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STORY IN NEWS

DWR conservation officers seek information after buck deer illegally killed near Enterprise

from Faith Heaton Jolley

UTAH DEPART. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CEDAR CITY — Utah Division of Wildlife Resources conservation officers are seeking information after a buck deer was shot and left to waste earlier this month in Washington County.

DWR officers received a report on Sept. 3 of a buck deer that had been shot and killed near Enterprise. Upon

further investigation, the officers determined the deer had been killed sometime within 24 hours of receiving the report. The deer had been shot with a firearm and left to waste.

There were only archery deer hunts taking place at the time the deer was killed.

“Individuals who unlawfully kill big game animals and other wildlife are stealing opportunities from law abiding hunters and others who enjoy

seeing wildlife across the state,” DWR Sgt. Brandon White said.

Anyone with information regarding the illegal killing of this deer or any other wildlife is encouraged to report it to the DWR in one of the following ways:

- By calling the UTiP Hotline at 800-662-3337
- The UTDWR Law Enforcement app

- By texting 847411

Anyone with any information regarding this specific case can also contact Sgt. Brandon White at 435-616-9453. A reward may be available for information leading to the successful prosecution of those responsible. Requests for confidentiality are respected.

Las Vegas Man Sentenced to 5 Years for Exploitation of a Minor in Cedar City

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 37-year-old Las Vegas man was sentenced last week to two five-year sentences in prison after being convicted on charges involving a minor.

Vernon Ross was sentenced to the Utah State Prison for attempted sexual exploitation and unlawful sexual conduct with a 16-17 year old, both third-degree felonies.

While each conviction carries a separate sentence the judge ruled that they would be served concurrently, the maximum time he can spend in prison is five years.

Initially, Ross was charged with five counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, all second-degree felonies; one count of unlawful sexual conduct with

a 16- or 17-year-old, a third-degree felony; and two misdemeanor counts related to providing alcohol and tobacco products to a minor.

Most of these charges were dismissed as part of a plea agreement. Prosecutors then reduced one of the second-degree felonies of sexual exploitation to attempted sexual exploitation, a third-degree felony.

The charges against Ross stemmed from an incident in early May, when the man was accused of engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct with a 17-year-old girl at a Cedar City hotel.

According to court documents, police began investigating the incident after they received a report of a runaway juvenile on June 2. During the investigation, authorities found the

girl had made several phone calls to Ross prior to leaving home, leading them to believe she was with him.

The following Monday, Ross contacted police and told them he had been with the juvenile at the hotel the previous Saturday when police were searching for her. He admitted to investigators he had engaged in “consensual sexual intercourse” with the girl but at the time wasn’t aware she was under 18-years-old.

“At this point, he believed she was 18 but due to the 20-year age gap, this fact is not relevant,” the investigating officer stated in the affidavit.

The two had communicated through social media before arranging to meet in person. Ross told police the two

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Iron County Bids Farewell to K9 Hero Bolos

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

For five years, K-9 Bolos led his handler through the darkest corners of Iron County, his sharp nose tracking criminals and his loyal heart protecting the community he served.

Last week, Bolos' mission came to an end — not in a chase or a rescue, but at home, surrounded by the family who loved him.

His passing at the age of 12 has left a deep void in the Iron County Sheriff's Office, where he served from 2015 until his retirement in 2020 due to arthritis.

"Arthritis is pretty common with police K-9s because they work so hard and the way they move their bodies in their job wears down their joints," said Bolos' handler, Iron County Sheriff Sgt. Shawn Peterson.

For those who worked alongside him, Bolos wasn't just a dog with a badge. He was a trusted partner, a protector, and a hero, whose legacy is as

much about the lives he saved as the bonds he formed along the way.

"He was my partner," Peterson said. "We were on call 24/7 and together nonstop. It's not like other partners where you go to separate homes at the end of the day, Bolos and I went home together."

Bolos' impact extends far beyond his regular patrol duties. There were times when sheriff's deputies turned to Bolos in tense situations to help ease fears and defuse a situation. In those moments, Bolos wasn't just a K-9—his steady reassurance made all the difference.

Sheriff Ken Carpenter spoke about Bolos' value to the

department, calling him "a huge asset to the county" and "one of the best dogs" he's ever seen.

From his experience as a Marine in Afghanistan, where dogs were vital to military missions, to his years in local law enforcement, Carpenter has

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RealClearPolitics Election 2024

RCP Poll Averages

Election 2024	Trump	Harris	Spread
RCP Poll Average	47.1	49.4	Harris +2.0
Top Battlegrounds	48.3	48.2	Trump +0.1
RCP Betting Odds	48.0	50.4	
Electoral College	Trump	Harris	Toss Ups
RCP Electoral Map	219	215	104
No Toss Up States	281	257	
Battlegrounds	Trump	Harris	Spread
Virginia	44.5	49.3	Harris +4.8
Nevada	47.3	48.6	Harris +1.3
Florida	49.0	43.0	Trump +6.0
Ohio	51.5	43.3	Trump +8.2
Minnesota	44.3	49.0	Harris +4.7
New Hampshire	41.0	51.7	Harris +7.7
2024 vs. 2020	2024	2020	Spread
Top Battlegrounds	R + 0.1	D + 3.4	Trump +3.5
RCP National Average	D + 2.0	D + 6.6	Trump +4.6
Favorability Rating	D + 8.6	D + 15.8	Trump +7.2

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

My son has officially reached the age where he's starting to understand holidays and get excited about all the fun traditions that come with them. From decorating the house and carving pumpkins to choosing Halloween costumes and, yes, putting up the Christmas tree.

However, as a toddler, he hasn't mastered the concept of time yet. So, while we're gearing up for Halloween, I have to remind him that it's not time to bring out the Christmas tree just yet! Watching *The Nightmare Before Christmas* probably hasn't helped, but honestly, it's a fun "problem" to have.

On another note, I've recently discovered a technical issue with the website that I wanted to address. Over the past few weeks, I hadn't been receiving calendar or article submissions from the website in my email. When I noticed this, I checked the website and realized there were several submissions that I missed. I sincerely apologize to those of you who submitted events or articles that didn't make it into our calendar. Rest assured, we are working hard to fix the problem, and in the meantime, I will be keeping a much closer eye on the submissions to ensure nothing slips through the cracks.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we resolve this issue. I appreciate your support and look forward to sharing all the upcoming events with you as we dive into this busy season!

WORD OF THE WEEK

PROSAIC

[pro-sa-ic]
adjective
characteristic of prose as distinguished from poetry: factual: dull, unimaginative



The Surprising Power of Questioning

PART 7

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Have you ever met a know-it-all, someone who never questions their own opinion? I'm sure we all have at some time or another. Such a person can be very difficult to talk to, always requiring that you reverently listen to them. However, in exploring knowledge, one of the most important skills is knowing how to question circumstances, ideas, thoughts, opinions--in other words to become a lifelong learner by listening, observing, and enhancing our own critical thinking abilities, exploring new ideas, learning outside the box where we reside. We do

live in a small period of time. The current life expectancy in the U.S. is 79.25 years with life expectancy in Utah slightly lower at 78.6 years (73.5 years for men and 79.3 years for women). As we've been exploring Near-Death Experiences from a scientific and cultural point of view, we have discovered a whole new field of study that blows apart customary beliefs about the results of living just in the moment without regard to after-life consequences. Do you wonder what has happened to Adolf Hitler or Stalin or those in the U.S. who enslaved others when slavery was legal now that they have left this world and passed on to the great beyond? Just think about the saintly and tyrannical people you may have met or studied about in your very own life!

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

-L. M. Montgomery,
Anne of Green Gables

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POWER OF QUESTIONING

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How do we continue to learn and increase our abilities in a world that is expanding in knowledge as well as in confusion so that our knowledge encompasses wisdom? Wisdom is the quality of having experience, good judgement, and understanding, the opposite of folly and foolishness. In the good book, the prophet Micah asks: "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) Today with our great telescopes in space, many scientists who were formerly atheists now believe in the creation of the Universe as explained in the book of Genesis in the Bible. The Prophet Isaiah says in Isaiah 40:31, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." With the expansion of human knowledge along with the current political chaos, let's be honest, life today can make us weary unless we seek knowledge, truth, and wisdom, guiding our behavior in these difficult times with questioning and showing radical love for God and His Creation and that includes loving our neighbors as we love ourselves, following the greatest and most important commandment in the Bible, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5) The great teacher from the Bible also said that we must love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus is quoted as saying, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." These are higher levels of ethical behavior that require us to demonstrate radical love for God and others including questioning normal behavior and thoughts. Do you have a neighbor who gossips about you? Love and pray for that neighbor. Do you worry about the war in the Middle East? Pray about it. Question and learn and expand your knowledge so that it becomes the director of your behavior. Next week we will question more.

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UDOT UNDERTAKES IMPROVEMENT TO SOUTH INTERCHANGE

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has prepared an Environmental Assessment, evaluating potential improvements to the South Cedar interchange of I-15 (exit 57) in Cedar City. The EA began in May 2023 and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2024. The UDOT started preparing an environmental document to evaluate potential improvements to the South Cedar Interchange (Exit 57) in Cedar City. The process considers current and future transportation needs while evaluating any potential impacts to the natural and built environments.

The in-person public hearing took place on September 24 from 5 to 7 at Cedar Middle School. In addition to the public hearing, UDOT is accepting public comments on the proposed improvements from September 7, 2024 to October 7, 2024. UDOT

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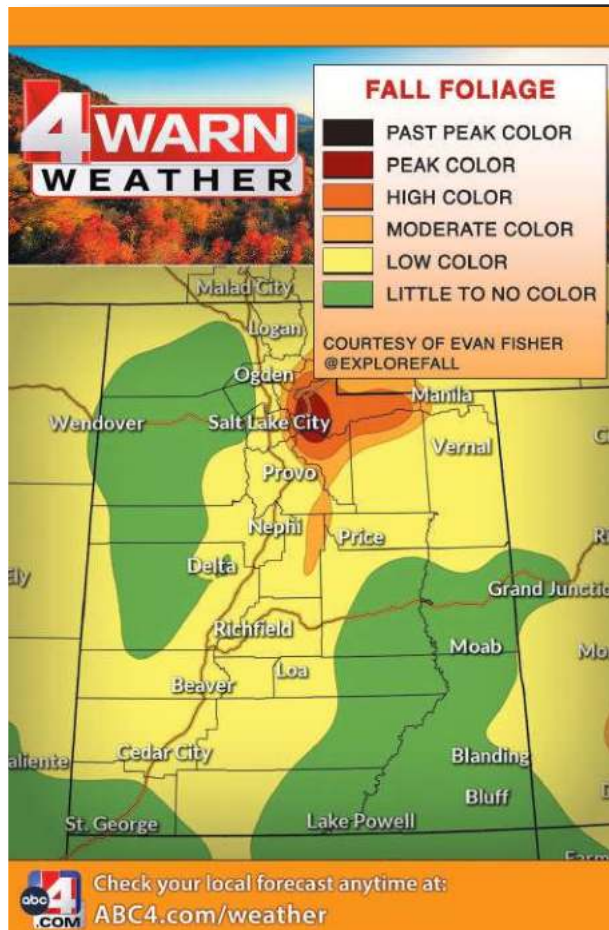
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had met via an online adult dating app in early May and had exchanged numerous sexually explicit images via Snapchat.

