a Community, celebrated our **"Railroad Centennial 100 Years"** and now-The Railroad is back!



Ribbon Cutting June 7, 2024, attended by local business leaders, elected officials, community members, Grand Opening of Savage Cedar City Transload Facility.

haul trucking," said Jason Ray, President of Savage's Infrastructure Sector.

The grand opening event, held June 7, 2024, with a "Ribbon Cutting", showcased the new facility's capabilities,

PAROWAN YOUTH COACH

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wife answered the door.

While, according to the court documents, Robertson had always left the lights off in the house when the two were together, the minor was still able to describe the inside of the home to officers.

Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson said that under Utah law, ignorance of a minor's true age is not a defense in these types of

cases.

"It is the adult's responsibility to verify the age of their sexual partner," Dotson said. "In cases like this the prosecution does not have to prove intent. So, in other words, we don't have to show that he intended to have sex with a minor because adults are responsible to make sure that who they're sleeping with are of age."



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As our nation stands at a crossroads, it's imperative to rally behind leaders who champion conservative values. The recent Republican Party convention's showcased individuals committed to the US constitution and GOP party platform. By supporting these convention winners, we uphold the principles that have made America great. Let your voice be heard in the upcoming elections – vote for the Republican Party Endorsed Candidates.

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ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

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Collective performed at
the "Music In The
Park"*

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Music at its Best!

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

An afternoon and evening of acoustic and Americana music outdoors-Iron County Acoustic on June 8, 2024. Music Association presented its 6th Annual Music In The Park. Cedar City's Main Street Park was packed with music enthusiasts of all ages. This year they featured 7 local and regional acoustic music arts. The songwriters and singers entertained with various styles and unique blends of

instruments and vocals.

The bands: Lyndy Butler and her band kicked off the event, followed by Jason Tyler Burton, Kaitlin Sevy returned to Cedar City with her solo set, Pompe N' Honey from the Wasatch Front was energetic and infectious. Django Reinhardt, Bob Wills, songs from toe-tapping' to soft blues filled the park with music.

Music in the Park as the sun's rays round out a full day of roots music, Moonsville Collective, a Southern California band has roots music well in hand and fueled the

connection to original old-time music enjoyed by everyone. Their musical and songwriting skills were definitely well-experienced. They have a new album in the showcase, the band plays with soulful purpose and spontaneous energy.

Outdoor music brings the community together, especially with nature mixing with great music. Natural Ambience & Connection With Nature, Is The Purpose Of Outdoor Concerts. Watch for more music concerts coming to Cedar City Main Street Park.

Folk Music filled the air at the Music In The Park Concert, Cedar City Main Street Park, June 8, 2024. Photo credit Nick Gordon



by Mary Ann Anderson

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

She approached me in the grocery one Friday morning. She looked familiar to me, but I couldn't have said her name. "I love your columns", she said. "If it weren't for them, I wouldn't know what to do! I was grateful for her comments because that is the object of the column in the first place: to keep the community apprised of the many and varied cultural events there are to do in the summer around here—besides the Shakespeare Festival, of course.

The USF opens with Henry VIII on June 17th and presents one more

Just in Case You're Bored....."

play a day until there are 6 plays a day tapering off in early October. But the plays aren't all. Every day there are Greenshows, seminars, orientations, tours, classes, camps, and Repertory Magic. Some are free, some not, but there is something to do every day. You come from 15 minutes away; many people come from out of state. There are brochures all around town; pick one up and see what appeals to you most.

Then there is a single event instead of a daily show. The Master Singers will sing its Fathers' Day Concert at the Heritage Theater on June 16th. Besides the music, it is a treat to see the men in their white dinner jackets.

Summer is at its best at Red Acre Farm. If you are not familiar with the Farm, look it up and learn what you are missing.

The farm is open every day for buying vegetables and seeing the animals, from the disgusting pig to the adorable baby goats. On the following dates—June 8th, July 20th, August 10th, and September 14th, Saturday evenings—ride your bikes out to the Farm for good food, live music, and sunsets, one guaranteed every night! And on the last Saturday morning of the month, go out for the best breakfast you could buy. There will be a line, so choose if you want early or mid.

Art in the Park invites gradeschool children and their grownups to free artistic events in the Main Street Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are only 2 days in June left, the 18th and 25th but worth checking out, I think.

I'll bet you don't know about this. On

Wednesdays in the Cedar City Library, starting at 6:30, adults will have the opportunity to sketch famous characters. Each week, a member of the community who resembles said character, dresses up and participants get a chance to sketch the model. I have a friend who is the charming image of the little man in Up whose house got floated away by all those balloons. He was the model one night, I'll imagine with appropriate expressions. All skill levels are welcome.

And I'll just mention the first Final Friday Art Walk of this season on June 28th on Center Street to SUMA. It will be a real party, as vendors and live musicians will be displaying and playing until Shakespeare presents the Greenshow. The weather will be perfect.

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From coaching youth sports to establishing the Robinson Family Pumpkin Patch, I've always been driven by the spirit of service. As your county commissioner, I will carry this spirit into public office, ensuring every decision benefits our community.

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Sincerely,

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Candidate for Iron County Commission Seat C

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AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE & AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE 2024



Girls State 2024 Students (Pictured L to R)
Georgia Johnson, American Legion Auxiliary
Commander, Ayvri Petersen, Charlotte Pulica,
Isabelle McCleary, and Darrin Duncan, Cedar City
American Legion Representative



Boys State 2024 Students (Pictured L to R)
Joshua Barrick, Randy Dexter, Nelson Jolley, Samuel
Hodnett, Owen Spencer and Darrin Duncan, Cedar
City American Legion Representative. (not pictured
Tanner Westwood)

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are proud to announce the selection of local outstanding high school students to attend Utah's Boys and Girls State. The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary courses are the foremost programs in the United States for training young people to be responsible citizens and to understand our representative democracy. State Officials and veterans teach this patriotic course.

Students attending receive three university credits in political science and the opportunity to earn scholarships. Previous local students have received the program's top scholarships. Two southern Utah students received a \$20,000 national Samsung Scholarship. Samsung Corporation provides this scholarship to show appreciation for the American Soldier's service during the Korean War. Only nine scholarships are awarded annually, and Cedar City students have received this honor twice.

Part of the program's curriculum involves participating in elections. Students elected as a Senator, Governor, or Lieutenant Governor are invited to attend Boys and Girls Nation the following summer in Washington DC. Students meet Utah's elected leaders and receive

personal tours of the capital. Several of our previous students have been elected to these offices and have gone to Washington DC. The students that the Cedar City American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary select to attend Boys and Girls State are the cream of the crop. They are leaders within their schools and community and enjoy good grades and have bright futures.

