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SPECIAL PULLOUT

Woman Arrested After Hit-and-Run Leads to Discovery of Stolen Vehicle and Drugs

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A woman is facing multiple felony charges after a hit-and-run crash uncovered a stolen vehicle, false identification, and drug-related items.

Dusti Leann Smith, 36, was arrested Nov. 9 near the scene of the accident after police allegedly connected her to the stolen property and other criminal activity.

Smith was charged with receiving or transferring a stolen vehicle and producing or transferring false identification, both second-degree felonies. She is also accused of several misdemeanors including; possession or use of a controlled substance, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to disclose her identity, and failing to comply with vehicle accident duties.

The incident leading to Smith's arrest began when officers were dispatched to a reported traffic collision involving a Subaru Crosstrek.

According to court records filed in support of the charges, Smith made an improper U-turn, causing the collision. When exchanging information with the other driver, she allegedly provided a passport as identification that was later found to belong to someone else.

While waiting for police to arrive at the scene of the accident, Smith reportedly locked the vehicle and fled on foot, leaving behind the other party involved in the collision.

Witnesses described Smith as wearing black clothing, a pink beanie hat, orange-tinted sunglasses, pink slippers, and a fuzzy black-and-white fanny pack.

Police searched the area, alerting local businesses to be on the lookout for someone matching her description. Shortly thereafter, officers found Smith near IFA, wearing clothes that matched the description provided by the victim.

Smith refused to provide her name during questioning, but the victim of the crash was able to confirm she was the one who had "caused the accident," the affidavit states. Police also found the stolen passport in Smith's possession.

In addition, officers found the pink beanie hat described by witnesses left inside the IFA store where they had arrested Smith.

A search of her belongings uncovered keys to the stolen Subaru Crosstrek. Inside Smith's fanny pack, officers also found several items associated with drug use, including a methamphetamine pipe with residue, a straw with a melted end, tin foil, and a substance resembling methamphetamine.

Smith was booked into the Iron County Correctional Facility. Authorities requested she be held without bail, citing her lack of cooperation and refusal to provide identification.

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Utah Delegation Opposes Biden Administration's Final Northern Corridor Decision

from Bella Pinnock

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Washington, D.C. — The Utah Delegation opposes the final decision announced by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) selecting the Red Hills Parkway Expressway as the preferred alternative route for a Northern Corridor Highway in St. George City.

"Washington County negotiated with the federal government and all stakeholders to create land designations to protect desert tortoises, among other things, and also a route for the Northern

Corridor. The designations have been in place for a couple of decades, but the agencies are not working fairly to get the Northern Corridor permitted, and they revoked the last permit. The county is not getting the benefits of the bargain they made in good faith. The Federal Government needs to be a better partner," said Rep. Celeste Maloy.

"The 2009 OPLMA laid out a simple, fair directive: identify a Northern Corridor route to balance conservation and support growth. BLM's Red Hills Parkway route is a nonstarter. It disrupts access to key sites like Pioneer Park, adds

traffic headaches, and ignores real input from local communities. Washington County deserves a Northern Corridor that respects its needs, not another one-size-fits-all federal plan. It's time BLM listened," said Rep. Burgess Owens.

"The federal government needs to honor its commitments made in good faith with the people of Washington County. Years ago, stakeholders worked tirelessly to create a balanced Northern Corridor solution. It is disappointing the Biden Administration would ignore the law which calls for a

Cedar City Man Faces Felony Charges After Road Rage Incident

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man is facing multiple charges after a road rage incident earlier this month that police say involved reckless driving and the brandishing of a weapon resembling a firearm.

Barry Donald Chalmers, 47, was arrested on November 11 following a week-long investigation.

He is facing multiple charges: possession of a firearm by a restricted person and obstruction of justice, both third-degree felonies; reckless endangerment and reckless driving, both Class A misdemeanors; and threat of violence, a Class B misdemeanor.

According to court records filed in 5th District Court, Chalmers allegedly brandished a pepperball gun — a non-lethal weapon designed to fire rubber or pepper-filled projectiles — during a confrontation and attempted to conceal it afterward.

While the pepperball gun is not a traditional firearm, its alleged use in a threatening manner led to the weapon-related charges.

The incident began around 1:27 p.m. on Nov. 2 when police were dispatched to a report of a weapons offense.

The complainant claimed that Chalmers had brandished a weapon out of his truck window during a road rage encounter. Officers later located Chalmers at a gas station, where he was detained.

Dashcam footage from Chalmers's vehicle, reviewed by police, allegedly showed both Chalmers and the complainant engaging in questionable driving behavior.

