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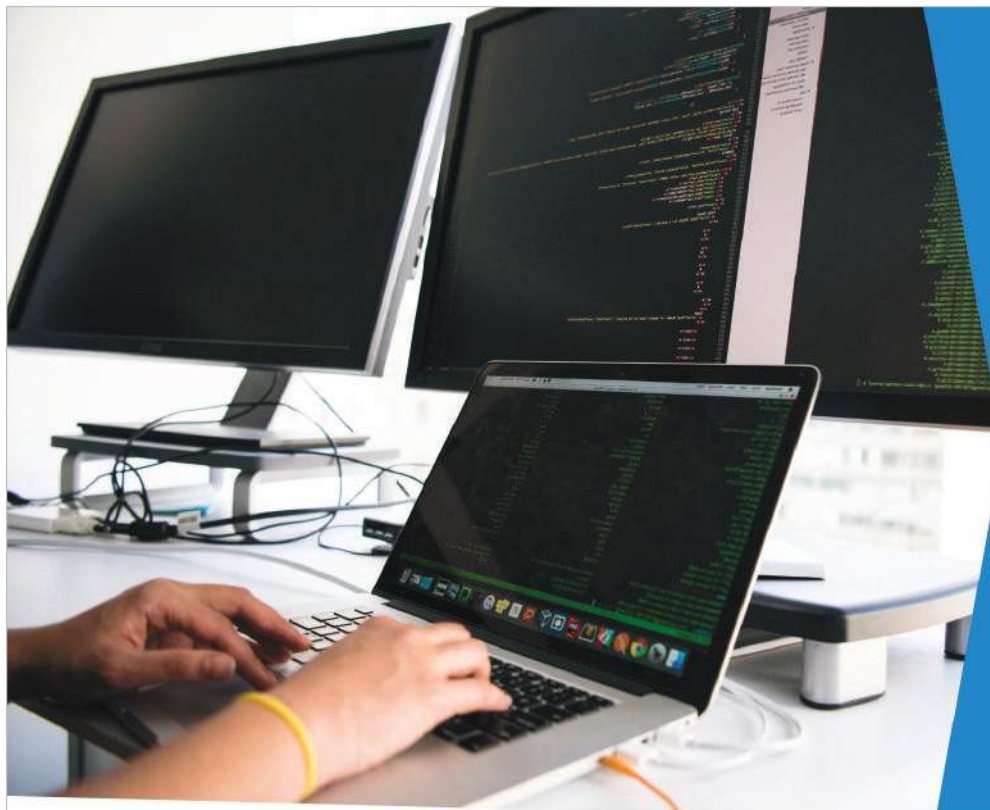
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STORY IN NEWS

ICSD Board swears in new member, names Tullis as Vice President

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

It's official. Michelle Tullis is the newest Board of Education member for Iron County School District.

Tullis was sworn into office during the Board Meeting Tuesday after the six standing board members corrected a misstep in the earlier proceedings. Board President Ben Johnson explained the board had learned that Utah's Closed Meeting Law prohibits discussion of the character of any midterm replacement applicants in closed session. Attorney Scott Garrett advised that all other proceedings had followed the law for a midterm replacement. To rectify the error, he said, the board needed to hold an open discussion about the applicants in an open meeting.

Board Member Dave Staheli questioned whether the board should start the whole process over, but Garrett advised that was unnecessary. Board members proceeded to talk openly about how they determined their top candidates and each said how impressed they were by the caliber of candidates.

"I was really impressed with the amount of candidates that we had that are interested in our kids," Johnson said. "... and the quality of the candidates that are willing to put their name forward and do the hard work for our Iron County School District."

Several board members expressed how impressed they were that Tullis had contacted each individual and posed questions about the duties of a board member.

Following the discussion, Tullis was unanimously voted in as the new board member and sworn into office.

The board then elected a new vice president to replace Lauren Lewis. Tullis was nominated and chosen by a 4:3 vote.

Stolen Historic Military Vehicle

Seeking Public Assistance For Its Return

from Jenny Plecki

FOREST SERVICE

Garfield County, UT— This weekend, a historic Half-track military vehicle was stolen from the Dixie National Forest in an area administered by the Fishlake National Forest. We are asking the public for information to help us locate this important machine.

A White Motor Co., USA Half-track vehicle was removed from the Boulder Mountain Row Lakes area between Friday, June 21st, and Saturday, June 22nd. The vehicle is part of a historic archaeological site determined to be eligible for the *National Register of Historic Places*.

The Half-track was one of 15,414 made by the White Motor Co. for the Department of Defense between 1939 and 1943. It had wheels on the front, rubber tracks on the rear, and a White 160AX straight-six engine. It was known as an M2 Scout Car. The vehicle carried six passengers, one gunner, a driver, and a front-seat passenger.

The Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), which protects archaeological sites, states, "The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 strictly forbids anyone from removing archaeological resources from federal land. It also prohibits any sales, purchase, exchange, transport, or receipt of such resources.

The theft of this vehicle is a clear violation of this law, and we urge the public to understand the gravity of this situation. An investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Forest Service Intermountain Region Investigative Analyst, Robert Smith at 775-420-1479 (cell), or email him at robert.smith5@usda.gov.



ICSD BOARD APPROVES FINAL BUDGET, PRELIMINARY 2024-25 BUDGET

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education approved the final budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and adopted the preliminary budget for 2024-25.

Business Administrator Todd Hess said there was an increase of about \$14 million in the current budget, due to the midyear adjustments received from the state. Expenditures were increased by about \$9.1 million to ensure a balanced budget. Hess said a surplus is also expected in the general fund. Currently, the plan would be to use some of that surplus to fund mid-year stipends for employees. The surplus also allows the district to maintain a healthy fund balance in case of an economic downturn, helps

furnish new classrooms and covers some funding of programs previously established with ESSER funds, which are going away.

In looking at the Food Service Fund, Hess noted that expenditures exceed revenues. That is OK this year, he explained as there is some money in a surplus fund that needs to be used. In the future, however, he said the Board may need to consider a cost increase for meals.

Moving on to the 2024-25 School Year budget, Hess explained that revenue growth can be accomplished in two ways — new population growth and an increase in market growth. The second option requires the board to adopt a tax rate above the county's certified tax rate. That option also requires a truth-in-taxation hearing.

Currently, Iron County is quite low with its property tax rate, placing it about 9th lowest. With a proposed increase, the county would still be well below average.

"We're not assessing a lot of tax to our county residents and business and property owners per student based on comparison to the rest of the districts throughout the state," Hess said in reference to a graph that shows Iron second to lowest in the state.

The debt rate per student is also one of the lowest in the state as previous bonds continue to get paid off.

The proposal for the new budget would be to increase the capital levy rate to .001 and increase the board local levy to .00117. The second increase helps the district meet the

requirements for receiving state guaranteed revenues.

The impact on taxpayers, he said, would be \$171.97 for the average homeowner of a \$418,000 home. When taking into account the reduction of taxes due to old bonds being paid off, the increase is actually only \$50.12 a year.

The additional revenue would be used to pay off lease revenue bonds for the proposed addition at Canyon View High School and the bus garage. The CVHS addition was part of the failed 2023 bond proposition. The bus garage was on the 2021 bond, but likely will not be fully funded due to increasing costs for materials.

27th Annual July Jamboree

by Rob O'Brien

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The Cedar City Rotary Club will be holding the 27th annual July Jamboree Car and Street Festival on July 12th and 13th in downtown Cedar City. This will be the largest Jamboree festival in history, with over 20,000 attendees expected. This year will feature many new activities and events including a major expansion and the move into Main Street Park. This is due to the ever-increasing popularity of this event with over 70 sponsors, 125 vendors, 350+ collector cars, motorcycles, and trucks. This, along with new entertainers and food and refreshment booths, is allowing us to expand to include two customer convenience locations. These will be in the park and along 200 North.

This exciting, family friendly, automotive oriented street festival event kicks off Friday night July 12th at Tink's NAPA Auto Parts parking lot on 200 North at 6:30pm for early registration of the car exhibitors and will include food, music, and entertainment and is open to the public.

Saturday's July 13th events start at 8:00 AM with a kickoff breakfast for the car exhibitors held at Southwest Tech followed by a "Rod Run" touring these exotic vehicles around our beautiful community for all to see and cheer on. Saturday's main event takes place on Main Street from Center Street North to Coal Creek beginning at 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

The objective of the Rotary Club and the July Jamboree is to create an excellent family friendly, community centered event that raises money which is distributed back into the community supporting charitable and humanitarian projects. Some of the benefactors include Canyon Creek Services, Iron County Care and Share, The Happy Factory, Rotary Centennial Veterans Memorial Park, support for local First Responders, Scholarship programs at Southwest Tech and SUU, Main Street Park electrical system enhancement and many more.

All of the funds raised are from the very generous support of our community sponsors and vendors which include Tink's Superior Auto Parts, Rally Stop, Cedar City Motor Company, The Leavitt Group, Cedar Bowling Center, Les Schwab Tire, Iron Mountain Plumbing, Best Western Plus, Amber Kays, Café Sabor, Rock Island Armory, Tek Shine, Walker Plumbing the Lobby Events, Mountain America Credit Union, BZI, Bradshaw Electric, Triple S Polaris, SEI Hobby, Velocity Builders, The Iron County Today, D & P Performance, Cedar City Police Dept., Fab Rats and many more.

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For more information on becoming a member of the Cedar City Rotary Club, email Christy Hugh at cedarcityrotary-club@gmail.com.

Iron County Man Faces New Charges After Confessing to Sexual Assaults

by Tracie Sullivan

IRON COUNTY TODAY

An Iron County man, currently serving a prison sentence for arson, faces new charges after confessing to drugging and sexually assaulting

his former girlfriend and her minor daughter.

The Iron County Attorney's Office filed multiple felony charges last week against Christopher Lee Lescoe follow-

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

The 4th of July, also known as Independence Day, stands as a cornerstone of American history, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

The journey to independence was sparked by mounting tensions between the thirteen American colonies and Great Britain. Issues such as taxation without representation, restrictive trade practices, and the presence of British troops fueled colonial unrest. This discontent culminated in the American Revolution, a conflict that began in 1775 and continued until 1783.

The Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia to address the colonies' grievances. A committee, including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston, was tasked with drafting a formal declaration.

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted. The preamble's powerful assertion of unalienable rights—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—has resonated through the centuries as a defining statement of democratic principles. The Fourth of July is a day of patriotic pride and a tribute to the enduring spirit of American independence. It is more than just a holiday; it is a day to honor the courage and vision of the Founding Fathers and to celebrate the freedoms and ideals that continue to define the United States.

This is easily one of my favorite holidays. There is nothing like celebrating in the small town heart of America. I hope you spend this day with family, celebrating in our community and reflecting on the history of this holiday. Happy 4th!