The Cedar City American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Post 74 are grateful to our local sponsors that help send these students to attend Utah's Boys and Girls State. Sponsors include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, State Bank of Southern Utah, Cedar City Lions Club, The Dixie and Anne Leavitt Family Foundation, Cedar City Rotary Club, Southern Utah Mortuary, R Scott Phillips, and the Cedar City Elks Lodge. If your organization would like to help these wonderful students attend Utah Boys and Girls State, please mail a check made payable to:

Cedar City American Legion Post 74
PO Box 2231
Cedar City, Utah 84721

Additionally, there has been a beautiful patriotic quilt on display at State Bank of Southern Utah, 377 N Main Street with the opportunity to win the quilt, while supporting these students.

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

3rd Thurs., 6:30pm. Cedar City Hall 10 N Main Street

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. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829 KKC B Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

Red Road to Sobriety • Mon, 6 pm Paiute Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

Red Creek Group • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E,

Parowan • (435) 477-8925

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Caregivers

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

Celebrate Recovery 12-Step

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603

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

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

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 @ Sonrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & 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 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 cedarmodela@gmail.com.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

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

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

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Community Band

We offer a wealth of opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels to get involved and experience the joy of ensemble music-making. Contact us at www.cedarcitycommunityband.org 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

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.

Community Dance: Live music, Classic Country, Oldies Rock & Roll.

3rd Friday of every month, 7-9 pm. Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. No cover. Call the Senior Center for more information at 435-586-0832.

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

Adolescent: 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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

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

TOPS–Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

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

Youth Group

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • Ages 12-18. Meal, games & Bible Study. @ Sonrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

calendar

FRI, JUN 14

Flag Day

17TH RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS AWARDS NIGHT (6PM)

Join us for dinner, films or both at Frontier Homestead State Park Museum in Cedar City, Utah for an unforgettable evening of food, awards and cinema! Get your tickets in advance for a free ticket to Frontier Homestead State Park Museum. The Red Rock Film Festival screens a variety of award-winning films from last year's festival. Find out who will win the Best Features, Best Shorts, Best Acting, Animation, Dance, Utah Filmmaker and all that jazz, ending with the SKA music doc "Patou: In Black & White". You can get tickets online (redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org) or at the door and enjoy dinner with your friends while watching some amazing film.

6 pm: Dinner Reception and Film Screenings \$30 in advance. \$50 on June 14.

7 pm: Film Screenings Only. \$10 Admission in advance. \$15 on June 14. Sponsored by Ophelia Events, Visit Cedar City Brian Head, and Digital Pigeon.

BRIAN HEAD BIKE PARK LIFT OPENS (9:30AM-5PM)

The Bike Park at Brian Head Resort has fantastic lift served, gravity-fed descents on 19 interchangeable downhill bike trails, with options for families, experts, and everyone in between. The high-speed Giant Steps Express Lift (Lift 2) at Brian Head Resort runs from 9:30 am to 5 pm every Friday through Sunday until September 29, 2024. Kids ages 12 and younger enjoy unlimited mountain bike uplifts all summer.

SAT, JUN 15

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET

(10AM-1PM) - @ IFA (905 S MAIN ST, Cedar). FREE. Farmers, food, artisans. Drawings, bingo, more! INFO: Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or Nancy 435-463-3735

FESTIVAL CITY MARKET (10AM-1PM)

@ (CENTER ST. & 100 W) BY Bristlecone Coffee. FREE. Handmade treasures and a bounty of local farmers, backyard gardeners, fresh fruits, veggies, with local artisans for jewelry, art, wood, pottery.

MIDVALLEY FARMERS MARKET & ARTISAN FAIRE (5-8PM) @ (780

Midvalley Rd. Enoch). Live music,

jump house, face painting, and more. Beautiful, unique items. Have dinner, listen to music, let the kids play in the jump house. INFO: Text: 435-704-6916

DUO EXHIBIT (2-4PM) TWO LOCAL

artists Sandra Anderson & Carol Stenger share their stories of familiar places & events of Southern Utah through mediums of oil, pastel & watercolor. We invite you to join us for our artists' reception and Open House! Exhibit now showing thru June 30th! Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N Main Street, Cedar City.

SUN, JUN 16

Fathers Day

THE INTERFAITH CHOIR ADULT PRACTICE (4-5PM)

CAIFA is pleased to announce the return of The Interfaith Choir performing for the patriotic program, sing-along and icecream social on June 30th. Practices held at Christ the King Catholic Church, 690 Cove Drive, Cedar City. For more information call or text 435-592-3665.

MON, JUN 17

THE INTERFAITH CHOIR CHILD/ YOUTH PRACTICE (10-11AM)

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TUES, JUN 18

SOUTHWEST TECH OPENHOUSE (6-8PM)

Join us for demos of our programs, food & music! First 100 attendees will get a free T-Shirt. A raffle will also be held to win a tent, paddleboard, hammock, pickleball set, firepit, and more!

THURS, JUN 20

VISION IRON COUNTY TOWN HALL

(7-8PM) Vision Iron County will be hosting a town hall led by Linda

Hahne on Iron County water rights. Even if you don't own any, they still affect you! This is an opportunity for anyone to learn about how these water rights formed and where they're headed. At a time when water conservation means the most, it's important to understand what can be done about it. Please join us in the Southwest Technical College Multipurpose Room for this educational public event!

LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE WITH CHRONIC PAIN CLASS (1-3PM)

This class meets virtually on zoom every Thursday for 6 weeks (June 20-August 1). You will learn how to live a better life with chronic pain. This class was developed by Stanford University and is taught by trained and certified leaders. The class and materials are FREE. Call 435-673-3548 X103 or email RSVP@fivecounty.utah.gov to register.

FRI, JUN 21

PAROWAN OLD ROCK CHURCH DAYS

Fundraiser for a new roof to preserve this iconic 1860's building and DUP Museum artifacts. Fri. June 21: Quilt show starting at noon. Sat. June 22, 10 am Activities for the entire family: corn hole, huge inflatable, food entertainment, silent auction, Pioneer events, then dinner at 5:30 pm.

SUN, JUN 23

THE INTERFAITH CHOIR ADULT PRACTICE (4-5PM)

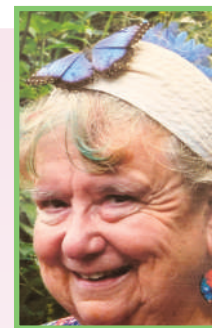
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MON, JUN 24

THE INTERFAITH CHOIR CHILD/ YOUTH PRACTICE (10-11AM)

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celebrations



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Karen Ann Rood

On Flag Day, June 14, 2024, my beautiful bride (aka: the old woman) of almost 38 years, turns 80 years. She says she remembers a parade on her birthday on the base where they were stationed. Her father told her the parade was to celebrate her birthday, and she was so happy. Then, her oldest brother told her it was to celebrate Flag Day, not her birthday. He busted her bubble. Her dad asked her why she married a swabbie. She loves flutterbies. When you see her, ask her about "the old woman", "flutterbies" and "Kawren". Happy birthday Karen. I and your family and friends love you.

