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STORY IN SPORTS

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APA Plans Second K-8 Iron County Campus to Serve Elementary and Middle School Students

from Casey O. Anderson

APA BOARD MEMBER

American Preparatory Academy (APA), one of the highest-performing schools in the state, plans to expand with a second Cedar City location after receiving approval to serve an additional 700 students in our community. As the school scouts potential sites for its new campus, this expansion is viewed as an exciting next step following the smooth launch of its first campus a few weeks ago.

A Successful First Campus

Staff at APA have reported that the opening of their first Cedar City campus has been very smooth, and this has been largely attributed to a fantastic staff, great parents, the strong support of the local community, and a well-executed campus development strategy. These factors have contributed to an effective start, helping to foster a positive and productive learning environment for students right from the beginning.

With the first location up and running, APA is wasting no time preparing for its next step—finding the perfect location for its second campus, which is already approved to serve 700 additional students. The search is currently underway, and the new facility is expected to help meet growing demand from families eager to enroll their children in APA's renowned academic programs.

The American Preparatory Academy Model

American Preparatory Academy believes that a public school's central mission is two-fold:

1. To ensure that each student achieves maximum academic

proficiency and,

2. To ensure that each student develops virtuous character and motivation for productive citizenry, that thereby students become effective citizens of a free nation, and possess the intelligence, skills and desire to dedicate a portion of their lives to changing the world for the better.



The trust of the citizens of our nation, expressed in their hard-earned tax dollars flowing to our public schools, must be maintained through strict accountability to these two objectives, and repaid by students who benefit from that public trust by their diligence, hard work and commitment to community."

(APA Mission and Vision Statement)

Funding and Financial Structure of Charter Schools

One of the key factors that enable tuition-free public charter schools like APA to expand without imposing a financial burden on taxpayers is the unique way in which they are funded. Unlike traditional public schools, charter schools are not taxing entities and have no authority to levy taxes. Instead, 100% of their funding comes from existing taxes through a "money follows the child" model. This means that when a student opts to attend a charter school, a full portion of state tax dollars for that child flow

to the charter school, and a portion of the local tax dollars allocated for that student's education goes to the charter school instead of to the local public school district.

However, it is important to note that not all of the local tax dollars "follow the child." In fact, only 25% of the property tax funding allocated for a student transfers to the charter school when they enroll, while the remaining 75% stays with the local public school district. This ensures that there is a relative positive impact on the local district when a student transfers from the traditional public school to a charter school as the majority of the property tax revenue continues to support the district even without the student being in the district schools. Importantly, there is zero tax impact on Iron County residents with public charter school expansions.

For charter schools, this free-market funding structure provides a powerful incentive to perform at their best. Since they rely entirely on the funding that comes with student enrollment, they must maintain high academic standards and a strong school culture to attract and retain students. This focus on performance has helped schools like APA excel in statewide assessments, establishing a reputation for delivering top-tier education.

APA's Academic Excellence

American Preparatory Academy's group of campuses have become a beacon of academic excellence in the state, consistently ranking among the top-performing schools in key subject areas. The school's dedication to student achievement is most clearly reflected in its test scores.

According to 2024 end-of-year Acadience statewide testing, APA's third-grade students were ranked 4th

in the state for reading on grade level, and 2nd in the state for meeting math benchmark proficiency out of all Utah districts. They have accomplished this despite enrolling a student population that is 30% English Language Learners, significantly higher than the state's average of %. Two of APA's 5 elementary campuses were in the top 15 out of all elementary schools (547 schools) for reading on grade level, securing the #1 and #5 top spots. Four of APA's campuses were in the top 15 for math, again rising to the top at both #1 and #2, as well as holding the #9 and #13 spots.

These academic achievements reflect APA's commitment to providing students with a rigorous, high-quality education that prepares them for future success. With its second Iron County campus in the works, APA is poised to extend its positive impact to even more students and families in the community, and with a positive impact to local taxpayers.

Looking Ahead

As APA continues to scout locations for its new 700-student campus, excitement is building among parents and staff alike. The school's expansion is a testament to the strength of its educational programs and the high demand for seats in its classrooms. With a second location on the horizon, APA is set to play an even larger role in shaping the educational landscape and offering more families the opportunity to experience its exceptional academic programs.

For those interested in learning more about APA's model, emphasis on the American Ideals, test scores and academic rankings, or to schedule a tour at their first Cedar City campus, visit AmericanPrep.org.

Press Release: State Bank of Southern Utah Announces New CEO



by Tyler Brown

STATE BANK OF SOUTHERN UTAH

Cedar City, UT – State Bank of Southern Utah is pleased to announce the appointment of Trevor C. Andersen as its new President and CEO, effective January 14, 2025. With over 26 years of banking experience at State Bank of Southern Utah, Andersen brings a wealth of knowledge and a proven track record of driving institutional growth and operational excellence.

In his previous role as Chief Lending Officer at State Bank of Southern Utah, Andersen was instrumental in helping expand lending teams and functions throughout the bank's footprint, contributing to the bank's strong reputation and significant growth over the past two decades. His strategic insight, combined with a strong commitment to customer-centric service, positions State Bank for continued success in a rapidly evolving financial landscape.

The decision followed months of deliberation by State Bank's Board of Directors' Succession Committee. "We are excited to name Trevor Andersen as the new CEO of State Bank," said Joe Burgess, Chairman of the Board. "Trevor has a visionary approach to leadership and is well-equipped to navigate the challenges and opportunities of modern banking. We are confident that his leadership will advance our mission of providing exceptional service and innovative financial solutions to our Southern Utah customers."

Trevor Andersen will succeed Eric Schmutz, who has served as President and CEO for the past 15 years, and will retire in January. Schmutz' leadership has been pivotal to the bank's success. "I started working for the bank in 1982 as a teller. At that time, we had 3 banking offices and \$41 Million in assets. I've been fortunate to witness State Bank's growth, now with 17 branches and over \$2.5 Billion in assets. The bank is well-positioned, and I'm excited to pass the reins to Trevor to continue its growth." Schmutz and Andersen will work closely together over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition.

Andersen added, "I look forward to leading State Bank into the next chapter of its history. The bank was built on a solid foundation of delivering value to our Southern Utah customers, shareholders, and communities. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve by helping people feel valued and successful in their financial objectives. We are more committed than ever to this cause."

Man Sentenced After Violent Assault in Cedar City

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 30-year-old man passing through Cedar City in July will now spend the next five years in Utah after a 5th District Court judge handed him a prison term after he brutally beat a woman.

Robert Schutt was sentenced to up to five years in the Utah State Prison by Judge Matthew Bell this week, after pleading guilty to aggravated assault.

Schutt initially faced multiple charges, including aggravated assault resulting in serious bodily injury, criminal mischief, robbery, threat of violence, and unlawful detention. As part of a plea agreement, all charges were dismissed except for the aggravated assault charge, which was reduced from a second-degree felony to a third-degree felony.

Iron County Prosecutor Trajan Evans described the case as one of the worst domestic violence incidents he had ever seen.

"This was one of the most horrific cases of domestic violence I've ever prosecuted," he said. "It truly shocked my conscience. The victim showed incredible strength and courage to survive this attack."

Evans also commended Cedar City Police for their quick response to help the victim.

According to court documents, law enforcement responded to a 911 call on July 21, where the victim reported being severely beaten by Schutt while they were traveling together in her vehicle.

When officers arrived, they

RealClearPolitics Election 2024

RCP Poll Averages

Election 2024	Trump	Harris	Spread
RCP Poll Average	47.2	48.9	Harris +1.7
Top Battlegrounds	48.3	47.9	Trump +0.4
RCP Betting Odds	53.9	44.9	

Electoral College	Trump	Harris	Toss Ups
RCP Electoral Map	219	215	104
No Toss Up States	302	236	

Battlegrounds	Trump	Harris	Spread
Minnesota	44.3	49.0	Harris +4.7
Ohio	51.4	44.0	Trump +7.4
Nevada	48.2	48.0	Trump +0.2
Texas	50.5	44.8	Trump +5.7
New Mexico	41.7	49.7	Harris +8.0
Virginia	44.0	50.4	Harris +6.4

2024 vs. 2020	2024	2020	Spread
Top Battlegrounds	R + 0.4	D + 4.6	Trump +5.0
RCP National Average	D + 1.7	D + 10.3	Trump +8.6
Favorability Rating	D + 7.4	D + 18.2	Trump +10.8

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Election season is reaching its peak! This week, ballots will be arriving in the mail, marking the start of a crucial time to sit down and decide who and what you'll be voting for. Election

Day is set for November 5th, just under three weeks away, but don't procrastinate! If you're planning to mail in your ballot, aim to do so before the end of October to avoid any potential postmark issues. Ballot drop boxes will remain open 24/7 until 8 PM on Election Day, so you can turn your ballot in at your convenience. Early in-person voting begins on October 29th, so mark your calendars and get ahead of the potential lines.

Though election season can sometimes feel tense, I hope you're enjoying the beautiful fall season. Our life section is filled with autumnal festivities from the sheep parade to visiting the pumpkin patch. It looks like our warmer-than-usual fall is about to take a chilly turn this week, ushering in some winter-like weather. So, take advantage of the outdoors while you can!

Finally, a special shoutout to SUU for their win against Eastern Kentucky at the Homecoming Game! Hopefully, many of you were able to participate in the exciting Homecoming festivities!

Go T-Birds!

WORD OF THE WEEK

FAROUCHE

[fa-rouche]

adjective

marked by shyness and lack of social graces



Iron County GOP Chair Response to newspaper ad against school district bond

As Chair of the Iron County GOP, I want to address a newspaper ad that will be published today. My fellow executive committee members decided to move forward with this ad despite my objections. I believe such statements should be made by individuals, not by the party as a whole—especially when there isn't consensus among us. Contrary to what the article suggests, this decision was not the result of thorough discussion and deliberation within the GOP executive committee, and to claim otherwise is misleading. The Republican Party platform emphasizes a limited role for government, fiscal responsibility, and accountability to taxpayers. In my view, the current school bond aligns with these principles and does not conflict with them. The decision to support or oppose the bond should be left to the voters at the ballot box, without the Iron County GOP attempting to influence the outcome. I believe the GOP should remain neutral on this issue, as it does not directly challenge our platform.

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Last year, I opposed the School District bond because it included elements—specifically the turf—that I believed were outside the principles of fiscal conservatism and imposed an unnecessary burden on taxpayers. Since then, I've had the opportunity to discuss my concerns with board members and district staff, and I appreciate their willingness to engage in dialogue after the bond's failure. Using party funds to take a stance on this issue is inappropriate, especially with the 2024 election approaching. Our resources would be better spent on voter turnout efforts rather than on newspaper ads opposing a bond that will likely pass. If my fellow executive members are truly passionate about opposing the bond, they should have taken more proactive steps—such as sitting down with the school board to address their concerns, speaking at public school board meetings, holding town halls, door knocking,

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Life's not all lovely thorns and singing vultures, you know."

-Morticia Addams

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and informing voters months ago when their efforts could have made a real difference. I believe it's only fair that I, too, have a voice in this matter. As Chair, my name should not be associated with a statement I disagree with, and I don't feel this decision is in the best interest of the Iron County GOP. While I personally support the school bond, it's not my role in this position to advance my personal agenda.

As Chair, I am committed to ensuring that the Iron County GOP operates in accordance with the principles of our platform. I

regret the decision made by my fellow executive committee members. I recognize that it is critical for party leadership to avoid inserting personal opinions into official communications unless those issues clearly conflict with our core values. My focus will remain on ensuring that our local party functions as effectively as possible and that I direct my efforts toward the issues important to Republicans in Iron County.

Mari Eddy
Iron County GOP, Chair

Iron County Republican Executive Committee

Over the last year, members of the Republican Executive Committee have cumulatively spent over 30 hours volunteering time researching the issue of the new bond tax increase. This includes speaking directly to ICSD board members, watching board meetings, watching ICSD public presentations, and speaking with key stakeholders. We encourage anyone concerned with truth, respect, open debate, increased transparency, and fiscal responsibility to support us in this effort. The Iron County School District should not add additional burdens on

our cost of living. People are struggling to put gas in their car, afford their prescription medications, and put food on the table. There are alternative, lower cost options available that should be utilized first. To claim it is conservative or fiscally responsible to take even more money from taxpayers when better and cheaper alternatives have been approved and are already in the works is a stretch. \$200,000,000 for 11,225 in person students is enough.

Iron County Republican Executive Committee

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Southern Utah University First to Forfeit Match Against San José State Amid Unconfirmed Controversy

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Southern Utah University was the first to forfeit a volleyball match against San José State last week, followed by several other schools, amid speculation there was a transgender player on the Spartans' team.

Following SUU's decision, Boise State University canceled its Sept. 28 match against San José State, along with Utah State University, which opted out of its Oct. 23 match.

The University of Wyoming, who initially planned to proceed with its scheduled game, later reversed course after what the athletic department described as a "lengthy discussion." No specific reason was given for the change.

While national media reports have suggested that these forfeitures are related to the presence of transgender player Blaire Fleming on San José State's roster, none of the universities involved have confirmed whether this was the deciding factor.

In a media statement to Iron County Today, the school simply said, "The Southern Utah University volleyball team opted to compete in just two non-conference games at the Santa Clara Tournament. Southern Utah informed the tournament directors and opposing teams of the decision, and we wish them well with the remainder of their respective seasons."



The university declined to provide further comment or answer questions regarding the forfeiture, despite Iron County Today's request

for more information.

The controversy surrounding the inclusion of transgender athletes in women's sports stems from broader national debates.

Critics argue that transgender women, who were assigned male at birth, may have physical advantages in strength and speed that could make competitions unfair.