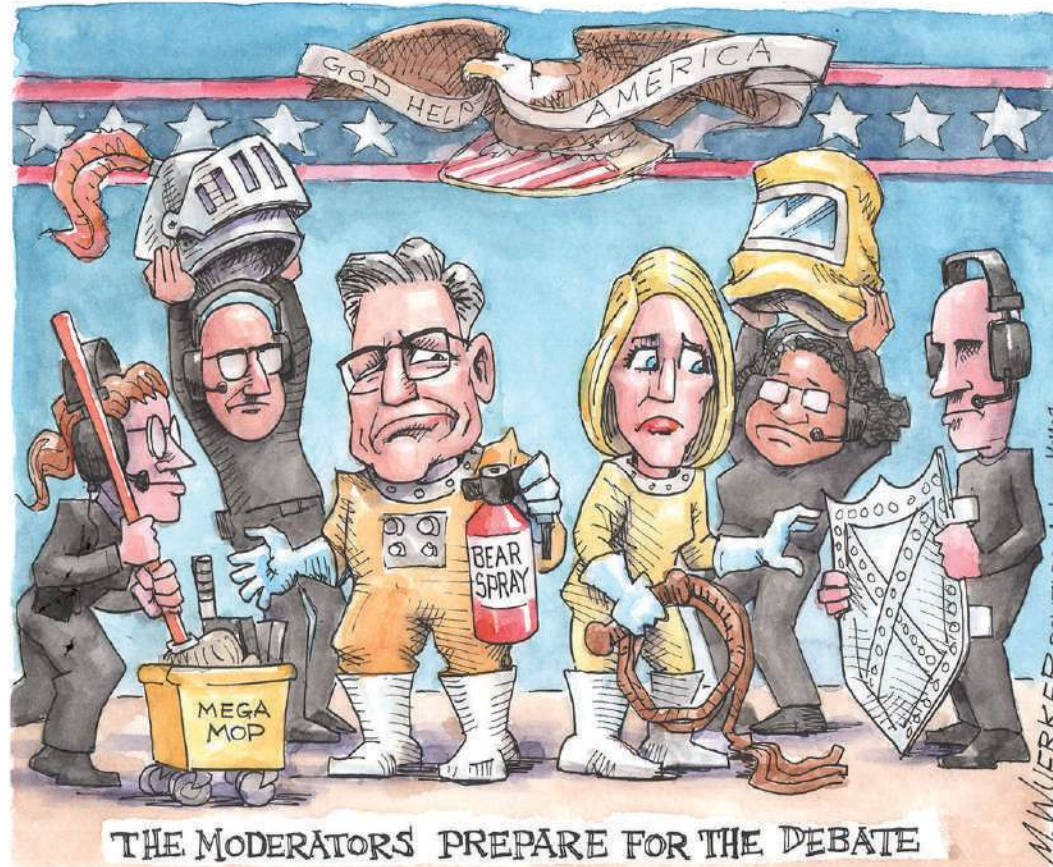
WORD OF THE WEEK

UNALIENABLE

[un-alien-able]

Adjective

impossible to take away or give up



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Defending Utah's Caucus Convention System: A Proven Pathway for Local Races

Utah's caucus convention system has faced renewed criticism this year in the wake of multiple losses in statewide races by candidates nominated through the convention system. Critics argue that allowing neighborhood delegates to select and nominate party nominees for the Republican Party in state and local races is not representative of most voters. However, in local races, the system exemplifies grassroots representative government and predicts success.

Under the current system, candidates who receive 40% or more of local neighborhood delegates' support may appear on the primary ballot. Senate Bill 54 (SB 54), passed in 2014, introduced an alternative signature-gathering path to the ballot. While critics point to statewide

races where the convention winner is not necessarily the primary victor, local races tell a different tale. In Iron County, local convention winners have triumphed in the primaries in every contested race in the past 12 years.

Even before SB 54 went into effect, convention winners rarely lost their lead when primaries came. One exception from Iron County was the 2014 state senate race between Evan Vickers and Casey Anderson—both of whom I know personally and consider friends. Vickers and Anderson emerged from the state convention with 40% and 60% of the vote, respectively. Vickers was able to overcome

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

— *The Declaration of Independence, 1776*

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Train Up a Child

PART 2

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Train up, meaning teach, children in the way they should learn, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.
(Proverbs 22:6)

What values should we teach our children about freedom and community service, even patriotism, so that we instill in them a love and responsibility to our country, to the point that they love our country's history and values even when our country has failed to deliver those values to all and also teach our children to strive in their own lives to establish liberty for all? How do we teach them that the 4th of July (Independence Day) is about more than fireworks and picnics?

First, liberty and justice are for all, and inscribed on our country's icon is a quote from the Bible: "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land unto All the Inhabitants therefore." (Leviticus 25:10). There were to be no exceptions to this; no one was excluded on any basis (gender, race, age or any other factor).

Teach them about our country's history and values, understanding our history (the good, the bad, and the ugly with age appropriateness), traditions and core values. Share stories, books, and movies that highlight important events and figures in our nation's history. Display and explain national symbols such as the flag, national anthem, and motto. Engage in community service as a family such as cleaning up local parks, helping the elderly, and supporting charitable organizations. Encourage civic participation and discuss the rights and responsibilities of citizens, even at school. Celebrate national holidays and events as a family, such as

Independence Day, Memorial Day, or Veterans Day. Lead by example as a positive role model by demonstrating patriotic values in your actions and attitudes. Show respect for the United States, its laws and its institutions, all the while improving your community with day-to-day actions, especially focusing on fostering love and respect for our country's citizens while also promoting critical thinking, inclusivity, and global awareness.

You might also want to read patriotic books to them such as the following: "A Is for America: A Patriotic Alphabet Book", "This is My Flag", "America the Beautiful", "The Berenstain Bears God Bless Our Country", and many more. Check with your local librarian for more titles. There are also patriotic sayings for kids such as the following: "America is another word for opportunity" Ralph Waldo Emerson; "Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it" Mark Twain; "The land flourishes when it is loved, and it withers when it is not" Native American proverb; "My country, right or wrong; if right, to be kept right; and if wrong, to be set right" Carl Schurz; "The strength of a nation lies in the homes of its people" Abraham Lincoln. We must always remember that America is the land of the free because of the brave and that patriotism is not about waving the flag; it's about standing up for what is right. Although people are flawed and imperfect, our values still are worth striving for and fighting for that the self-evident truth comes from God, that all humans are created equal. Kofi Annan reminds us: "We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race." Let us transmit that to our children and as Maya Angelou said, "In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength" God bless America!

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the convention loss in the primary. The cost of the Vickers primary win added up to \$94,090.80 compared to Anderson's \$9,112.57. However, campaign spending seems to have a greater effect in state races than in local contests.

Signature gathering has shown to be an expensive path to the ballot in Iron County. Our recent county commission races are testament to this, with signature candidates raising more funds than convention candidates in an attempt to overcome convention losses. This year, the primary winner garnered over 70% delegate support at convention, but both candidates went on to an unnecessary primary and spent tens of thousands only to yield a similar result in the primary. Similarly, two years ago, a county commission candidate who garnered only 33% at the convention spent over \$100,000 to experience another loss in the primary.

The caucus convention system remains a reliable indicator of candidate success in local races. If a candidate cannot secure at least 40% support from their friends, neighbors, and local leaders, they are simply not viable. The Iron County Republican Party and others statewide have seen this and have amended bylaws to allow the party to fund and endorse candidates who achieve a two-thirds majority at convention. This support bolsters the success of convention nominees, reinforcing the system's effectiveness and amplifying the voices of neighborhood representatives.

In this year's election, my own ballot reflected mixed preferences. While my local preference has always mirrored the preferences of the party delegates, I also marked my ballot for some candidates for state office who would not have appeared but for the signature path.

Despite my occasional preference for signature candidates in statewide office, I cherish our convention system and the role it plays in upholding and shaping the Republican party platform in our state. The participants are not always pleasant—or even civil—but the future of the caucus system will determine whether our red state's shift toward purple occurs by party affiliation or by instead diluting Republican principles within the party.

The caucus system remains the best indicator of success in local elections—the ones that can expand or restrict liberty more than any other. With renewed discussions on the merits of the caucus system, please do your part to encourage your lawmakers to preserve and strengthen it.

Sincerely,

W. Tyler Melling
Cedar City Councilman and Precinct 13 Delegate

opinion

Shape America's 250th Birthday Celebration in Utah

by Mindy Benson

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Independence Day presents every American with the opportunity to honor the signing of the Declaration of Independence as a pivotal moment in American history and to consider the unique and rich lens of Utah's heritage. Next July, Utahns will start a year-long celebration of unity, education, and engagement that will culminate on July 4, 2026, to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. We are excited to celebrate America250 with all of you.

Governor Spencer Cox and the Utah Legislature have charged the America250 Utah Commission to "Think Big" while creating opportunities for every Utahn to celebrate our people and places. In response, we have set a goal worthy of America's birthday, facilitating powerful service-oriented experiences and unique community traditions in all of Utah's 29 counties.

Through the strength of our partnerships, diligent work with cities and counties, and input from young people who will carry the torch forward, America250 Utah is committed to engaging communities. We want to build on our collective inheritance, showcase the rich tapestry of American history, culture and values, and capitalize on the American spirit inherent in all Utahns.

This Fourth of July visit america250.utah.gov to sign up for exciting updates and opportunities to shape the celebration in your community. And join us next year as America250 Utah launches unique, once-in-a-lifetime experiences in preparation for America's 250th birthday

Utah Water Conditions UPDATE

by Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY (June 27, 2024) – As of late June, most of Utah's snowpack has melted. As we enter drier and hotter conditions, many streams and rivers are still running high, fast and cold – creating dangerous conditions. The state continues to stress caution around these water bodies.

"Our snowpack melting gradually has helped fill reservoirs and replenish our natural environment," Candice Hasenyager, director of the Division of Water Resources, said. "For the most part, we have avoided flooding concerns while managing reservoirs optimally."

According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's June Water Supply Report, statewide storage is at its highest level in at least 15 years, if not much longer. Multiple basins (Weber-Ogden, Tooele Valley, Duchesne, Provo, Price, Southeastern Utah, and Beaver watersheds) are at or close to their reservoir storage capacity.

Statewide, reservoirs are currently at an outstanding 92%. This level is around 20% higher than normal and 17% higher than this time last year.

"Our healthy reservoir storage reminds us it's not about what we get, it's about what we keep," Hasenyager said.

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Let's optimize our water usage by checking out the Weekly Lawn Watering Guide or some of the rebates and incentives on UtahWaterSavers.com.”

Temperatures have been warmer than normal over the past 30 days. These higher temperatures have sped up the snowmelt and many streams are running high. Due to the snowmelt, cloud cover and other factors, evaporative demand, or how thirsty the air is for water, has been typical for this time of year.

88% of streams are flowing at normal to above-normal levels. This widespread positive trend enhances the resilience of Utah's water systems. Fortunately, many streams have passed peak flow, the remaining sites have less than 10% of hitting flood stage. The extra volume has rivers and streams moving very fast, which can be treacherous—especially for children and pets.

Great Salt Lake has seen a noteworthy net increase, rising around 6.5 feet since its historic low in November 2022. This positive change in lake levels adds to the actions and investments from the Legislature over the past three years to preserve and protect the lake. DNR actions, such as the modification of the GSL berm, as directed in the governor's executive order, have reduced

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RealClearPolitics Election 2024 RCP Poll Averages

Election 2024	Trump	Biden	Spread
RCP Poll Average	46.8	44.9	Trump +1.9
5-Way RCP Average	42.3	39.4	Trump +2.9
Top Battlegrounds	47.6	44.3	Trump +3.3
Favorability Ratings	-11.7	-15.1	Trump +3.4
RCP Betting Odds	53.7	19.7	
Electoral College	Trump	Biden	Toss Ups
RCP Electoral Map	219	202	117
No Toss Up States	312	226	
Battlegrounds	Trump	Biden	Spread
Arizona	48.6	43.0	Trump +5.6
Nevada	47.8	45.0	Trump +2.8
Wisconsin	47.3	47.3	Tie
Michigan	47.0	45.8	Trump +1.2
Pennsylvania	48.0	45.2	Trump +2.8
Virginia	43.3	45.5	Biden +2.2
Georgia	46.2	42.2	Trump +4.0
Battle for Congress	GOP	Dems	
U.S. Senate	49	43	8 TU
Generic Ballot	44.8	44.2	GOP +0.6

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Ken Robinson Wins Iron County Commission Seat C, Defeats Former Mayor Maile Wilson Edwards



by *Tracie Sullivan*

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Ken Robinson has secured Iron County Commission's Seat C with a resounding victory over Maile Wilson-Edwards.