Flag Day Reminder!

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day the United States Army celebrates its birthday. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a flag resolution stating, "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in the blue field, representing a new Constellation." Now that America had its flag, the country set out to establish itself as a new nation. However, it took 100 years for President Woodrow Wilson to mark the anniversary of the Second Continental Congress decree by establishing June 14 as Flag Day. Please remember to fly your American Flag on Flag Day, June 14, 2024 because this flag which we honour and under which we serve is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation.

history

Parowan's Old Rock Church needs your help to "Raise the Roof"

PART 3

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In this third of my ongoing articles about the restoration of the Parowan Old Rock Church, I would like to recognize those who have contributed so much to the effort, Tom & Liz Zaleski, Karen Miller, Ava Chamberlain and Lola Ann Jones, along with Parowan Mayor Mollie Halterman, who have all worked tirelessly to keep this worthwhile project moving along smoothly.

The mayor has reached out to the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) who help fund worthwhile historic preservation projects and the church seemed to be a perfect fit and an ideal project to be chosen as a grant recipient. The matching grant of \$20,000 was with the provision that we abide by their mandate that the City complete the work specified by SHPO and proudly, this has all been completed well before the deadline, including straightening and securing the steeple and restoring and repainting all the white wood trim, including all the doors and windows. Interestingly, when two of the SHPO officers came to visit the church and museum, they took the time

to sign the visitors book with the comment "This is the coolest building in Southern Utah."

Mayor Halterman and the restoration committee have also taken on the task of offering and selling memorial engraved bricks that will be prominently displayed in a proposed memorial garden on the church grounds once the restoration work is completed and there's no more paint to drip on them. Last year, over 200 bricks were sold, which went a long way to funding this year's restoration work, which you can see for yourself on June 22nd at this year's fundraiser. If you have never had a chance to tour the museum, it's like a time machine to another era and gives you a much better grasp on how this community came together and how lucky we all are that this group of early pioneers set into motion the lifestyle we enjoy today. The younger generation can get a whole new perspective and maybe realize things are not so bad around here after all.

The mayor, along with City council members will be in a tent on the park grounds taking turns encouraging families and businesses to buy a small or large brick for \$150 or \$300 accordingly.



The larger bricks allow up to six lines of a personalized message about a family member or ancestor, and the smaller bricks up to three lines. If there's just no way you can be here for the fundraiser, you will be missed, however, the bricks will continue to be available in the Parowan City offices, Parowan Visitor's Center, the Parowan library and through the volunteers and tour guides at the Old Rock Church. It's a good time to honor your ancestors, and will be a place for your descendants to visit once you're gone and for them to appreciate the contribution you made to keep this landmark intact for the generations yet to come. The existing bricks from last years fundraiser will be on display to give an idea of how they look.

Mayor Halterman also pointed out to me that the one square block that houses the Old Rock Church also includes our two other churches, the replacement for the Old Rock Church, a Frank Lloyd Wright style building built in 1917, and the newest church built in 2013. They are all within a couple of hundred feet of each other, and were built in three different centuries and our mayor aptly refers to the square as "the Court of the Centuries." They are also the three tallest buildings in town. All of them are connected to our Main Street city park which will be the venue for the fundraiser, guaranteed to be a family friendly affair for —

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faith

Henry's Place Sends Helping Hands to Local Homeless Shelter

by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On May 28th, an enthusiastic group of young men descended on the local homeless shelter for a service project. These young men are attending a week long summer camp at Henry's Place. They came to remove the old, worn out mattresses from the beds at the shelter, and replace them with new mattresses provided by the state. The energetic and lively crew made short work of the project. Henry's Place runs weekly Christian-based camps throughout the summer, alternating between boys camps and girls camps. Most of the youth who participate are underprivileged kids from Las Vegas. It was a joy to watch their spirit and enthusiasm as they set to the task at hand.

While I was there, I spoke with James Jetton, who is serving as executive director at Care and Share, and Sierra Waters, operations manager.



James told me that the shelter has already served 195 people this year (people who checked in and stayed at least one night). He said that this is a 78% increase over the same period last year. If things continue at this same pace, they expect to serve up to 500 people this year, which is more than they have ever served in a year. There are generally about 30-38 people in the shelter.

Jetton said that the majority of people served at Iron County Care and Share are from Iron County, followed by a smaller number from Washington County, and then people from other areas of Utah, and a few from out of state. He said that in the past few years, they have seen a fairly drastic increase in the number of seniors who are experiencing homelessness.

Care and Share is a temporary shelter, and the goal is to help get people's situation stabilized and get them into more permanent housing. Seniors make up about 20% of the people they are serving right now, many of whom are disabled. Besides helping them get into stable housing, helping them often includes helping them get medical help.

There are also a lot of women and families who need help. About 50 to 80% of women who come to the shelter are fleeing domestic violence, making Canyon Creek one of their key partners. Jetton says the goal is to help people find pathways out of crisis.

A major need in Cedar City is for more affordable housing. Although there are some housing projects for seniors and low income people, it is not enough to meet needs. Much of the affordable housing in Cedar City is student only housing.

An interesting note about the relationship between Henry's Place and the Iron County Care

and Share program is that Henry's Place has vol-

unteered to serve as a code blue back-up shelter for Care and Share in the winter. This means that when temperatures are projected to drop to 15 degrees or lower for 2 hours, and the Care and Share has more people who need shelter than they can provide for, people can go to Henry's Place to find a safe, warm shelter until the emergency conditions have passed.

One project that the Care and Share is doing is to create a community garden, which will help supply fresh food in the summer. The residents have also been excited about this project. While they are just passing through, it has been a favorite activity to help out in the garden.

The shelter has also received funding that has allowed them to add onsite security. This has greatly lowered the number of calls that have to be made to local law enforcement, and the problems that arise at the shelter. The shelter also benefits from volunteers who come in to prepare meals, and can always use more volunteers here and for the pantry.

Sierra Waters spoke about some of the needs of the shelter. One of the biggest needs is for men's underwear and socks. They also need new or gently used sweatpants and T-shirts because these are easier to fit to people. Backpacks are also helpful, and there is a need for twin fitted sheets. Children's clothes are also in demand.