The footage revealed the complainant brake-checked Chalmers, swerved to block his attempt to pass on the shoulder, and later crossed double yellow lines to pass him after Chalmers slowed down.

Chalmers's actions reportedly escalated the situation further, including passing over double yellow lines, abruptly slowing down, and exiting his vehicle to confront the complainant. At one point, the affidavit states, that Chalmers exited his vehicle and approached the complainant's car before returning to his truck.

On Kitty Hawk Drive, the footage showed Chalmers stopping again, opening his tailgate, and handling an orange case that police later confirmed contained the pepperball gun. This location matched where officers eventually found the weapon during their search.

During questioning, Chalmers denied possessing a firearm, claiming he only held a phone during the altercation.

However, when questioned about the pepperball gun later found in his truck, the officer expressed skepticism about Chalmers's claims.

"I told Barry I found it hard to believe that someone from small-town Cedar City, Utah, would

mistake a phone for a gun and further explained that Preston said he hung the gun out of the driver's window of the truck," court records state.

Chalmers voluntarily allowed officers to search his vehicle, where they discovered the pepperball gun in the truck bed. He later claimed he moved the gun earlier to make room for his daughter, but this account allegedly conflicted with dashcam footage and his daughter's statements to police.

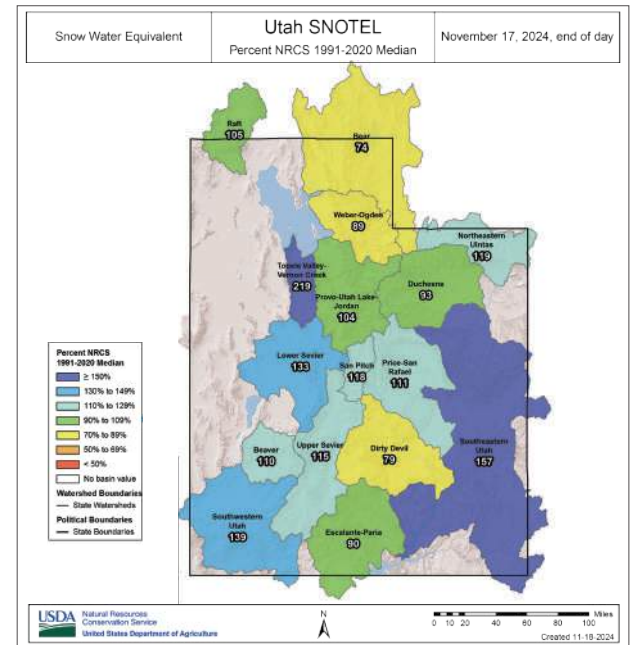
"When Officers spoke with her, she informed them that Barry did have the kinetic pepperball gun in the cab of the pickup and that he moved it after the incident occurred to the bed area of the pickup," the affidavit states.

When confronted with his daughter's comments, Chalmers said, "he moved the case and gun from the back seat to the bed of the truck so his daughter could put her feet down on the floor."

Court records report that when confronted with what his daughter told police, Chalmers accused her of lying, stating she was "scared to death of us."

Chalmers was arrested at his home a week after the incident, following a thorough review of the dashcam footage and video from Maverik to give investigators time to piece together what occurred.

Police requested Chalmers be held without bail, citing a risk to public safety and potential flight.



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meaningful transportation solution. I look forward to working with

the Department next year to resolve this misguided decision," said Rep. John Curtis.

"Once again, the Biden-Harris Administration has released a Northern Corridor SEIS that does not meet the needs of

Utah communities and puts us further away from a feasible final solution by not complying with the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. I urge the Administration to withdraw this SEIS, of Utahns over

special interest groups, and comply with the statute Congress enacted to manage these lands," said Rep. Blake Moore.

"Washington County has worked with local and federal stakeholders

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FROM THE EDITOR



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As you may have read in recent weeks, we will not be printing a paper next week. But don't worry! We'll be back to our regular schedule, with your next edition arriving in

mailboxes on December 5. In the meantime, feel free to check in on our website.

This week's issue includes something special: our highly anticipated Holiday Guide!

In the center of this edition, you'll find everything you need to make this season merry and bright. Inside, you'll find a full schedule of holiday events happening across Iron County, along with tips and stories about cutting your own Christmas tree. We've also highlighted the 7th Annual Holiday Tree Jubilee and the Downtown Lighting Ceremony, two must-see community traditions. For those looking to add something delicious to their holiday table, we've included a collection of recipes from our family kitchens to yours. There's even a festive coloring page to enjoy and a detailed map showcasing the best Christmas light displays in town, perfect for a family outing.