In the primary election last Tuesday, Robinson captured 5,964 votes, representing 66.4% of the total ballots cast by registered Republicans countywide. Wilson-Edwards trailed behind with 3,025 votes, garnering 33.6% of the vote.

Tuesday's results closely reflect the outcome of the Iron County Republican Convention last April, where Robinson dominated with 72.4% of the delegate vote compared to Wilson-Edwards' 27.6%.

Iron County Clerk Jon Whittaker reported minimal outstanding ballots, confirming a smooth election process.

"It was a pretty boring day on election day, which we are always grateful for," Whittaker said.

Canvassing to officially certify the election results will take place during the Iron County Commission meeting on July 8.

In a telephone interview with Iron County Today, Robinson expressed his gratitude for the support he received.

"It's just very humbling. I am very grateful to get the support that I've received," Robinson said. "I'm grateful to the voters, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve and to represent Iron County."

Robinson's primary victory guarantees his unopposed appearance on the general election ballot in November. He is set to join the three-member commission alongside Mike Bleak and Paul Cozzens.

Cozzens, who supported Robinson's campaign, expressed his excitement about working with him.

"Other than buying pumpkins

from the Robinson pumpkin patch in the fall I didn't know much about Ken," Cozzens said. "I was impressed with the campaign he ran and his work ethic. I look forward to supporting his passion for agriculture as well as his efforts to protect our public lands."

Going forward, Robinson plans to build relationships with state legislators and other government bodies. His foremost agenda as he prepares to step into office in January includes protecting private property rights and ensuring the preservation of the public lands he believes are being threatened.

"Protecting our public lands is going to be my number one focus," Robinson said. "It's why I ran for office and it's what I plan on working on."

In addition to Robinson being unopposed on the Nov. 5 ballot, four other county-level races will also be uncontested in Iron County, as incumbents Carri Jeffries (recorder/surveyor), Karsten Reed (assessor), Lucas Little (auditor), and Nicole Rosenberg (treasurer) are all seeking re-election to new four-year terms.

State and Federal Races Update

In the race for the 2nd Congressional District, Rep. Celeste Maloy leads challenger Colby Jenkins by a narrowing margin. In Washington County, Jenkins took 58% of the vote.

In the gubernatorial race, Iron and Washington counties gave majority support to Rep. Phil Lyman with 53% and 58% of the vote, respectively. Despite Cox's win with 55% of the votes counted thus far, Lyman has called for an independent audit of the election process.

Senate candidate Trent

Staggs found majority support in Washington County over Curtis, while in Iron County it is a near split between the two, with Staggs at 40% of the vote to Curtis' 39%.

In the race for State School Board District 15, Joann Brinton has won against incumbent Kristan Norton.

In the Utah Senate District 29 race, incumbent Sen. Don Ipson continues to lead challenger Chad Bennion with 51% of the vote. The race remains close, with just over 624 votes between the two.

In Iron County, Kenneth Robinson leads with 66% of the vote to Maile Wilson Edwards' 33%.

Here are some key race results:

Federal Races Senate (Statewide):

- John Curtis: 49.14%
- Trent Staggs: 32.09%

2nd Congressional District (Statewide):

- Celeste Maloy: 50.48%
- Colby Jenkins: 49.52%

State Races Governor (Statewide):

- Spencer Cox: 55.04%
- Phil Lyman: 44.96%

Attorney General (Statewide):

- Derek Brown: 43.83%
- Frank Demcy Mylar: 23.42%
- Rachel Terry: 32.75%

State Auditor (Statewide):

- Ricky Hatch: 43.07%
- Tina Cannon: 56.93%

State School Board District 15 (Statewide):

- Joann Brinton: 66.45%
- Kristan Norton: 33.55%

Utah Senate District 29:

- Don Ipson: 51.53%
- Chad Bennion: 48.47%

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salinity and shown signs of benefiting the brine shrimp population in the south arm of the lake.

In Utah, about 95% of our water supply comes from snowpack. Reservoir storage helps us preserve that water for use in dry summer months and drought years. To encourage water conservation among Utahns, the Department of Natural Resources continues to promote initiatives such as the Agricultural Optimization Program for farmers and SlowtheFlow.org for residents. These programs aim to educate and incentivize water-saving practices, ensuring Utahns become more drought-resilient and prepare for future conditions.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS



REP. REX SHIPP
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 71

Hello friends –

Last week, the Utah Legislature held a special session alongside our monthly interim meetings to pass several bills and resolutions focused on energy security, Utah's public lands, and President Joe Biden's harmful new Title IX regulations. Amid unprecedented federal overreach, Utah is pushing back.

In case you missed it, the U.S. Department of Education issued a new rule expanding Title IX to include gender identity and sexual orientation, compelling speech by requiring the use of students' preferred pronouns and providing public funds for abortion. This stands in direct conflict with Utah law. This year, we passed H.B. 257 to protect girls' sports. The new federal regulations undermine Title IX's intent by allowing biological males in girls' locker rooms and on girls' sports teams. H.C.R. 301 and H.J. R.301 assert that the new federal rule infringes on state sovereignty and directs state officials to comply with state law. The Beehive State – alongside Alaska, Kansas, and Wyoming – has joined a lawsuit challenging these regulations. I am committed to protecting girls' spaces and girls' sports, fighting for the sanctity of life, and keeping Washington D.C.'s activist policies out of Iron County.

We also worked to keep your lights on and energy rates low. This past session, the Legislature passed S.B. 161 to prevent the premature closure of coal-fired units at the Intermountain Power Plant by exploring every option to maintain this critical power source. During the special session, H.B. 3004 extended deadlines and created the Decommissioned Asset Authority to



oversee the process. Ultimately, our goal is to find a third party that can keep these facilities operational without negatively impacting the new IPP natural gas-fired power plant or other power producers in Utah. Utah won't follow coastal states whose energy policies have caused rolling blackouts and brownouts for families and businesses.

Finally, we passed H.B. 3002 to streamline funds set aside to combat federal overreach on Utah's land. It seems that each week, the BLM releases a new management plan to restrict any access to our lands – including recreational activities, ranching, and much more. We can't let them shut us out. H.B. 3002 consolidates \$11 million into the Federal Overreach Restricted Account, which the state will use to fight back in the courts and educate the public about state sovereignty.

Alongside the strong conservative majority in the Utah House, I was incredibly proud to support these efforts to safeguard state sovereignty, promote effective management of our public lands, and secure Utah's energy future.

As always, I'm proud to be your voice at the Capitol for Iron County values.

– Rep. Rex Shipp

Iron County Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Road Department reported on ongoing chip sealing projects and a loader repair. The Landfill department discussed issues with battery-caused fires and increased visitor numbers.

Carrie presented the report for the Jail. The overall budget was at 38% at the end of May, which was noted as good. The overtime budget is doing well compared to typical years. Inmate numbers are staying consistent. The department recently hired 5 deputies and 1 clerical staff. Work crews continue to do projects around the county.

Commissioner Wood discussed Cedar City's wastewater treatment upgrade and potential water rights trades. Commissioner Bleak reported on plans for a haunted downtown event, Shakespeare Festival meetings, and ongoing conference center discussions.

Commissioner Cozzens reported attending a building department staff meeting, noting their increasing workload and

praising the efforts of the building department staff.

Moving to agenda items, there were no public comments made. The commission approved a grant for \$136,500 for Color Country OHV trail maintenance equipment, materials and supplies. Mike Worthen presented the grant, which includes funds for a mini excavator and a seasonal employee over two years.

The commission then ratified an omission from the previously approved County Ordinance 2024 regarding water-wise landscaping standards. Reed Erikson explained this was to add language about lawn restrictions in commercial and industrial developments to qualify for the state turf buyback program. The commissioners discussed the importance of water conservation efforts.

Next, they approved a monument replacement and restoration committee grant presented by Carrie. This annual grant helps fund surveying work to locate and document section corners and other survey monuments.

In personnel matters, the commission approved the hiring of Mason Davis as a full-time Technician 2 in the Road Department and Caitlyn Brian as a part-time Fair marketing administrative assistant.

For county boards, they approved the appointment of Don Jersey to the Restaurant Tax Board to replace Gary Dalman, whose term had expired. Don recently purchased a local restaurant (Calvario's) and agreed to serve on the board.

Parowan City Council

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Public comment began with Parowan City Pool Manager Shelby Bartlett sharing an Aquatic Safety Award received by Utah Government Insurance Trust. The award is for the safety improvements made this year and last year. Shelby gave thanks to the City staff, pool staff as well as community members who supported the pool.

Informational Presentation on Power Outages

Matt Topham of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) gave a presentation describing the causes of Parowan's recent power outages. He explained that RMP is a subsidiary of PacifiCorp, which is held by Berkshire Hathaway Holdings. Safety policies practiced by RMP are established by PacifiCorp operating mainly in California. This means that RMP operates using very strict

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.

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safety requirements. Recent California fires that were caused by powerlines have caused PacifiCorp subsidiaries to increase the sensitivity of breakers so that slight surges or malfunctions will de-energize the lines, thus reducing fire risk. Since RMP provides power distribution to Parowan, those sensitive breaker settings affect our power supply. When an anomaly occurs, the breaker is tripped and the power goes out. RMP is working hard to respond to these occurrences and restore power as quickly as possible, however it can be a slow process. The coming hot summer months could cause additional unplanned outages so residents should be aware of the potential for outages and prepare as necessary. Those needing continuous power should research alternative power methods such as generators and battery backup power. For questions about alternate power sources, citizens can call the City Office at (435)477-3331.

Parowan Art Program Annual Report

Steve Decker gave a presentation outlining Parowan's 2023-24 Art Program. The Third Thursday Art Program had 199 participants and came in under the \$2500 budget at \$2150. Customer satisfaction for this program was off the charts with the great diversity of art media and demonstrations. The participants were also impressed by the quality of instructors. The program is funded again for 2024-45 and will continue!

Action Meeting

Parowan 2024-45 Budget Amendments

City Manager Dan Jessen presented proposed amendments to the Parowan City Budget for FY 2024. Most of the changes were to correct budgeting issues between various accounts. The public hearing regarding this issue followed immediately with minimal public comment. The \$50,550 increased budget amendment was passed by the Council.

Tracey Wheeler Appointed to Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Mollie Halterman appointed Tracey Wheeler to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate. The Council approved this appointment.

Fraud Assessment - Electricity Write-Off

Treasurer Judy Schiers presented results of the annual Fraud Assessment required by the State Auditor's Office. Parowan City scored 375 of 395, a very high score. The Council voted to accept/approve this item.

Parowan City encountered \$2,813.50 in uncollected electricity bills for the FY2024 and requested to write off the amount for accounting purposes. They will continue to attempt collection on the delinquent accounts. The Council approved this write-off.

Employee Policy and Procedures Manual Redline Resolution

Council members participated in a work meeting on 6/26/24 to resolve issues in the manual that were previously redlined

but not finalized. The Council changed the following items: 1) Holiday pay and sick pay may not be counted as work time for overtime pay. 2) Emergency responses will be paid at 1.5 times pay. 3) Employees working during holiday may flex their holiday to another day, with supervisor's approval. 4) Spousal expenses for training events will no longer be reimbursed. 5) 5-year retirement benefit clarified. 5) 5-week vacation statement for "salaried employees" was stricken.