4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMS

4-H is a national youth development program focused on:

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THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- The only event on Friday, June 21 is a quilt show in the church basement from 12 to 8 PM, continuing into Saturday from 10am to 4pm. A \$5 entry fee will also enter you into a drawing for a very cool quilt made by Diane Decker. After viewing the quilts, it would be a good time to walk upstairs and tour the museum which will be open on Friday and Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.
- Saturday from 10am to 4pm many other events are planned, including:
 - A tour of the Jesse N. Smith historical home, just across the street from the ORC.
 - The rededication of the recently restored John C. Fremont plaque.
 - A bake sale, an inflatable obstacle course and cotton candy.
 - Parowan Stake Primary will serve free ice cream and have crafts available from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
 - Entertainment and vendor food trucks.
 - Pioneer games: Corn Hole and Nine Square.
 - A Pioneer Hand Cart Experience presented by The Sons of Utah Pioneers.
 - Silent auction and community yard sale.
 - Free family photo with the church in the background taken either on your phone, or on our camera and emailed to you.
- At 5:30 pm there is a dinner and a very lively auction which was very entertaining last year, well worth the \$8 donation (\$5 for children) and will make you proud you came to help us raise funds for the new roof.

Please try to be there for some quality family time that you won't forget, and if you can't make it, watch this newspaper soon for a story and photos about what you missed.



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obituaries

Rayma Thornton Clark



Rayma Thornton Clark, age 88, passed away Friday, May 31, 2024 at the Cedar City Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 16, 1935, in Cedar City, Utah to Carlos Earl Thornton and Roka Prothero. Rayma married Conrad Clark on May 31, 1958 in Paragonah, Utah. Their marriage was solemnized in the St. George Temple on August 26, 1972. They have resided in Cedar City their entire married life. They were married 66 years, to the day.

Rayma was blessed to have three brothers and one sister: Gerry, Reed, Lynn and Delores. She grew up in Paragonah, Utah, attending elementary school in Paragonah, and then graduating from Parowan High School in 1953. Following high school, Rayma enrolled at CSU (SUU) and obtained an Associate's Degree in 1955. She then took employment with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BLM) followed by employment with the Dixie National Forest Service. After her children were older and in school, Rayma returned to work for the BLM. She ended her working career with the Beaver River Resource Office.

Rayma was a very active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She had a strong testimony and shared it often with her family. She served in the Primary and Relief Society. She was an excellent visiting teacher and ministering sister. She loved to serve those around her, especially her family. She loved attending the Temple and doing Family History. She cherished her membership with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. She was very active in the PTA when her children were in school. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed reading and was an excellent cook. Her favorite places to go were to Paragonah and to Horse Valley.

Rayma is survived by her husband Conrad and their children Greg (Pattie) of Enterprise, Utah, Andrea (Raymond) Masterson, Glenn (Natalie), Bruce of Cedar City, Utah and Steven (Suzanne) of Yuma, Arizona, 13 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren, and brother Lynn Thornton and brother-in-law Dale Robinson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Delores Robinson, brothers Gerry and Reed Thornton, grandson Brett Wade Clark and granddaughter-in-law Candice Masterson.

The family would like to thank Cedar City Hospital and its ICU team, and Dr. Todd Garrett and his staff, for the exceptional care that was shown to our mother and grandmother.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Cedar 4th Ward Building, 500 West 400 North, Cedar City, Utah. Viewings will be held on Friday, June 7, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the church and again on Saturday June 8, 2024 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the church. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the service and leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Barbara Joyce (Davis) Theiler



Barbara Joyce (Davis) Theiler, age 85, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on June 5, 2024 in Cedar City, Utah. She was born on September 10, 1938 in San Pedro California to Robert and Florence (Flicker) Davis the oldest of 3 daughters.

Barbara was raised in Lomita California and graduated from Narbonne High School. After graduating from high school, Barbara married Malchom Theiler, Jr a United States Marine and raised 3 daughters in Santa Barbara, California. Barbara and her family moved to Cedar City Utah in 1997 after retiring from the Santa Barbara News Press after 30 years. During her adult years Barbara was a member of the Women's Bowling League in California and Utah and participated in national tournaments throughout the country. Barbara had a love for books and visited bookstores to find the next book to read.

Barbara was preceded by her husband Malchom of 57 years; her parents Robert and Florence (Flicker) Davis; and her sister Bette (Davis) Boelter. Barbara is survived by her sister Bonnie (Davis) Allen of Midland MI; daughters Roberta Theiler of Cedar City UT, Rebecca (Steve Corby) Theiler of Moorpark CA, and Ruth (Michael) Raso of Washington, IL; Grandchildren Tina (Larry Good) Powell, Jeremy (Blerta) Pecharich, Shannon (Ahmed Samin) Powell and Steven (Stacy) Pecharich; and Great-Grandchildren Zoe (18), Devin (12), Claire (8), Natalie (7), William (5), Sarah (5), Madison (2) and Malik (1).

Private family members only ceremony schedule on June 15, 2024 in Cedar City. In memory of her love of animals, please donate to the local ASPCA in her name.

Lyle Wimmer Mortensen



Lyle Wimmer Mortensen passed away from this earthly life on June 6, 2024, in Cedar City UT. Born December 13, 1936, Lyle grew up in Parowan graduating from Parowan High School in 1955. He married Nancy Nowers on February 22, 1961, in Las Vegas Nevada and to this union were blessed with 5 children. Their marriage was solemnized in the St. George Temple. Lyle loved his sweetheart Nancy, and his family was his most treasured possession.

Lyle's 42-year career path employed him with Federal Aviation, working in various field stations throughout the Country. He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, serving in multiple bishoprics and scouting. He and Nancy's most cherished calling was serving as ordinance workers in the St. George and Cedar temples and the Bishop's Store House. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, sports, and watching a good horse race. He was a kind and loving Father and Grandfather and was so proud of all their accomplishments. He led by example and was a kind, patient, and soft-spoken man that will be greatly missed by so many.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, children Kelly and Julie (Zane) Beaver UT, ReNea Henderson NV, Kyle (Shelley) Aurora CO, and Shawn (Crystal) Tropic UT. Fifteen grandchildren, 22 great, and 2 great-great grandchildren and brother, Jerry (LaRae), Cedar City UT.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Larry Mortensen and sister Delores Imrie and granddaughters, Shelly Davis and Jacy Mortensen.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday June 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with a viewing from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at (LDS Stake Center 155 E. 400 S. Cedar City UT). Interment will be in the Mountain View Cemetery, Beaver UT under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made, and the live stream of Lyle's service will be available at mortuary.org.