"(Ross) stated that he believed she was 18, but when he found out on Monday she was 17, he videoed and took screenshots of their entire Snapchat conversation, including the child sexual abuse material," the affidavit stated.

Police found dozens of sexual images of the juvenile on his phone. Ross admitted there was also another video on his wife's phone.

In addition, Ross provided the juvenile with a nicotine vape and alcohol.



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SATURDAY
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PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 10-15

SUNDAY
Sunny
86°/54°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: W 10-15

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
85°/54°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 5-10

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
82°/52°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 10-15

WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy
80°/50°
PRECIP: 5%
WINDS: SW 10-15

IRON COUNTY
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West Canyon Water Park Update

from Sue Longson

CEDAR CITY ROTARY CLUB

After six years in the planning, revising, building support and fundraising the long-envisioned water park is coming to life. If one visited the park today, you would see a new walkway along Coal Creek, grass removed where the play features will be and the bypass pipe running by the torn-up ditch.

The Cedar City Rotary Club had a vision of water-play for all in the West Canyon Park that featured the history and heritage of water use in the Cedar valley.

Many have come together giving of their time and money. The recently renewed RAP Tax has contributed as have many in the community. Mike Haigler of Cedar City Motors has always been a fan of the park. Cedar City Motors recently donated

\$25,000 to our project! With those grants and the generosity of many within our community, the Rotary Club's Phase I of the Canyon Water Park is well under way!! It takes a village to bring a vision such as this to life:

Roger Thomas, a Rotarian and owner of Choice Builders is overseeing the project without taking any profit and their partners, Dumas Concrete, SD Concrete and Nelson Dirtworks are doing the same. BZI Steel is building an all-abilities water play table and Southwest Plumbing is designing and building the pivot. Paul Longson designed and built the weirs. Rocky Ridge is helping with the sand, rocks, dirt and dumpsters. Cedar Temp Fencing helped with the fencing and Western Rock with the concrete. The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District donated the bypass pipe, while the Washington Water Conservancy District donated the technician and the fuser to put it in place. Ensign Engineering has provided technical support. Trees Utah is helping with more trees. The Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation is helping with the pathways and some of the water play features, while the RAP Tax is providing a lion's share of the

funding.

The park will also have all new playground equipment, a beach, and water pools for hours of fun.

Phase II will be an All-abilities playground section. At the groundbreaking in April, a beautiful spring day in Cedar City was made all the more wonderful by a remark made by a young lady from Chrysalis: "People don't think about people like us. Thank you for thinking about us!!" That is *why* the Cedar City Rotary is building the all-inclusive play area.

MANY THANKS to all for supporting this vision over the past several years!! We are now starting to raise funds for Phase II – the all-abilities playground. The cost for Phase II will be \$850,000. Please contact Sue Longson at cedarcityrotaryclub@gmail.com for information on how to become a part of this project.



Mike Haigler, Manager of Cedar City Motors, Sue Longson and Paul Monroe, Co-Chairs of the Canyon Water Park project



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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the council approved the agenda and moved to the mayor's business. Mayor Green reported a setback with the well drilling project at Mud Springs but emphasized ongoing efforts to explore water sources, with \$1.5 million still available.

A Council member thanked the fire department for handling a recent fire near the airport and asked about delays in the South Main Street lighting project due to utility pole issues. The council also discussed unsatisfactory striping work on Lund Highway, giving the contractor 15 days to fix it. Other infrastructure concerns included a broken valve in Sunset Canyon and road improvements on 450 West.

During public comments, citizens raised concerns about parking near Canyon View Middle School and First Street, leading to discussions on parking restrictions and enforcement.

The council approved several items on the consent agenda, including bill ratification and alcohol permits for local businesses. They tabled a decision on placing a plaque noting a property donation by George A. Wood, requesting more verification of the donation.

A pioneering agreement for Chelsea Phase 1A subdivision was discussed, with the developer proposing a service area map for sewer reimbursement instead of the standard frontage-based approach. After deliberation, the council denied this request, opting to stick with the existing ordinance for reimbursement calculations.

The council approved an amendment to the city's storm drain master plan for an area near 1900 South Old Highway 91, extending the plan through this area. They also approved a vesting extension agreement for Iron Crest subdivision Phase 2 and vacated a public utility easement on Mahogany Circle.

A significant discussion centered around reallocating funding for the Cedar Canyon spring filtration building. It was proposed moving \$2.2 million previously earmarked for a water tank to this filtration system project, arguing it would have a greater impact on the city's water supply. The council approved this reallocation, with the understanding that specific expenditures over \$50,000 would still require council approval.

It was outlined for a general approach for the filtration project, including plans to act as the general contractor, purchase a steel building, and coordinate various aspects of the construction and installation process.

Iron County Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Building and Zoning Department reported issuing 423 permits in 2024, up from 378 last year, including an increase in new dwelling permits from 113 to 157, resulting in an estimated \$600,000-\$700,000 in fees. Upcoming projects include three gas stations in Parowan, an Ace Hardware store, developments at Commerce Crossroads Logistics Park, and plans for a new county jail and battery energy storage systems.

The code enforcement officer position was filled by a transfer from the road department. The old

CJC building is being cleared for sale, and the budget remains on track with many expenses under budget.

The Engineering Department updated on completed NRCS projects in Right Hand Canyon and Red Creek. They are working with BEST on road agreements for solar projects near Enterprise, awaiting UDOT approval for Iron Springs Road improvements. A significant industrial project is considering purchasing 108 acres from BZI.

The Sign Department is relocating and has ordered new equipment, while flood channel maintenance is ongoing. They are replacing culverts and coordinating with Rocky Mountain Power.

Public Works completed 71 lane miles of chip sealing, finished the Deer Hollow project on Highway 14, and removed cattle guards along Highway 56 for safety. Work is ongoing on the Little Eden subdivision roads in Enoch, but the department is short three employees and awaiting new equipment.

At the landfill, water sampling was completed, and a new DEQ program will analyze waste and suggest recycling options. The landfill faces challenges with tire disposal and recycling regulations, and new reporting software is being implemented to track usage.

Commissioner Cozzens attended a CDBG meeting on HUD grants for low-income areas and discussed ongoing water, sewer, and mining rights negotiations with Cedar City. He reported strong contractor interest with seven bids for a jail excavation project and addressed Utah's lawsuit against the federal government over public land control, seeking \$1,000 from each county for an amicus brief.

Commissioner Wood praised the Sheriff's Department at their awards banquet and mentioned the upcoming OHV jamboree. Commissioner Bleak reported on his

Washington D.C. trip for the PILT "fly-in," emphasizing the significance of \$4.1 million in funding for Iron County.

The commission discussed agenda items, beginning with a proposed minor subdivision by Cumberland Industries LLC consisting of 3 lots on 28.5 acres off Old Highway 91. Although previously approved the Planning Commission was required to re approve. The commission unanimously approved the subdivision.

The commission approved a \$31,700 OHV Recreation Grant from the Utah Outdoor Recreation Division for maintaining OHV trails, including funds for a storage shed, trailer, map revisions, and equipment purchases.

They discussed granting an ingress/egress easement on county property near the planned new jail. It was confirmed that the easement had been legally established prior to the county's purchase. The commission approved the easement.

Personnel matters included promotions for three landfill technicians, hiring two judicial assistants for the Justice Court, a new communications assistant for the Tourism Department, and a part-time outreach coordinator for the Council on Aging Department.

A key discussion centered on implementing the School Security Act in Iron County. The commission approved an MOU with the school district to appoint Zach Tuttle as County Security Chief for schools.

The commission also noted strong bond ratings (AA+ and AA-) and the potential for better financing terms due to expected Federal Reserve interest rate cuts

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	\$84,121,067	57,286	1.4
2021	\$20,300,000,000	\$68,529,185	\$111,206,179	\$82,661,906	58,672	7.0
2022	\$25,600,000,000	\$80,413,678	\$116,183,977	\$82,219,239	62,508	6.5
2023	\$26,000,000,000	\$78,255,317	\$172,080,787	\$97,198,239	64,211	3.4
2024	\$29,400,000,000	\$67,789,445	\$200,512,950	\$150,125,060	65,765	3.2
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	1.05%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Iron County School Board Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting started with a call to order, roll call (with Jeff Cory excused), a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance. The board approved the consent agenda. District highlights were shared: SUU football hosted an Iron County School District night, Rex Burton was honored for his service, Lin's Market funded Parowan Elementary's new audio system, and Cedar High's Unified Sports soccer team won their division and will attend the state tournament.

The board then opened the floor for public comments on school fees, explaining proposed changes including a new \$40 per credit fee for remediation credits and moving some fundraising fees to other parts of the schedule. No public comments were made.

The Business Administrator presented budget-to-actual reports for July and August, noting nothing concerning. He also reported on attending the ASBO conference, where he learned about better communicating financial information and potential AI tools.

The meeting moved to school goal presentations, starting with North Elementary. Principal Danni Brown and Vice Principal Nina Strother shared goals: increase reading and math proficiency to 75%, reduce office referrals from 50% to 33%, and have 80% of students meet progress goals. Strategies include intervention time, leadership meetings, math aids, and positive behavior reinforcement.

South Elementary, led by Principal Jerry Oldroyd shared goals from their Elevate Grant: raising ELA proficiency from 48% to 54%, math proficiency from 43% to 48%, improving attendance, and enhancing math discourse. Plans include professional development, interventions, and support committees.

Parowan Elementary, led by Principal Trevor Heaton, goals include raising K-3 Acadience scores from 74% to 78%, improving RISE scores through writing, increasing "yellow" students meeting math stretch goals, reducing behavioral incidents by 10%, and using evidence-based literacy instruction.

The board moved through several action items and policy readings. They approved the school TSSA plans as presented by principals over recent meetings. The 2024-2025 student fee schedule was also approved.

For first readings, they reviewed Policy 726 on fund drives, which requires annual review. The superintendent mentioned potentially bringing back modifications related to crowdfunding later. Policy 862 on kindergarten student toilet training and Policy 856 on dispensing medication at school were also reviewed as first readings.

The board discussed retiring policies 857, 858, and 859, as their essential elements were incorporated into the revised Policy 856. However, they decided to wait until the second reading of Policy 856 before retiring these policies to avoid any gaps in coverage.