City Manager Dan Jessen discussed per diem rates and the methodology going forward. The State of Utah has changed to using U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for this purpose; Parowan City will consider updating per diem rates at a future meeting.

City Employees' holidays were recently rearranged with the State's adoption of Juneteenth. Councilman Burton suggested that Parowan's birthday merits an official holiday on that day. Other Council members mentioned that Pioneer Day could be the official holiday. None of the council members were willing to "trade" national holidays for Parowan's Birthday, so the Council voted to give the employees a 14th holiday. The fourteen paid holidays are: New Year's Day, Parowan's Birthday, Martin Luther King Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Freedom, Independence Day, Pioneer Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and the Friday following Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. The Council did not discuss the impact to taxpayers.

The Council voted to revise the manual to remove free pool passes and access for employees and volunteers. In lieu of this, the Council voted to host occasional employee and volunteer appreciation events as a fringe benefit.

600 West Gate Removal

The Council had a lengthy discussion about safety and low-water crossings in this area. They agreed to remove the gate at this area, add a flood gauge and increase warning signage.

Ordinance 2024-09 for Internal Accessory Dwelling Units

The Council passed an ordinance, 2024-09, allowing internal accessory dwelling units (IADUs) within Parowan City. IADUs allow for "mother-in-law quarters" within single-family dwellings.

Ordinance 2024-10, Structures and Uses Prohibited Unless Permitted

The Council passed this ordinance which expressly prohibits uses for property unless they are expressly permitted.

Work Meeting

Highlights from Council and Staff Reports

- Water recharge project is continuing.
- AJM Annexation Open House for set for July 10 at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers.

- Parowan City Fire Department is planning for the fireworks show on July 4
- Parowan citizens should sign up for emergency notifications for planned power outages and other city-wide alerts - citizens not currently receiving alerts should call the City at (435)477-3331.

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






IRON COUNTY FORECAST

HOT AND DRY WEATHER IS SETTLING IN TO IRON COUNTY FOR THE TIME BEING. TEMPERATURES WILL CLIMB OVER THE WEEKEND AND REMAIN IN THE UPPER 90S EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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THURSDAY	Sunny 92°/58° PRECIP: 0% WINDS: NW 10-20	
FRIDAY	Sunny 93°/58° PRECIP: 0% WINDS: NW 10-20	
SATURDAY	Sunny 95°/63° PRECIP: 0% WINDS: NW 10-20	
SUNDAY	Sunny 99°/64° PRECIP: 0% WINDS: NW 10-20	
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TUESDAY	Mostly Sunny 99°/67° PRECIP: 0% WINDS: SW 10-15	
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GOP Primary Results an Advertising Comparison

by Casey Anderson

ICT CLUB MEMBER

Advertising in our weekly local news publication, which is printed and distributed for free to over 50,000 residents in Iron County, is proven to generate results. Serious candidates need to get their message out to voters, this is an important "public square" option for our community.

In our most recent Republican party primary election, the candidates who advertised with us generated a +3% swing per advertisement advantage. This is significant and game changing. We reviewed the most competitive races in our State: Governor, US Senate, and the 2nd Congressional District. One candidate who had a +6 engagement advantage did +8% better in Iron County than their statewide average, another candidate who had a +6 engagement advantage with our readers had a +8% better result than compared to their statewide average. The third candidate who had a +1 advertising advantage scored +4% better than the average of all other counties.

There was also a county commissioner race on the ballot and while there are no other counties to scientifically compare the results with, the candidate who had a +5

engagement advantage with our readers won the race by a comfortable +33% margin. In all four races, the candidate who advertised with the Iron County Today won with a wider margin the more the advertising advantage. People read the paper and it is a critical venue for candidates and citizens to get their voice and message out. Candidates simply cannot afford to waste limited resources on less effective methods of reaching voters.

SMALL TOWNS NEED COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS- BE A PART

by May Hunter

ICT CLUB MEMBER

Having a weekly paper available is a great way for readers to become more active in our community and actually build a stronger community. If you think about it newspapers provide information and general knowledge. Newspapers provide news about our economic situation, sports, events, entertainment, trade, commerce, and what's going on. It's a way we can connect and stay connected and feel a part and a belonging. A local newspaper serves as a reliable source of information and about

everything happening in the town. It covers local news, events, and issues that are relevant to the community. This being said, help all of us be a part of our community and keeps us connected to one another. We, at Iron County Today are a newspaper that defines itself as committed to serving a particular community-our community. A regular reader of newspapers can get a lot of knowledge about public affairs. Newspapers not only guide and instruct the public, they also help in educating the community. It keeps us in tune with all of our surroundings.

The newspaper brings to us the views of great thinkers. It definitely reflects public opinion. Reading newspapers can be a healthy habit, as it expands our knowledge and widens our outlook. It can provide detailed information on topics including politics, economics, trade, sports and entertainment which can increase our understanding of the world.

People have a positive view of their local paper, and you can benefit from that relationship when you advertise with them. Your business will also appear credible and trustworthy, allowing you to attract more customers. Most people find local news to be more trustworthy than national news. A newspaper is quite a powerful tool that circulates information to people. It is one of the greatest means of communication between people and the world.

What are the benefits of local newspaper advertising? It helps keep our paper in business, it keeps jobs

local. One reason to advertise locally, is that local newspapers have a relatively captive audience. A popular train of thought is that advertising in newspapers and print is a large investment and can be a little costly. But when you consider the coverage, audience and impact of print advertising it has the lowest cost per reader. Print advertising offers a 112% return on investment. Free local newspapers make money through advertising. They offer businesses the opportunity to reach a targeted local audience through print ads. Local businesses can place ads in the newspaper to promote their products or services to potential customers in the community. People who read a newspaper actually care about the content between every page. In other words, they are actively reading a newspaper, which means they will pay more attention to your content and message. 88% of people take the time to look through the print advertisements they receive. And an amazing 73% of consumers said they prefer receiving print. Print advertising is cost effective, puts your message in front of an engaged audience, carries trust, builds relationships, and aren't skipped over and can be focused as much as needed. Newspapers struggle to keep in business without support from the community for the area they serve.

Newspaper ads are relevant and still work for business growth.

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Stephen Huffman
Sue Longson
Tamara Green
Tammy Palmer
Tammy Vogt
Ted Selden
Wendell Sproul
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SEXUAL ASSAULTS

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ing his admission during a recent interview with Cedar City Police.

He is now facing nine first-degree felonies including two counts of rape, three counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child and four counts of sodomy upon a child.

Lescoe, 34, was sentenced to one to 15 years in the Utah State Prison in 2019 for aggravated arson. The case originated when Lescoe set fire to his mother's home in Nibley, leading to significant property damage and endangering himself and emergency responders.

Earlier that same day, Lescoe had been involved in a hit-and-run crash in Logan while driving his mother's car. He returned to his mother's residence near 3000 South and 1000 West, barricaded himself inside, and began rearranging furniture to fortify his position.

At the time, Lescoe's girlfriend, speaking with authorities via video call, observed him self-inflicting a knife wound and setting the house ablaze in an apparent suicide attempt.

Emergency services put out the fire and rescued Lescoe, who suffered smoke inhalation and injuries from the self-inflicted wound. The house sustained

extensive damage, with the main floor heavily affected by fire, smoke, and water, and the upper floor and its contents completely destroyed.

Prior to the 2019 incident, Lescoe gained notoriety in 2017 when he engaged in a standoff with law enforcement in Cedar City, allegedly threatening police and discharging a firearm. This incident resulted in charges of felony discharge of a firearm and misdemeanors for threats of violence.

According to court records filed in 5th District Court in support of the charges, Lescoe's recent confession detailed the drugging and sexual assault of his former girlfriend and her daughter who at the time was 9-years-old. Lescoe also admitted to intentionally setting the victim's house on fire in February, 2019 prior to setting his mother's home on fire.

Additionally, Lescoe told police that he was coming forward now because "his conscience had been bothering him," and he wanted the victims to receive the mental health support he never received after suffering sexual abuse himself as a child.

"...He also stated that he knows he will probably spend the rest of his life in Prison for his actions, but he accepts that, if it happens, because he has to make things right for (his girlfriend) and her daughter," the affidavit states.

Lescoe remains in custody at the Utah State Prison pending further legal proceedings. No court dates have been set for the new charges at this time.

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Utah Shakespeare Festival Opens 63rd Season

from Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The Utah Shakespeare Festival officially opened last week, and is celebrating its 63rd season in Cedar City, offering an enriching and fun cultural experience that captivates audiences of all ages. The Festival has become a cherished tradition for many theatre lovers, families, and newcomers alike. If you've never been, come and discover the magic this summer!

The play lineup in the Festival's three theatres includes Shakespeare's *Henry VIII*, *The Winter's Tale*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*, along with the hilarious comedy *The 39 Steps*, the moving and tender *Silent Sky*, and the inspirational *The Mountaintop*. The first five are open; the latter two will open on July 15 and 16, respectively.

"The Festival's 2024 Season focuses on history makers and extraordinary characters," says Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "This dynamic line-up of plays invites audiences to explore the question: 'Who can we trust?' Living in an age of endless choices, updates, and opinions, it's an important theme to explore."

"Strong female characters are another theme this season," comments Executive Managing Director Michael Bahr, "with Queen Katherine, Queen Hermione, 'Kate the Cursed,' and Beatrice teaming up to represent some of Shakespeare's strongest women. They are not to be outdone, however; the women from *The 39 Steps*, *Silent Sky*, and *The Mountaintop* are all exceptional too!"

John DiAntonio (left) as Petruchio, Geoffrey Kent as Vincentio, and Caitlin Wise as Kate in the Utah Shakespeare Festival's 2024 production of The Taming of the Shrew.



In addition to the mainstage productions, enjoy free family fun at *The Greenshow* every evening at 7:10 pm, Monday through Saturday. This year's themes are Royals, featuring Queen Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots (before performances of *Henry VIII*), Folk Festival (before performances of *The Winter's Tale*), and Commedia (before performances of *The Taming of the Shrew*). These dynamic family-friendly outdoor shows feature singing, dancing, stories, music, and audience participation. Bring a blanket and stretch out on the grass or cozy up on a bench for these lively 30-minute pre-show performances. Also, this season, the Festival again welcomes the Paiute Tribe of Utah with special Greenshow performances on July 8 and 23, and August 7 and 29.

What is affectionately known as the Festival Experience ensures that audiences' participation goes beyond—and sometimes behind—the stage. An expansive array of seminars, orientations, Backstage Tours, Repertory Magic, classes, camps, and more aim to enhance patrons' understanding of Shakespeare and other playwrights' works and the process of repertory theatre. Some are free; others have an admission fee. Much of the Festival Experience is thoughtfully designed to demystify the Bard's language and themes, making his works accessible and enjoyable for all, regardless of prior exposure to Shakespeare. Additionally, local residents have options to save on tickets (some restrictions apply):

- **Local Discount** of 50% off day-of tickets, Monday through Saturday, based on availability;
- **Iron County Pass** where for \$200 you get eight admissions throughout the season;
- **Student Access Pass** where any student can get one ticket per performance to unlimited performances for only \$40.

For those interested in even more theatrical experiences, the Festival also hosts a new play reading series called Words Cubed in August where audience and actors come together with playwrights to experience and discuss their new works. Additionally, students from London's renowned Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA) will present a condensed touring production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* July 30-August 3 in the Anes Studio Theatre.

We invite you to experience the magic of the Utah Shakespeare Festival this season. Whether you're sharing the joy of Shakespeare with your family for the first time or rediscovering his or other playwrights' genius, the Festival offers a welcoming, engaging, and unforgettable experience for everyone. Get your tickets today at bard.org, by calling 800-PLAYTIX, or visiting the Ticket Office near the clocktower.