Supporters, however, argue that transgender athletes should be allowed to compete in alignment with their "identity," pointing out that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has specific guidelines, including requirements for maintaining certain testosterone levels before competing.

IRON COUNTY FORECAST

TUMBLING TEMPERATURES INTO THE WEEKEND AS A STRONG FALL COLD FRONT MOVES INTO SOUTHWEST UTAH. SNOW SHOWERS ARE EXPECTED FRIDAY MORNING FOLLOWED BY GRADUALLY WARMING TEMPERATURES OVER THE WEEKEND.

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WINDS: SW 20-30

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WINDS: N 15-25

SATURDAY
Chance Showers
54°/31°
PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: NW 10-15

SUNDAY
Chance Showers
55°/36°
PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: W 5-10

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
66°/41°
PRECIP: 5%
WINDS: SW 5-10

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
71°/43°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: S 5-10

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny
71°/42°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: S 10-15

District clarifies information on 2024 bond proposal

from Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Voters will be given the opportunity to consider a

\$66 million bond proposal placed on the ballot by the Iron County School District Board of Education. The district wants community members to exercise their right to vote on this proposal that includes a 10th elementary school and building for alternative education programs. Whether voters check for or against the bond, the district also believes voters should educate themselves with the facts. Below are some facts that address information being shared by others.

- On average 39 more elementary students have entered Cedar area schools every year for the past 15 years. Between 2009 and 2023, ICSD grew by 545 elementary students. An elementary typically holds up to 600 students. We currently have more classes than classrooms at the elementary level. Approximately 350 students are in classes in portable trailers, which do not have bathrooms or running water.
- The failed 2018 \$92 million bond included

many items: safety and security, additions at Canyon View and Cedar Middle schools, expansion of Three Peaks preschool, Parowan High athletic facility upgrades; two replacement elementaries; a new preschool; Cedar High additions, alternative high school upgrades, and professional development offices. Voters did not specify reasons for defeating the bond.

- The approved 2021 bond paid for the replacement of East Elementary, additions at Cedar Middle and Canyon View Middle and upgrades at Cedar High.
- The 2023 bond was narrowly defeated by 24 votes. The \$75.5 million bond included a new elementary school, a high school addition, an alternative programs building, artificial turf and ADA playgrounds. The most controversial proposal was artificial turf. We have no evidence to suggest any single project caused the defeat of the bond nor does does the Iron County GOP Executive Committee.

- A charter school, American Preparatory Academy (APA) opened in 2024. District records indicate that as of August 16 only 126 ICSD students moved to APA and 12 were online only.
- The state does not indicate any new approvals of elementary charter schools in Iron County. Gateway Preparatory Academy was approved for an expansion up to 700 students.
- On top of the enrollment growth over the last 15 years, the Utah State Legislature's move to all-day kindergarten in all elementary schools further increased the need for a 10th elementary school. If the school opened today, it would be filled.
- According to the Gardner Institute at the University of Utah, Iron County is projected to see a 20% increase of student-age population between 2020 and 2060. Growth includes new move-ins, not just

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

IRON COUNTY TODAY
The council approved adding a gym construction project to next week's work meeting agenda, requesting staff to prepare information on potential locations, staffing needs, and costs. An update was given on the Fiddler Canyon project, with the mayor emphasizing the need to keep council members informed about the plans.

The Great Pumpkin and Scarecrow Festival at Diamond Z Arena and the SUU homecoming parade were announced for the upcoming Saturday. The council thanked the police department for their participation in Walk to School Day and Public Works for improvements to road striping. A Traffic Safety Forum was announced for the following week, involving various stakeholders to discuss traffic issues and safety. The police chief discussed recent incidents involving motorcyclists fleeing from law enforcement and new legislation addressing road rage.

During public comments, concerns were raised about road rage incidents, traffic issues, and code enforcement for nuisances like overgrown weeds. The council approved waiving late fees on water bills for affected customers, totaling approximately \$1,300. A development agreement with Maverick for a new convenience store was approved, including provisions for landscaping or developing an extra parcel within three years.

The council approved a bid from Viking Excavation for \$232,300.15 for storm drain improvements on 1600 North. A stipulated order from the Utah Division of Drinking Water was approved, requiring the city to implement disinfection measures for its water supply within 8 months. Two deductive change orders totaling \$245,197.50 were approved for the Mud Springs production well project.

Updates were given on various city projects, including repairs to the cemetery water line and improvements at Park Discovery. The Leisure Services Department received approval to move forward with the Park Discovery project, addressing concerns about shade and color choices.

public & health



Jamison Robinett To Succeed Eric Packer as Intermountain Cedar City Hospital President in December 2024

from Brad Gillman

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH

Jamison Robinett has been selected as the new president of Intermountain Cedar City Hospital. He will succeed current Cedar City Hospital president Eric Packer, who retires this December after serving for the past eight years.

"Eric will be greatly missed. He is a phenomenal leader who will leave a legacy of excellence for Cedar City Hospital. It has been a pleasure to get to work with him," said Natalie Ashby, president of the Southwest Utah Acute Care Market of Intermountain's Desert Region and St. George Regional Hospital.

Packer culminates a successful career of 38 years in the healthcare community, including 35 years with Intermountain Health, with leading Cedar City Hospital to receive national recognition

for their high-quality patient care. Under Packer's leadership, Cedar City Hospital has seen growth with projects like a new imaging center and a diabetes clinic, as well as numerous healthcare awards. In 2024, Cedar City Hospital ranked number four in the nation for community hospitals by Vizient and was named as a Top 20 Rural Community Hospital nine years in a row, something no hospital has ever achieved. This year, Cedar City hospital was ranked second best in the nation for small community hospitals by Fortune/PINC AI.

His exemplary leadership over the course of his career was recently recognized by the Utah Hospital Association when he was awarded the 2024 Distinguished Healthcare Executive. His commitment to providing quality care in the Southwest Utah region has guided caregivers to build a successful environment of patient-focused care. His impact on the growth and quality of healthcare services in the southern Utah commu-

nity will be felt for years to come. Packer officially retires December 3rd. During the month of November, he will work to transition responsibilities to Robinett.

Robinett, who most recently served as Chief Operating Officer at HCA Florida Palms West Hospital in Palm Beach County, Florida, is excited to return to Southwest Utah. He began his healthcare career in Intermountain at the Southern Utah Neurosciences Institute in St George, Utah, where he also met his wife, Shelbie. They are excited to put down roots in Cedar City. Robinett says his biggest passions are caring for the people he serves by fostering caregiver engagement and quality excellence.

Robinett joins Cedar City Hospital from HCA Healthcare where he has held progressive executive leadership positions within the organization over the past five years. While there, he led hospital operations as well as several strategic

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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.

public & health

Estimated 10,000 + people in Cedar City for Utah High School Mountain Bike Championship Race October 18th-19th

from Maria Twitchell

VISIT CEDAR CITY BRIAN HEAD TOURISM BUREAU

Iron County Parks and Recreation is notifying the public that their Three Peaks recreation facilities, including the county campground, group pavilions and Iron Sides disc golf course, will be closed to the public October 17-19th to provide a safe and traffic-controlled area for the Utah NICA High School Mountain Bike Championship Race and practice day.

"The Utah High School Cycling League is thrilled to be heading back to Cedar City for our state championship race on October 18th & 19th," said Race Director Ginger Hall. "Over 2,500 student-athletes from across the state will be participating at Three Peaks Recreation Area over the course of 3 days. With their cheering squads in tow, Cedar City can expect to see roughly 10,000+ additional best friends over the course of the weekend!

Due to size of this event, the public is asked to be aware and respect the race closures and to maintain a slow speed at all times if choosing to be in the greater Three Peaks area. There will be sections of Three Peaks operated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that will also be closed for the race, however the Shooting Range, Model Port and Shooting Range Road will remain open.

According to Maria Twitchell, Visit Cedar City Brian Head Tourism Bureau Director, who oversees the Iron County Parks and Recreation department, "We are thrilled to be hosting the NICA High School Cycling League for their Utah Championship Mountain bike race. This event will have a significant economic



Photo from Utah High School Cycling League


impact on Cedar City and surrounding area. Last year, over 12,000 people attended this event, supporting local businesses from hotels, restaurants, retail and convenience stores, which generated well over a \$1 million dollars in economic impact. We hope the public will be patient as we support this large influx of students, parents and support staff to our community and respect our decision to close Iron County facilities at Three Peaks so we can provide a safe environment for the kids who are participating." The County Park will reopen to

the public on Monday, October 21st.

For questions regarding the closure of the County portion of Three Peaks Recreation Area, contact the Iron County Parks and Recreation office at 435-586-5124 or email mtwitchell@ironcounty.net. Contact for NICA High School Cycling League is Ginger Hall, (806) 473-7915 or ginger@utahmtb.org.

Utah High School Cycling League is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that facilitates the development of interscholastic cycling teams/clubs for grades 7-12 and are an affiliate league for the National Interscholastic Cycling Association(NICA).

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Dixie National Forest Christmas tree permits available online

from Jennifer Plecki

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permits to cut holiday trees from their favorite National Forest.

Recreation.gov makes it easy to purchase a permit. However, the public is always welcome to purchase a permit from their local National Forest Office.

“We are thrilled to see so many people embracing the tradition of cutting their own Christmas tree,” said Dixie National Forest Supervisor, Kevin Wright. “It is a wonderful opportunity to create lasting memories and connect with nature.”

Permits will go on sale through Recreation.gov Oct. 10 at 8 a.m. EDT. Trees are available to harvest Nov. 4 through Dec. 31, 2024. Permits will also be sold in person:

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You can use this guide to help you identify what kind of tree you are allowed to harvest. No bristlecone pine may be harvested. Christmas tree permit purchasers will need to check their map/the recreation.gov Dixie National Forest Christmas tree webpage to find the permitted trees under their permit jurisdiction.

The Dixie National Forest’s two million acres has something for every outdoor enthusiast, offering everything from hiking and camping, to fishing and hunting. Come explore the Dixie and experience the beauty of Southern Utah for yourself. Follow us on facebook and don’t forget to tag us in your photos #DixieChristmasTree.

capital projects, highlighted by a new patient tower, operating room expansion, ER expansion, and other imaging/procedural projects.

Under Robinett’s leadership, Palms West saw significant growth in cardiology, surgical, and diagnostic


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JAMISON ROBINETT

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growth, colleague engagement, and quality improvement functions. During his tenure at Palms West Hospital, Robinett was instrumental in managing over \$100 million in



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JAMISON ROBINETT

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services, and successfully added new programs such as a weight management center and cardiac MRI. Additionally, the hospital proudly increased colleague engagement scores, elevated its CMS star rating, and made major improvements to campus safety and security.

Robinett began his career in health administration at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, where he started as an executive resident and was later promoted to associate administrator. He holds a Master of Health Administration degree from the University of Iowa and Bachelor of Health Administration degree from Weber State University.

Robinett considers his

greatest accomplishment as being the husband to his beautiful wife, Shelbie, and father to his two

daughters. In his spare time, Robinett enjoys being with his family in the mountains, fly-fishing, and hunting. He says he looks forward to serving such an amazing hospital and community.

Intermountain Cedar City Hospital proudly serves the communities in Iron County. The 48-bed hospital is a full-service community hospital that ranks as one of the top community hospitals in the country and is a fully accredited Level IV Trauma Center with more than 450 caregivers. In addition to traditional services, Cedar City Hospital offers a state-of-the-art cancer center, a robust surgical service program and various clinics.

BOND PROPOSAL

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and does not reflect the annual operating budget. According to the Project Kids dashboard found on auditor.utah.gov, ICSD spent \$9,187 per student in 2023. The average per student in the state is \$11,479. ICSD receives \$2,580 from local property tax per student. The state average is \$4,786 and 37 out of 41 school districts receive more property tax per student than ICSD.

birthrates of current residents.

- The 2024 final amended budget of \$200 million is not solely spent per classroom. That budget includes current building projects

ASSAULT

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found the victim in the passenger seat, her face bruised and swollen with both of her eyes nearly shut.

Clumps of her hair were scattered across the vehicle's interior, torn out during the assault. Schutt, who was sitting in the driver's seat, had blood on his hands and scratches, consistent with a physical struggle.

The victim explained to investigators that Schutt had been beating her throughout the day, pulling her hair and striking her face. He also damaged the vehicle's interior by punching the dashboard and center console.

During the attack, Schutt made

repeated threats to kill himself and the victim, telling her she "would never make it out alive."

"While intermittently beating her, Robert would threaten to kill himself and her," the affidavit stated. "He would say he wanted her dead. The victim stated she could not leave Robert or the vehicle because he would continue to beat her."

In addition to the physical violence, the victim said Schutt forced her to send him money via a mobile payment app, threatening further harm if she didn't comply.

Initially, Schutt denied knowing the victim but later changed his story, admitting they had been traveling together. He claimed to have blacked out during the incident and could not recall what had happened.

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Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah warns of decline in School Age Children

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Utah, long recognized for its high birth rates and large family sizes, is seeing a notable shift. According to recent data from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah, the state is experiencing a significant decline in the number of children. This trend, if it continues, could have far-reaching implications for the state's economy, education system, and overall social fabric.

Utah's Changing Demographics

For decades, Utah has had one of the highest birth rates in the United States, driven by a combination of cultural, economic, and religious factors. The state's strong emphasis on family values, large populations of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), and relatively low cost of living have historically encouraged larger families. However, new findings from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute indicate a dramatic shift of the child population.

The data highlights that Utah has approximately 689,000 school-age children in 2024, a number projected to decline to 621,000 within the next nine years. This represents a decrease of almost 10% in the school-age population, a significant drop for a state traditionally known for its youthful demographic.