In second readings, the board approved Policy 862 on health

recommendations and communications by school personnel. They also approved Policy 724 on school fees, with a minor punctuation correction.

Parowan City Council

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Special thanks to Parowan's City Recorder Callie Bassett for creating and sending me AI-generated summary of last night's meeting. The YouTube connection dropped at 27 minutes into the meeting and I was unable to catch everything. Thanks to Callie and ClerkMinutes for helping me meet the deadline!

Public Comment

During public comment, a member of the community, addressed issues related to staff resignations within the City administration, seeking transparency in the departures of several key City employees. They emphasized the need for clarity and transparency, citing instances where imminent staff turnover seems detrimental to the community. They quoted previous discussions related to the loss of institutional knowledge within City staff, asking the council to ensure transparency on this issue for the public good. Specifically the member of the community asked why resignations and retirements have occurred and demanded answers. Parowan's Legal Counsel stated that members of the community are not "entitled to know" and that personnel issues are confidential; divulging the details of these issues would be in violation of City policy.

Statement of Thanks to Departing Administrative Staff Members

City Manager Dan Jessen read a prepared statement acknowledging the recent staff turnover within the City and requested understanding for opacity concerning personnel matters due to privacy and legal rights. The statement clarified that there were **no City actions, accusations of fraud, or impropriety** associated with those who recently left their positions. Dan highlighted his appreciation for the employees' years of dedicated service and wished them well in future endeavors. He went on to comment that social media is a toxic place and those wanting answers from specific employees should go directly to them. The City maintains confidentiality in all personnel issues and will not divulge the details of those issues at public meetings.

Action Meeting

Approval of Zone Change from R1-A to HS-1 for Bike and Sports Shop - 811 W 200 S

A discussion took place regarding the zone change for a property where a bike shop has been established. The proposal had unanimous support from the planning and zoning commission. It was noted that the property had been previously used for

commercial purposes and reviving it for commerce would benefit the area. The new business plans align well with the location's character. This zone change was approved.

Approval of Fire Department By-Laws and Hiring of Fire Chief

The department has worked extensively on the by-laws, including the governance of volunteer members and ensuring any personnel actions align with City policies. Concerns regarding the practicality and appropriateness of elected officers versus appointed by the chief were raised. In that light, the Council discussed the significance of aligning the new City code with the updated by-laws to enable the hiring process of a new fire chief. The Council voted to pursue the hiring of a new Fire Chief while working to refine the by-laws.

Ordinance to Update Parowan City Noticing Process

An ordinance relating to updating the City's noticing process was presented but also required further discussion and clarification of terms and definitions involved. This action was tabled until a future meeting.

Approval and Award of Library Cleaning Bid

Several bids had been obtained for the cleaning service for the City library. Following analysis, Thompson Cleaning Services' bid was identified as most cost-effective. The Council approved this request.

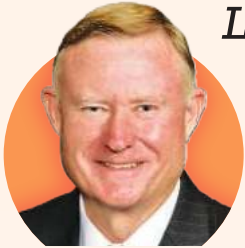
Work Meeting

Highlights from Council and Staff Reports

- Pedestrian Safety Project: 200 South sidewalk extension – collaboration with other agencies and residents continues and a contract will be awarded begin soon. Bids have been received and shared with partners and if weather holds up, this project will be completed this year!
- Pickle ball courts will be ready for October 12 AARP-sponsored tournament. Come watch your Parowan residents play in this tournament!
- Main Street Bridge kickoff meeting next week
- Parowan City hiring Treasurer, will be posting a full-time Utility Billing Clerk position as well as a part-time Communications Specialist position – please bear with the City as spots are filled!

Residents are encouraged to attend City Council Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Parowan City Council Chambers. Alternatively, the meetings can be viewed (live or after the fact) at <https://www.youtube.com/@parowancity2030>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Legislative Update

Friends and neighbors,

SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

As the weather cools down and with kids back in school, I'm sure many of you, like myself, look forward to autumn, which includes the beautiful changing leaves and football season.

During my recent travels across the state, I've been reminded how critical it is for us to keep energy available, affordable and reliable. With power outages happening in other states, it's clear we must safeguard Utah's energy future.

While Utah has some of the lowest electricity bills in the nation, we're not immune to the threat of outside factors impacting our rates. During the August Interim, we heard from Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) in the Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee concerning their proposed 30% hike in electricity rates next year. This increase would make power unaffordable for Utahns statewide, especially with inflation already driving up costs in recent years.

We urged RMP to find a new, less costly solution, and they have since lowered their request to 18.1%. While this is still far too expensive for many Utahns, the progress makes me hopeful that we can prevent an increase altogether, and I'll keep you updated as we continue our focused work on this issue.

This issue drives home the need for Utah to achieve greater energy independence, especially in our district, where energy plays a critical role in powering agriculture, small businesses and rural families. Maintaining affordable and reliable energy is vital for preserving our way of life. To achieve this, we must expand our energy portfolio. One promising option are small modular nuclear reactors. Last month, I joined a group of legislators on a trip to the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) to learn about nuclear energy's potential for powering our state. Unlike traditional nuclear plants, these reactors are smaller, more cost-effective and can be developed more quickly. It offers a stable energy source that isn't affected by fluctuating fuel prices, ensuring our rural communities can get the power they need without breaking the bank.

We also discussed nuclear energy further during September Interim's Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee, where the Office of Energy Development (OED) shared findings from its Strategic Nuclear Energy Pathway Project. Their presentation provided compelling data that small modular nuclear reactors could be a strong addition to our energy grid.

Nuclear energy is just one of many methods we're exploring as we expand our energy portfolio. I anticipate energy policy will be a top priority for the 2025 General Session, just as it was in 2024. By bolstering our energy grid with innovative solutions, we can make Utah energy-independent and keep costs down for families and businesses alike.

Thank you for your continued support as I represent our area at the Utah Legislature. Reach out anytime with feedback or questions.

Southern Utah University

Southern Utah University Celebrates Homecoming Week

by Brooke Heath

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

Southern Utah University's campus is preparing for homecoming with excitement as alumni, students, faculty, staff, and community come together to celebrate being part of the T-Bird family the week of Oct. 7.

Thursday, Oct. 10

The first athletic event of the week will kick off on Thursday, Oct. 10 with SUU Volleyball vs. California Baptist University at 7 p.m. in the America First Event center.

The Alumni Homecoming Banquet will be hosted that same evening in the Gilbert Great Hall located in the R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center. The Alumni Association is proud to honor the following as Alumni Honorees at this year's banquet: Stacey McIff, Outstanding Alumnus; Paula Mitchell, Distinguished Services; and Cameron Levins, Young Alumnus.

Friday, Oct. 11

Red Friday (Oct. 11) promises to be a day packed full of Thunderbird spirit with all T-Birds expected to showcase school spirit by donning their red apparel.

Kick off the afternoon at

4 p.m., by watching the SUU Women's Soccer Team take on GCU.

That night, Forever Red will take place on the Upper Quad at 7:30 p.m. The entire Cedar City and Campus Community is invited to enjoy live music featuring ABBA Mania and Rhinestone Rodeo, as well as food trucks, inflatables, and SUU's first-ever drone show for a full night of celebration!

Saturday, Oct. 12

Saturday at 9 a.m., SUU Emeriti along with the Alumni & Student Alumni Association will host a complimentary Homecoming Pancake Breakfast in the Hunter Alumni Center parking lot. Following the pancake breakfast, the Homecoming Parade will start at 10 a.m. along University Boulevard.

Come cheer on SUU Football that same day as we host Eastern Kentucky University at 2 p.m. in Eccles

Coliseum. To ensure public safety and make stadium access more efficient for all guests, Southern Utah University is adopting a clear bag policy at ticketed events. This policy aligns with industry-recognized best practices and reflects our ongoing commitment to providing a secure, streamlined, and welcoming environment. Fans are encouraged to arrive early to ensure smooth entry.

The final Homecoming week event will be watching SUU Volleyball take on Grand Canyon University at 7 p.m. in the America First Event Center.

More Information

Those joining in the celebration can find continued updates, times, and locations on the full schedule of SUU's Homecoming events. To purchase tickets to any athletic events, visit tbirdtickets.com or call 435-586-7872.



ZIONS BANK AWARDS CEDAR CITY STUDENT FOR 'A' GRADES

Local student recognized with regional scholarship

from Kallee Feuz

ZIONS BANK

CEDAR CITY, Utah; September 26, 2024 — Hard work in school has paid off for Kysalyn Green, a seventh-grade student at Cedar

Middle School. Green was awarded a \$500 scholarship savings account as a regional winner of Zions Bank's Pays for A's drawing.

Josh Hunt, manager of the Zions Bank Cedar branch, announced Green's win during a branch presentation.

Pays for A's rewards local students for scholastic success. Green was entered into the drawing by bringing her report card to Zions Bank. She was paid \$1 for each "A" and received an entry into the fall scholarship drawing. Out of 1,800 entries, 18 students throughout Utah and Idaho were randomly selected as winners in their respective regions.

"We're proud to recognize Kysalyn's academic efforts through the Pays for A's program," Hunt said.



Our goal is to help students focus on schoolwork and motivate them to earn good grades.

For more than two decades, Pays for A's has rewarded thousands of students across Utah and Idaho for working hard in school. Middle school, junior high and high school students ages 12 to 18 can participate by bringing their most current term-end report card into any Zions Bank location. Students do not need a Zions Bank account to participate. They'll receive \$1 per "A" deposited into their savings account, or 50 cents per "A" if they opt for cash. For each "A" on their report cards, students are entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of 18 regional scholarship prizes each worth \$500 and one grand prize worth \$1,000 in each state.

For more information, visit www.zionsbank.com/pays4as.

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BOLOS

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spent 40 years working with K-9s. Yet, he ranks Bolos among the top three.

Carpenter credits Bolos' success in part to Peterson, comparing their partnership to a rodeo, where success of a competition depends equally on both the rider and the animal.

"It wasn't just Bolos — it was how he and Shawn worked together. That partnership is what set them apart as one of the best teams I've ever seen," he said.

After stepping away from his police duties, Bolos settled into home life, becoming a beloved member of Peterson's family.