Harry Charles "Chuck" Ferris



It is with the heaviest of hearts we announce the passing of our Dear Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather. Harry Charles "Chuck" Ferris. He left this earthly life on June 8th in Las Vegas at the age of 89. He resided in Enoch, Utah (The Ranch) and Las Vegas. He is survived by his wife Florence Truman Ferris, Daughters Diana (Vince) Browning, Linda (Grant) Stewart, Barbara (Jeff) Ambuehl, and Brenda (Rob) Arnold. He had nine Grandchildren Christa, James, Justin, Jesse, Joleen, Steven, and Caleb, and 16 great grandchildren, his Sister-in-law Bonnie and many nieces and nephews. He had a strong work ethic and built two successful companies Rapid Mechanical (HVAC), and Action Air a (Service Company). He held many positions in SMACNA serving as President twice and served on the Sheetmetal Apprenticeship Board. He loved his country and had a great appreciation and respect for it. He had a great love for his family and instilled many great qualities and values in them. Always by his great example. He organized many family gatherings making lasting memories through the generations. He loved planning from menus, places to camp and adventures. He loved nature and the great outdoors. He blessed many people providing a helping hand when needed. He had many lifelong friends. He truly enjoyed world travel and saw many sights and cultures. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tease. His best friend was a four-legged furry friend named Lincoln. They were great companions. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, brothers Jim and Ed, Sister Anne, Granddaughter Melissa, and Grandson Jeremy. He is survived by his brother John, Sister-in-law Bonnie and many nieces and nephews. He was the most AWESOME EARTHLY Father and a true treasured Patriarch. He will be forever missed. Funeral services Sunday, June 16th at 2:00 at Palm Mortuary Eastern 7600 S. Eastern Las Vegas, 89123.

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Richard "Dick" Lyon



Richard "Dick" Lyon - April 20, 1936 - June 6, 2024

"He is just the most thoughtful man. I just love him." If we had a nickel for every time someone sent that to us, we'd have an awful lot of nickels. To know Dick was to love him. Even on the last day of his life, he was asking the nurses and doctors about themselves and thanking them for what they were doing.

Dick was born on April 20, 1936, to H. Lyle and Emily Lyon in Wyandotte, Michigan. The fourth-born of six children, Dick was a mischievous, curious little boy with a golden voice. He went to Michigan State University, where he met the love of his life, Kathryn Brown. The ponytail-bouncing brunette captured his heart and didn't let go. They celebrated 54 wonderful years together this side of Heaven, and another 10 after Kathy passed. Kathy and Dick had two wonderful children - Mark and Susan - who were the lights of their eyes. Between them and their six grandchildren, they felt rich in blessings.

Dick spent many years in education - teaching history, advising at universities, and finally teaching health systems management for Ferris State University after a stint of running Baywood nursing home in Ludington, Michigan. In 2019, he followed his daughter to Cedar City, Utah. He loved the mountains and sitting outside - sipping his coffee as he watched the sun make the mountains shine.

On June 6, 2024, Dick joined his bride in Heaven after a brief illness. He is preceded in death by his parents (H. Lyle and Emily Loree Lyon), his siblings (Martha and Raoul Sartori, Bob and Sally Lyon, Tom and Nancy Lyon, Gail Peterson, and Mary Emily and David Jenkins), and his precious wife, Kathryn Brown Lyon. He is survived by his son Mark (Tiffany) Lyon, his daughter Susan (Steve) Merrill, and his grandchildren (Alex Lyon, Jack Lyon, David Vargas-Arvizu, Aidan Roustian, Zachary Merrill and Mackenzie Merrill).

A Celebration of Life will be held later this Summer in Cedar City, Utah. Those details will be on social media, or you can contact either Mark or Susan. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the grandchildren's college funds. Donations can be made to The Lyon's Den Scholarship Fund at the State Bank of Southern Utah.

We ask that any who were affected by this amazing man that we got to call "Dad", please do a random act of kindness and post it to social media with the hashtag #Thanks4TheMemoriesLyonheart. We hope that his legacy of kindness will live on.

Arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at mortuary.org

From the moment she enters his world, a daughter becomes a precious gem, etching her place forever in her father's heart. A father's love for his daughter is unwavering, unconditional, and pure. He becomes her protector, guiding her through life's ups and downs, always ready to lend a helping hand!



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As Father's Day approaches, it offers us a precious opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the profound impact fathers have on our families, communities, and society at large. Fathers, often the unsung heroes in our daily lives, play an instrumental role in shaping the future, one child at a time. Fathers teach many important lessons to a child. They teach how to be affectionate, and supportive, and how to take care of everyone else, by giving the best example, and all of this while being

resilience, and a sense of security. Fathers are not just providers; they are mentors, role models, and companions who share in the joys and challenges of life, guiding their children through the ups and downs with unwavering support. A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way. Every father has a legacy. Every father has a story to tell—past, present, and future.

Research consistently highlights the critical role fathers play in the cognitive and emotional development of their children.

Celebrating Fathers: The Unsung Pillars of Our Society

great examples themselves.

Paternal bonds are powerful. The presence of a caring father, or father figure can significantly alter a child's trajectory, instilling confidence,

Children with involved fathers are more likely to excel academically, develop healthy social skills, and exhibit higher self-esteem. The unique ways in which fathers interact with their children, often characterized by playfulness and encouragement of risk-taking, complement maternal nurturing and provide a balanced upbringing.

In our communities, fathers contribute to the stability and well-being of families. A father's engagement often correlates with stronger family cohesion and stability, which in turn fosters a supportive environment for children to thrive. Quality time spent with children is invaluable; it is in these moments that lifelong memories are made, lessons are imparted, and bonds are strengthened. Whether it's through coaching a sports team, helping with homework, or simply sharing a meal, these interactions are the bedrock of a child's world.

Moreover, the impact of fathers extends beyond the family unit. Fathers who actively participate in their

children's lives contribute to building stronger, more resilient communities. They serve as positive role models, not only for their own children but also others in the community. Their involvement in community activities, schools, and local organizations helps to foster a sense of collective responsibility and community spirit.

This Father's Day, let us honor and celebrate the fathers who tirelessly devote themselves to their families and communities. Let us acknowledge their sacrifices, their love, and unwavering commitment to being there for their children. They are the quiet strength, the steady hand, and the guiding light in the lives of many.

To all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and father figures—thank you. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. You are shaping the future, one moment at a time, and for that, we are eternally grateful. Happy Father's Day!

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VAN GISBERGEN

King of the Road at Sonoma



Shane Van Gisbergen, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Zip Buy Now, Pay Later 250 at Sonoma Raceway on June 8, Meg Oliphant/Getty Images

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

SONOMA, Calif.

— After his 2023 road course win in the NASCAR Cup Series at Chicago, Shane Van Gisbergen knew the sky was the limit when he signed with Kaulig Racing to run in the XFINITY Series.

On June 8, the driver from New Zealand continued his dominance with left- and right-hand turns and won for the second straight week.

Taking away the lead from Austin Hill with 11 laps to go, Van Gisbergen pulled away and rolled to the checkered flag in the Zip Buy Now Pay Later 250 at Sonoma Raceway. Staying true to his roots, SVG celebrated by punting a rugby ball from the start-finish line into the stands.