Implications for Education and the Workforce

The declining number of children in Utah has significant implications for the state's education system. With the projected drop from 689,000 to 621,000 school-age children over the next nine years, schools may face challenges in maintaining current staffing and resources. In rural areas, where population declines are often felt more acutely, schools may experience declining enrollments, leading to possible closures or consolidations. In urban districts, while the immediate impact may be less severe, a long-term decline in students could alter budget priorities and planning strategies.

In the long term, fewer children today could mean a smaller workforce tomorrow. Utah has traditionally enjoyed a young, vibrant labor force,

which has been a key factor in its strong economic growth. A sustained decline in the number of children could lead to labor shortages in key industries, limiting the state's potential for future economic growth. This could also increase pressure on the state's social safety nets as fewer working-age adults will be available to support an aging population.

Social and Cultural Shifts

Beyond economic and educational concerns, the shrinking child population could alter the social fabric of Utah. Large families have been a hallmark of life in the state, contributing to close-knit communities with strong ties to religious and social organizations. As family sizes shrink and birth rates decline, these communal ties may evolve.

Policy Responses

Recognizing the potential impact of these demographic changes, state and local leaders are beginning to consider policy responses. Some experts suggest that Utah could benefit from initiatives aimed at supporting families, such as affordable childcare, housing assistance, and family-friendly workplace policies. Encouraging immigration and retaining young professionals within the state could also help offset the shrinking child population.

Additionally, policymakers may need to rethink how they allocate resources to education and other services traditionally geared toward children and young families. A shift in focus toward supporting an aging population may

become necessary if current trends continue.

Conclusion

While Utah remains a family-centered state, the projected decline from 689,000 to 621,000 school-age children over the next decade, as highlighted by the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, represents a significant demographic shift. This trend, driven by economic, cultural, and social changes, could have long-lasting effects on Utah's schools, workforce, and communities. As the state grapples with these changes, thoughtful policy interventions will be key to ensuring a prosperous future for all its residents. The complete study can be found at <https://gardner.utah.edu/>.



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My Game Show Experience and Wheel of Fortune debut

by Christine Valletta

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

I was featured in my first national TV debut on Wheel of Fortune on October 3rd. It was billed as BET MGM Big Winners Tournament!

I had decided three years ago, after retiring, that I wanted to get on a game show. What easier way to supplement my old age if I won big! Applying for a game show is much easier now. Back then, unless you traveled to their studio in LA, many shows would travel the country and hold open casting in big cities. I did just that 30 years ago on Maui, where I'm from. Hundreds would show up, and you'd wait until you were contacted by mail or phone call.

In December 2021, I applied online for "Don't Forget the Lyrics." After filling out the online application, uploading my pictures, and making a 30-minute video of myself, I received a phone call within days requesting a Zoom meeting! During the Zoom call, the casting person questioned me on how to play the game. After a 10-minute interview, he said, "This game is not for you. How about trying the game show 'Press Your Luck?'" I said YES! That was my all-time favorite, but they weren't accepting applicants at the time. He forwarded my name to another casting person, who reached out a month later when they WERE accepting for that show.

I wasn't accepted, and over the next year, I tried different game shows, getting as far as a one-on-one interview with Jeff Apploff, the creator of "Beat Shazam," "Don't Forget the Lyrics," and in 2023, "Loteria Loca," a popular show in Spanish-speaking countries. I did two Zoom interviews and was in the top 30 considered for a trip abroad, but that was cut to 15 people, and I wasn't chosen. When that show aired in America three months later, CBS canceled it. True fact: if your game show gets canceled before your episode airs on TV, you DO NOT receive your winnings!

Meanwhile, I got to meet Ryan Seacrest and Vanna White! I went home with only \$1,000 and priceless memories!



Sony Pictures Television Photographer; Tyler Golden

CCAC FUNDS ARRAY OF ARTISTIC PROJECTS

by Sally Hunter Jensen

CCAC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Cedar City Art Council's (CCAC) Mini-grant program has become one of its most successful efforts. Since 2008, \$93,000 has been awarded to aspiring artists and cultural groups in Iron County, for the purpose of promoting and supporting our local Arts Culture.

This year the CCAC Mini-grant committee, under the direction of CCAC Board Member and Past President, Ann Oberhelman, received 18 entries, a record amount and a testament that our local Arts Culture is alive, well and thriving.

Eight applicants were awarded grants to begin work on their dream projects. Those that applied, but did not receive a grant this cycle, are encouraged to re-apply and are given feedback as to how they can receive a grant in the future.

Pleased by the quantity and variety of projects proposed, all of us at CCAC look forward to seeing the finished products, which range from Latin Dance lessons for adults to a magazine that

entertains all and empowers women. Congratulations to the current Mini-grant recipients, Endrica Hardwick, Rheana Gardner, Amyanne Rigby, Erin Shakespeare Bishop, Heidi Hodnett, Sandy Hedgecock, Michael Clark and Zoe Petersen.

Freelance dance instructor Endrica Hardwick owns *Cedar City Salsa*, a business providing Latin dance lessons to adult students in the area. Her Mini-grant will help cover the rental cost of studio space for dance classes.

Southern Utah University (SUU) art professor and artist, Rheana Gardner, received grant monies to purchase

supplies (museum glass and frames) to preserve her award-winning chlorophyll prints. Her process for creating prints is "a rare and organic alternative photographic process that develops images on natural leaves through photosynthesis." Her work will be shown at SUU Art & Design Bi-annual Faculty Exhibition.

In support of young creative-writing students, Canyon View High School (CVHS) instructor, Amyanne Rigby, received a grant to pay for an author's visit by well known local author Elaine Braithwaite Vickers. The students have

been reading Vicker's writing and doing some writing of their own. The students are planning to give back to the community by hosting an event at the Cedar City Library, where they will read their original writing.

Artist, Erin Shakespeare Bishop is creating a series of three large, expressive, figurative works, in oil. During the September Final Friday Art Walk, I saw one of Erin's paintings in *Artisan's Gallery*. She is already sharing her talents with the community and is on the look-out for future opportunities to exhibit her paintings.

Heidi Hodnett, harpist, has developed a detailed plan to earn money to purchase a more advanced instrument, and a CCAC Mini-grant will help her to reach her goal. She already has upcoming holiday bookings to share her music.

The Southern Utah Handbell Choir,

directed by Sandy Hedgecock, will use its grant money to help pay for rehearsal space at the Johnson Center, replace old equipment and purchase new music. The Handbell Choir is already scheduled to perform at three upcoming holiday events.

Michael Clark, owner of *Watercolors West*, will use his grant money to help with his businesses' sponsorship of the 2nd annual Plein (Outdoor) Art Painting Festival. Last summer's Plein Air festival was a success, involving all ages of community artists as they captured the breathtaking scenery of our area, exhibited in a month-long gallery show at the Cedar City Council Chamber.

Finally, recent SUU graduate Zoe Petersen and her team will produce Issue 02 of *Gumption Magazine*, a high quality, art focused, print magazine containing articles and illustrations about girlhood, bravery, and creativity. The Gumption team has already created and distributed its first issue, as part of an independent study project while attending SUU in the spring of 2023. Post graduation, the group wants to continue to grow artistically, and in response to the overwhelmingly positive feedback Issue 01 received. Community members will be invited to the magazine's launch party, where Issue 02 can be purchased and attendees can create a small art piece inspired by the techniques used in the issue's illustrations.

CCAC encourages artists and arts organizations in Iron County to develop a project and apply for a grant next year, due the last day of February 2025. Visit cedarcityartscouncil.org, under the Support tab, for more information.



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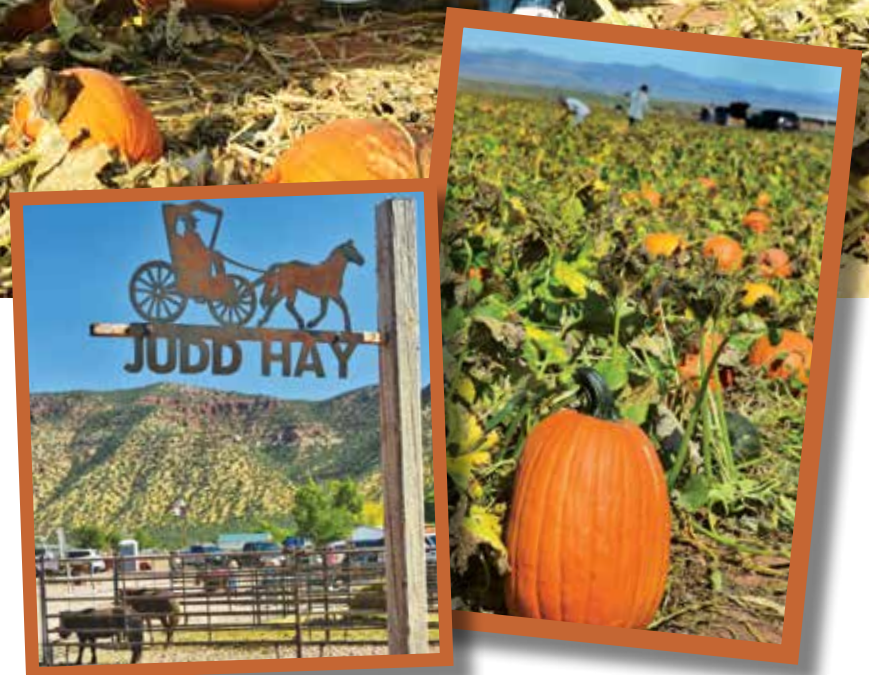
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Halloween will soon be upon us and I see dozens of places to buy a pumpkin all around Iron County, but the Judd Family

Farm in Paragonah is the only place in the area where you and your kids can get your hands dirty and pick the perfect pumpkin from the field where they are grown. Picking your own pumpkin from a giant cardboard box, or off a sidewalk just doesn't have the same fun and pizzazz. If you look closely at the big boxes, most of the pumpkins were grown in another state or country. The Judd's pumpkins are grown in Paragonah, USA!

Maybe this should be the year that you consider telling your kids that pumpkins don't grow in a big

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The Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival was established to celebrate the more than 150 years of livestock production in the Cedar Valley when the producers would trail their herds from the summer range on Cedar Mountain down to the valley for the winter. The

celebration has grown into a three-day event of ranch rodeos, draft horse pulls, antique tractor pulls, stock dog demonstrations, sheep shearing demonstrations, antique car show, western poetry and music, kids pedal tractor pull and of course the sheep parade down main street Cedar City. Cowboy church is held on Sunday morning at the Cross Hollow Event Center, Cowboy Church makes for a great end to the event and we encourage everyone to attend.

Gather up the family and spend some down home quality time celebrating the influence that the agriculture industry has had on this fantastic community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival Committee

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History of Livestock in Iron County

By Chad Reid, Janet Seegmiller and Dr. Jim Bowns

Mormon pioneers entered what is now Utah in 1847 and colonization soon spread throughout the area. Cedar City was settled in 1851 and livestock production, a significant part of the agrarian society, was the main source of income from meat, milk, butter, cheese, hides, and wool. By the late 1860's, the local residents took up homesteads in the nearby mountains and the first agriculture activity was dairying. Women and children moved to the mountains for the summer and set up dairies while the men and older boys remained in the valley to farm. Thus, dairy cows were the first livestock to utilize these mountain ranges.



Milk was used mainly for making butter and cheese which was taken to town each week or two and sold or traded for needed items. The McConnell family was one of the first to have a mountain dairy in 1869 and a granddaughter described the "top of the mountain as a sylvan paradise and everywhere grass and wild barley, waist high, browse and vivid wild flowers carpeted the meadows and hillsides. Compared to the arid valley below, such untouched beauty and bounteous feed were overwhelming."

In approximately 1890, some prominent Cedar City cattlemen went into the sheep business by purchasing a herd of sheep from Colorado. These early sheep men built up their herds by keeping

as many ewe lambs as they could and selling only the 2- or 3-year-old wethers that were driven on foot or horseback to market in Chicago or Kansas City. Livestock men soon realized that sheep were ideally suited to southern Utah ranges, especially the mountain summer ranges where Larkspur (*Delphinium barbeyi*) was common. This plant is highly toxic to cattle but is well tolerated by sheep and is considered valuable forage for them.

Even today despite the declining numbers of sheep in the West, sheep are still the dominant livestock species on Cedar Mountain. In the first decade



of the 21st century, Iron County had some 160 farms involved with cattle and sheep. In 2002, the number of cattle and calves was 25,683, with sales of cattle in the year of 14,467. The number of sheep was 34,908. Neither the acreage devoted to livestock, nor the number of animals tells as much about the county's dedication to its livestock industry as does the seasonal movement of cattle and sheep to and from the summer ranges on the mountains and the winter ranges in the valleys. The pattern of livestock and ranching continues, with families relishing the traditions being passed on to the fifth and sometimes sixth generation. This makes the celebration of our livestock heritage a natural festival for the community!

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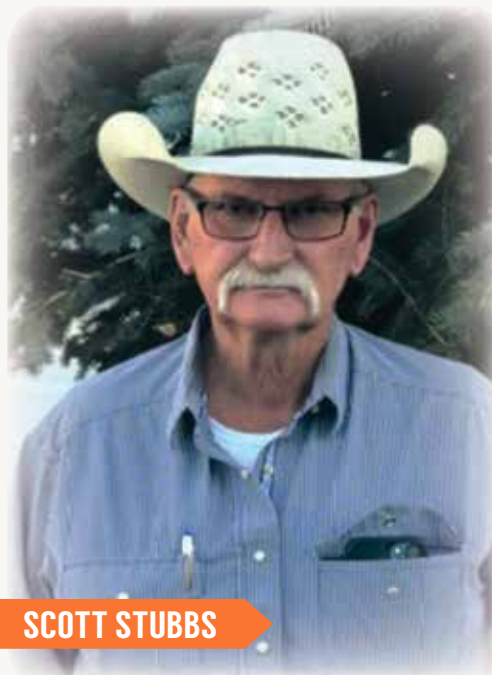
Scott Stubbs is a 5th generation sheep herder. From an early age, Scott threw himself into the family's sheep operation, learning the ropes from his father and grandfather. Alan Stubbs, Scott's father, was huge part of Scott's life. He worked along side him for years. Alan helped Scott in many ways to help make his dream come true. He wishes his dad were here today to see all the improvements that have been made to the family farm.