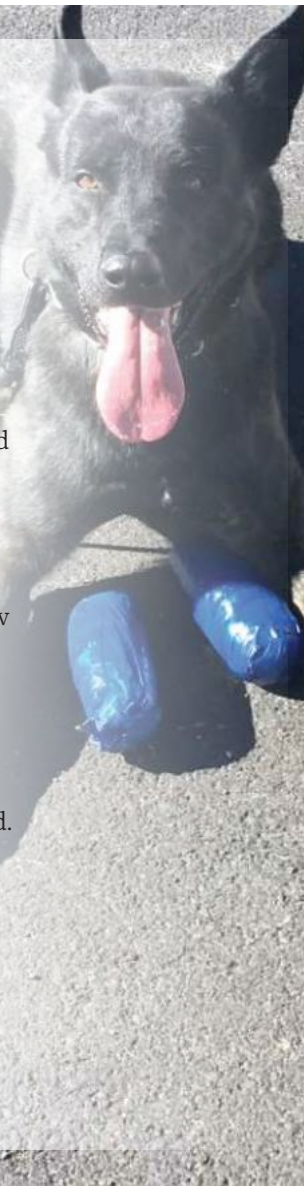
But watching Bolos slow down was tough for Peterson, and leaving him at home each day after he retired was even more

difficult, as Bolos didn't understand why his partner was heading to work without him.

"I would go out and start my truck, and he knew the sound of my engine. So, when I would leave, I could hear him inside letting out a big howl," Peterson said. "These dogs live for the job and when they can't do it anymore, it's hard on them."

Bolos' passing has been felt across Southern Utah, with law enforcement agencies from St. George to Cedar City paying tribute to the K-9 who was as relentless in his work as he was gentle with those he protected.

His death on September 17, 2024, marked the end of a life of service, but his legacy of bravery and loyalty will endure in the stories, the lives, and the hearts of those he touched.



UDOT

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encourages residents to review the Environmental Assessment materials, at the Cedar City Public Library (303 N. 100 E.), Cedar City Offices (10 N. Main Street), and UDOT Cedar City Office (1470 N. Airport Rd). Cedar City, or online and submit their feedback. Public input is an essential part of this process, with all comments carefully reviewed and considered by the project team. Visit UDOTINPUT.UTAH.GOV/SOUTHCEDAR to review the EA, watch a video overview of the key points, and to get information on how to provide comments during the 30-day comment period open through October 7.

It was just 10 years ago that the south Cedar City Interchange came online. According to a study from Avenue Consultants released in June of 2023, if no improvements are made to the south interchange, its Level of Service will be rated as F by 2030. The result could be gridlock or traffic at a stand still or slow, nearly a half mile in either direction at the intersections on both side of the interstate. The same study says that the population and employment is expected to grow by 40% in Iron County in the next 30 years. Progress is important change. Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is a progress; working together is success. Iron County has more balanced and broad-based economy than most of rural Utah.

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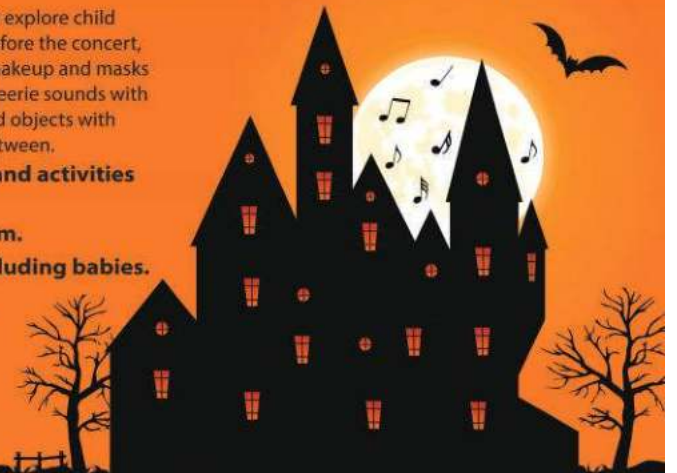
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Utah Shakespeare Festival's Director of Development and Communications Donn Jersey to depart. (Photo by Karl Hugh.)

Donn Jersey to Depart Utah Shakespeare Festival and Embark on New Ventures

His energy and drive in building relationships is remarkable. His impact, particularly in fundraising and outreach, will continue to shape the Festival for years to come.

aiming to break down stigmas and transform lives.

"How fortunate I feel to have found a home with the Utah Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City," expressed Jersey. "I will look forward to participating as an audience member to witness the magic of this extraordinary storytelling institution that has captured my family's hearts."

As a principal with the consulting organization Strategic 3C, Jersey will advise several arts organizations in and outside of Utah. Some of his first projects will be with the West Valley Arts Foundation, the Sedona International Film Festival, and Encore Theatre in St. George, Utah. He plans to continue his work with Mission High School, a recovery high school he co-founded in Las Vegas in 2017. Furthermore, he is actively involved in launching the grand opening of his family's new restaurant, Jersey's Corner, in Parowan, Utah, and is preparing to publish the first in a series of children's books in 2025, inspired by adventures with his granddaughter.

The Festival wishes Donn all the best in his future endeavors. For more information, visit bard.org/news.

from Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The Utah Shakespeare Festival announces the upcoming departure of Donn Jersey, director of development and communications, at the end of the season after six and a half years of leadership. Jersey will continue his involvement in the arts and mental health fields as he transitions into advisory roles with arts organizations and other nonprofits, offering expertise in fundraising, communications, and strategic planning with his new endeavor, Strategic 3C.

"Donn's leadership and tireless work have been critical to the Festival's success," said Michael Bahr, executive managing director.

Jersey, who joined the Festival in 2018, was instrumental in driving its growth and securing financial stability through key fundraising and communication initiatives, enhancing digital technology, and analytics. Under his leadership, donations grew to record-setting levels, from 18% to 50% of the Festival's annual budget in just three years. He spearheaded the \$10 million Fred C. Adams Endowment, a \$3 million campaign for theatrical equipment, and the 'Believe' campaign in 2023 and 2024.

"As a long-time attendee and supporter, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact Donn Jersey has had on the Utah Shakespeare Festival. His visionary leadership and innovative spirit have elevated the Festival to new heights," said Shelley Berkley, honorary co-chair of the Fred C. Adams Endowment and former Congresswoman from Nevada.

During the COVID-19 shutdown, Jersey played a critical role in guiding the Festival through one of its most challenging periods, helping to keep its community connected and informed and leading several public outreach efforts. A campaign focusing on gratitude set a new fundraising record during a season when the Festival was closed.

"Donn is the most talented businessman we've ever had the pleasure of working with," said Eileen and Allen Anes, longtime Festival donors and current members of the Board of Governors. "We will profoundly miss seeing Donn at the Festival."

One of Jersey's most impactful contributions was his involvement in the Festival's *Every Brilliant Thing* touring production, a play about teen depression and suicide prevention. From 2019 to 2024, this initiative reached over 50,000 students across Utah through 220 performances,

Two Spirits

by Samuel Wells

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

I just returned from SUMA (the Southern Utah Museum of Art) where a beautiful ceramic pot caught my attention. It had two spouts and I decided that it must be a work of art because I couldn't imagine a purpose that it might serve. Was it a quick way to fill teacups? It seemed so unusual. And then I read more about the artist, Kelvin Yazzie, and learned that the dual apertures are meant to be symbolic of certain individuals that are of "two spirits."

I know people like that. I think we all do. Each of us is one of them. It made me think of Spock, in J.J. Abram's movie Star Trek. In one scene Spock is recoiling from losing command of the USS Enterprise because he let his emotions get out of control. His father, in an attempt to be comforting, reminds him that his outburst is not unexpected

given that half of his ancestors came from Earth. "You will always be a child of two worlds," he says. And then I remembered the words of Solzhenitsyn, that "the line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either - but right through every human heart - and through all human hearts."

The branches of our family histories are spectacularly kaleidoscopic. One of the fascinating discoveries of recent genetic testing is that there is almost no such thing as a "pure" human lineage. If you don't believe me, you need to have your DNA checked. But one of the unsettling realizations of this fact is that, unlike Pandas that are so well adapted to live in one particular place (i.e. bamboo forests) there is no one place that works perfectly as a home for any one of us. Our bodies and

our minds will always be conflicted to some degree. Maybe our paternal genes love rain, but our maternal side prefers sun. Or if it isn't the weather that conflicts us, maybe it is our diet, or the way we see the world.

Our Norwegian Forest cat (named Schmittty) knows something about these conflicts as he struggles with beautiful long Scandinavian hair in the hot summers of Cedar City. Schmittty, just like the rest of us, has no choice but to adapt and try new things.

That said, we also need to make sure we don't lose sight of old ways that still work. We continue using pots because we have hands and need to drink. It's also nice that these same hands can plunk around on a keyboard. It's funny how complex our world has become and how we adapt - sometimes well and sometimes not so well. I guess the least we can do is to be kind with ourselves and with each other on a bad day - and maybe spend a bit more time considering some of the lessons of Navajo pots. I'm sure the folks at SUMA won't mind.



CALL FOR DANCERS:

Be a part of the Holiday Magic in Cedar City's Downtown Lighting Ceremony performance on November 30

from Gabbie Costello
CEDAR CITY OFFICES

CEDAR CITY, UT—The magic of the holidays is already underway

as Cedar City staff and committee members eagerly plan the festivities for the annual Historic Downtown Lighting Ceremony, which will be held this year on Saturday, November 30, 2024. With many new additions and surprises planned, Cedar City is excited to partner once again with internationally renowned choreographer Mic Thompson to help choreograph a collection of community dancers to be showcased at the ceremony.

Over the last 27 years, Mic Thompson has traveled the world to share his incredible talent choreographing for various clients such as Disney, Caesars Entertainment, NBC, FOX, IBM, and cruise lines including Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, and Princess. His experience expands to Broadway, live stage shows, and even working alongside celebrities such as Michael Jackson.

If you are a dancer over 14 and are interested in participating in this professional performance at Cedar City's Historic Downtown Lighting Ceremony, learn more and complete an application at www.cedarcityut.gov/downtownlighting by Saturday, October 19, 2024. Stay tuned for additional event information coming soon!



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GUNNISON GUT CHECK



From left to right:

Lewis Davis, Trisha Strouse, Becky Bowden, Jessica Morris, Ashley Davis, Mike Musto



from Becky Bowden

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

What would you say if someone asked you to go on a one day 26-mile hike? As if that wasn't brutal enough, to also carry a 35lb backpack? "Are you crazy?" was what I was thinking but didn't want to sound like a chicken, so I responded with, "Um, let me think about it." Well, 7 of us from the Iron County area "thought about it" and decided to commit to taking on this challenge. After months of training, we arrived at United We March's 7th Annual Gunnison Gut Check on Friday, September 6, 2024, in Gunnison, Utah. This organized event is held to honor the men and women who have served or are serving in our military, as first responders, in law enforcement and as firefighters, and to express love, gratitude and support to the families of these brave men and women.

According to the founder, who wished to remain anonymous, United We March began in 2018, and is a patriotic organization focused on uniting Americans as we were united on 9/12/2001. The hike is based on the idea of a ruck march held in his hometown. He described it as a gut check that provides "personal self-improvement both physi-

cally and most importantly mentally and emotionally." He went on to state that "participants learn a lot about themselves during their [hiking] journey. Testimonies from participants have been positive and healing, along with a realization that they can do hard tasks and do them alongside others."