Even our Medical Care is Great

by Mary Ann Anderson

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

Didn't you love "The Taming of the Shrew? We all know Katherine. She refuses to be governed by the men in her life. She loves her father, but will not allow him to make the decisions for her life. She has no BFF and thinks her sister Bianca is useless as an ally. If we will allow her, she will teach us how to be a worthy companion in a world of clueless men.

If we allow her, Maria will show us how to find joy in a beautiful world of mountains and music. She used to escape from loneliness and finally managed to take seven children and a guitar to a place of freedom. There is another troupe that I have been entertained by quite often lately. The costumes are not as fancy as costumes in a ballet, but if I can read the code, I know what I'm in for. For instance, light blue and dark green can be alarming, especially in the company of a person in navy blue. Are you starting to recognize the specialties of medical personnel in a hospital? The male or female specialists in navy or light gray {nurses} are helping you for the attention of the ministrations of someone in light blue or light green. Read that as hospital nurses prepping you for the skill of the male or female ministering of surgery specialists. You see, I fell and broke six ribs and I had the need for medical personnel as much as I needed the attention of skilled actors to celebrate a special evening of joy. But communities have to admit that all of us have people who are special in their ways. We are greeted by receptionists in making us feel that everyone knows just what to do to make us feel safe and cared for. We are made to feel pain-free and moved ever so gently. I was surprised to be in an emergency, room answering questions about severe pain or bleeding arm. You will be told to be still while a doctor checks after saying, "Hello Dr. Andersen." You aren't embarrassed to have company in the bathroom with you.

Beds are changed when they need to be. I'm sorry to say some nurses are rough and need to be reminded that broken ribs hurt. A lot of the food is good, but not all of it. I was impressed that I could ask for whatever I wanted, though. Careful assisted dressing got me out of the hospital in twenty-four hours. I wouldn't want to go back, but our community is skillful and welcoming, even in unpleasant times.



Topher Embrey (left) as King Henry and **Cassandra Bissell** as Queen Katherine from the 2024 production of *Henry VIII*.

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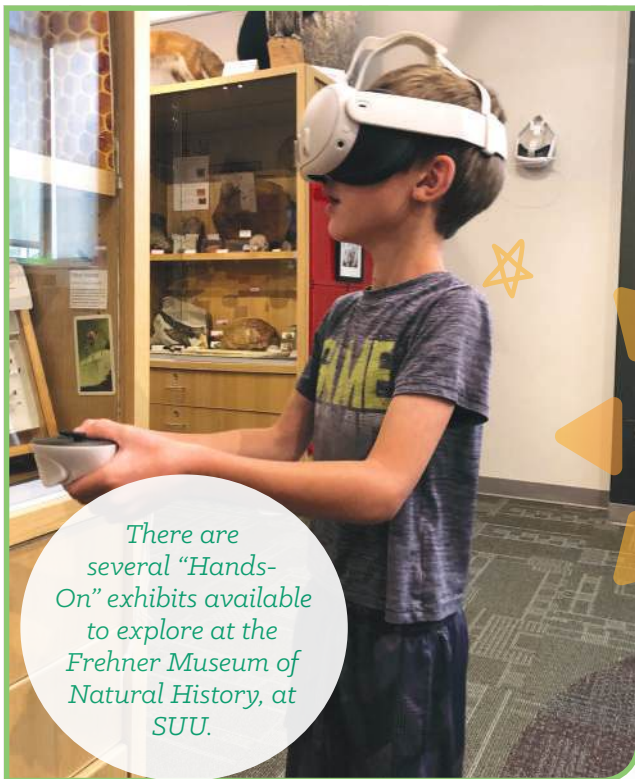
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There are several "Hands-On" exhibits available to explore at the Frehner Museum of Natural History, at SUU.

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Garth and Jerri Frehner Museum of Natural History is dedicated to providing educational experiences for Southern Utah's residents, teachers, and students in all subjects relating to biology, geology, and anthropology. The Museum will capture your eye the minute you enter the door. They believe K-12 students should have access to hands-on learning about their environment and the natural resources in southern Utah. They strive to provide education that is fun and engaging while leading everyone to a deeper level of understanding where true learning takes place.

The Frehner Museum of Natural History is buzzing with excitement as it prepares for the summer season! The museum is updating its permanent exhibits, cataloging the collection, and adding brand new exhibits that promise to delight visitors of all ages.

Summer Interactive Programming.

Join them every Wednesday from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M for our Summer Interactive Programming.

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SUMMER

2024

at the FREHNER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



New exhibit at the Frehner Museum actually gives a much closer look at insects.

SUU GARTH & JERRI FREHNER
Museum of Natural History

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)

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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

1st Wed, 7 pm • Parowan Seminary building, Main & 300 N, Parowan

Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

Caregivers

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

Celebrate Recovery 12-Step

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

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

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

Hope Without Dope • Thurs, 8 pm

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

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

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

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

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 @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sunrisechurch.net, sunrisechurch.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 pre-registration required.

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/SmGytgFvq1TS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiePW63pR6Zd8K9

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.

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

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

calendar

THURS, JUL 4

Fourth of July

FIRE WORK DISCHARGE TIMES - 11AM TO 12PM

PENDING ANY UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, the Cedar City Fire Department provides a safe way for residents to enjoy fireworks on the 4th of July at the Cedar City Airport with a firework show beginning after dark (usually around 10:00 PM)

ENOCH CITY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

(Starting @ 7AM) 1700 E. 5250 N. in Enoch City, Utah.

LIONS CLUB INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

(9-10:30AM) From 300 West /Center Street to Main Street and ending near State Bank on Main Street. Event at the Main Street Park following the Parade.

BRIAN HEAD ART FAIR (THUR-SAT; 9AM-7PM)

The Brian Head Art Fair will be hosting live music, fun attractions for adults and kids, great food & drinks for everyone and as always all the great vendors with all of their amazing products! Admission is free so come on up and spend the day or the entire weekend and don't forget to bring all your family and friends with you.

FRI, JUL 5

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (7PM) IMPAC PRESENTS:

The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy. Located in the IMPAC Studio (389 N 100 W, Ste 7, Cedar City). Tickets are \$20 and are available on im-pac.com/theatre-company. Come for a uniquely intimate production like you've never experienced before!

SAT, JUL 6

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 (9AM-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

CEDAR CITY TRUMP TRAIN (5PM) MEET AT THE

Diamond Z Arena at 5 pm. There will be all kinds of flags and swag. Hosted by Steve Holmes, local realtor.

MON, JUL 8

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (MON-FRI;

9AM-12PM) Looking for Oceans of Fun? We hope to "sea" you at Vacation Bible School. Join us this July as we take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God July 8 - 12. For more information call 435-586-8891 or email at swifts5@live.com. Register at https://vbspro.events/p_early/0627c0.

WED, JUL 10

THE LITERARY BOOK GROUP (7PM) @ MAIN

Street Books. We are reading Shakespeare: The World as Stage by Bill Bryson. There are some copies available at Main Street Books. Please support local, purchase a copy, and join us for a discussion about the Bard. Afterwards, attend a Utah Shakespeare Festival play with your newfound knowledge!

FRI, JUL 12

2024 USF SEASON OPENING CELEBRATION

(Starting 4:30PM) Featuring a Mix and Mingle at the Randall L. Jones Patio and Lobby, Green Show, and two show options: Much Ado About Nothing & The Winter's Tale. \$150 to join all activities. For more information contact: Emily Cacho at Emily@bard.org or 435-586-1970.

Want your event on our calendar?

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

FREHNER MUSEUM

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Visitors can immerse themselves in hands-on outdoor activities, and discover the wonders of their expanded Native Plant Garden. It's a fun, family-friendly way to beat the summer heat while learning about the fascinating natural world around us.



One of the many wildlife exhibits located at the Garth & Jerri Frehner Museum of Natural History

Pollinators! Opening Event.

Mark your calendars! On Monday, July 15th, they are hosting the grand opening celebration for their new "Pollinators!" exhibit. This interactive experience will showcase the vital role that bees, butterflies, and other unexpected pollinators play in our delicate ecosystem. Prepare for educational activities, engaging guest speakers, and light refreshments as they kick off this exciting new exhibit.

Save The Date: Creepy Crawlers Exhibition Opening.

Brace yourselves for a spine-tingling experience! On October 15th, the Frehner Museum of Natural History will unveil its "Creepy Crawlers" exhibition, exploring the fascinating world of insects, arachnids, and other creepy-crawly crea-

tures. Stay tuned for more details!

Their main goal for their current exhibits and layout is for interactive experiences, including their immersive VR sets, up close microscopes and 3-D prints.

The Museum looks forward to welcoming the community to come learn about the natural world this summer. They eagerly await your visit this summer to the Frehner Museum of Natural History!

Museum is free and open 10 A.M.-6 P.M. Tuesday through Saturday.

162 South 300 West Cedar City Utah 84720, 435-865-8547

frehnermuseum@suu.edu

In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous...

-Aristotle



Museum Assistant explains in detail facts about the exhibits at the Frehner Museum.

God Bless the USA

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CORNER(ED)

by **Weslie Stratton**

IRON COUNTY TODAY



Back in February the city we were living in hosted a Republican caucus, allowing us to vote for a presidential candidate to represent our political party in this year's election.

On the evening this event took place my husband was on duty, leaving me the option to
a) load up our four young kids at bedtime and join the throng of like minded Republicans or,
b) tuck the kids into their beds and enjoy a cozy quiet evening at home.

The Stratton family has a strong sense of patriotism that really left me with no choice. So we bundled up

and I answered a million questions about where we were going, what we were doing there and why we were doing it.

By the time we filed into the crowded high school gymnasium our oldest child was lamenting the fact that he has to wait another 10 years before he can legally cast his vote. He walked around the caucus holding a handwritten sign that read, "Freedom! Vote for Chrump!". In addition, he created his own ballot with a big check mark next to his candidate of choice, "Chrump".

I couldn't have been more proud. Our odd little gang stood out among the crowd of people aged 55+ who turned out to exercise their valuable right to vote. Many couples stopped to quiz the kids on why they were there and their answers drew smiles and nods of approval.

After a 45 minute wait in line I herded the kids over to our designated table, checked my ballot and was beaming with pride as the volunteers graciously accepted my boy's handmade ballot and thanked him

for participating.

This was an educational opportunity no classroom could have adequately provided.

That night we drove home singing the Lee Greenwood classic, "I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free..." at the top of our lungs and my eyes filled with tears of appreciation for those who gave their lives to give that right to me.

This fourth of July, and every day after, I hope you'll stand up next to me to defend our country and the right to vote that was fought so hard to achieve.

*"Cause there ain't no
doubt I love this land."*

God bless the USA!



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- Character Development
- Constitution studies

Location: 782 N. Main St.

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WOOD

Family Reunion

by Georgia Johnson

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



you are a descendant from any of the children, the committee is searching for you. This is a long overdue reunion to gather you all together. All the members of the George Henry and Elisabeth Wood family were prominent members of Southern Utah and the George Wood pioneer family.

The reunion is scheduled for July 20, 2024 at the Wood Ranch (up Highway SR-14 on the southside approximately 14 miles) formerly owned by George Henry and Elisabeth Wood. The reunion will start at 10:00 am and continue till 4:00 pm. There are family activities planned, along with hiking, the fishing pond, biking etc. Food, genealogy stories to be sold, music and a DJ, socializing opportunities along with a silent auction for donations going towards the George A. Wood Statue to be dedicated on November 3, 2024 during Cedar City's Birthday Celebration. Please bring family, and friends.