Scott played football at SUSC for one year wall taking Ag classes. He also worked for Dick Leigh at this time. He loved working for Dick and learned many valuable life lessons from him.

He bought his own herd of sheep in 1989 and moved back to Parowan to run them. He bought 5 acres of the family farm from his grandfather. This is where he would lamb his sheep in the spring, and this is where his dream started. He has spent the last 35 years building the dream to what it is today.

He now runs close to 3,000 ewes using mostly USFS and BLM allotments that his father and grandfather owned before him. Scott was able to buy 60 acres of the family farm in 2005 after his father retired. Later, in 2017, he was able to buy 120 acres that had originally been his grandfather's land. He raises alfalfa and grain to feed the sheep during the winter months.

Scott married Stacy Matheson in 1994. They have 4 beautiful children together – Bailey Scott, Marty & Amber Stubbs of Parowan, Sydney & Spencer Stirling



SCOTT STUBBS

of Parowan, and Maddy & Denim Pettit of Cedar City. Marty, Sydney, and Maddy have played crucial roles in the family business over the last several years. Without his children's help, Scott would not have been able to make the expansions and improvements over the last several years.

His son Marty owns his own shearing business – Wooly's Shearing. He works tirelessly alongside his dad. Both Sydney and Maddy also own some of the sheep. Scott loves that his sons and daughters are all part of Stubbs Livestock.

Scott is president of the Iron County Farm Bureau and works tirelessly to promote Agriculture in our county. He has done a lot for the farmers and ranchers in Iron County. He also is the Chair for the Utah Public Lands Council.

Scott works endlessly to preserve and promote the rights of public land grazers everywhere. Most importantly, Scott is committed to the sustainability of his herd, land, and environment. HE works hard to forge a brighter future for his family and all ranchers and farmers in our area.



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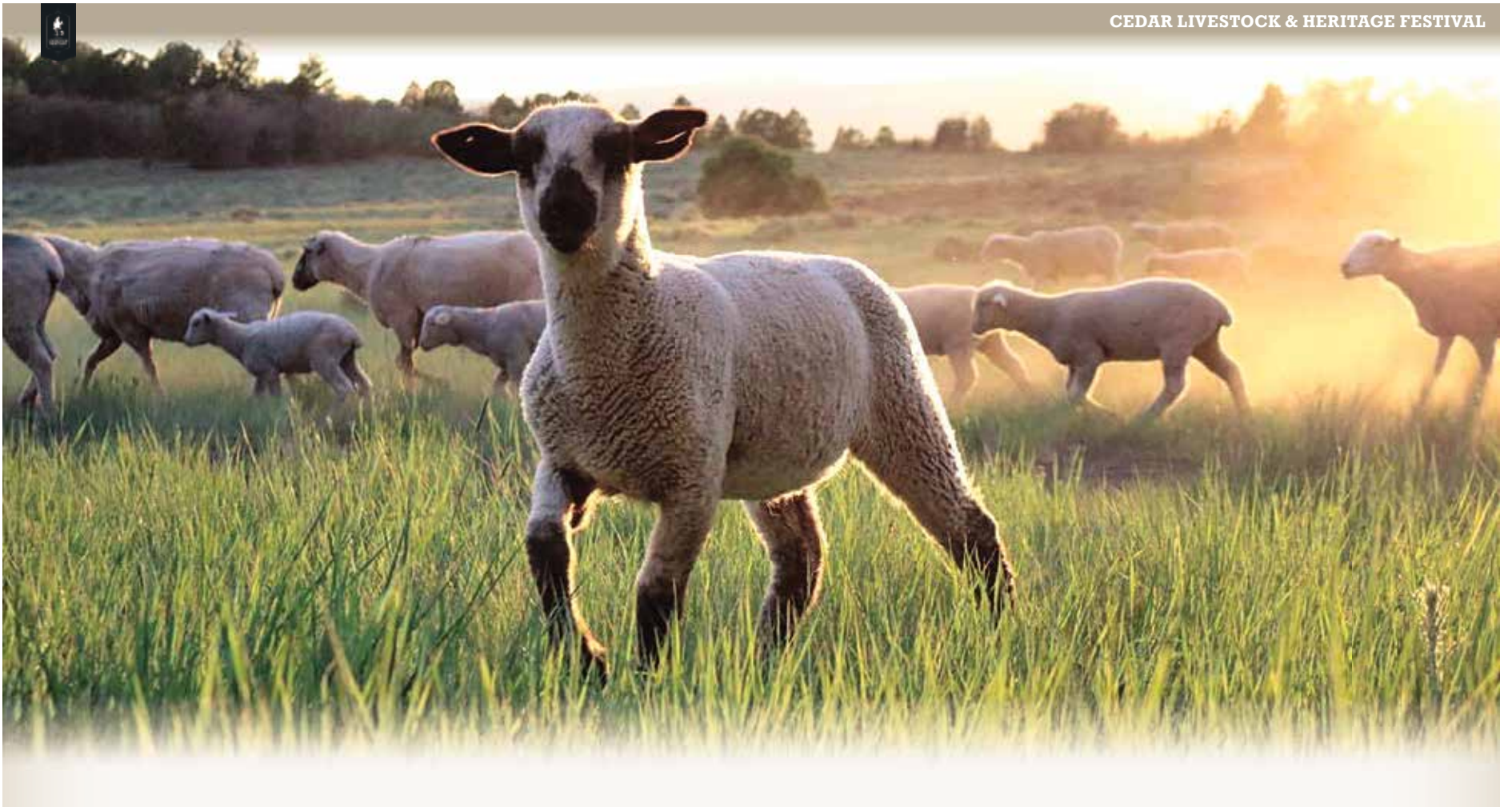
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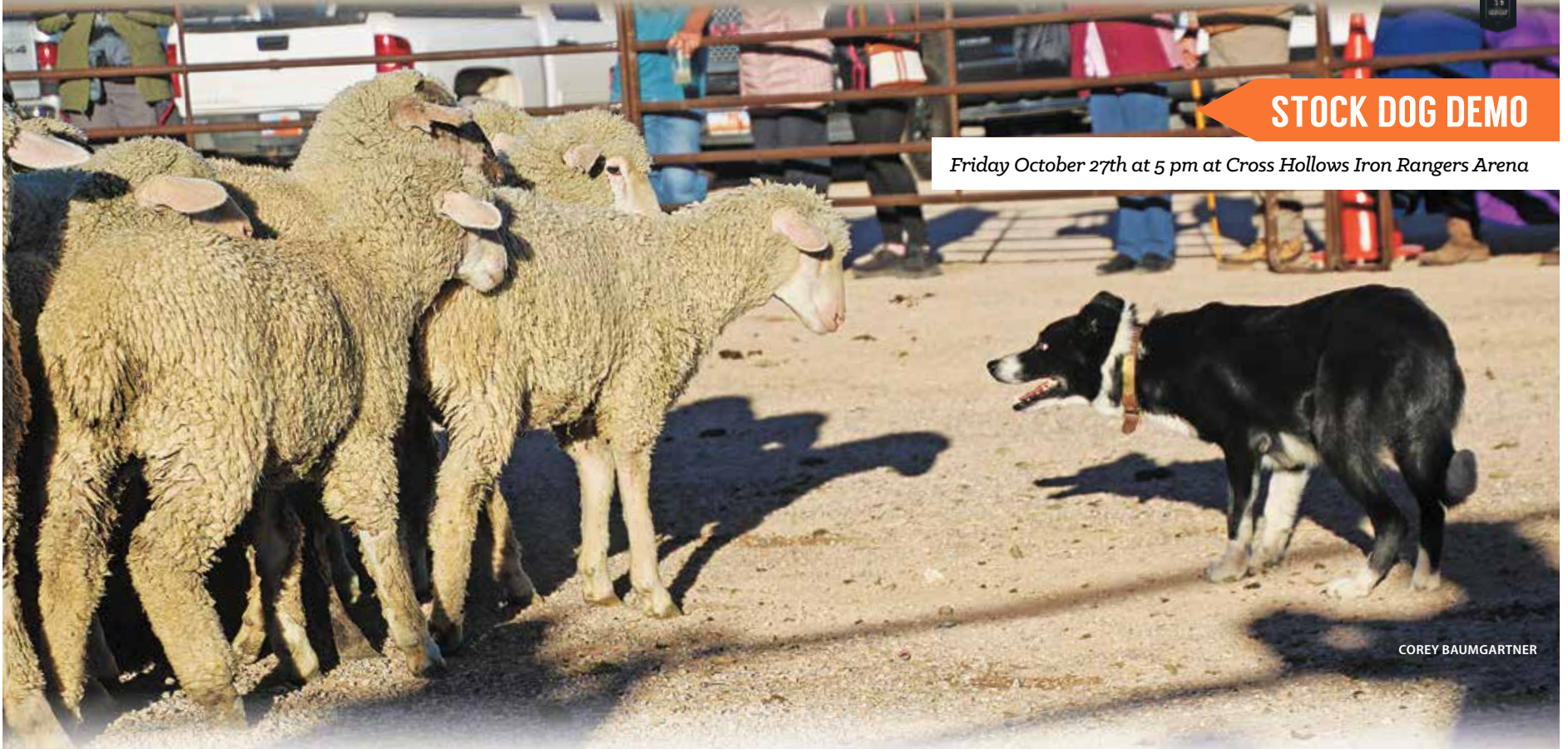
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Cowboy Poetry & Music

Throughout the Livestock Festival, cowboy poets and musicians will entertain festival patrons with lively music and prose. Cowboy poetry is a form of poetry which grew out of a tradition carried on by workers on cattle drives and ranches. After a hard day of work, cowboys would gather around a campfire and entertain one another with tall tales and folk songs. The tradition lives on through festivals and gatherings throughout the West, including the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival.

FRIDAY OCT 25TH

- 3:00David & Jenny Anderson
- 3:20Paul Bliss & Marleen Bussma
- 3:40 Kenny Hall
- 4:00 Jeff Coates & Sam Deleeuw
- 4:20Saddle Strings
- 4:40Fred Engel & Dakota Holdaway
- 5:00Monica Wren
- 5:20Darrel Holden & Jo Kirkwood

SATURDAY OCT 27TH

- 1:30Monica Wren
- 2:00 Paul Bliss
- 2:30Saddle Strings
- 3:00 Marleen Bussma & Jo Kirkwood
- 3:30 Kenny Hall
- 4:00Jeff Coates & Fred Engel
- 4:30David & Jenny Anderson
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cardboard box at the grocery store. It's a great excuse to bring family and friends of all ages out to Paragonah to pick your own pumpkin fresh from the vine. Throughout the year, the Judd family grows many acres of hay, but every October since 1997, three generations of Judd's have welcomed the whole community to come and see how pumpkins really do grow in the dirt. This is the real deal for kids to experience...maybe next year you can talk to your kids about the tooth fairy, only one myth at a time!

There is no admission to wander through the fields and visit the petting zoo, and the per-pound price is noticeably better than the local stores should you

choose to pick your own pumpkins. In addition to pumpkin picking, it's a great experience to see how a working farm operates and to enjoy some clean country air. As well as the petting zoo, there is also the Barrell Train, a miniature train ride for little kids and a big wooden wagon pulled through the farmlands by an antique tractor: It runs from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm and will hold a dozen riders. The cost is \$3 for adults, children under 3 are free. The snack bar has a variety of treats and drinks, but the tastiest treats are the cinnamon rolls, pumpkin bread and cookies baked fresh every day by Mrs. Judd.

The entire Judd family puts their heart and soul into making the month of October a fun family experience and is very proud of what they offer to visitors. Halloween kicks off the winter holiday season and a good way to start is picking a pumpkin or two to bring home to carve or paint, and it's another great place to take a family photo for the holidays.

So big kids and little kids are all welcome and encouraged to head to Paragonah to create some family memories. The patch is open Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm right up to Halloween or until the crop is sold out. They are located at 314 East 270 North in Paragonah, watch for a Pumpkin Patch sign on a hay bale on Main Street directing you to the farm. For additional information or questions, you can call them at (435) 477-9783.

Happy Halloween and pumpkin picking and scary carving to all!