The event kicked off Friday evening with a Patriotic Procession. We had the privilege of helping to carry, along with many other volunteers, "Big Betsy", a giant American flag, down Gunnison's Main Street to their local park. To say it was an honor is an understatement.

Early the next morning before the sun rose, Saturday, September 7th, all the participants gathered at the park to begin our journeys. Some were to hike 3 miles, others 16 miles and still others 26 miles. Before the hiking began, we unfurled Big Betsy once more and sang our National Anthem. Tears filled our eyes as we sang those hallowed words.

It was go time! As we meandered the deserty hills surrounding Gunnison, our team talked, laughed, and met new people. There were aid stations along the way that provided snacks and drinks and most importantly moral support. They cheered us on, let us rest in their chairs and gave

us what we needed to continue the adventure. As the day moved forward there were times of quiet reflection amongst us. Lost in my own thoughts, I was reminded of how this hike was so similar to life. We have times of intense joy and positivity, and other times when we ask ourselves, "can I actually do this?" One of those particular "down" times was in the heat of the day as we came to the bottom of, what is affectionately called, "Hell Hill." It is steep. It is long. It is at mile 19. Our biggest cheerleader going up that hill was our teammate, 13-year-old Lewis Davis. We all made it and celebrated with Gatorade and snacks at the top!

Coming up on mile 26 was such a relief and a moment of sheer delight! It was also a sobering reminder of those who have carried the burden of caring for and protecting our country and its citizens both in the past and present. We must choose to do hard things at times because it is the right thing to do. We must also

GUNNISON

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remember, according to the hike's founder, that "Timelines of American history such as the Global War on Terrorism, Vietnam, Korea, WWII, WWI, are a part of us all. Our way of life, safety, securities and liberties are secured by sacrifices daily. We must take it upon ourselves to care for one another despite our differences...and the greatest gift we can show them [veterans and first responders] is unity."

If asked, would we ruck it again next year? In a heartbeat!

We would love to include more Iron County participants in next year's 8th Annual Gunnison Gut Check. The United We March founder shared that in 2024, they raised over \$40,000 which they passed on to the following organizations whom they trust and have witnessed their efforts to care and heal:

- **Wildland Firefighter Foundation** – Fallen firefighters and family support charity
- **Utah 1033 Foundation** – Utah fallen officers and family support Law Enforcement charity
- **UVU Military Affiliated Student Hub** – Military charity
- **Acel Thompson Not Forgotten Fund** – Service charity projects to aid for all who serve
- **Heroes Haven** – Veteran Retreat to combat veteran suicide
- **Forge Forward Project** – Virtual Reality combatting veteran suicide"

THURS, OCT 3

ROBINSON FAMILY PUMPKIN PATCH (SEPT. 30 - Oct. 30) Weekdays 3 PM until dark, Saturdays 9 AM until dark, closed Sundays. Visit our website at www.robinsonfamily-pumpkinpatch.com.

ASSEMBLAGE, BOOK ART & COLLAGE (THRU Oct. 31) Guild of Southern Utah group exhibition is currently at the Cedar City Library Gallery, 303 North 100 East, Cedar City. Don't miss this exciting show!

FREE CLASS (10AM & 6PM) AT THE CEDAR City Family Search Center. The Center is located in the NW corner of the Cedar North Stake Building, 95 N 2125 W, Cedar City, UT. Intermediate Level Class! "Vital Records: Civil Registration - Birth, Death and Marriage Records made by the state or county". How and where to find these records and search the databases online. Questions? Call 435-586-0432

SAT, OCT 5

POWER IN PINK 5K (8:30AM) JOIN WITH other members from Cedar City and Iron County to support local women dealing with breast cancer. This is the 12th year of the Power in Pink-IronCounty Walk and 5K at Cedar City West Canyon Park, 151 S 400 E. Early bird registration is \$25 until September 15, with registration thereafter at \$35. Breast Cancer Survivors register for free and SUU Student Registration is \$15. Registration and information are available at powerinpink-iron-county.com

TUES, OCT 8

THE JAZZ ALLIANCE OF CEDAR CITY (7PM) The Jazz Alliance of Cedar City is thrilled to present our October JazzCast featuring the amazing Matt Towsey on tenor saxophone! The music of jazz legend Benny Golson will also be featured. Absolutely free at Off The Cuff 913 S Main St. Whether you're a long-time jazz lover or just looking for a delightful night out, this is an event you won't want to miss. Check out JazzAllianceofCedarCity.org for more information.

WED, OCT 9

NATIONAL WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY (8AM) Most elementary school students in

the Iron County School District can expect to high-five a police officer or elected official as they walk into school, participate in "walking school buses," and receive safety education and materials regarding safe routes to school including proper use of the crosswalks and bike lanes. As one of very few Utah school districts participating, Iron County is excited to participate in the national program for the second year! Each school will have its own program of events before school starts, dependent on their needs. Every school will have a police officer assigned, various elected officials, with firefighters at North and East Elementary Schools.

THURS, OCT 10

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HAUNTING RESONANCE (7:30PM) THE Orchestra of Southern Utah presents an evening of Halloween themed symphonic music; a captivating blend of dark classical music. The program includes iconic pieces such as "Night on Bald Mountain", which conjures eerie visions of witches' revelry atop a desolate peak; "Ride of the Valkyries", a powerful orchestral work that evokes the valiant flight of warriors; "Danse Macabre", where Death himself leads a spectral dance; and "Isle of the Dead", inspired by a haunting painting depicting a desolate island shrouded in mystery, as well as some surprise scary songs. These compositions promise an unforgettable evening of spine-tingling melodies and otherworldly atmospheres. Tickets available at myosu.org. Students \$10, Adults \$15

SAT, OCT 12

FAMILY FUN RUN (7-8:45AM) JOIN US FOR A family-friendly 1 mile and 5k fun run to support families who experience infant loss! Cedar City, Utah - Bicentennial Park Pavilion 660 W 1045 N, Cedar City, UT 84721, United States. Dogs, strollers, bikes, scooters, etc. are all welcome! All participants will receive a t-shirt, swag, and a ticket for a door prize drawing. Tickets can be purchased for the drawing for a Family Fun Package! All proceeds go toward providing emotional and financial support to infant loss families. Sign Up: <https://www.simplyamiracle.com/events>
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SPOOKY SPECTACULAR (NOON) EXPERIENCE spine tingling music at Children's Jubilee "Spooky Spectacular" concert. Participate in the ghoulishly delightful activities that will not only entertain but educate with a host of science, art, music and technology activities. Bring the whole family as the orchestra performs haunting melodies that will be sure to invoke the imagination. Come dressed in your costume and enjoy a variety of activities. Tickets are free but required, available at myosu.org. Activities start at 12 noon. Concert starts at 2:00 pm. We are accepting non-perishable food donations for the SUU Hope Food Pantry at this event. Thank you for your support!

THURS, OCT 17

CEDAR CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNITY MEETING (4-6:30PM) All are invited to participate in a Traffic Safety Community Meeting hosted by multiple law enforcement and public agencies in the Hunter Alumni Conference Center at Southern Utah University (405 West University Blvd, Cedar City). Share traffic safety concerns with law enforcement and local officials. Learn about local traffic data. Collaborate on traffic safety solutions. If you are not able to attend in person, feel free to share your concerns in this brief online survey that will help traffic safety partners improve the Cedar City area: www.bit.ly/cedartraffic. Your input is valued! Together, we can work towards making Cedar City a safer place for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

SAT, OCT 19

DANCER APPLICATIONS DUE FOR HISTORIC Downtown Lightening Ceremony

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history

MONUMENTS AND MAKERS- OLD IRON TOWN

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Ruins are found on Iron Town Road, which intersects Utah State Route 56. A marker is mounted on the side of one of the kilns that produced charcoal to fuel the blast furnace. Old Iron town, Old Iron Town, or Iron town, originally Iron City, is an unincorporated community and near-ghost town in Iron County, Utah. It is located in Dixie National Forest, approximately 22 miles west of Cedar City. The settlement was founded in 1868 by Ebenezer Hanks and others who organized the Great Western Iron Manufacturing Co. Eight hundred pounds of good quality iron were produced every eight hours, the plant running day and night. The town was taken over by the Iron Manufacturing Co. of Utah. A railroad was moved here from Nevada to haul coal from Cedar Canyon to "Little Pinto," the name given this townsite. According to the 1870 census, Old Iron Town, Utah had a population of 97 people, which was made up of 19 families. The town grew until 1875 by then there were close to 200 residents. Most families moved away after the works closed in 1876; by 1880 there were only fifteen residents.

Old Iron Town settlement was founded in 1868, as a second attempt to mine iron from Iron Mountain, after a disappointing yield from the iron works built in Cedar City. The Iron Town little colony was closed when stress from the Edmunds-Tucker Act and the panic of 1873 forced it to close.

The towns of Parowan and Cedar City were founded in 1851 to provide iron for the settlers, which was mined in the Iron Mountain District. Problems plagued the early furnace at Cedar City, and only about 25 short tons of pig iron were produced over a three-year period. Iron was needed to continue growth in Iron County, so a second furnace at Old Iron Town (Little Pinto) was made in 1868, using iron ore deposits from the Iron Mountain. By

1874, about 400 pounds of pig iron was produced, when operations stopped and then abandoned 10 years later. When the settlement first started they had a schoolhouse, blacksmith, charcoal furnaces, and a foundry.

Today, the ruins have a well preserved beehive style charcoal oven and a furnace known as an "Arastra", which prepared sands for molds. Parts of the original foundry remains including a chimney. The ruins are found on Iron town Road, which intersects with Utah State Route 56. The area still has some of the largest and richest iron ore deposits in the United States.

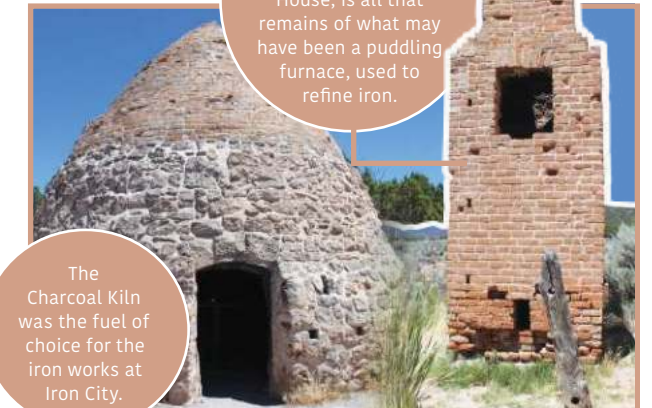
Old Iron Town Historic Village and Nature Loop-head out on this 0.8 mile loop trail. This trail is great for hiking and walking, open year round and is beautiful to visit anytime.