"The car got beat up again, but what a race," Van Gisbergen said. "I had to make some moves through the field and had some really awesome racing with

people. On the last restart, I was making a hole no matter what."

To celebrate his win, Van Gisbergen punted a rugby ball into the stands for the second time in as many weeks.

"I said at the start of the year I gotta come up with something for a win," he said. "Daniel (Suarez) has the pinata, Ross (Chastain) smashes and wastes perfectly good watermelon. I grew up with rugby, love the sport, and I always support my country and the All Blacks. To have a rugby ball means a lot, and I don't know how many more I'll get to kick."

Van Gisbergen followed up his win on the road course at Portland (Ore.) last week with the pole for the race at Sonoma. The driver from New Zealand was the only one in the top 10 to complete his qualifying lap in under 75 seconds (1:14.677 seconds, 95.933 mph) and was tops on the practice charts one day earlier.

Ty Gibbs qualified second at 1:15.02 and 95.458 mph, and the pair stayed that way in the running order until Gibbs elected to pit with three laps remaining. Van Gisbergen went on to win Stage 1 and led all 20 laps.

Thanks to the early pit, Gibbs was able to reverse roles and stay out to finish with the win in Stage 2. Van Gisbergen restarted eighth, but was able to rally back late, passing Jesse Love to finish second. A miscommunication with his pit crew cost SVG a shot at a second stage win, and he restarted from fifth.

Before the first racing lap of Stage 3 could be completed, a 14-car wreck happened on the uphill portion of the course in Turn 2. It was the first caution for an on-track incident, and Van Gisbergen avoided the trouble well enough to stay in fourth.

In contrast, Gibbs suffered a slow pit stop and got caught up in the wreck. He finished 35th.

When the race's final restart hit with 11 laps to go, Van Gisbergen was in the right place at the right time, moving to the infield dirt to complete a pass and take away the lead from Austin Hill in Turn 10.

With the past history of a last-lap surprise pass by Kyle Larson that cost him a shot at the win at Circuit of the Americas in March, Hill wasn't exactly ready to comment over the move made by SVG.

"I'll leave it to the keyboard warriors on this one. Whatever I say will probably be wrong," Hill said. "We had a top-five and I gotta be proud of that."

There were only three lead changes between Van Gisbergen, Hill and Gibbs. SVG led the most laps with 32, Gibbs led 26 and Hill was in front for 21 circuits. The winning average speed was 71.986 mph, and there were four caution flags that ate up 14 of the 79 laps.

LARSON

makes Late Charge, Wins Toyota/SaveMart 350



Kyle Larson drinks wine in victory lane to celebrate winning the NASCAR Cup Series Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma Raceway on June 9. Meg Oliphant/Getty Images

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

SONOMA, Calif. — With a new track surface in full effect, the NASCAR Cup drivers had more than enough challenges on their plates as the Toyota/SaveMart 350 began at Sonoma Raceway. When winning time came, Kyle Larson found a way to get the job done and grab another road-course race win.

Driving his No. 5 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet, Larson took the lead with nine laps to go and cruised to the victory at Sonoma on June 9, his second in the last four seasons. The win was made possible when crew chief Cliff Daniels got the creative wheels turning as the laps clicked down.

"We were completely off-script with the way we called the race, but that was fun," Daniels said. After the waiver to remain eligible to compete for his second Cup championship was granted by NASCAR less than 24 hours earlier, Larson had a pun for the gathered media. "My focus didn't waiver. I'm trying to

win races now."

Call it superstition, call it fate, call it karma, but Larson gave a small chunk of credit to the sponsor on the hood of his No. 5 Chevy.

"Every time we have Valvoline on the car, I feel like we're really fast," said Larson, who led twice for 19 laps on the day and had to pass a hard-charging Martin Truex Jr., who was searching for a record-tying fifth win at Sonoma. "When we said we had to go race and pass these guys, I got a bit nervous. ... Thankfully, we had enough grip and that Martin never got clear to where I could get stuck in third, and that really saved the race." Truex ended up running out of gas less than 500 feet from the finish line, but managed to crawl the No. 19 Bass Pro Shops Toyota across and finish 27th, the last car on the lead lap, as the crowd chanted "go, go, go!"

Through Stage 2, there were eight cautions, tied for second-most all time (2005, 2021), one short of the record of nine set in 1990. When the final stage of 55 laps was run caution-free, it set the stage in motion for the chaos of the finish. Michael McDowell didn't lead a lap on the day, but had a car good enough to comfortably finish second, 4.258 seconds behind Larson.

"Our race came unraveled when we had the accident (at lap 41) and had to come Chris Buescher had the best shot to hold on and grab his first road-course win, but couldn't hold off Larson, who had 13 more laps on fresher tires, allowing him to take the lead for good with nine laps to go. "We weren't too nervous about the fuel," said Buescher, who finished third. "It was a great strategy (to take tires when we did), and there were a lot of positives that came from it. Just didn't have enough left to fight for the win."

Buescher led 32 laps, all coming within Stage 3. Chase Elliott and Ross Chastain completed the top five in the running order. Larson reclaimed the points lead by 14 over Elliott, and Denny Hamlin — who finished in last place (38th) at Sonoma for the second year in a row — fell two spots to third.

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SCHEDULE
AWAY GAME HOME GAME

Southern Utah Football Announces Updated Schedule and Home Game Times

from Regan Hunsaker

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah—Southern Utah University has announced its updated football schedule for the 2024 season following Stephen F. Austin's departure

from the Western Athletic Conference and the United Athletic Conference. Despite this change, the Thunderbirds have successfully maintained their original home and away dates, with only minor adjustments to their opponents, ensuring they compete against all other teams in the UAC.

Head Coach DeLane Fitzgerald said "Our players and staff are excited about the 2024 schedule. Most of all, we are excited to play football again. We match up well with most of the teams on our schedule. It should be an exciting fall!"

The Thunderbirds are coming off an impressive inaugural season in the United Athletic Conference. The T-Birds finished the season 6-5 overall with a 4-2 record against UAC opponents, placing the team in a tie for second place in the conference standings.

Fans are encouraged to mark their calendars and support the team as they embark on another exciting year of football in the United Athletic Conference!

Overreactions on Clark are Baffling

I'll begin this week's column with full disclosure. When it comes to the WNBA, my interest level has been pretty much "meh" except for the back-to-back championships that have been won by the Las Vegas Aces. The Aces were known as the Utah Starzz when the league began in 1997, but that's not why we're writing here.

There's added motivation to start paying more attention to the WNBA these days, and it's got some feathers ruffled in a bad way.