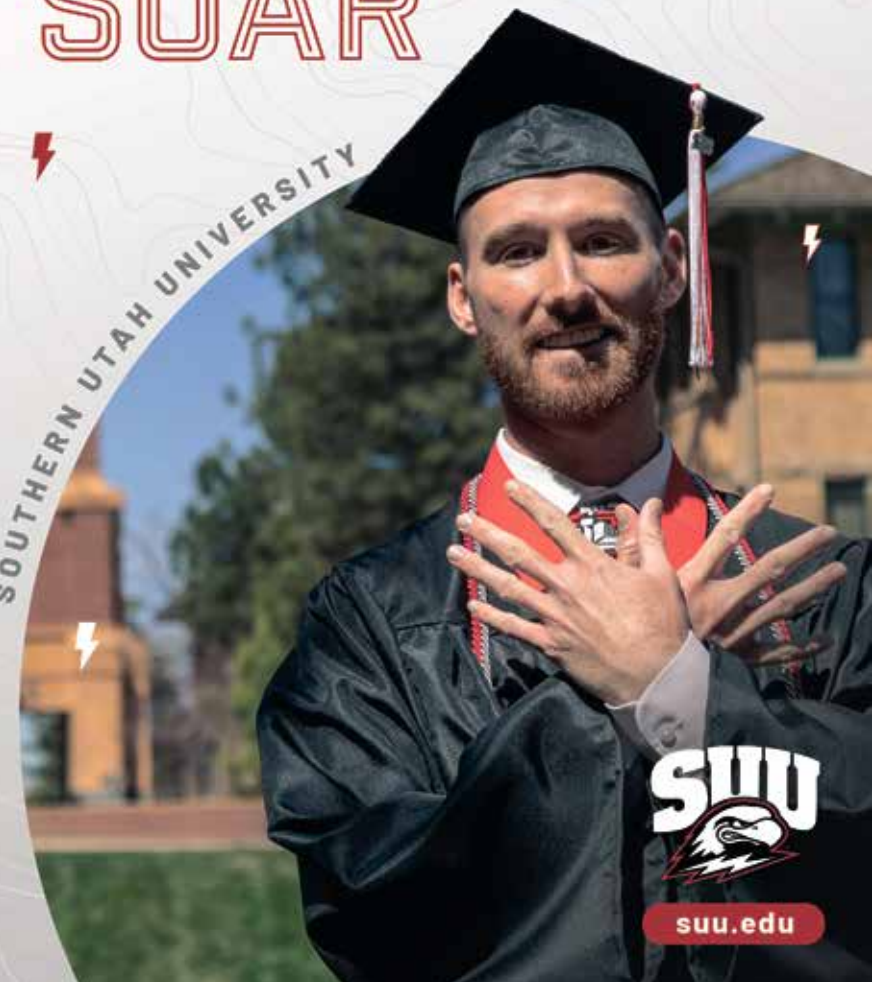


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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

from Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three Peaks Elementary



Three Peaks Elementary was excited to host Brandon Mull, a Utah author who writes fictional fantasy. During an assembly for 3rd-5th grade students, Brandon advised them to have lots of experiences. He encouraged them to participate in life, to pay attention and take note of what happens to you and around you because you can draw inspiration from it in your stories. He encouraged them to exercise their imagination and create stories. One of the assembly highlights was an interactive exercise as students participated in an impromptu creation of a story. Mr. Mull stressed the importance of reading and told them to read a lot! Read every day!

The purpose in bringing authors to the school is to encourage the kids to read and to expose them to authors and their creative process. It's inspiring for students to meet successful authors in person and quite illuminating when they realize that their favorite authors are actually regular people. This is important because they realize that a successful writing career is attainable if they are committed and willing to work hard.

Thank you to our librarian, Crystal Hopkins, who was instrumental in bringing Mr. Mull to Three Peaks Elementary. She also guided students as they created welcome posters that were hung in the gym for Mr. Mull to view and for the sidewalk chalk greeting at the front doors.

South Elementary

South Elementary had the honor of listening to our guest author, Brandon Mull this past week. Here are the 4 secrets he taught us if we want to become an author.



- #1- Have lots of Experiences you can write and build on
- #2- Exercise your Imagination and Create Stories
- #3- READ EVERY DAY
- #4- Write and share your stories with others

Brandon Mull has a devoted following of readers and is famous at our school for his series of books known in Fablehaven, Dragonwatch, The Candy Shop War, Beyonders, Spirit Animals, Five Kingdoms. Thank you for taking time to share your gift of writing and reading with South Elementary.

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

Students had a great time walking and rolling to school on October 9. PTA members, law enforcement, and even volunteers from SUU greeted students with a sticker and a granola bar after arriving at school. Other volunteers made sure students who rode the bus got to participate by

helping students cross streets safely from where the bus parked a block away. We love seeing all the different ways students get to school and their excitement from getting there powered by their own bodies!

Fall Break is October 18-21. We hope everyone has a relaxing long weekend!

Red Ribbon Week will be October 28-November 1. Watch your child's homework folder for more information. We will be posting more on the Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA Facebook page, so make sure to give us a follow so you don't miss anything!

Iron Springs Elementary

Students at Iron Springs Elementary have enjoyed a full week of fun and exciting experiences. Our First Graders went on a field trip to the airport and pumpkin patch, Third Graders went to the Frontier Homestead State Park and the Kindergarteners went to the pumpkin patch and park. We held an IRON Assembly on Monday where Mr Grimm, our Assistant Principal, reviewed with our students what proper etiquette is for our Assemblies. Students who have been showing IRON had their names drawn to receive different prizes including Lunch with the Principal, A Free Pizza from Centro and a class party.

On Tuesday, Brandon Mull visited with our Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders. He shared with students who he is and the way he has used his life experiences to write his books. He is the author of several fantasy novels. One of his most well-known is Fablehaven.

Wednesday was the annual Walk, Bike and Roll where students were encouraged to get out and walk to school. Faculty, PTA members and our SRO officer were here to welcome and direct students. What a fantastic week!



NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

This past week, Canyon View's clubs and sports have been making a significant impact, showcasing their hard work and achieving impressive success! Quite a bit of these clubs and sports are showcased below!

Making History

Wow, Canyon View made history by taking 1st Sweepstakes in the Cambridge division at the Shakespeare Competition! This is a major achievement for the Canyon Views theater team. Not only did they secure 1st Sweepstakes, but also clinched 1st place in Ensemble Scene and grabbed 3rd place in Scenes with Charlotte Pulica & Sabrina Grimshaw. This year, everything aligned perfectly, and it feels incredible to see all the hard work pay off!

"Dance the Night Away"

The Dance Company delivered an outstanding performance at the Shakespeare Competition, securing 3rd place in the Cambridge division with a remarkable ensemble performance. Additionally, Sabrina Gordon and Ava Knudsen's duo dance captivated the audience. Notably, Sabrina Gordon earned the prestigious ballet scholarship to UVU, marking a significant achievement for the team!

"I am Speed"

Exciting news from Cross Country! On October 9th, Cross Country raced at regionals, and the scores from that race were unbelievable! The boys gave it their all and placed 2nd, missing first place by just one point. Meanwhile, the girls put in a strong performance and secured 4th place. A huge shoutout to Thomas Daniel for becoming the regional champion, and to Logan Hadley for securing second place overall. Let's not forget to celebrate Emmie Fife for winning the JV race for the girls! What a win!



"The Night the Choir Sang"

Theater Team and Dance Company

The performances were electrifying at the choir concert on

October 8th! Colla Voce kicked things z off with an amazing set, followed by a stunning showcase of vocal music from around the world. The a cappella group and the madrigals each wowed the audience with four incredible songs. The grand finale was the madrigals' powerful rendition of the gospel song "Take Me to the Water." Every choir exuded confidence and passion in their performances, making it a truly unforgettable experience!

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Gateway Academy



by Nathan Ferguson

GATEWAY DRAMA TEACHER

On October 4th and 5th, Gateway Academy's advanced drama class, dance class and stage craft class competed at the Utah Shakespeare Festival Competition at SUU. Over 3,000 students compete every year from around Utah in ensembles, duo/trio scenes, monologues, dance, music, or Tech Olympics. This year our school had students participate in everything except for music. Two of our middle school students took first in the Tech Olympics. Claire Duty tied for first in lighting and Valen Nielsen took first in audio for the Stratford division. During the two days the students participated in workshops and watched other schools perform. It's an invaluable learning experience that the students get to enjoy with other students who have a passion for similar things as them. We feel so lucky to be able to be a part of it and look forward to it every year.

calendar

THURS, OCT 17

SU BOOK FESTIVAL (11:30 AM) SUU: APEX at Hunter Conference Center, Gilbert Great Hall. Author: Paisley Rekdal. Poetry Lecture Series with Poet Laureate.

SU BOOK FESTIVAL (4-5:30PM) WEST Canyon Park. Humanities in the Wild. Author: Rob Carney. Writing workshop with a focus on poetry.

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.

FREE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH CLASS (10AM & 6PM) at the Cedar City Family Search Center. The Center is located in the NW corner of the HCedar North Stake Building, 95 N 2125 W, Cedar City, UT. Intermediate Level Class! "Newspapers and Obituaries: How and where to find newspapers". Questions? Call 435-586-0432.

FRI, OCT 18

SU BOOK FESTIVAL (6-7 PM) SUMA: Salt Lines Opening Exhibit. Artists from SUMA along with poets Danielle Dubrasky and Natalie Young. Exhibit talk and poetry reading with a focus on the environment.

SU BOOK FESTIVAL (7-9 PM) SUMA: Salt Lines Opening Exhibit. Artists from the exhibit and Southern Utah Book Festival authors/illustrators.

MIDVALLEY FARMERS MARKET (6-9PM) Friday Night Witches Out & Maze. Located at 780 W Midvalley Rd. Enoch, Utah. For more info call 435-229-7215.

SAT, OCT 19

DANCER APPLICATIONS DUE FOR Historic Downtown Lightening Ceremony

ALA UTAH GIRLS STATE HIGH TEA (10AM-1PM) Inviting all past attendees of ALA Utah Girls State to a nice casual high tea at the Cedar City Visitor Center, West Conference Room. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to 435-704-6654 by texting your full name and the year you attended.

HOCUS FOCUS (3-6PM) IN THE Historic Downtown Cedar City (200 N to University Blvd, Cedar City). Admission is FREE and everyone is invited to dress up and join for a spooky good time in Historic Downtown Cedar City. This is a free community event designed to bring awareness to all the businesses in the downtown and what they have to offer local citizens.

TUES, OCT 22

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (1-2PM) Adults with Disabilities - Music & Art Workshops. At The LIGHTHOUSE Art & Learning Center (between Sweet Basil & Subway restaurants). Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151

WED, OCT 23

MIDVALLEY FARMERS MARKET (4-8PM) Market open 4-7PM and Maze open 6-8PM. Located at 780 W Midvalley Rd. Enoch, Utah. For more info call 435-229-7215.

THURS, OCT 24

CALLING ALL THE MONSTERS (7-10PM) CCCMT presents Calling all the Monsters Dinner Theater Halloween Comedy Musical Fundraiser. Come gather with your favorite monsters for a hilarious, spooky night of musical mayhem at Dr Franks Mansion. The classic Halloween friends and other quests, come together in thrilling how, full of cheeky parodies of hit tunes. Between the laughs and chills, enjoy a delicious meal catered by Fire & Smoke. It's a perfect mix of spooky, silly, and scrumptious in this night of October

extravaganza. Located at 150 E Altamira Dr, Cedar City. Tickets can be purchased at www.cccmt.org, Oct. 24-28.

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FRI, OCT 25

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THURS, OCT 31

Halloween

HARVEY (7PM) AMERICAN Crossroads Theater presents Harvey - All Veta Louise Simmons wants is for her daughter, Myrtle Mae, is to have a chance at a decent place in society one day and for her brother, Elwood P. Dowd, to be happy, respectable, and sane. This proves difficult when Elwood's best friend and constant companion is a six-foot-tall white rabbit named Harvey whom only Elwood can see. Tickets can be purchased at americancrossroadstheatre.org. Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

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THE EARLY SHEEP INDUSTRY IN SOUTHERN UTAH

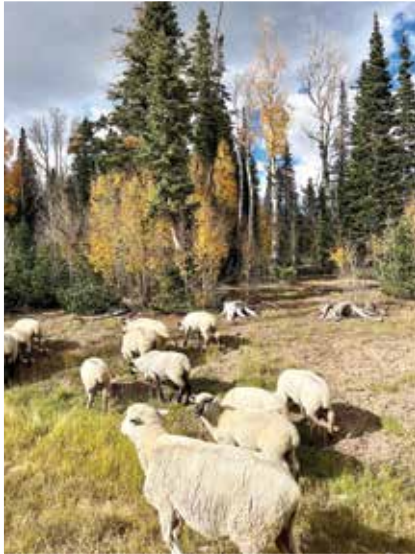
by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Most of the early pioneers came from the shops and factories of foreign lands. The Americans among them were but little better prepared for pioneering. All of them know little or nothing about sheep and no one was available to advise them of the range conditions that their animals must face. There were problems of climate, of forage, and other hazards that were different from anywhere else in the world. So, in trying to build up their cherished flocks and herds, they did many things that are humorous to the experienced growers of today.

Sheep were first brought to the Cedar City area in November 1852, by the Wilden family, who later moved to Beaver, they had ten head. As fast as others could get hold of them, every family acquired one or more to produce the wool that was needed to spin the family clothing.

They were valued as high as thirty dollars a head. To avoid loss they were kept in a pen at home and fed by hand like pigs.



As the number of sheep increased, they became troublesome to care for in town, they were driven out together in the morning and brought back at night in kind of a community herd. The Cedar City Cooperative Sheep Association formed in 1869,

with 62 owners and 2,184 sheep at Iron Springs, took the sheep out of town to pasture and brought them home yearly for shearing.

By 1879, some 5,000 sheep provided mutton for home use and thousands of pounds of wool for women to cards spin, weave, and knit. Once the needs of local families were met, the balance was taken to Provo or Salt Lake City to trade for groceries and hardware in the co-op store.

The herds grew into a strong business, which paid dividends each year that ranged from 25 to almost 60 percent. Sheep stocks became the best stock in the country to own. In the 1880's the people in southern Utah were still spinning and weaving their own clothing, so dividends of wool as well as of meat were supplied.

The co-op Sheep Company of Cedar City, which at that time was the only user of the open range, had built its herd up to five thousand head and feared that the ranges were becoming overstocked. In the peak year of 1910, there were 190,953 sheep and lambs but only 109,687 in 1954, and about 25,000 since 2000.

As has been done for almost 150 years, at the end of October, the sheep will come off their summer range. Sheep will definitely have the right of way in Cedar City. Most of the major thoroughfares in this southwest Utah community are designated livestock trails. It's not every day that sheep will take the place of cars on Main Street,



Sheep on Cedar Mountain during summer months



one day each year during the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival 1,000 or more woolly sheep march through Cedar City as they come down from their summer pasture on Cedar Mountain, to their winter pasture in the west desert, only to return to the mountain the next spring.