There are also a number of newer, occupied homes at the town's location. The site was added to the National Register of Historic Places on May 14, 1971, as Old Iron Town.

The Frontier Homestead State Park Museum in Cedar City, 635 N. Main St. open daily from 9-6, has information about and artifacts from the site.

You can walk where they once walked, travel back in time through your imagination and what you learn, and feel a sense of connection across time and space. It's a wonderful way to expand your personal universe and consider new possibilities!

This Chimney, originally located inside the Molding House, is all that remains of what may have been a puddling furnace, used to refine iron.



The Charcoal Kiln was the fuel of choice for the iron works at Iron City.

business & finance

What Makes a Good Business Citizen in Iron County? What Kind of Customer Service Do You Value?



from these meetings, including new clients and referrals for businesses. While many of us know what we want to move here (can anyone say Costco enough?) “Not another gas station/car wash/soda stand/(fill-in-the-blank,” “Big businesses care only about profit, not people, they don’t belong here.” Few have specifics of what a business can do to be a better part of this community. Do you want a tip screen pushed your way for buying a bottle of water to go, or picking up

from Crystal Rockwood

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

You likely have an opinion about this and the Vision Iron County (VIC) Economic Development Team, wants to know and put it to good use. Here is why this is important: In July, VIC hosted a discussion around what constitutes a good business citizen, the kind you want to move here, buy their goods or services, the sort which enhances what we value and hold dear about Iron County. A preliminary survey was conducted, (a big Thank You to the Utah Shakespeare Festival) from which a short, easy survey has been created for the entire community to participate. That QR code is for you, dear reader. Our goal is to understand what kind of business citizen, Iron County residents will gladly support AND communicate that to new, existing or potential business. Our residents are resilient, and have great ideas. We see this time and time again in our various VIC meetings, be they on housing, education, tourism or open space. Suggestions and solutions come

hemmed pants? Should businesses make an effort to donate their time to helping out at community events? Do you want to be told to download an app to place your order at a restaurant? Should managers invest in more training for their employees? Would you prefer to talk with a live person about your bill or be directed to a website?

Honestly, how can any of us fit into a new community if we don’t know what the community values? Gossiping and complaining gets us nowhere, but constructive feedback always helps a willing listener. Indeed, there are staffing shortages and not every business can accommodate these requests but they might be able to do some.

Let’s give new and potential businesses, even the existing ones the chance to know how they can earn our support. Please take this survey and share it with others. *All opinions matter!*

We are especially thankful for *Iron County Today* in posting this survey which will be open until **October 24, 2024**.

Vision Iron County (VIC) is dedicated to fostering and coordinating community engagement in short and long-term planning for Iron County’s future. We aim to leverage existing resources, productive strategic plans, and support those in a position to implement them. VIC is a volunteer, non-profit, 501C3 organization.

Author: Crystal Rockwood, Former Chair of Vision Iron County, Team Leader, VIC Economic Development Team. She is the Principal of Rockwood Communications Counsel, Inc.

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school

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Escalante Valley Elementary



The SUU STEM center kicked off their annual STEAM Night starting with Escalante Valley School. Once again, it proved to be a fun-filled evening with a variety of planned activities including: salted bookmarks, interpreting tree rings, live animals, constellation math, morse code, raft engineering, and building a compass. The activities were highly engaging and left smiles on the faces of all who attended. We are grateful for the partnership of the SUU STEM center and the efforts put into planning and organizing the event.

South Elementary



The fifth graders at South Elementary had the opportunity to show their patriotism and share their talents at the Constitution Event that took place on September 11th at Cedar High School. This event included fifth graders from other elementary schools along with the middle school and high school choirs, bands and orchestras who all worked together to showcase songs that exemplified the gratitude we feel and reach for our American Constitution. The fifth graders have been learning about the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and loved being able to share what they learned with other students and the community.

Iron Springs Elementary

This past week students, faculty, and

families of Iron Springs Elementary enjoyed a fun filled Carnival put on by our fantastic PTA. It included yummy food, train rides, dunk tank, Silent Auction, and many other fun activities including some rain. This event is one that is looked forward to every year.



Our School Community Council held their first meeting on September 16th. New Board members were unanimously voted in and roles were filled. Rules and Procedures of the Community Council were reviewed as well as the School Improvement Plan. Council members were able to hear



about the Bond proposal for November. Everyone is welcome to attend our Community Council meetings and our next one is scheduled for January 13th at 3:45pm.

Our next PTA meeting will be on Monday, October 14th at 11:30am. Come learn more about the upcoming events, and share your talents and abilities to help benefit our school.

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

Our Penny Wars fall fundraiser was a success! Students raised \$1,042.55 in just a week by donating change. 3rd grade won the challenge and was treated to an ice cream party. Congratulations, 3rd grade, and thank you so much to everyone who donated. Proceeds will go toward playground equipment like balls, hula hoops, and jump ropes.

We are in the middle of SEP week. If you haven't had a chance to meet with your child's teacher, please reach out and schedule a conference appointment. This is a great time to learn more about how your child is doing and what great things they have been up to. While you're in the building, head to the library for the Book Fair. There are books, posters, toys, and even some treats. We can't wait to see you in our building!

Wednesday, October 9th is a big day! We have picture retake day and our annual Walk, Ride, and Roll to School Day. There will be fun activities and prizes for students who get to school by their bodies' own power, including an option for students who ride the bus. Make sure to follow Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA on Facebook so you don't miss any announcements, news, and highlights.

Three Peaks Elementary



SEP conferences are in full swing this week. This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to visit with teachers about the strengths of their students. It is also a great way to visit about the things that students may need more support with. We appreciate the cooperation and support of all of the parents/guardians this year.

The PTA sponsored Mario's Foam-Tastic Move-a-thon on Thursday, September 26, 2024. What a fun way to get the students moving outside! We danced to music with Red Rock Music, participated in an obstacle course, ran through the foam arches, played and enjoyed each other's company. Mario and Luigi joined in the fun to play and dance with the students. 100% of the profits will be used for



supplies and equipment for our students and teachers. Thank you to the Three Peaks PTA for organizing this fantastic event.



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Gateway Academy

by Amy Gibson

GATEWAY ACADEMY

Gateway Academy's 4th grade students were excited to welcome the "Be Wattsmart, Begin at Home" team for an interactive presentation on energy conservation. Through hands-on activities

and engaging demonstrations, students learned simple ways to save energy at home, like using LED lightbulbs, unplugging devices, and being mindful of heating and cooling. Each student received a take home booklet filled with energy saving tips to share

with their families. We hope the event inspires our students to take action and become caring environmental stewards, showing how even small changes can make a big difference in protecting the planet. We are committed to providing our students with real

world learning experiences that go beyond the classroom. The "Be Wattsmart, Begin at Home" visit aligns with our mission to equip students to be responsible, environmentally conscious citizens.



NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Homecoming Week!

Wow, what an incredible week it has been! Homecoming activities have been non-stop, and the dress-up days have been amazing.

On Monday, September 23rd, we kicked off the week with PJ day, setting the tone for an epic Homecoming week. In the evening, Mr. CV took the stage, and let me tell you, the competition was fierce! Huge congratulations to Coulson Ohms for winning!

Tuesday, September 24th was Adam Sandler's day, and let me just say that everyone went all out for this one. The evening brought a thrilling volleyball game in which the CV volleyball team honored their former teammate, Malia Vasi. It was absolutely beautiful! After the game, the seniors signed the rock per tradition.

Wednesday, September 25th, was USA Day, and the American spirit was

out in full force at CV. Then, we had the Powder Puff in the evening, and the seniors won!

Thursday, September 26th was dress-like-your-date, and the creativity and energy everyone brought to their outfits was just incredible. And to top it all off, we had a blast at the slip-and-slide event in the evening.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this unforgettable week possible and supported the student government! Also, thank you all who have been showing up! We appreciate you!

And the excitement doesn't end there! On Friday, September 27, we're going to have the tailgate and the homecoming football game against Manti. Get ready for an unforgettable night!



Senior Powderpuff Team

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

By the time frost covers the lawn at the end of the season, many gardeners, like their plants, are spent. It is all too easy for gardeners to go dormant like their plants. But with a few simple steps before the snow flies, it will be an easier start to the next spring season. Here are the simple steps:

Clean Up The Garden

Remove all vines, stems, leaves, and other litter from the vegetable garden once the final harvest is over. Tilling during the fall months is a good time to incorporate composted organic matter into the soil. Tilling, also kills many grasshopper egg masses, helping to reduce next year's population.

Cut Back And Divide Crowded Perennials

Wait for everything to die before cutting them to ground. Always remember, that perennials that bloom in the fall

should be divided in the spring. In the fall, divide and plant 3-4 weeks before the ground freezes. Add compost to your garden soil. It acts as longterm storage for nutrients. Every season, add 2-3 inches of compost to improve the soil.

Spring flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils and crocus, should be planted in the fall after the soils have cooled down from the summer heat but before the ground freezes. Plant bulbs 3-4 weeks before the first freeze to ensure good root development. As a rule, plant bulbs 2-3 times as deep as the bulb is tall. Plant small bulbs, such as crocus, snowdrops and hyacinth, 3-4 inches deep. Larger bulbs such as daffodil, and tulips should be planted between 6-8 inches deep. Yard work activates all of your major muscles, even with the most simple task like planting flowers.

Lawn Care

Lower the mowing height to 1-2 inches at the last mowing of the season, October into November. After the last mowing, fertilize your law. Even though the grass does appear to be growing, the nitrogen in the fertilizer will be stored in the root system, resulting in an early greening next spring.

Control Weed in the Fall

Perennial weeds, like dandelions, and thistle regrow every year from the

same root system. They are best controlled with herbicides late in the season. In the fall, energy in the weeds move into the root system to be stored until spring. Spraying herbicides at this time is most effective because they are more likely to reach the root system, which is better control in the spring.

A harvest of colorful flowers or tasty vegetables provides a sense of achievement and feeling of success. Beautiful yards connect us to the natural world. They provide us with a sense of home, we are, after all, part of nature. And there is something about being in nature that just feels good—it's like coming home. Being outdoors, even in your own yard, reduces stress—makes us feel happier and calmer. A morning walk or evening stroll is always a good idea. Just spending 20 minutes outside every day will improve your well-being and make you feel more relaxed—so what are you waiting for? GO OUTSIDE!

“A garden is grand teacher, it teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust.”

VERSE OF THE WEEK

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

Manti starts fast, routs CV on Homecoming



Canyon View quarterback Ryder Miller tries to move around a Manti defender in the Falcons' game against the Templars played Sept. 27.