Pictures of the wood siblings will also be available for viewing and purchase. All monies will be donated to the George A. Wood statue and projected placement in front of the Union Pacific Railroad Depot. The dedication of the statue will be on November 9, 2024 during the Cedar City Birthday celebration.

George A. Wood was the firstborn son to George Henry and Elisabeth Wood in New Harmony, Utah. The Wood Family Legacy Project has been formed to help gather community donations for the statue. All the contributions collected will pay for

the sculptured statue, historical maker and other required structures for preservation. This project is gathering contributions from local businesses in Cedar City. We need the family's support and contributions. George A. Wood was known to family and friends as Bert Wood. The statue will represent his community contributions not only to Cedar City, and throughout Southern Utah but to Arizona and Nevada.

George A Wood was instrumental in building, constructing, and designing a major portion of historical buildings in Cedar City from 1909 through 1960. In the words of Harry Lunt, "George A. Wood was a great architect and builder. He was a civic and religious leader and was active in these activities to the last. Industry was a big element in his life."

George A. Wood worked with the Utah Governor, and Utah Transportation Commission to bring the Union Pacific Railroad spur from Lund, Utah into Cedar City. His business ingenuity served to rescue the financial losses incurred by those community investors in the El Escalante hotel in turn he built the UPRR depot to support tourism into Cedar City opening the doors to the National Parks. George A. Wood's statue will bring recognition for his community leadership, as well, his many contributions to Cedar City, Iron County, Southern Utah, Northern Arizona, and Southern Nevada.

The Wood Family Legacy Committee is seeking Wood family members descended from George and Mary Davis Wood and/or son, George Henry Wood and Elizabeth Ann Bryner Wood. There were fourteen children born to George Henry and Elizabeth Wood. George Albert, John Robert, Franklin Bryner, Conroy Bryner, William Henry, Ulrich Bryner, Karl, Preston, Rulon Samual (nine boys and five girls) Mary Ada, Blanch, Gewndola, Verena Bryner, and Pauline. Yes, if

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Billboard. Photo by Ruth Scovill



Pavillion Church in the Park. Photo by Ruth Scovill

CHURCH in the PARK

by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It is 11:00 on a recent Friday morning at the Main Street Park pavilion. Pastor Terri Collmar, along with pastors from other local churches, is singing, praying, and celebrating faith with a gathering of people—just as she does every Friday morning. People are loosely congregated in the pavilion and on the lawn outside of the pavilion, enjoying the sunshine, enjoying each others' company, and enjoying the spirit of friendship and fellowship that comes with being together amongst friends. When the weather gets too cold to accommodate people in the pavilion, services are moved into the library.

After services, people gather in the pavilion to eat. A hot meal has been prepared for forty-some-odd people by volunteers. This, too, is part of the weekly gathering, and different congregations in the city help to take care of this weekly meal—generally with one person taking charge and others helping. The church in the park started about 4 years ago when Terri and her husband moved to Cedar City from

Nevada. They had just retired as pastors and were looking for their place in their new community.

Although it was outside of her comfort zone, the Lord showed Terri how to talk to people—how to minister to people and pray for them. Many of the people in the park were experiencing homelessness and addiction. They felt broken. People were living in their cars.

Terri and her friend Sherry started walking around the park about four times a day, talking to people, and getting to know more about the people that they saw there. In the wintertime, they would see people sleeping in the snow. There was a man in a thin short sleeve t-shirt, shivering with only a tiny blanket to cover his shoulders. One day a man asked her to buy him a hamburger. She went to Hermies and bought a hamburger for him and for his friend. They were so grateful.

One day she asked one of the gentlemen if he thought people would come to church if they started holding services. He replied, "I'll bring them." The first services were kind of rowdy but enthusiastically

attended. Many of the people were wild and singing loudly. Other times there was only one attendee, but they persisted.

When it got too cold, they would hold services in the library. Over time, Terri and her team have seen a tremendous transformation in the people. As I sat with

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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Henry's Place Youth help with Church in the Park service. Photo by Jill Spatafore.

CHURCH IN THE PARK

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the crowd, people were friendly and open with me. They were happy and comfortable. If you came to attend, and you are welcome to do so, you would feel friendship, happiness, peace, and joy.

While most of the people there are experiencing homelessness or poverty. Many are living out of their cars and resources are scarce, but they also exhibit a sense of human dignity, kindness, and love. Their problems have not gone away, but the church in the park has helped many people get in touch with resources to improve their situation, and the mere act of being recognized has helped make life seem more worthwhile.

The team has made connections with a number of evangelical churches in the area who help support their efforts with their ministry. They are also connected to resources such as Care and Share, and the local council on homelessness. They are also now one of the six service providers on the local homeless council.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. If you are interested in donating meals, nonperishable food, clothing, funds or assistance, contact Jill Spatafore at 702-917-2151.



Cedric & Jill.
Photo by Ruth Scovill

Final chapter of The Old Rock Church

PART 4



by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It was a day much more suited to soaking in the City Pool, but alas, the Parowan Old Rock Church had a fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd, and the mid-90's temperatures kept most of the attendees in the shade for a good portion of the day. However, the show needed to go on, and so it did. Our historic church needs a new roof and the sweltering citizenry of Southern Utah patronized the merchants, vendors and memorial brick sales, such that we are now eligible to apply for a new grant which will go to help fund the badly needed repairs.

At 4 o'clock there was also a very special ceremony held across the street from the church. It was the culmination of a restoration project taken on by the Sons of Utah Pioneers to restore the monument honoring the explorer John C Fremont. The plaque itself was reinstalled into the new rockwork several months ago, but the fundraiser was a timely moment to gather invited guests to hear local native, Mary Ann Kemp tell her emotional story of her great-grandparents, Sara and Calvin Smith, who lived on the corner where

the monument now sits. On a cold and snowy night, she heard the cries of what turned out to be Fremont, near death in a snow bank, a quarter of a mile away. The Smiths rescued Fremont, and, along with others, found the rest of his party, who, one by one were rescued by those early ancestors in Parowan.

At 5:30 pm, it was time for the dinner and the live, and very lively auction, which thankfully all took place in the shade behind the church. Several hun-

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Spirit of '76 PARADE

by May Hunter
CONTRIBUTOR

Lion's Club Independence Day Parade is on Thursday, July 4, 2024. From 300 West Center Street to Main Street and ending near State Bank on Main Street. Join the Cedar City Lion's Club for their annual Independence Day Parade. Cedar City Police reminds us to please stay behind the fog line which is the solid white line. Keep children from running out into the street at all times. There will be items and candy handed out, but they will be bring it to you. As the parade moves, keep your distance from the floats and especially the horses. As always, the Cedar City Police reminds us to be safe and have fun! See you at the Cedar City Lion' Annual Spirit of '76 Parade! The parade is scheduled to start at 9:30 at the intersection of 300 West and Canter Street and end at 400 North Main on July 4th, 2024

OLD ROCK

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dred people attended the dinner while local farmer Alan Adams, one of the direct descendants of the original settlers, auctioned off a variety of baked goods donated by the local townsfolk. You had to be in a donating mood to pay \$40 for a peach pie, but that's what this auction was all about..... raising funds for the new roof. In addition to writing my series of articles about this worthy cause, I also volunteered to sent up a photobooth in front of the

church and took dozens of complimentary family photos as a memory for those who came out to support the church and braved the heat. I chatted with some of the folks I was photographing and learned that several who were actually related to the original pioneers of Parowan, had driven here from across Southern Utah, including Washington County, Iron County, Sevier County, after hearing about the fundraiser from Facebook

and our newspaper. One of the goals of the restoration committee has always been to reach out to and bring together people with ancestral ties to this church and our community and to seek their help to restore this historic building with their generosity. This goal will continue until the task is completed. Until we see you all again, many thanks to all who donated both time and money.



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Memorial Grove Park Tree Planting— United in Service Projects

by May Hunter

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UServeUtah's United in service projects mobilize communities in meaningful volunteerism that promotes personal growth and builds connection. Volunteers have the opportunity to engage in impactful service for local needs.

The opportunity to serve our community through "Memorial Grove Park Beautification", was on June 26, from 6:30-8:30. Volunteers helped beautify and enhance the aesthetics of the cemetery area by creating a welcoming environment for community members to honor their deceased loved ones.

Volunteers helped clean up, garden, landscaping repairs and planted trees.

Thank you to everyone who joined the first United in Service Project held in Cedar City. Over 60 Men, Women and children volunteered for the project. "Service is what life is all about". One Tree Planted-It helps the environment and makes our community beautiful. We believe in the power of community service and volunteering to build unity in the community UServeUtah's United in Service Projects.

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In 2009, Cedar City UT **Mayor Gerald R. Sherratt**, requested that the Cedar City Memorial Grove be created so that the public could donate a tree in honor of a deceased loved one. Volunteers recently planted trees in the Memorial Grove Park, organized by UServeUtah Beautification Project.



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and Vietnam Veteran
Corporal Jesse
LaCagnina



Three Vietnam veterans were recognized for Quilts of Valor during the week of Memorial Day on May 20, 2024.

The Patches4Patriots group of Iron County awarded three Local Vietnam Veteran's their Quilts of Valor. Group Leader, Esmeralda Carter and board members PJ Sylvester, Jen Oeland, Jan McNulty, Debi Smith were honored to award These Vietnam Veterans their Quilts of Valor.

Staff Sergeant John Pitkin, United States Army
Specialist 5 Carl Dahlia, United States Army
Corporal Jesse LaCagnina, United States Marines

The community joined in celebrating and supporting these Vietnam Veterans. Each Veteran was awarded the Presidential Vietnam Commemoration Pin, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and their Vietnam Era pins.



PJ Sylvester
and Vietnam
Veteran Specialist
5 Carl Dahlia

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obituaries

Paula Kaye Parry



Paula Kaye Parry (Adams) passed away on June 23rd surrounded by family. She had battled cancer since 2020. Even with the side effects her compassionate and loving nature still shined through.

Paula was born on March 29th, 1966 to William Gary Adams and Kathryn Hunter Adams in Cedar City Utah. Paula married and was sealed to Kendall Olds Parry on July 10th, 1987 in the St. George Temple.

Paula worked various jobs in her lifetime. She found out at a young age that she had a love for caring for people. This allowed her to care for her patients as an EMT Tech on the ambulance as well as in the hospital. While working in the medical field she made several friends who cared for her even in her last days.

Paula's most recent position, Administrative Assistant at Southern Utah University Welcome Center was her most loved and fulfilling job. She cared so much for the students that she welcomed and many remained friends with her to this day. She worked closely with the Presidential Ambassadors, so close in fact she became Mama Paula to them all.

She served in various callings for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. One of her favorite was primary teacher, which she served for several years. She adored the kids as much as they adored her.

Paula always looked for reasons to gather her friends and family together. She enjoyed many things, one of these was hosting gatherings at her home and at one of her favorite spots, her cabin up Cedar Mountain. The time she cherished most was time spent with her two grandsons. She cared for them as her own and had a special bond with them.

She is survived by her spouse Kendall Parry, her children, Shaylee Lamoreaux (Kenny), and Brady Parry. Grandchildren: Porter and Parker Lamoreaux. Brother Craig Adams, Mother-in-law Yvonne Parry, Sisters-in-law Teresa Topham, Katie Young (Chris) and many other relatives that loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Father-in-law Kenyon Parry, Brother-in-law Larry Topham.