Even today despite the declining numbers of sheep in the West, sheep are still the dominant livestock species on Cedar Mountain. Shepherders still follow and watch over their sheep.



Sheep getting ready to be transported to west desert for winter months.

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Valley Bible Church Announces its Fall Bible Conference.

from Pastor Tom Jeffcott

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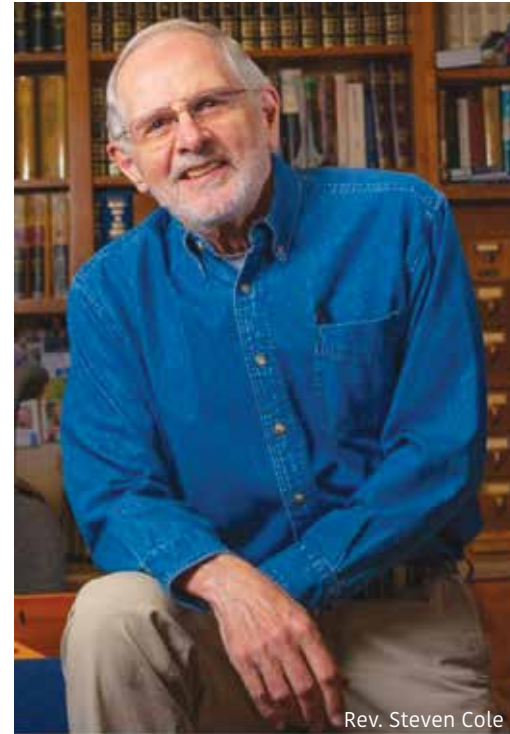
Valley Bible Church in Enoch, Utah, announces its upcoming annual Fall Bible Conference to be held at the church on October 18-20. The theme of this year's Conference is "Knowing God More Deeply" and will focus on God's dealing with Moses and the children of Israel.

Knowing God is a lifelong quest that requires seeking Him in every situation, beginning with seeing our need for an

all-sufficient Savior and continuing with learning about Him in His Word and experiencing His grace as we go through various trials in our lives. This year's special speaker will be Rev. Steven Cole, who

served as the pastor of Flagstaff Christian Fellowship from May 1992 through his retirement in 2018. He previously served for 15 years as the pastor of Lake Gregory Community Church in Crestline, California.

The five conference sessions will be held at 7 PM on Friday, October 18th, 4:30 PM and 7 PM on Saturday, October 19th, and 10 AM and 11 AM on Sunday, October 20th. Valley Bible Church is located at 4780 N. Hwy 91 in Enoch. Call 435-586-0253 for more info or check out the church's website at www.vbcfamily.com.



Rev. Steven Cole

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- 37 out of 41 school districts receive more property tax per student than ICSD.
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- For nearly a decade, Southwest Education Academy students have learned in portables with no space for PE or assemblies. Only a few have bathrooms.

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obituaries

Michele Liston Johnson



Michele "Liston" Johnson passed into the loving arms of Heavenly Father on October 2, 2024 at 6:05, while holding hands with her adoring husband Aaron. Michele was born December 12th, 1962 to Robert and Louise Liston in Panguitch, Utah. She was the 5th of 6 children. She was warmly welcomed into the family and was loved by her siblings. Her mother was a teacher, and her father worked several jobs, as well as running a small cattle ranch in Escalante, Utah.

On the ranch is where Michele learned to love animals, cats, dogs, chickens, goats, and cows. But her favorite is and always will be horses. With the help of her parents, she learned to ride, rodeo, and Queen. She won several buckles in barrel racing, pole bending and goat tying. She was a rodeo queen or attendant at several rodeos while in elementary school and high school. She was always an outstanding student, earning several awards including salutatorian of her graduating class. During her high school years, she participated in cheerleading, dance team, and volleyball. She received a scholarship to play volleyball at SUSC in Cedar City (now SUU). She was homecoming queen, and 1st attendant in the Miss Garfield Pageant. She loved that her mom was her teacher in High School and always tried to please her. When other students complained her class was too hard, she defended her mother relentlessly.

In her senior year, she started dating her future husband, Aaron Johnson. He had recently returned from an LDS mission. They were engaged before she graduated and were married in the St. George Temple in August of 1981. Shortly after they were blessed with a son, Weston Aaron Johnson. Ten years later, Michele felt inspired that the family was not complete, so she started the process to adopt Kaelee Michele Johnson. Our second daughter, Shawnee Louise Johnson, followed 5 years later after another "inspiration" Michelle received. She was adopted just like her big sister. All the children will tell you that Michele is "The Best Mom Ever!"

Michele has a strong testimony of the Savior Jesus Christ and His gospel. She loved serving in the church. Her capacity to love as Christ loves is what really set her apart. Her ability to show compassion, caring and empathy to all made her special to so many. She was always taking care of others, not worried about herself. Her example has touched so many, and she will be dearly missed.

Michele is survived by Aaron Keith Johnson (husband), Weston Aaron Johnson (son), Kaelee Michele Johnson (daughter), Shawnee Louise Johnson (daughter), and Granddaughters Tylee Hales, Juneau Michele Kobal, and Nova Marie Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her father Robert Liston, her baby brother Wade and grandparents on both sides. The reunion of the other side will be so sweet.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday October 12, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Cedar North Stake Center (95 N. 2125 W., Cedar City, UT). A viewing will be held prior to the service from 9:30-10:30 am. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the service and leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Mitchel Frank Berrett



Mitch was born on August 2, 1965, in Cedar City, Utah, to Frank O'Neill Berrett and Jeanette Flanigan Berrett Jones. He courageously suffered ill health for several years and, after being cared for in hospice for one month at Cedar Health and Rehabilitation, he passed away on Oct. 9, 2024.

Mitch was raised in a close family who remained life-long friends. He loved growing up on Kayenta Circle where there were plenty of friends for kick-the-can and riding bikes. He loved the many years our family spent at Strawberry Point on Cedar Mountain with the Flanigans, working hard to get wood, enjoying Uncle Wally's Dutch oven dinners, and laughing around campfires.

His nephews and nieces loved their smart, funny Unc Mitch. He loved music and was a Madrigal singer in school. Later, in his beautiful baritone voice, he would improvise a quick, funny song for every occasion. He gave thoughtful, trendy gifts and sincere praise and affection. His calm manner and sense of humor was reassuring, including on rainy camping trips. He was so loved.

Mitch earned his CNA and worked in hospitals and facilities in Las Vegas, Salt Lake, and Lincoln, Nebraska. After years away, Mitch returned to St. George to live near family again. He cared for patients and residents at Coral Desert Rehabilitation and Spring Gardens Assisted Living for many years. He loved his work as a CNA, loved his co-workers, and his patients and took great care to protect their dignity and feelings. He came in on days off to sit with lonely or critically ill patients and considered it an honor to comfort many as they passed.

Mitch also worked in group homes for mentally and physically disabled adults. He treated each with love and respect, used his own time and money to enrich their lives, and delighted in taking them on outings. Mitch received the "2004 Tracy Award," presented to him by Rise, Inc., a non-profit organization for people with disabilities, at that organization's annual conference in Salt Lake City.

Wherever he worked, Mitch found a way to relate to each person and had a knack for discovering common interests and acquaintances. After many years, people still express to Mitch's family their love for Mitch and gratitude for his exceptional kindness and skillful care of their loved ones. Mitch's family, patients, co-workers, and even strangers all found a helpful, kind, strong, witty friend in Mitch.

Mitch was adventurous and at ease in most situations, whether sitting at a dinner table with Warren Buffet or posing for pictures with then President George Bush, Sr. At age 17, Mitch traveled alone from Cedar City to Manhattan to spend time with his sister. With his family, he traveled from Canada to Mexico and on his own from Key West to Sturgis to the Indianapolis 500 and to many other places. He loved gourmet food and live theater, was formidable at Jeopardy, loved the beach, fishing with his dad, camping with his faithful dog, Ki, and hiking in Zion every Easter.

Mitch was raised in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He loved watching Conference with family and those in his care and singing hymns and Primary songs with them. He was comforted and strengthened by his faith, including in his final days when he requested blessings and shared prayers daily with his mother.

Mitch was preceded in death by his father, Frank O'Neill Berrett, and his grandparents. He is survived by his loving mother and friend, Jeanette Flanigan Berrett Jones; stepfather, Gary Jones; sisters, Tori Berrett Wangsgard and Leslee Berrett Smith; niece, Kristen Wangsgard Lind (Corbin); nephews, Jordan Wangsgard (Leslie), Trevor Smith, and Chase Smith; great nephew and nieces and a new great nephew on his way. It is with heavy but grateful hearts that we celebrate Mitch's life. We take comfort in our faith and Mitch's and look forward to reuniting joyfully with Mitch.

Services for Mitch will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024. A viewing will be held from 12:00-1:00 pm followed by his funeral at 1:00 pm at Cedar Valley Mortuary, 2086 N. Main St., Cedar City, Utah. Interment and Dedication will be at the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Cedar Valley Mortuary.

Daniel LeRoy Ostrander



Daniel Leroy Ostrander, age 99, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2024 in the care of his loving nurses at the Southern Utah Veterans Home in Ivins, Utah. He was born on April 20, 1925 to Samuel and Zella Ostrander in Madison, South Dakota.

Dan enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and served for 3 years during WW2. He was a 2nd Class Radioman and was involved with 7 different invasions during the war. Dan loved his country and was proud of the service he rendered during the war.

Dan was a hard worker and worked as a milling machine operator, carpenter, laborer, truck driver, and taxi driver over the years. His hobbies included photography, fishing, dancing, inventing, flying, and writing letters to local and national politicians on ways to help our country. At age 54, he graduated with an AA in Office Machine Technology in Oregon. Dan was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dan is survived by his daughters, Cynthia Ann, Donna Lee, Teresa Jean, Sue Ellen, and Crystal.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 2024 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building located at 370 N 4050 W, Cedar City, UT The viewing will be from 9:00-9:45 with the funeral beginning at 10:00 am. The interment will be held at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Heartlight Funeral Services, 2002 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

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Donna Cooley, founder of Happy Factory joins in with volunteers at The Happy Factory-Happy Hope Factory welcomes volunteers (16-120) years old, with all abilities to help spread hope and happiness to hospitalized children, and all children in the world who have never had a toy of their own. Come join in Monday-Thursday 9-4.

Some of the many hand-crafted items made by the Happy Factory Volunteers. These will be available for a donation at their annual fundraiser Saturday October 26, 10-2 at The Happy Factory.

HAPPY FACTORY-WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Miracles happen when people willingly serve others. When Charles and Donna Cooley became aware that many children have never had a toy, they formulated their motto, "We may not be able to make a toy for every child in the world that needs one-but we're going to try!" It all started in a little workshop at their home. Wood toys cut out of patterns, they started donating to friends and family then to children's hospitals.

Sometimes living in this land of plenty, we forget those who live in the land of nothing-especially the little children. Charles and Donna Cooley have not forgotten.

The Happy Factory is a non-profit charitable organization, and has shipped toys in the form of small cars and trucks to children

around the world. The Happy Factory also makes steam shovels for the developmentally disabled child. You can find the steam shovels in many children's hospitals. The cars and steam shovels are not just toys, but tools that can stimulate a child's mind allowing them to think, become creative, and to cope with the world around them.

The more than one million seven hundred thousand toys have been delivered to more than 125 countries, schools, hospitals, family shelters, churches, foundations, and many humanitarians' organizations around the world. Anyone can deliver toys during their travels. Many local individuals have carried toys to children in need. Many of these children never owned a toy or had anything else of their own before the gift of a Happy Factory toy.

Anyone can make extraordinary

things happen, but you have to do it, isn't it amazing what can happen when people work together for a common cause?

Volunteers have made many cars, trucks, steam shovels, and many other wood handcrafted items, nobody has ever been paid in dollars. Instead, they are paid by knowing they are helping millions of kids around the world.

Simply drop by the Happy Factory at 895 N. 2175 W. (Happy Factory Lane) Cedar City, and talk to Donna. "Tour the Happy Factory" or be trained to make a toy that may be the only toy a child might possess.

Annual Open House Fundraiser Saturday, October 26th from 10-2. Many special items will be available via a donation. They will make special gifts for your friends and loved ones.

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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION


by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Richfield Wildcats came to Canyon View on Oct. 11 with a 21-game winning streak in tow. After a brief challenge, Richfield showed why they're a strong favorite to repeat as 3A football state champions.

Grant Wayman threw four touchdown passes and ran for another score as the Wildcats broke the game open in the second half and beat the Falcons, 42-10 to stay perfect on the season at 9-0 overall, 4-0 in 3A South with their 22nd straight win. CV fell to 4-5, 1-3.

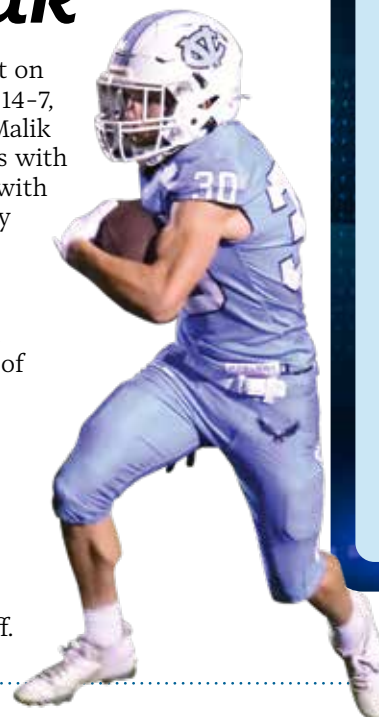
Richfield had a brief challenge midway through the second quarter when Jace Floyd scored Canyon

Wildcats pull away from Falcons, extend streak

View's only touchdown of the night on an 18-yard run that cut the lead to 14-7, but Wayman would connect with Malik Fautin on a 6-yard touchdown pass with 2:23 to play. Asher Slack answered with a 22-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to cut the Wildcats' lead to 21-10 at the break.