Photo by Cavett Ishihara

Reds split one-goal matches on pitch

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Tylee Nielson scored the game's only goal early in the second half, and the Cedar Reds girls soccer team held on down the stretch for a 1-0 road win over the Dixie Flyers on Sept. 26. Cedar evened their Region 9 record at 5-5 and improved to 9-6 overall on the season with two games remaining. To start the week, the Reds gave No. 1 Snow Canyon all they could handle, but Jolee Irvin scored off a rebound in front two minutes into the first overtime to give the Warriors a well-earned 1-0 win Sept. 24. Both sides had equal amounts of good scoring chances, but goalies Cambria Simper for the Reds and Tori Martin were able to keep the ball out of the net through all of regulation time. Cedar stayed home to play its final two games this week. The Reds faced Crimson Cliffs on Tuesday and will face Pine View for Senior Day on Thursday starting at 4 p.m.

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

For a game that was played on Homecoming, Canyon View head football coach Burke Miller didn't mince words when describing his team's effort. When the Manti Templars got started, the Falcons defense was powerless to stop them. Mason Starkweather threw three touchdown passes and Manti did all of its scoring in the first half on the way to a 34-7 rout over Canyon View on Sept. 27 in 3A South region play. The Templars improved to 2-0 in region, 6-1 overall, and CV fell to 1-1, 4-3, ending a three-game winning streak. "It was a completely ugly game," Falcons head coach Burke Miller said. "I'm not happy with the effort. With

Homecoming, there were a ton of distractions, and they showed up on the field."

The scoring didn't get started until late in the first quarter when Manti quarterback Mason Starkweather found Carter Mason from 18 yards out. The point-after was blocked, and the Templars led 6-0. CV drove deep into Manti territory inside the red zone on its next possession, but quarterback Ryder Miller was tackled for a 4-yard loss on fourth down to turn the ball over. Two plays later, Starkweather connected with Mason again, this time for an 84-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion made it 14-0 with 19 seconds left in the period. Running back Tala Taulapapa went to work in the second quarter, scoring on runs of 20 and 5 yards,

Manti

34

Canyon View

7

Manti	14	20	0	0	- 34
Canyon View	0	0	7	0	- 7

FIRST QUARTER

M - Mason 18 pass from Starkweather (kick blocked), 3:33

M - Mason 84 pass from Starkweather (Cox pass from Starkweather), :19

SECOND QUARTER

M - Taulapapa 20 run (Vlam kick), 10:34

M - Mortensen 10 pass from Starkweather (Vlam kick), 4:22

M - Taulapapa 5 run (kick failed), :55

THIRD QUARTER

CV - Nicoll 6 pass from Miller (Slack kick), 4:29

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Cedar fights hard, falls short in football loss

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Caleb Paule ran for three touchdowns, but Pine View had enough offense to edge past the Cedar Reds, 31-27 on Sept. 27 in the Region 9 road game. The Reds fell to 1-3 in region play and 3-4 overall, while the Panthers got two touchdowns from Garrett Gwilliam and improved to 2-2, 4-3.

Gwilliam got the scoring started for Pine View on a 4-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter, and Paule helped Cedar answer when he found the end zone from 3 yards out early in the second to tie the game at 7-7. Pine View reclaimed the lead with

less than four minutes to play in the first half on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Levi Shaw to Brock Harris, but Paule gave Cedar his second TD on a 5-yard run with 38 seconds remaining before the break to tie game again at 14-14.

The Reds took the lead for the only time on the night early in the third quarter when Dylan Crowley caught a 29-yard touchdown pass from Everett Kelling, but the Panthers were able to tie the game once more when Maka Fiefa scored on a 3-yard run with 3:52 to play in the period. Panthers kicker Luke Luekenga gave Pine View the lead for good when he hit a 24-yard field goal less than two minutes into the fourth quarter,

Gwilliam would add a 9-yard scoring run with 6:18 to play that provided added insurance and pushed the Pine View lead to 10 at 31-21. Paule gave Cedar a ray of hope when he scored on a 2-yard run with 1:50 left, but the Reds missed the PAT and couldn't recover the onside kick attempt. They would get the ball back in the final minute after forcing a punt, but couldn't get close to the end zone. The Reds will travel this week for its next game to face the struggling Dixie Flyers this Friday at Walt Brooks Stadium in St. George. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Dixie was shut out in last week's outing at home, a 49-0 loss to the Desert Hills Thunder.

Templars shut out Falcons soccer

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Canyon View Falcons girls soccer team

had its game against Manti circled on the calendar. A win would give CV the outright Region 12 title. A loss would have hurt its chances for a better position in the 3A rankings heading to the state playoffs.

In the end, the visiting Templars went out and left town with an important victory. Taylie Mickelsen scored all three goals – two in the first half, one late in the second – and Manti shut down the Falcons on Sept. 26 with a 3-0 shutout, putting an end to Canyon View's 12-game winning streak.

After an initial goal was wiped out on an offside call midway through the opening 40 minutes, Mickelsen got the Templars (11-1 Region 12, 14-1 overall) on the board in the 23rd minute when her 20-yard shot from the right side landed in the upper right corner of the net. "We had a lack of discipline and a lack of heart," said Falcons head coach Steve Newman.


"We beat them before at their place, and I think the girls expected them to roll over, but Manti wanted (the win) more. I'm glad we lost this game because it gives us next week to recover and get ready for the playoffs."

Mickelsen struck again and pushed Manti's lead to 2-0 in the 32nd minute with a shot inside the 6-yard box that beat CV keeper Tess Bailey. With the Falcons looking for any jolt on offense in the second half, Mickelsen completed her hat trick in the 77th minute when she beat the CV defense on the run and punched a low shot past Bailey to finish the scoring.


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The Canyon View Falcons girls soccer team dropped a 3-0 decision at home against the Manti Templars on Sept. 26, ending a 12-game winning streak.



Pine View
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Cedar
27

Cedar	0	14	7	6	- 27
Pine View	7	7	7	10	- 31

FIRST QUARTER

PV – Gwilliam 4 run (Luekenga kick), 3:37

SECOND QUARTER

C – Paule 3 run (Jenkins kick), 10:43

PV – Harris 10 pass from Shaw (Luekenga kick), 3:34

C – Paule 5 run (Jenkins kick), :38

THIRD QUARTER

C – Crowley 29 pass from Kelling (Jenkins kick), 7:46

PV – Fiefa 3 run (Luekenga kick), 3:52

FOURTH QUARTER

PV – FG Luekenga 24, 10:21

PV – Gwilliam 9 run (Luekenga kick), 6:18

C – Paule 2 run (kick failed), 1:50.

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the last coming with 55 seconds left in the half. Manti had a 34-0 lead at the break, but another missed PAT prevented a running clock in the second half. The Falcons were able to avoid the shutout when Miller hit Dax Nicoll on a 6-yard touchdown pass with 4:29 to play in the third quarter, but it would be the only true highlight from the night. CV committed four turnovers in the loss and saw a 15-game home-field winning streak come to an end. They will travel for this week's game to play at Juab on Friday starting at 7 p.m. The Wasps beat North Sanpete last week, 38-7.



Brett Langston goes up high to make an interception in the first quarter of Canyon View's game against the Manti Templars on Sept. 27. Photo by Cavett Ishihara

When football is involved, the travel is worth it

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



A typical Sunday in my home usually involves church, column writing (as I'm doing right now), and watching the NFL on TV at a neighborhood hangout.

One week ago, I took a risk and did something totally different. As a responsible fan who wanted to seize the day, I bought a ticket to State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., for the Arizona Cardinals home game against the Detroit Lions. After some mental budget gymnastics, I went online and paid \$113 – including a \$33 service charge...ugh! – for the seat

lot for the usual reasons – concessions, bathroom breaks, souvenirs.

Hey, doing up-downs from your seat is not only healthy, but a lot easier if it's on the aisle.

Once everything was done, I got up very early, got in my car at 3:30 a.m., and started motoring southbound on I-15. Having never traveled deep into Arizona before, the lack of daylight for the first three hours was a little stressful.

When the sun finally showed up, I reached Kingman, Ariz., and the historic

in Section 451 on the Lions side of the field. Paid for parking on the same site and it cost \$13, including an \$8 service charge.

The seat was in a decent spot, not too high up in the section and on the aisle. That was a valuable thing mainly because fans like to get up out of their seats a

parts of Route 66. Gas was much cheaper – one place had regular gas for \$3.05 a gallon – and I topped off. As we motored on, Highway 93 had a lot of beautiful spaces, but they weren't the best if you had bladder issues. Thankfully, I was fine and ready when the next chances to stop came along.

A few more hours passed and the destination located about 10 miles northwest of Phoenix was in sight. It was fairly easy to get to the parking lot and I got a prime space mainly because kickoff was still four hours away.

Once I got out of my car, there was a bit of a hike through an entertainment district, but I eventually found many of my fellow Lions fans to bond with in a parking lot closer to the stadium entrance. Good conversation, great food, and a chance to watch a few of the early



NFL games was a great thing on a warm afternoon.

When it was time to make our way inside the stadium, I was struck by the volume of blue-clad Lions fans who showed up at the gates.

"These are my people," I bellowed out loud, not caring who heard.

A brief climb up stairs, and I arrived safely at my seat, soaking in the views. When kickoff arrived, there were many reasons to cheer, and it got so loud at one point, it

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TEMPLARS

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In their opening game of the week, Bethanee Vargas scored a hat trick, and the Falcons rolled to an 8-0 shutout on the road at Juab on Sept. 24. Maya Nichols and Erin Hallows added two goals apiece for CV in the victory and Emery

Miles had one. The Falcons built a 5-0 halftime lead before adding on the last three goals over the final 10 minutes to end the game early on the mercy rule.

Canyon View closed the regular season with a road game at Delta on Tuesday and will host the Richfield Wildcats for Senior Day on Thursday starting at 4 p.m.



Many Honolulu blue-clad fans made their way inside State Farm Stadium to see the Detroit Lions play the Arizona Cardinals on Sept. 22.

(Tom Zulewski photo)

WORTH IT

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Jared Goff connected on a short pass to Amon-Ra St. Brown, who wasted no time to deliver a lateral to Jahmyr Gibbs, who ran untouched for 20 yards into the end zone. It pushed the Detroit lead to 20-7 over Arizona with 29 seconds left in the half.

That was the big play of the game for the Lions, and I let out a full-throated yell in genuine awe.

felt like Ford Field was thrown in a Star Trek transporter and beamed into the location.

One big example of the good in-game vibes came in the second quarter when the Lions threw in some trickery on a hook-and-ladder that led to a touchdown. Quarterback

Arizona got a pair of Matt Prater field goals the rest of the way and Detroit held on for a 20-13 win to improve to 2-1 on the season.

It took several minutes to make the long trek back to where my car was, but I eventually found it. Once the rest of the people found their way out of the place, I found the freeway and began the long trek home.

As was the case coming to the game, finding a place to eat and fill the gas tank was a challenge, but I made it work. Seven hours and several stops later, I arrived home at around 1:30 a.m.