If you've been hiding under a rock, there was an on-court incident June 1 involving Caitlin Clark, who has been more heavily hyped as the No. 1 draft pick of the Indiana Fever than a heavyweight title fight. Facing the Chicago Sky with ESPN cameras watching, Clark got her "welcome to the league" moment when Chennedy Carter gave her a shoulder check to the floor before the ball was inbounded. The third-quarter foul led to Clark making a free throw, and the Fever ended up beating the Sky by a single point, 71-70.

Not only did the video capture Carter yelling the "b—" word in Clark's ear before the move was made, cameras later captured teammate Angel Reese openly celebrating Carter's play when the period ended. The post-game press conference was even more interesting as Carter declared "I ain't answering no Caitlin Clark questions."

Reese has her own history of trash talk with Clark, and it went all the way back to the 2023 NCAA national title game. At one point, Reese got up in Clark's face and waved her hand while pointing at her ring finger with the other.

Here we are a year later, and not much has changed. Reese and Clark have arrived in the big leagues of women's basketball, and the trash is still flying. Sky head coach Teresa Witherspoon said in a statement June 3 that while physical play is expected,

the team needs to remember "there are better ways to handle situations that evolve on the court."

Witherspoon added from her conversation with Carter: "She will learn from this, as we all will."

The effectiveness of the last point will probably be debated even further after Reese was ejected for arguing with the refs late in the fourth quarter of the

Sky's 88-75 loss to the New York Liberty on June 4.

It's clear that Clark's presence in the WNBA has put

more fans in the seats. Flying commercial flights to games isn't needed anymore for some teams, and others are adjusting game locations to accommodate the extra demand.

The Atlanta Dream are moving its two games against the Fever from 3,500-seat Gateway Center Arena – the WNBA's smallest – to State Farm Arena, which seats 19,000 and is the home of the NBA's Hawks. The first one happens June 21 and the second will be played Aug. 26.

With all that going for the league, the only reaction here is confusion. Clark's endorsement deals speak well for her wallet, but why does it lead to frustration for her opponents?

Fever general manager Lin Dunn took to X/Twitter over the weekend incident, asking the WNBA to step in and "clean up the crap. That's not who this league is."

Tell that to Angel Reese and Chennedy Carter. The jealousy, envy, and feelings of general pettiness over Clark's presence that have been exhibited lately will only stunt the WNBA's growth in the long-term. It has to stop.

Follow Tom Zulewski on X – the artist formerly known as Twitter – @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

Since your intrepid sports reporter will be on the road for this week, it's time to deliver a dozen questions devoted to racing on road courses. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!

1. What NASCAR Cup driver was denied a chance to complete the Indy 500-Coca-Cola 600 double over Memorial Day weekend due to weather issues at both tracks? This driver finished 18th at the Indy 500, but didn't get to run the 600 when rain halted that race after 249 laps.

2. Martin Truex Jr. has won the Toyota/SaveMart 350 at Sonoma Raceway four times (2013, 2018, 2019, 2023). What NASCAR Hall of Fame driver – who grew up in nearby Vallejo – has the most wins (five) at the 1.99-mile road course?

3. What U.S. city hosted a NASCAR Cup street course race for the first time in 2023?

4. Who won the inaugural race held at the answer to Question 3, and what country is the driver from?

5. Who became the fifth foreign-born driver to win a NASCAR Cup race when he took the checkered flag at the 2022 Toyota/SaveMart 350?

6. Which member of the Earnhardt family – Dale Sr. or Dale Jr. – won his only road course race at Sonoma in 1995?

7. Who won his 49th and last NASCAR Cup race when he pulled off a final-lap pass at Sonoma to beat Denny Hamlin in 2016?

8. Who was the last Cup driver to win at Sonoma from a starting position outside the top 10? He retired after the 2023 season and joined the Fox TV booth as an analyst.

9. For all of Jimmie Johnson's success, the 2024 NASCAR Hall of Famer won how many times on a road course among his 83 career victories?

10. What Hendrick Motorsports driver won the first Cup race held

at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas in 2021?

11. What Hendrick driver is the defending champion and 2023 race winner at Watkins Glen?

12. Who was the last Cup driver to win at Watkins Glen from a starting spot outside the top 10? The Penske Racing driver won the Cup title in 2018 and 2022.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. The Celtics beat the Los Angeles Lakers in 2008 for its most recent NBA title.

2. Montreal Canadiens. The Oilers reached this year's Stanley Cup Final when it beat the Dallas Stars, 2-1, in Game 6 of the Western Conference Final on June 2.

3. Ronald Acuna

4. True

5. Oklahoma. As of this writing, they faced a must-win game against the Florida Gators that was played June 4 for a spot in the best-of-3 championship series.

6. Scottie Scheffler.

7. Pittsburgh Pirates rookie Paul Skenes celebrated his 22nd birthday with nine strikeouts in the Pirates' win over the Tigers.

8. Los Angeles Lakers and Cleveland Cavaliers.

9. Charles LeClerc.

10. Negro Leagues.

11. Corey Seager.

12. American Hockey League (AHL). Bylsma was coach of the Coachella Valley Firebirds, the Kraken's top affiliate, when he accepted the job with the big club.

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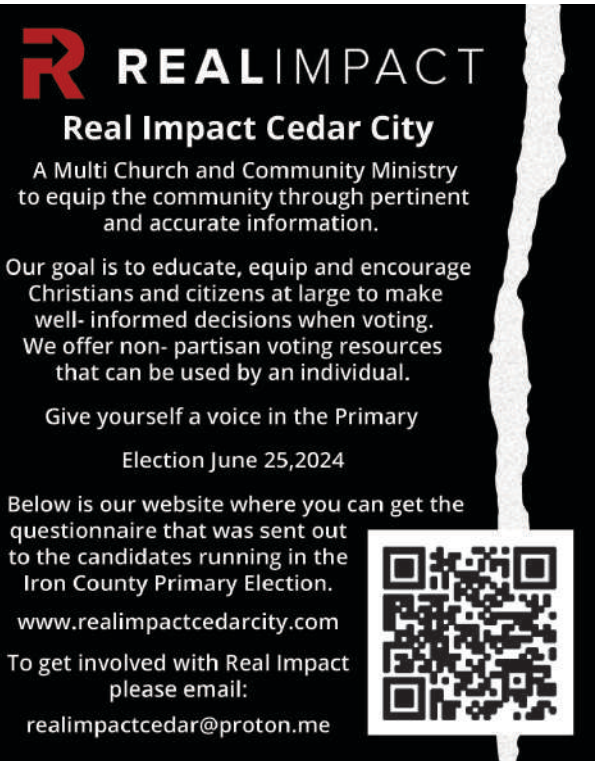
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Any individual wishing to submit a competing application to purchase, lease or exchange for this property, a portion thereof, or a parcel including any of the above-described acreage, should also file an application and the appropriate application fee(s).