Wayman delivered a 1-yard run on the opening drive of the second half, and Richfield grabbed control of the game from there. Gage Yardley finished off the scoring for the Wildcats when he returned an interception for a 2-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Canyon View will close the regular season at home for Senior Night tonight when they welcome the Carbon Dinos in a 7 p.m. kickoff.



Richfield

42

Canyon View

10

Richfield	7	14	14	7	-	42
Canyon View	0	10	0	0	-	10

FIRST QUARTER

R - Fautin 24 pass from Wayman (Raisor kick), 6:20

SECOND QUARTER

R - Yardley 30 pass from Wayman (Raisor kick), 8:28

CV - Floyd 18 run (Slack kick), 6:09

R - Fautin 6 pass from Wayman (Raisor kick), 2:23

CV - FG Slack 22, :00

THIRD QUARTER

R - Wayman 1 run (Raisor kick), 10:00

R - Fautin 14 pass from Wayman (Raisor kick), 3:15

FOURTH QUARTER

R - Yardley 2 interception return (Raisor kick), 8:31

Photos by Cavett Ishihara

Nielson's goal lifts Reds soccer at 4A playoffs



Cedar soccer coach **Scott Kamachi** talks to his team after the Reds beat the Dixie Flyers, 1-0 in the opening round of the 4A girls soccer playoffs Oct. 10.

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

As the time ticked down and the scoreboard stayed quiet in Cedar's 4A playoff soccer opening-round game against the Dixie Flyers, Tylee Nielson knew it was all about the team doing its best and "leaving it all on the field."

Nielson took a pass off a header from Jaden Hlebasko and put the ball in the left corner of the net with just over 12 minutes remaining, and the Reds held on for a 1-0 victory over Dixie to improve to 12-6 overall.

"Jaden's header came through soft, so I was able to anticipate, follow up, and hoped for the

best," Nielson said of the goal that put the Reds into the second round with their third win over Dixie on the season.

"That's her job," Cedar head coach Scott Kamachi said in appreciation of Nielson being in the right place at the right time. "That's why you frame the goal and you have people in the right spot so when balls come in, there's someone there to finish (the play) off."

"They missed a couple of (scoring) chances they would have normally made, but we did, too. That's how the playoffs are. We got the win and we'll move on."

Seeded 12th, Cedar advanced to a second-round road matchup against the 14-3 Park City Miners on Tuesday afternoon. The Miners beat the Reds, 3-1 in the same round of the 4A playoffs last season.

PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

Region 9 Football

10/11 Cedar 33, Logan 3, Crimson Cliffs 56,
Pine View 21, Dixie 31, Snow Canyon 14
Desert Hills 38, Hurricane 7

3A South Football

10/11 Richfield 42, Canyon View 10, Juab 48, Carbon 6
Manti 47, North Sanpete 10

1A South Football

10/11 Enterprise 29, Parowan 12, Beaver 28, Milford 27
Kanab 36, Duchesne 20

Region 9 Girls Soccer

10/10 4A playoffs, first round, Cedar 1, Dixie 0
Mountain View 3, Provo 1, Crimson Cliffs 3, Payson 0, Ridgeline 7, Hillcrest 0, Orem 4, Bear River 3, Sky View 3, Jordan 2, OT, West Field 3, Hurricane 0, Murray 2, Pine View 2, Spartans win 4-1 on PKs

10/15 4A playoffs, second round
Cedar at Park City
West Field at Snow Canyon
Crimson Cliffs at Uintah
Sky View at Tlpanogus
Ridgeline at Stansbury
Orem at Green Canyon
Mountain View at Desert Hills
Murray at Mountain Crest

Region 12 Girls Soccer

10/8 Richfield 2, Juab 0

10/12 3A playoffs, first round
Providence Hall 5, Emery 2,
South Summit 7, Summit Academy 0

10/16 Ben Lomond at Canyon View
South Summit at Judge Memorial
Providence Hall at Manti
Richfield at Juan Diego
Juab at Morgan
North Sanpete at Carbon
Union at Grantsville
Delta at Ogden

2A South Girls Soccer

10/9 San Juan 3, Parowan 2

10/10 Millard 8, Parowan 2

10/16 2A playoffs, first round
Parowan at Maeser Prep
UMA Hill Field at Am. Heritage
Millard at Draper APA
North Summit at St. Joseph
South Sevier at Waterford
San Juan at Beaver
APA West Valley at Rowland Hall
Am. Leadership at Grand

10/19 2A playoffs, quarterfinals
Teams TBD

Region 9 Volleyball

10/8 Cedar 3, Dixie 1
Hurricane 3, Pine View 0
Crimson Cliffs 3, Desert Hills 2

10/10 Lone Peak 3, Cedar 1

Region 12 Volleyball

10/8 Canyon View 3, Carbon 1
Delta 3, Manti 1
Emery 3, North Sanpete 2
Richfield 3, Juab 0

Region 18 Volleyball

10/8 Parowan 3, Water Canyon 0
Kanab 3, South Sevier 0
Millard 3, Beaver 0

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Region 9 Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (3)	5-0	7-2
Desert Hills (8)	4-1	5-3
Dixie (17)	3-2	3-5
Pine View (13)	2-3	4-4
Hurricane (18)	2-4	3-6
Cedar (16)	1-4	4-5
Snow Canyon (20)	1-4	2-7

3A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (2)	4-0	9-0
Manti (4)	3-1	7-2
Juab (5)	3-1	5-4
Canyon View (8)	1-3	4-5
North Sanpete (10)	1-3	3-6
Carbon (9)	0-4	3-6

1A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver (1)	3-0	8-1
Milford (3)	2-1	7-2
Kanab (4)	1-1	5-3
Enterprise (8)	1-2	2-6
Parowan (9)	0-4	2-7

Region 9 Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	11-1	14-2

Desert Hills (8)	8-4	11-5
Crimson Cliffs (10)	7-5	12-6
Cedar (12)	7-5	13-6
Pine View (17)	4-8	7-11
Hurricane (18)	3-9	6-12
Dixie (21)	2-10	3-13

Region 12 Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Manti (2)	13-1	16-1
Canyon View (3)	13-1	14-3
Carbon (5)	9-5	11-5
Richfield (9)	6-8	8-9
Delta (11)	6-8	8-10
Juab (13)	5-9	6-12
North Sanpete (12)	4-10	5-11
Emery (18)	0-14	0-17

2A South Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver (7)	8-2	8-5
Grand (6)	7-3	9-4
Millard (9)	7-3	10-8
San Juan (10)	3-7	6-10
Parowan (13)	3-7	3-13
South Sevier (15)	2-8	2-11

Region 9 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (4)	9-1	17-8
Hurricane (6)	8-3	16-10
Cedar (12)	7-3	10-11
Crimson Cliffs (5)	7-4	21-6
Snow Canyon (19)	4-6	11-15
Dixie (17)	1-9	10-15
Pine View (23)	0-10	2-17

Region 12 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (1)	12-0	23-2
North Sanpete (2)	9-3	20-5
Emery (6)	7-5	13-9
Richfield (7)	7-5	13-12
Delta (9)	6-6	15-11
Manti (15)	4-8	6-17
Carbon (13)	3-9	7-15
Juab (17)	0-12	4-18

Region 18 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Parowan (2)	9-1	21-3
Kanab (5)	7-2	14-6
South Sevier (4)	6-4	17-6
Enterprise (6)	5-4	16-8
Millard (16)	3-5	9-14
Water Canyon (22)	1-8	3-11/2
Beaver (24)	1-8	4-12

McCarty eagle good for first PGA Tour win

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

IVINS – As he stood on the tee at the par-4 14th hole, Matt McCarty had a one-shot lead and a decision to make. When his drive off the tee rolled on the green, the moment was his to savor.

McCarty made a 4-foot putt for an eagle at the 14th and went on to win the PGA Tour's

inaugural Black Desert Championship on Oct. 13, carding a final round of 4-under par 67 and finishing with a 23-under total of 261, good for a three-shot win over second-round leader Stephan Jaeger. The native of Scottsdale, Arizona won for the first time on the PGA Tour in just his third career start and second since earning a three-win promotion from his success on the Korn Ferry Tour earlier this summer.

"I actually felt OK starting the round today," said McCarty, who earned \$1.35 million for his first PGA Tour win. "I think a lot of my other ones on the Korn Ferry it's kind of been early and gone away; today (the nerves) just kept building. I felt like kind of on the back nine each hole just seemed a little tougher."

After a bogey at the par-4 12th and a par at 13, McCarty came to the tee at 14 and didn't think about what was going on with the scoreboard.

"I told myself that, you know, somebody is going to get to 21, 22 and just kind

of keep the pedal down," McCarty said. "That's honestly what I thought, worst case scenario."

The left-hander would add another birdie at 16, but he bogeyed 17 before wrapping up the win with



Matt McCarty poses with the trophy after he won the inaugural Black Desert Championship on Oct. 13 for his first PGA Tour victory. Photo credit to Black Desert Productions.

another birdie on the par-5 18th hole. After his approach shot, McCarty noticed a large gallery of fans walking behind as he took a sip of water under the warm late-afternoon sun.

"Once I hit that shot, on the green, I turned around and I grabbed a water and saw everybody walking behind. It was pretty cool," he said. "I was able to let myself relax a little bit at that point. It was a lot of fun."

McCarty received a full collection of hugs from his parents, caddie and girlfriend before receiving the trophy from Utah Gov. Spencer Cox in front of an appreciative gallery on the 18th green.

With the victory, McCarty moved up to 95th in the FedEx Cup points standings, well inside the top 125 who secure their PGA Tour playing privileges for 2025. As the tour heads to TPC Summerlin for the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open this weekend, McCarty acknowledged the changes that are on the

Reds rout Grizzlies in home finale

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



For its football home finale, the Cedar Reds stepped into non-region play and faced a full plate of challenges that started from the game's opening drive. In the end, the Reds rolled to a convincing victory.

Replacing injured quarterback Everett Kelling, Jackson Mann threw a touchdown pass and ran for a score late in the fourth quarter as Cedar cruised to a 33-3 win over the Logan Grizzlies on Oct. 11, snapping a two-game losing streak and improving to 4-5 overall.

Kelling played in the opening series of the night, but was lost for the game after throwing a 5-yard touchdown pass to Trace Oveson for a 6-0 lead.

"Our kids played really hard and they played together," Reds head coach Tye Hiatt said. "To execute they way they did, especially when you have something like that happen, I was really proud of everyone for doing their jobs."

Mann went to work in the second quarter when he hit Krew Giles on a 12-yard touchdown pass that put Cedar up 16-3 with 7:45 to play in the period. Jake Jenkins added a pair of field goals, and Caleb Paule

Cedar
33

Logan
3

Logan	3	0	0	0	- 3
Cedar	9	7	3	14	- 33

FIRST QUARTER

C - Oveson 5 pass from Kelling (kick failed), 8:50

C - FG Jenkins 19, 6:11

L - FG Taylor 27, 2:23

SECOND QUARTER

C - Giles 12 pass from Mann (Jenkins kick), 7:45

THIRD QUARTER

C - FG Jenkins 37, 5:31

FOURTH QUARTER

C - Paule 22 run (Jenkins kick), 9:23

C - Mann 2 run (Jenkins kick), 1:17

scored on a 22-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

"This is what good programs and good organizations are built on. The next man steps up and does the job," Hiatt said.

Mann would finish the scoring for Cedar when he slipped into the end zone on a 2-yard run with 1:17 left in the game. The Reds closed the regular season with a road game at Desert Hills that was played Wednesday.

"It's always great to win and always great to have momentum going into a short week,"

Hiatt said. "We've got to be ready."

The Cedar Reds started strong and rolled to a 33-3 win over the Logan Grizzlies on Oct. 11 in the final regular-season home game.

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

And now, we have liftoff on another dozen sporting trivia questions for your guessing enjoyment. This week's collection is a grab bag of challenging stuff that won't break your brain - at least that's the intended goal here. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!

1. With the Black Desert Championship officially complete, St. George resident Jay Don Blake set a unique milestone when he was invited to play on a sponsor exemption for the event. How many starts does Blake have on the PGA Tour?

2. The Las Vegas Raiders benched quarterback Gardner Minshew after last week's loss to the Denver Broncos. Who was named the starter for the Oct. 13 game against the Pittsburgh Steelers?

3. After New York Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw three interceptions in a loss in London to the Minnesota Vikings, who was fired as the Jets head coach, finishing with a 20-36 record in three-plus seasons?

4. The Utah Hockey Club made history by winning its very first game, 5-2 on Oct. 8. Who did the team defeat in the home game played at the Delta Center?

5. How many home runs did the San Diego Padres hit in its 10-2 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 2 of the NL Division Series on Oct. 6, tying a franchise postseason record?

6. What former No. 1 team did Vanderbilt football beat for the first time in 40 years Oct. 5? Who became the new No. 1 for the second time this season?

7. What Utah Jazz center put on a pair of skates and participated in the ceremonial drop of the first puck for the Utah Hockey Club's season opener?

8. Who was the opponent - an AL East division rival - the last time the Detroit Tigers had a home playoff game at Comerica Park in 2014?

9. Name either of the two remaining undefeated teams in the NFL heading into Week 6 of the 2024 season.

10. True or False: Each of the four best-of-5 division series in the MLB playoffs were tied 1-1 after two games.

11. Since 2000, how many times have the New York Mets been to the World Series?

12. With Hurricane Milton closing in, where did the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have to travel to several days early to play its Week 6 road game?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Arraez was with the San Diego Padres as he won the NL batting title in 2024. He started the season with the Marlins and also won the AL batting title in 2022 with the Minnesota Twins.