Her family would like to thank the Intermountain Cancer Center, and a special thanks to Dr. Ashton, and Dr. Perkins and all those who worked to help Paula.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 27th, 2024 at 11AM at the LDS Cedar City North Stake (95 North 2125 West, Cedar City, Utah). A viewing was held Wednesday, June 26th from 6-8pm at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City, Utah). A viewing was held Thursday, June 27th from 9am-10:30am at the Church. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the funeral service and leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Janet Anne Guymon Low



Janet Anne Guymon Low 1948-2024

Janet Anne Guymon Low, 76, passed away April 2024 at her home. She was born on November 28, 1947, to Roscoe and Eva May Bayles Guymon.

She was the youngest of six children.

Janet attended and graduated in 1966 from Parowan High School.

She had a long career with the telephone company.

Janet married William Richard Low on July 5, 1969. They spent their life together in Parowan, Utah.

She was preceded in death by her husband Rick and her parents. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Keith (Dot), Kent (Jackie), Bob (Darlene) and her sisters Mae Reeves (Meivin), Merna Getz (Max).

A graveside service will be held for Janet and her husband, Rick, on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Parowan City Cemetery.

William Richard Low



William Richard Low 1948-2024

William Richard Low, 75, passed away April 2024. He was born on October 12, 1948, to William Arnold and Ruth Johnson Low.

Rick was raised in Beaver and graduated from Beaver High School.

Rick was one of four children.

He married Janet Anne Guymon on July 5, 1969. They spent their life together in Parowan Utah.

He died a few days before Janet at their home in Parowan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Ruth Konra Keit. Rick is survived by his brother Paul A. Low and sister, MaryAnn Low Griffiths.

A graveside service will be held for Rick and his wife, Janet, on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Parowan City Cemetery.

Thomas Lewis Giesing



Thomas Lewis Giesing - JULY 8, 1932 - JUNE 27, 2024

Tom, a kind, witty, generous, loving, & godly man, 50+ year resident of Adamsville on Minersville reservoir, Utah, blessed with prayers from many friends, holding his brother's hand, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his current five-year residence at Beaver Hospital's long-term care facility.

Tom, the fourth child of 11, born to Katherine and Alban Giesing at home in San Diego. He's survived by

his brothers; Monsignor Anthony Giesing, Philip and Carol, Daniel and Jackie, Bernard & Patricia, & sister, Anita Leisen, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

From an early age he served in the Church. Graduating from Saint Augustine HS, Tom joined the USMC during the Korean War. After five years in the military, Tom came home to San Diego and worked in Real Estate in El Cajon, then a golf course in Borrego Springs, California.

Our children knew him as Uncle Tommy, who would come over to play cards, hang out for family BBQs, tell funny stories and, in summer, let them work in his store. One vacation time he & brother, Anthony, came to Beaver, Utah. He fell in love with the area and began a fishing business at Minersville Lake reservoir. Many locals remember how kind Tom was when, as kids, they visited his bait store to buy ice cream or drinks. Vacationers and fishermen came from big cities in California & Nevada, becoming friends, returning year after year to launch their boats at his site and fish.

One of Tom's best friends, Father Joseph Valine, pastor of Saint Bridgets, Catholic Church in Milford, was often driven by Tom to Mission Chapels in Bryce and Zion. Twice Tom was Father Valine Council Knight of the year. On June 13, 2009, Tom received the honors of the 4th of the Knights Of Columbus in Cedar City. He was a great example of service and faith to his family.

It was hard to leave St Brigid's to help with the new Our Lady of the Light Mission in Beaver. Tom loved his faith and knew Beaver was where he needed to be. He was dedicated to the prison ministry where, for years, he went Saturday and Sunday mornings to share Jesus' love & teachings with the inmates.

In the 50's & 60's he enjoyed joining his brother, "Papa" Tony at the October "Night before the Hunt" parties in Beaver. Deer hunting and fishing were shared with many family members. Tom loved to fish and taught our kids how to love it. He enjoyed Sunday Brunch at Alfordville Cabin.

After retirement and then aging problems, Tom gave up his lake view home & moved into his LTC Facility. He always praised his healthcare workers! Our family extends deep felt appreciation, love and prayers to all.

Tom's Funeral Service will be held in Beaver, at 2:30pm, on 7/06/2024 at Our Lady of the Light Mission. There will be a Celebration of his Life, following Mass. Location to be announced afterwards.

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FIVE FALCONS

Sign Track Letters of Intent



From left, Lydia Forsyth, Lara Sorensen, Harmony Lopez and Jenna Fife signed letters of intent June 26 to compete in track and field as well as cross country at the collegiate level. Forsyth will join SUU, Sorensen and Fife signed with Snow College, and Lopez will head to Utah Valley.

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

When Lydia Forsyth tried out cross country for the first time, the bells and whistles went off. She fell in love with the sport after that. The COVID pandemic opened the door for Lara Sorensen to start running, and her passion took off. The Canyon View pair are two of five track and field athletes who signed letters of intent June 26 to continue on to the collegiate level. Forsyth will join Southern Utah, Sorensen will join with teammate Jenna Fife as Snow College debuts its program in the fall, Harmony Lopez signed with Utah Valley, joining teammate Gabrielle Dabb, and Qwentyn Petty will be heading to Idaho State of the Big Sky Conference.

Forsyth's best run at the 3A state meet came with the sprint medley relay, where she

ran the 800-meter anchor leg and helped the team finish third in the race. Her cross country highlight from her senior season was at the SUU Invitational, where she finished fifth with a 5K time of 19 minutes, 35.56 seconds.

"I tried it out and realized I was really good at it," Forsyth said. "In my junior year, I ran at an SUU cross country camp and got to meet the coaches. They had a couple of timed races, and I saw I was actually put on their record board. They said all of the other girls had gone on to run in college, so it clicked for me."

Sorensen committed to cross country and track in her sophomore year. When her times started improving as a junior, the seed of potentially running in college was planted. "I realized I didn't want this to end after high school," Sorensen said. "I was trying really

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

The NBA and NHL Drafts were on all our minds last week with the Jazz and the new Utah Hockey Club restocking the rosters for 2024 and beyond, so this week's dozen looks at notable draft picks, moves and history made. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember... no wagering!

- Victor Wembanyama, Bilal Coulibaly, Zaccharie Risacher, Alex Sarr and Tidjane Salaun have all been among the top seven players selected in the last two NBA drafts. What country are these players from?
- The Utah Jazz selected Cody Williams with the 10th overall pick and Isaiah Collier at No. 29 in the first round. Name either Pac-12 school these players came from (Hint: Collier was a teammate of Bronny James, son of the Lakers' LeBron)
- Larry Bird and Magic Johnson were synonymous with the NBA in the 1980s, but the pair were drafted one year apart – Bird in 1978 and Johnson in 1979. True or False: Bird was selected No. 1 in the 1978 NBA Draft
- Who was the last No. 1 NBA draft pick to reach the Hall of Fame? (2002)
- Who was the last No. 1 draft pick to win an NBA title (Drafted 2014, won in 2022 with Golden State)
- Two NBA teams had No. 1 picks in the draft in back-to-back years – 2013-14 and 2016-17. Name either team that had the distinction (one team asked its fans to "trust the process").
- Dillon Jones became the second player from Weber State to be drafted in the first round when the Washington Wizards took him at No. 26 overall, joining Damian Lillard, who was taken No. 6 overall in 2012. Which Western Conference team took Lillard that year?
- The NBA champion Boston Celtics made a splash when they took Baylor Scheierman with the 30th and last pick of the first round. What Big East school did Scheierman play for that reached the Midwest Regional semifinal before losing to Tennessee?
- Speaking of Tennessee, Dalton Knecht went to what Pacific Division team when he was selected No. 17 overall in the first round?
- Paolo Banchero was the most recent U.S. collegiate player taken No. 1 in the NBA Draft in 2022 by the Orlando Magic. What college did Banchero attend?
- While LeBron James grabbed the headlines when he was taken No. 1 overall straight out of high school in 2003, another high-schooler followed James as the No. 1 pick by the Orlando Magic in 2004. His last NBA team was the Lakers, and he's been playing overseas the last two years. Who is he?
- What NBA team made its selection of G-League player Ron Holland II at No. 5 overall in the first round of the 2024 draft, but still doesn't have a head coach?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- LSU
- Oregon State.
- USC.
- Texas.
- Ole Miss.
- South Carolina.
- Oakland A's.
- Terry Francona.
- Omaha.
- Coastal Carolina. The team beat Arizona in three games to win the 2016 title.
- Adley Rutschman.
- Paul Skenes.

A Tale of Two Drafts

Over the course of last Thursday and Friday, I found myself fascinated with the NBA and NHL drafts. There were many reasons to watch the events on TV, from whether or not LeBron James would get his wish for his son, Bronny, to be drafted in the second round by the Los Angeles Lakers, to who the new Utah Hockey Club would choose as its first-ever draft pick.

The NHL held its draft at the spectacular Sphere in Las Vegas, but more on that later. Let's begin our viewing saga with Day 2 of the NBA Draft, shall we?

As I settled in to watch the ESPN broadcast of the NBA Draft, I wasn't paying too much attention to the storylines being discussed on camera, but leaned more on social media friends as they shared opinions on what should happen with Bronny James. Consensus seemed to be that any rival drafting in front of the Lakers – who had the 55th pick overall, only three short of the end – would swoop in and pull the rug out from under the dream of a father-son teammate situation.

As the picks came in, there was a lot of confusion from the selections. Teams and players were announced, but the graphics clearly stated a “proposed trade” was in the works for some of them. No real mention was made by the ESPN anchor table to share what exactly was going on, but it became easier to figure out with simple detective work.

One example: Marquette point guard Tyler Kolek was taken by the Portland Trailblazers at No. 34 overall, but ended up with the New York Knicks instead. The next pick by the San Antonio Spurs was Kansas shooting guard Johnny Furphy, but he ended up with the Indiana Pacers. The two teams swapped the respective second-round picks, with the Spurs ending up with Juan Nunez, a shooting guard from Spain.

As more selections came in, there was more pick-swapping, but Bronny James was still waiting. When the NBA champion Boston Celtics took

Gonzaga power forward Anton Watson one pick before the Lakers, you just knew the inevitable was going to happen.

Following a commercial break, the cameras went to the NBA deputy commissioner (sorry, can't recall his name) and he said, “with the 55th pick of the 2024 NBA Draft, the Los Angeles Lakers select...Bronny James, USC.”

And the hype machine immediately went into overdrive. The ESPN anchors used more hyperbole than usual in

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

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describing the selection, but I was left wondering. Bronny had a health scare earlier in his freshman season and didn't really produce much. He's only 6-foot-3 – a bit more undersized than what we're used to – but who are we to argue about the potential for LeBron's son to do great things?

On Saturday, LeBron muddied the water just a little more when ESPN reported he will be opting out of the final year of his contract which was set to pay \$51.4 million in search of a new deal. The elder James averaged 25.7 points, 8.3 assists and 7.3 rebounds in 71 games played last season, his most in six seasons as a member of the Lakers. There is a less-than-zero chance LeBron is planning on going anywhere, but knowing this is out there right now only makes the situation that much weirder. Bank on the hype machine for the father-son teammate dynamic to head toward overdrive as the regular season gets closer.

After lamenting the two-plus hours of my life I knew I wasn't going to get back, it was on to Day 1 and Round 1 of the NHL Draft. The Utah Hockey Club had the No. 6 selection, and I was blown away with the setup at the Sphere.

The first four picks went according to form, but then came the Montreal

Canadiens at No. 5. Instead of letting the front-office folk announce the pick from the stage, they broke out a heavy hitter from the entertainment universe.