The Trust Lands Administration will accept competing applications received before 5:00 P.M. July 8, 2024.

TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION: 102 South 200 East, Suite 600, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. (801) 538-5170, Attn: Troy Herold

The Trust Lands Administration reserves the right to reject any application or subsequent bids. For additional information, please contact Troy Herold at 801-538-5170.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District will hold a Public Hearing to hear comments concerning an increase and update to the water rates and water rate structure, with a minimum of 3% increase to the set Base Rate Fees to address cost of inflation, increased materials, and services costs. The District will also discuss rate additions to address best practices for water conservation as described in the District's Resolution of Fees and Service Charges, on Thursday June 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Cedar City Council Chamber, located at 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah 84721. Contact our office during regular business hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. (excluding lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.) at 88 East Fiddlers Canyon Rd., Ste. 220, Cedar City, UT 84721. Written Comments may be submitted to the District office at 88 East Fiddlers Canyon Rd., Ste. 220, Cedar City, Utah 84721.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: DATED MAY 23, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE | Rural Utility Service

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment - Amendment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment - Amendment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA)- Amendment in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD). The Original proposal for construction of improvements to the CICWCD water system Main water system, and their Cedar Highlands stand-alone water system required scope changes that require an amendment to the original EA. The EA amendment includes the following project areas: 6000 North waterline, Eightmile Hills Tank, Eightmile Hills Waterline, Iron Springs Well and waterline, and a new location for the Cedar Highlands Tank and Waterline. The impacted areas within the Central Iron County area include: 1) The Eightmile Hills area that is northwest of the Bridal Path West subdivision west of Cedar City, 2) An area located north of the North Ridge subdivision west of Cedar City, 3) Various areas north of Enoch, 4) The community of Cedar Highlands which is located east of Cedar City. Central Iron County Water Conservancy District has submitted an application to RUS for funding of the proposal.

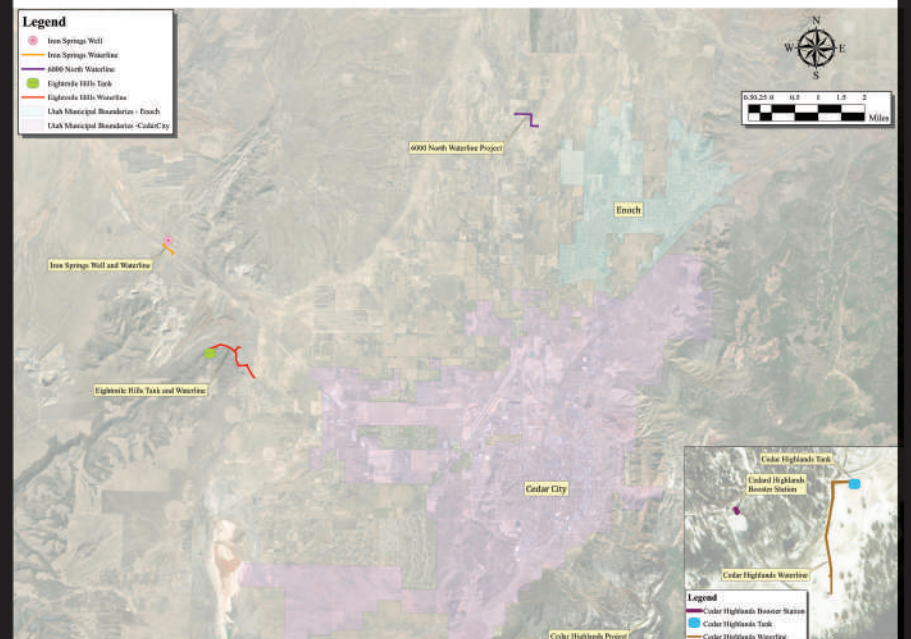
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RaKell Syddall, Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Richfield Office, 340 North 600 East, Richfield, UT 84701, phone: 435-893-3342, email: rakell.syddall@usda.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project is amended and would consist of the following:

The proposed projects include construction of a 4,000,000-gallon water tank (Eightmile Hills), and waterline connection from the new tank to the existing system north of the Bridal Path Subdivision located west of Cedar City, Utah. Purchase an Iron Springs well and existing Iron springs waterline and BZI waterline. Construct a waterline along 6000 North to connect two existing dead-end CICWCD waterlines north of Enoch, Utah. Construct a 500,000-gallon water tank (Cedar Highlands) and waterline connection from the new tank to existing CICWCD waterline south of the tank site, east of Cedar City, Utah. Ensign Engineering and Land Surveying, an engineering and environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment amendment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for [14] days from the date of publication of this notice. Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies & Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below:



Fiddler on the Roof



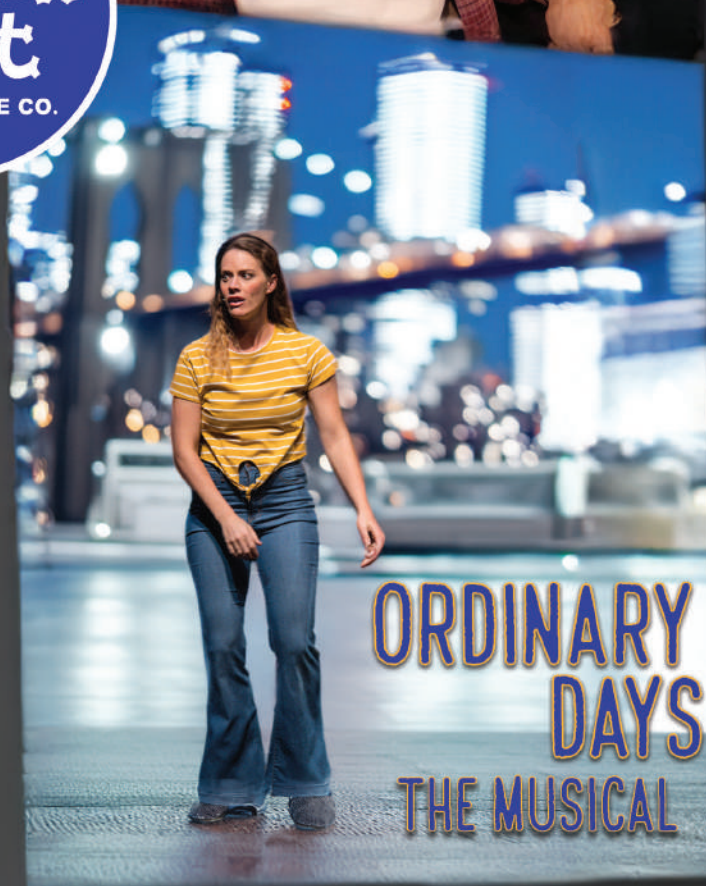
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