I was genuinely tired – staying awake was a challenge as the hours dragged on – but I would make this trek all over again in a heartbeat. Responsible football fans do things like this.

If the team wins, it's an excellent investment. If not, making new experiences and meeting fellow fans is just as good.

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

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

Despite all the weather chaos that messed with the final weekend of the 2024 Major League Baseball season, the playoffs have arrived at last. This week's dozen puts a bow on everything and sets us up for the run to the World Series. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!

1. The San Diego Padres qualified for the playoffs when it beat the Los Angeles Dodgers with a 4-2 victory on Sept. 24. In a baseball rarity, how did the game end?
2. Two days later, the Dodgers clinched the NL West by beating the Padres for its 11th division title in the last 12 seasons. Despite winning 106 games, which division rival edged past the Dodgers to win the West in 2021?
3. True or False: No MLB team finished with more than 100 victories in 2024.
4. In another unique feat, what Boston Red Sox outfielder – who was named MVP of the 2024 All-Star Game – leads the American League in doubles (48) and triples (14) through games played Sept. 26?
5. Before this weekend's games were played, Aaron Judge and teammate Juan Soto of the New York Yankees were one home run away from reaching a combined 100 for the season. What other pair of Yankees teammates – the M&M boys – teamed for 115 home runs in the 1961 season?
6. On Sept. 27, the Detroit Tigers had a chance to clinch its first playoff spot in 10 years with a victory at Comerica Park. On the same date 25 years earlier (1999), what building did the Tigers play in for the final time?
7. Who was the final opponent for the Oakland A's last game at the Oakland Coliseum on Sept. 26, a 3-2 A's victory?
8. It's been 15 years since the New York Yankees last reached a World Series. Which team – the NL East champ in 2024 – did the Yankees beat to win the 2009 title?

9. What American League team holds the longest playoff drought at 10 years?
10. The Seattle Mariners had a 10-game lead in the AL West on June 18, but ended up failing to qualify for the 2024 playoffs. How many times in Seattle's 48-year franchise history have the Mariners reached the postseason?
11. Shohei Ohtani became the first player in Major League Baseball history to hit 50 home runs and steal 50 bases in a season when the Dodgers beat the Miami Marlins, 20-4, on Sept. 19. How many home runs and stolen bases – two separate numbers for each – did Ohtani have in the game to reach the historic milestones?
12. What two teams in the 2024 MLB playoff field – both in the National League – have never won a World Series?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. 1968.
2. Cincinnati Reds, New York Mets, Los Angeles Dodgers.
3. The Loma Prieta earthquake happened minutes before Game 3 of the 1989 World Series against the San Francisco Giants was scheduled to start.
4. True.
5. Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire.
6. Kansas City. The expansion Royals were born in 1969.
7. Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder, Barry Zito.
8. Moneyball. Hattberg's hit helped the A's make history with a 12-11 victory after losing all of an 11-0 lead.
9. 11. The A's last playoff appearance came in 2020.
10. Catfish.
11. Braden threw his perfect game on Mother's Day in 2010.
12. Bob Melvin.

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SCORES

Region 9 Football

9/27 Pine View 31, Cedar 27, Hurricane 35, Snow Canyon 7, Desert Hills 49, Dixie 0, Crimson Cliffs 24, Stansbury 21

3A South Football

9/27 Manti 34, Canyon View 7, Richfield 46 Carbon 14, Juab 38, North Sanpete 7

1A South Football

9/27 Kanab 42, Parowan 7, North Summit 16, Beaver 14, 5 OT, Milford 19, Enterprise 0

Region 9 Girls Soccer

9/24 Snow Canyon 1, Cedar 0, OT, Desert Hills 8 Hurricane 1, Crimson Cliffs 8, Pine View 0

9/26 Cedar 1, Dixie 0, Snow Canyon 1, Crimson Cliffs 0, Desert Hills 4, Pine View 2

Region 12 Girls Soccer

9/24 Canyon View 8, Juab 0, Carbon 3, Delta 0 Manti 6, Richfield 0, North Sanpete 7, Emery 5

9/26 Manti 3, Canyon View 0, Richfield 1 Carbon 0, 2 OT, Juab 2, Emery 1, Delta 1 North Sanpete 0

2A South Girls Soccer

9/27 Parowan 4, Grand 3, Beaver 4, San Juan 0

Region 9 Volleyball

9/24 Crimson Cliffs 3, Pine View 0, Desert Hills 3, Hurricane 2, Snow Canyon 3, Dixie 1

9/26 Hurricane 3, Cedar 1, Desert Hills 3, Dixie 0 Crimson Cliffs 3, Snow Canyon 2

Region 12 Volleyball

9/24 Canyon View 3, Delta 0, Manti 3, Juab 0 Richfield 3, Emery 1, North Sanpete 3, Carbon 0

9/26 Canyon View 3, Richfield 0, Carbon 3, Juab 0 Delta 3, Emery 0, North Sanpete 3, Manti 0

Region 18 Volleyball

9/24 Parowan 3, Kanab 2, Enterprise 3, Beaver 0 Millard 3, South Sevier 1

9/26 Enterprise 3, Water Canyon 0, Kanab 3 Millard 0, South Sevier 3, Beaver 1

STANDINGS

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Region 9 Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (4)	3-0	5-2
Desert Hills (12)	2-1	3-3
Pine View (13)	2-2	4-3
Hurricane (19)	2-2	3-4
Snow Canyon (20)	1-2	2-5
Dixie (23)	1-2	1-5
Cedar (14)	1-3	3-4

3A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (4)	2-0	7-0
Manti (3)	2-0	6-1
Canyon View (8)	1-1	4-3
Juab (7)	1-1	3-4
Carbon (6)	0-2	3-4
North Sanpete (10)	0-2	2-5

1A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Milford (3)	2-0	6-1
Beaver (1)	1-0	6-1
Kanab (4)	1-1	4-3
Enterprise (8)	0-1	1-5
Parowan (7)	0-2	2-5

Region 9 Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (1)	9-1	12-2
Desert Hills (7)	7-4	10-5
Crimson Cliffs (6)	6-4	10-5
Cedar (13)	5-5	10-6
Pine View (16)	3-7	6-9
Hurricane (18)	3-7	6-9
Dixie (21)	2-8	3-10

Region 12 Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Manti (2)	11-1	14-1
Canyon View (3)	11-1	12-3
Carbon (4)	8-4	10-4
Delta (11)	5-7	7-9
Richfield (9)	4-7	6-8
Juab (13)	4-7	5-10
North Sanpete (12)	4-8	5-9
Emery (18)	0-12	0-14

2A South Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver (9)	6-2	6-5
Grand (7)	5-2	7-3
Millard (8)	4-1	7-6
Parowan (13)	2-4	2-11
San Juan (10)	1-4	3-6
South Sevier (16)	1-5	1-8

Region 9 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (4)	8-0	12-4
Crimson Cliffs (6)	6-2	12-5
Hurricane (5)	6-2	11-7
Cedar (13)	3-4	6-10
Snow Canyon (18)	3-5	9-11
Dixie (19)	1-7	5-10
Pine View (21)	0-7	1-9

Region 12 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (1)	9-0	20-2
North Sanpete (2)	8-1	15-3
Richfield (10)	5-4	8-10
Emery (7)	4-5	9-7
Manti (11)	4-5	5-9
Delta (9)	3-6	8-9
Carbon (14)	3-6	6-11
Juab (17)	0-9	4-13

Region 18 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Parowan (4)	5-1	13-2
Kanab (6)	5-2	11-5
South Sevier (3)	4-2	13-3
Enterprise (8)	4-3	12-6
Millard (16)	4-3	6-10
Beaver (24)	0-5	3-8
Water Canyon (21)	0-5	2-7

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OCTOBER 7-12



MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Homecoming Kick Off | Library Quad 11:30 AM
Athletic Coaches Lunch | Courtyard Marriott 12 PM
Bread & Soup Nite + Karaoke | Ballroom 5 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

New Look Library | Gerald R. Sherratt Library 1 PM
Pep Rally & Powder Puff | Eccles Coliseum 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Royal T-Bird Pageant | Auditorium 7 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

A.P.E.X. | Gilbert Great Hall 11:30 AM
FALL in Love with SUU | Library Quad 11:30 AM
International Food Fair | Ballroom 5:30 PM
Volleyball vs. Cal Baptist | America First Event Center 7 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Tinsel Tailgate | Parking Lot 14 2 PM
Soccer vs. GCU | Soccer Pitch 4 PM
Alumni Choir Concert | Thorley Recital Hall 7 PM
Forever RED | Upper Quad 7:30 PM
True T-Bird Night | Founders Monument 11:30 PM

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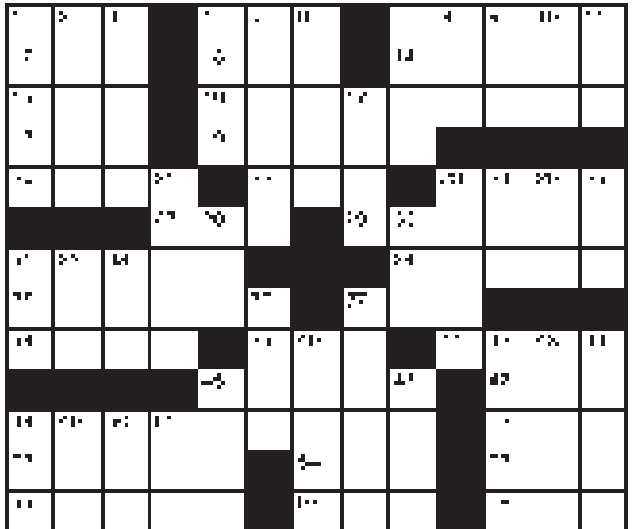
HOCUS-FOCUS

by Bob Eckstein

Trivia Test Answers:
 1. "Beauty and the Beast"; 2. Northern Lights; 3. Thomas Jefferson; 4. Indian Ocean;
 5. Aretha Franklin; 6. Substitute teacher; 7. Zero; 8. Tom Marvolo Riddle; 9. Basenji;
 10. Robert Frost, "Nothing Gold Can Stay"

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Trivia Test

by King Features

- MOVIES:** Which animated film was the first to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture?
- SCIENCE:** What is a common name for the Aurora Borealis?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the third U.S. president?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Maldives (islands) located?
- MUSIC:** Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
- TELEVISION:** What is Dorothy's job on "The Golden Girls"?
- MATH:** Which number doesn't have a Roman numeral equivalent?
- LITERATURE:** In the Harry Potter series of novels, what was Lord Voldemort's name before he changed it?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Which dog breed doesn't "bark"?
- FAMOUS QUOTES:** Who wrote the poetic line about fall, "Nature's first green is gold"?

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