Introduced by General Manager Kent Hughes as the team's “No. 1 fan,” none other than Celine Dion, singer extraordinaire, came out on stage to the surprise of just about every one of the 14,220 fans gathered at the Sphere.

After joking how she wasn't even a hockey mom, Dion, who is suffering from a rare autoimmune disease known as Stiff Person Syndrome, announced that Ivan Demidov was the Canadiens' selection, leading to a big ovation.

Utah team owners Ryan and Ashley Smith couldn't top that if they tried, but their first selection – announced by Ashley – wasn't too bad in its own right. The Hockey Club took Tij Iginla,

son of NHL Hall of Famer Jarome Iginla. Tij won't even turn 18 years old until Aug. 4, but the family pedigree and potential for success in this new environment are clearly there.

Later in the opening round, the Hockey Club made a swap of picks with the Colorado Avalanche and took Cole Beaudoin with the 24th selection of the first round while giving the Avs No. 38 and No. 71. With a Zamboni full of picks already in tow, the move gave the Hockey Club a strong, physical center who should fit in well over time.

The remainder of the NHL Draft was an exercise in “naming names” – and it came at a pricey cost if you wanted to show up to see Day 2 live in person. Including fees, one ticketing site was asking a minimum of \$71 for the privilege.

We'll take a hard pass on that and let the TV folks do their thing. It's better that way

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FIVE FALCONS

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hard to get on the SUU team as a walk-on, but my times weren't exactly there yet. I realized I had a better opportunity to improve and gain experience at Snow. They can help me gain a better scholarship and it's cool I'm helping build their program.”

In addition to playing varsity soccer with the Falcons, Lopez ran track in all four years at CV. She won the 3A state title in the 300-meter hurdles in her senior season and added a win with the 4x100 relay team.

Lopez admitted to having a rough start in track as a freshman, but things improved quickly.

“The preseason was a little rough and I didn't know if (track) was for me,” Lopez said. “I stuck with it and started loving it when I started competing. Having a good race is the best feeling ever. Track is a passion, and I feel like I have a ways to go, especially at the college level. I love the sport too much to stop and end it at high school.”

Lopez credited her soccer work in the fall with helping her get better with track for the spring. She was looking at SUU and Biola College in Southern California among her options following graduation. Fife was introduced to cross country by her dad in her freshman year.

“I wasn't sure about it because it was so new to me,” Fife said. “There was something special about not so much the pain, but how strong I felt after a run. I prefer cross country because it feels like you're pushing a whole team more.”

The honor of receiving an opportunity to continue running at Snow College gave Fife a reason to celebrate in the moment. “I'm completely humbled to be going to college. I wasn't expecting anything like it,” she said. “There's a possibility to go to a bigger college, too. I'm really excited.”

Petty, who was unable to attend the signing ceremony, will join the Bengals on the strength of a strong showing at the 3A state meet that featured a win in the 200 meters by .04 seconds, a second-place effort in the 100, a third in the 200, where teammate Asher Groft got past him at the finish by .02 seconds, and a fourth in the long jump with a leap of 21-2. He will compete in the decathlon and run the sprint events as well.

“He will be one of the top three athletes on the team,” CV coach Jessica Dabb said. “It won't surprise me if he moves into the jumps and everything else. It's going to be awesome to watch.”

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PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

I, Lindsay Hildebrand, the duly appointed Recorder for Enoch City, UT, hereby certify that I have reviewed the Petition for Annexation signed by Elden Trent Gleave. Location of the property is approximately Parcel D-0550-0003-0000 and

D-0550-0003-0001, Iron County unincorporated, containing approximately 10.26 acres.

To view the Petition for Annexation, legal descriptions and map please come to the Enoch City Office, 900 E. Midvalley Road, Enoch UT 84721 or call 435-586-1119 to request the information. The Petition for Annexation was filed with this office on May 9, 2024. I find that the petition meets the requirements for annexation as provided by Utah State law, (subsections 10-2-403 (2), (3) and (4), U.C.A.) The Enoch City Council received the Certification of the Petition for Annexation on June 19, 2024. The City Council may grant this annexation unless a written protest to the annexation petition is filed with the Iron County Boundary Commission at P.O. Box 429, Parowan, UT 84761 and the Enoch City Recorder no later than 30 days after the notice of certification is received. The legislative body or governing board of an affected entity may legally protest this annexation by filing as instructed above. If no protest is submitted, the City Council will hold a public hearing on August 7, 2024 at 6:00pm, Enoch City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road, Enoch UT 84721.

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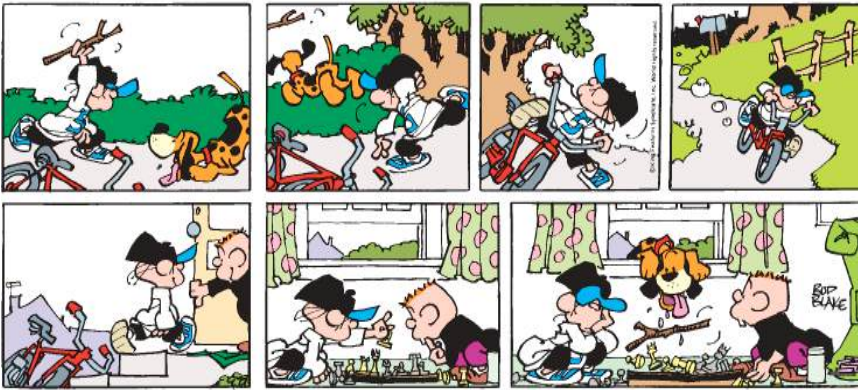
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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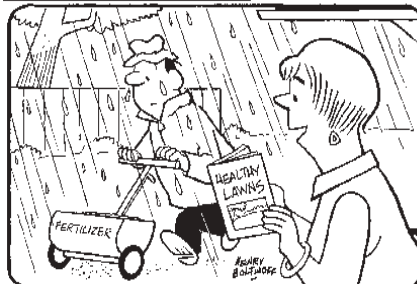
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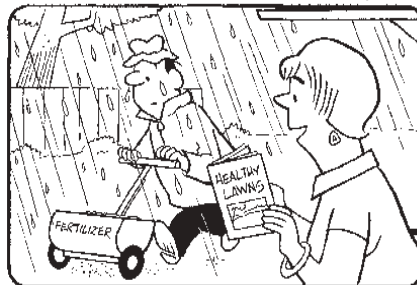
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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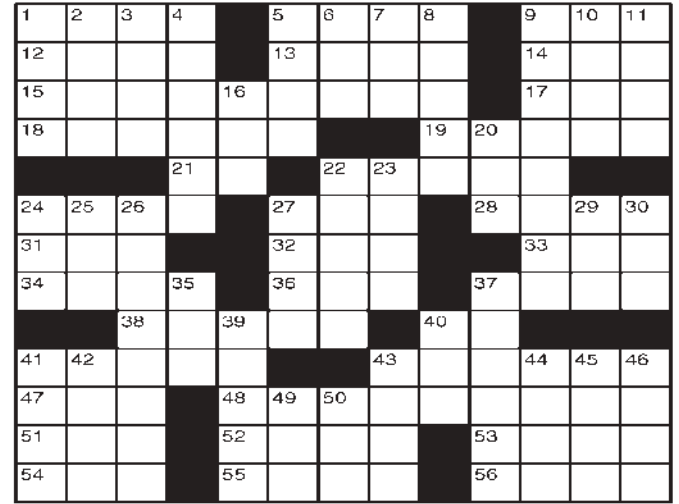


Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Wheel is different. 3. Fence is not as wide. 4. Sleeve is added. 5. Release lever is missing. 6. Hair is different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Old Italian money
- Prof's degrees
- "The Matrix" role
- Caspian Sea feeder
- Mine, in Montreal
- Cleric's garment
- When sports events start
- Avril follower
- Whine
- Representative
- Chicago transport
- Sanctioned by Islamic law
- Pottery oven
- Nourished
- Hotel furniture
- JFK info
- Genetic letters
- "Mayday!"
- Jewels
- Weaponize
- D-Day carriers
- Boredom
- Little — Peep neighbor
- Move laterally
- Least possible
- Actor Ferrigno



- Sandbox toy
- "Let me think ..."
- Female hare
- Twine fiber
- Anonymous
- Flair
- Life story?
- Website contact no.
- Talk on and on
- Artist Matisse
- Eden evictee
- Beer barrel
- Mineral suffix
- Politico with limited power
- Lady of the haus
- Speck
- Sound from a hot wok
- NBC show since 1975
- Yogurt variety
- Violin parts
- "Don't — stranger!"
- "Citizen Kane" prop
- Greek vowel
- Accomplishment
- French 101 verb
- Crystal gazer
- Streetcar
- Writer Rand
- Hosp. scan

DOWN

- Schleps
- Pakistan
- "Bohemian Rhapsody" star Malek
- Football team

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. A wind instrument used by Australia's indigenous people; 2. A cygnet; 3. The Treaty of Paris; 4. Barcelona, Spain; 5. Frequency; 6. Pink; 7. Fear of clowns; 8. The @ symbol (2004); 9. An epitaph; 10. Gerald Ford.

Trivia Test Answers



- by Fifi Rodriguez
- MUSIC: What is a didgeridoo?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby swan called?
 - HISTORY: What is the name of the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War?
 - GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
 - SCIENCE: What does a hertz measure?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is most of the toilet paper in France?
 - PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented by coulrophobia?
 - LANGUAGE: What is the first character to be added to Morse Code since WWII?
 - LITERATURE: What is the term for a section at the end of a book that concludes what has happened?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president turned down offers to play professional football after college graduation?

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Fiddler on the Roof



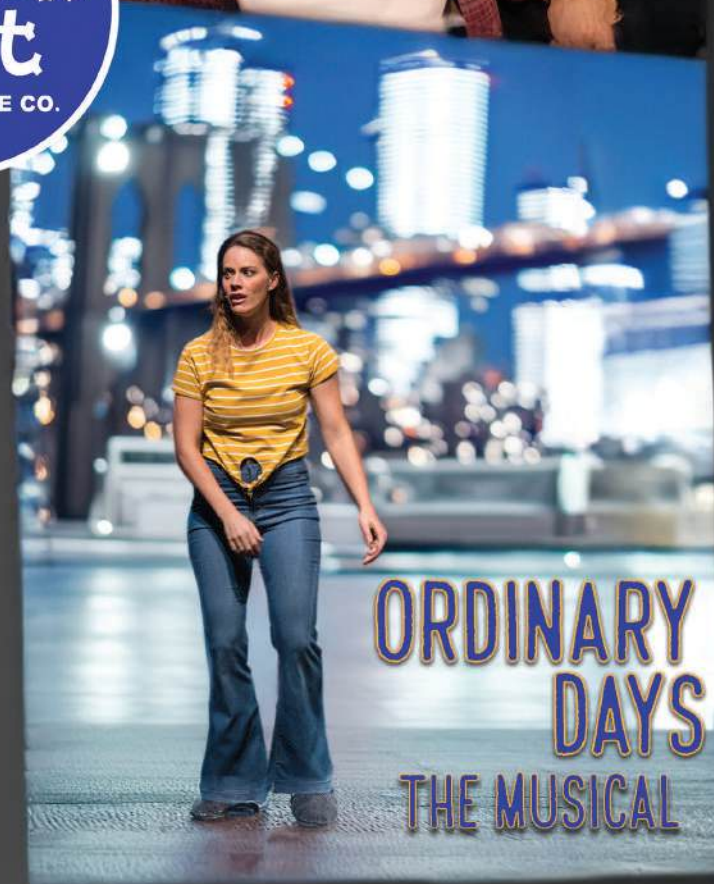
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