2. False. The San Diego Padres needed three games to beat the New York Mets in 2022, and the Mets did the same in 2024 as they defeated the Milwaukee Brewers.

3. Michael Jordan.

4. Seven. The Astros reached the American League Championship Series in every season from 2017 to 2023. The team also won three of its five appearances in the World Series during the run.

5. Goff went 18-for-18 for 292 yards with two touchdown passes. He also caught a TD pass from Amon-Ra St. Brown in the Lions' 42-29 win over the Seahawks.

6. Pac-12.

7. Davante Adams.

8. Dikembe Mutombo.

9. New York Knicks.

10. Tyler Huntley.

11. True. The Guardians had a bye from the Wild Card round, while the Tigers and Royals advanced to the Division Series.

12. Georgia and Alabama.



MCCARTY

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horizon.

“That was my goal at the beginning of the week, top 10 and get into Vegas and be able to play that. It’s a cool event,” McCarty said. “I tried Mondaying for it a bunch and never made it, so it’ll be fun.”

Among the other highlights from the week, Canadian Adam Svensson had the low round with an 11-under 60 on Thursday, but shot a pair of even-par 71s on the weekend and ended up in a tie for 25th at 13-under par 271.

BYU grad Zac Blair was the only Utah resident to make the cut, and he finished 66th at 2-under 282 after shooting a final-round 75 on Sunday.

A lot to love about PGA at Black Desert

After all the hype, all the anticipation, and all the excitement, the final day of the inaugural Black Desert Championship is upon us. Through all the construction zones – and there were several – the experience of the first PGA Tour event in Utah was memorable in so many ways.

From the top, and in no particular order of preference, here’s the full story on one of the most special weeks I’ve enjoyed in 27 years of sports journalism.

When it came to access to the Black Desert Resort facilities located in Ivins, there wasn’t much

trouble for those traveling along Snow Canyon Parkway. Signage was clear with the directions, and you couldn’t get lost if you tried.

There are still some rough edges with construction ongoing at the resort, but shuttles were around and you could get where you

You can’t write stories like this any better. As these words are being written, McCarty is about 90 minutes from teeing off in his final round in only his second PGA Tour event. His 19-under score of 194 is good for top-dog status, but one of the chasers in the mix for

the trophy and winner’s check for \$1.35 million is 47-year-old Kevin Streelman. Streelman delivered history by hitting the first tee shot at Black Desert, then made the



needed to go with relative ease.

From the start, the 132-player field produced stellar scores and the top of the leaderboard was a revolving door. There were three different leaders at the end of the first three rounds.

Canadian Adam Svensson blew us all away after shooting an 11-under 60 in the opening round, and it was good for a two-shot lead. Even more amazing, Svensson admitted he wasn’t aware a shot at 59 was still in the cards and thought the course was a par-72 instead of par-71.

Stephan Jaeger stepped up to the top of the leaderboard after Round 2 following an 8-under 63. His two-day total was 14-under 128, good for a 1-shot lead over Svensson (60-69) and Ben Kohles (65-64). Kohles delivered the first hole-in one when he aced the par-3 17th hole from 130 yards in the opening round.

As if that weren’t enough, Matt McCarty entered the main position on the leaderboard in the most Hollywood scripted way possible. The 26-year-old left-handed hitter from Scottsdale, Ariz., carded a third-round 64 and moved to a two-shot lead in just his second PGA Tour event.

McCarty was on the Korn Ferry Tour earlier in the 2024 season, but earned an automatic promotion to the big golfers table with three wins and first place in the KF points standings.

first birdie in tournament history on the opening hole. His 63 in the third round put him squarely in contention heading into Sunday.

McCarty also has a fellow left-hander as his playing partner for the final round in Joe Highsmith, who surged into contention with his own round of 9-under 62, the third of the weekend. Should the pair finish 1-2, they would be the first lefties to do that since the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in 2018, when Ted Potter, Jr. won and Phil Mickelson was the runner-up.

There’s much more that will be mentioned in the main story on the final round, but we can safely say over here that the first PGA Tour event in Utah since 1963 was a rousing success.

It leaves the LPGA with a pretty high standard to reach when its players arrive for their Black Desert Championship next May. If the PGA’s delivery was any indication, it seems the LPGA won’t have much trouble carrying the torch forward and delivering its own successful event.

It’s all the proof you need that bringing professional golf back to Utah was the right thing to do.

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SUU football uses big second half, defeats Eastern Kentucky in homecoming game



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by **Spencer Rodak**

STADIUM SPORTZZ

Taking on the Eastern Kentucky Colonels on Saturday, the T-birds came away with a 42-21 win to improve to 3-4 on the season.

First half

After SUU was forced to punt on the opening drive, EKU drove down to the 31-yard line. Facing fourth-and-six, the Colonels decided to gamble but were unsuccessful, giving the ball back to the T-birds via a turnover on downs.

Southern Utah used the big defensive stop to fuel its next drive, marching 69 yards in 12 plays. Running back Targhee Lambson capped the possession with a 3-yard scoring run, putting the home team in front 7-0 with 4:31 to play in the opening frame. The drive included a fake punt on fourth down for the T-birds, where Niko Alailefaleula ripped off a 36-yard run to keep the drive alive.

Eastern Kentucky drove the ball down to the 2-yard line on its next possession, but the SUU defense was able to hold them there and force a field goal attempt. The Colonels converted a 34-yard field goal, making the score 7-3 just under a minute into the second period.

SUU extended its lead on the following drive, taking nearly eight minutes off the clock. Quarterback Jackson Berry finished the drive with an 11-yard touchdown toss to Gabe Nunez, putting the T-birds up 14-3 with 6:03 remaining in the half.

EKU kicked a 47-yard field goal with two seconds

left in the quarter, cutting the T-birds' lead to 14-6 heading into halftime.

Second half

The Colonels kept their late first-half momentum going into the third quarter, scoring a touchdown on the opening drive. EKU went for two following the score and were successful, tying the score at 14 with 11:23 on the clock.

Southern Utah answered right away, using a 9-play, 75-yard drive to retake the lead. Berry found Devin Downing for a 12-yard score, putting the T-birds up 21-14 with just under seven and a half minutes left in the period.

After taking the lead on offense, it was the T-birds' defense time to shine. On the second play of the EKU drive, the defense forced a fumble that SUU's Parker Andrus recovered.

Just seven plays later, Targhee Lambson broke through for an 8-yard touchdown run with just over three minutes on the third quarter clock to make it 28-14.

Southern Utah continued to ride the momentum in the final frame, adding another score to make it 35-14. Near the midway mark of the quarter, Jackson Berry found Shane Carr for a 38-yard touchdown pass.

The Colonels answered with a touchdown on their next drive, cutting the T-birds' lead to 35-21 with just under six minutes left.

Southern Utah was not finished, however, using the next four minutes to drive for another touchdown. Driving 75 yards in nine plays, Targhee

Lambson capped the drive with a 1-yard score - his third touchdown of the game - to make it 42-21.

With only two minutes remaining and trailing by three scores, Eastern Kentucky turned the ball over to seal the SUU win. George Ramirez recorded the interception with 1:30 to play and the T-birds ran out the clock for the victory.

Top performers

Running back Targhee Lambson once again led the SUU offense, racking up 170 yards and 3 touchdowns on 34 carries.

Lambson has now surpassed the 1,000-yard mark on the season (1,098) and has recorded 12 touchdowns.

Quarterback Jackson Berry played a solid game to lead the passing attack, completing 13-of-23 for 204 yards, 3 touchdowns, and no turnovers.

Kameron Rocha led the defensive unit, recording 8 total tackles and 2 pass breakups. George Ramirez added 5 tackles and an interception in the win.

The game was also notable for SUU head coach DeLane Fitzgerald, who recorded his 100th career victory.

Up next

Southern Utah (3-4, 2-1 UAC) will be on a bye next week. Following the bye, the T-birds will travel to battle new conference member West Georgia on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The game will kick off at 12 p.m. MT and can be seen on ESPN+.

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Cedar City, UT 84721

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on the request to renew a groundwater discharge permit as described below. The groundwater discharge permit is issued by the Director of the Division of Water Quality under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-106(g) Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6. Under Section 19-1-301.5, effective May 8, 2012, a person who wishes to challenge a Permit Order may only raise an issue or argument during an adjudicatory proceeding that was raised during the public comment period and was supported with sufficient information or documentation to enable the Director to fully consider the substance and significance of the issue. Utah Code Ann. 19-1-301.5 can be viewed at the following internet URL: le.utah.gov/xcode/Title19/Chapter1/19-1-S301.5.html

Permit Information

- Permittee: American Pacific Corporation (AMPAC)
- Mailing Address: 10622 West 6400 North, Cedar City, Utah 84721
- Facility Location: 12 miles northwest of Cedar City, Utah

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time through close of business on **November 18, 2024**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality (DWQ), PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114- 4870. All comments received prior to close of business on **November 18, 2024**, will be considered in the formulation of final conditions to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by Bud Blake



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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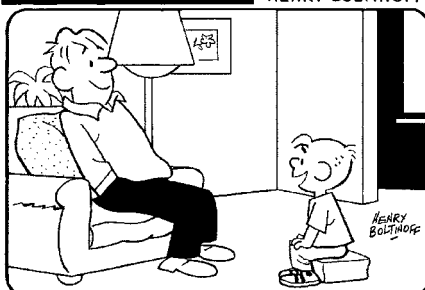
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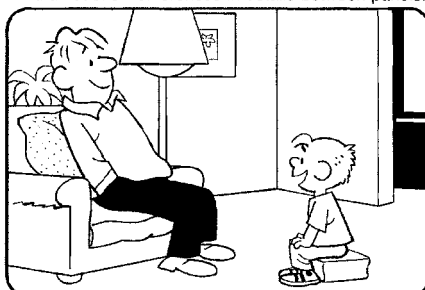
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

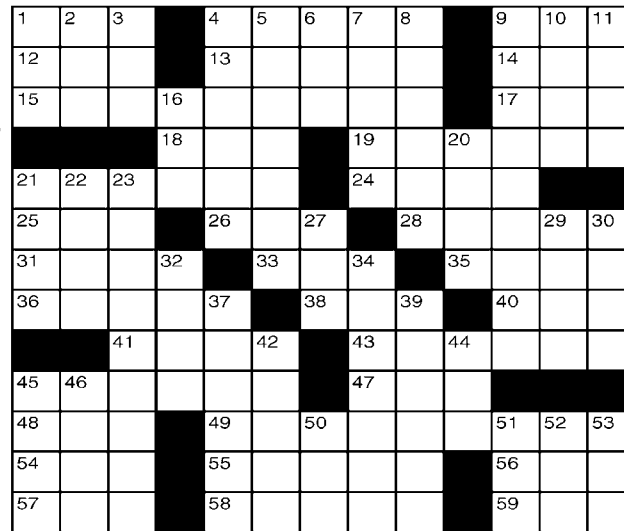


Differences: 1. Lamp is moved. 2. Arm of chair is different. 3. Wall is wider. 4. Picture frame is thicker. 5. Pillow is different. 6. Boy's hair is different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Knock
- 4 Boxer Ali
- 9 "60 Minutes" ainer
- 12 Leading lady?
- 13 Edmonton player
- 14 2016 Olympics city
- 15 Moisturizer
- 17 Finale
- 18 Name
- 19 Buzzing insect
- 21 Neglect
- 24 Steerer's place
- 25 "So that's it!"
- 26 QB's goals
- 28 Nasal partitions



- 31 Lopsided win
- 33 Feeling down
- 35 Tank filler
- 36 Chef's garb
- 38 Up to
- 40 "Alice" waitress
- 41 Suffix with "techno"
- 43 Break fluid?
- 45 Sentence fragment
- 47 Overly
- 48 Wish otherwise
- 49 Famed Boston deserts
- 54 Carte lead-in
- 55 Mountain crest
- 56 -- -mo
- 57 Orange tuber
- 58 Did yard work
- 59 Layer
- 7 Extract via percolation
- 8 Fighting forces
- 9 Ineffectual type
- 10 Predicament
- 11 Pop
- 16 Sch. URL ender
- 20 Staff symbol
- 21 TV explorer
- 22 Denny's rival
- 23 Baked potato topping
- 27 Used a chair
- 29 Conference leader?
- 30 Body lotion ingredient
- 32 -- Bora (Afghan region)
- 34 Give orders
- 37 Daytona 500 acronym
- 39 Was foreboding
- 42 -- firma
- 44 Dandy guy
- 45 Use a rosary
- 46 Luau dance
- 50 "A mouse!"
- 51 WWW access enabler
- 52 Right angle
- 53 Tofu source

DOWN

- 1 Game caller
- 2 Glam Gardner
- 3 Chest muscle
- 4 Short-horned grasshopper
- 5 Inflatable sleepers
- 6 Land in la mer

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of walking penguins called?
2. MOVIES: What was the first movie to be adapted from one of Stephen King's novels?
3. GEOGRAPHY: How many time zones does Australia have?
4. LITERATURE: Which country is featured in Sir Walter Scott's historical novels?
5. HISTORY: How many essays are in The Federalist Papers?
6. SCIENCE: Who created the Periodic Table?
7. TELEVISION: What is the reality series "The Deadliest Catch" about?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented in the condition called pogonophobia?
9. U.S. STATES: What is the only state with a one-syllable name?
10. MUSIC: Which branch of the U.S. military did Elvis Presley serve in?

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers:
 1. A waddle; 2. "Carrie"; 3. Three main time zones; 4. Scotland; 5. 85; 6. Dmitri Mendeleev; 7. Crab fishermen in the Bering Sea; 8. Fear of beards; 9. Maine; 10. Army, 1958-60

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