As I scrolled through Cedar City's Facebook pages last weekend, I noticed many comments from community members asking for ideas to make the most of the holiday season. We hope this guide serves as your ultimate resource, helping you create cherished memories and bringing us closer together as a community during this special time of year. From all of us at Iron County Today, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, gratitude, and warmth. See you in December!

WORD OF THE WEEK

SATURNINE

[sat-ur-nine]
adjective

cold and steady in mood; slow to act or change; of a gloomy or surly disposition; having a sardonic aspect



Proofs and Dark Times

PART 2

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Many people, especially our youth, are discouraged and disappointed at what they see happening around the world, and particularly in their own communities with confusion about the future and even about their own identities. However, if they, as youth and we as adults, study to make ourselves well informed, we will all realize that we need to look up and contemplate that a bright future is coming. Looking up will cause us to feel optimism and hope. Have you ever seen a depressed

person looking up to a bright future? No, depressed people look down and experience bleak thoughts and depression. We also must study the past, especially the accounts of Jesus and His appearances in the historical record of the New Testament. Remember that 3 days after His crucifixion His tomb was found empty and people started seeing Jesus alive, both His close apostles and crowds of people. Those cannot be dismissed as hallucinations because hallucinations don't occur in crowds where hundreds of people see and experience the same things. Hallucinations are individual experiences involving the apparent perception of something

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving"

- W. T. Purkiser

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that is not present, even false sensory experiences on a one-on-one basis to one individual either because of mental confusion or because a person takes drugs that are known to cause visual and auditory events that appear real but are created by a person's mind that may affect all five of the senses. The accounts in the New Testament contain historical facts that can be tested out. Let's look at some of the appearances of Jesus that are recorded in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John which include individuals, groups of people (both male and female), and large crowds.

First, Jesus appeared to women, who were lowest on the political and social scale. They were required to be subordinate to either their father or husband. As a general rule, women did not have property rights and could not be witnesses in court. Even certain Rabbinic literature said that women were greedy, lazy, and jealous. And in rabbinic law, women had fewer responsibilities than men, exempt from fixed prayer during times of the day. Why then did Jesus appear first to women? Male disciples would surely not have made up a story about Jesus rising from the dead and made women the first witnesses since women's testimony was seen as unreliable. Mary Magdalene, whom all four Gospels name as having seen Jesus first, had been delivered by Jesus during his Galilean ministry from seven demons in Luke 8:2. No one would have reported that she was the first to witness Jesus' resurrection—unless that's what happened.

The conclusion seems unavoidable. The Gospels (meaning Good News) report women as having been the first to see Jesus alive from the dead because they were the first people to have such an experience. Almost all biblical scholars today, even those who are highly skeptical of the resurrection, agree that the women had an experience that they at least thought was the resurrected Jesus. Next, Jesus appeared to His male disciples. It is possible the resurrection would not have been believed if appearances had been limited to a small group of woman. According to both the Gospels and Paul's epistles (letters), Jesus appeared to His male disciples, both individually and in groups, over a forty-day period following the first report of His resurrection. Next week, more to come where in this series we will also report of people throughout the last 2,000 years seeing Jesus and being changed.

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for many years, in good faith, to minimize the environmental impact of the Northern Corridor. This BLM decision again delays completion of this project and ignores the valuable input of the County. It also fails to relieve traffic congestion or provide protections for the desert tortoise. It is time to complete this highway," said Senator Mitt Romney.

"Once again, the Biden administration has chosen to ignore Utah's needs and the practical benefits of the northern corridor alternative, opting for an alternative that will do nothing to alleviate congestion in Washington County," said Senator Mike Lee. "This decision is a setback for our communities and regional growth and harmful to prime desert tortoise habitat in Zone 6. I am fully committed to doing whatever it takes to reverse this decision and finally complete the construction of the Northern Corridor."

Background:

Washington County is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. Its rapid growth has driven the need for a right-of-way (ROW) highway that would reduce traffic between the northeast and northwest sides of St. George.

In 2009, Congress passed, and President Barack Obama signed into law, the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act (the Act), which included the Washington County Lands Bill. It directed the Secretary of the Interior to identify a route for a highway through the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area (NCA) in Washington County, Utah.

In January 2021, the Trump administration

issued a record of decision permitting Washington County's request to build a ROW highway. In exchange, Washington County would add Zone 6 – 6,813 acres within the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve – to the conservation area to offset any losses to the Mojave Desert tortoise habitat. In 2023, the Biden administration repealed that record of decision to revisit the project's environmental impact.

In July, the Utah Congressional Delegation wrote in support of the proposed alternative route, UDOT ROW Alignment, and in opposition to the Red Hills Parkway Expressway alternative considered in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The Red Hills Parkway Expressway would keep east-west traffic north inside St. George City and would create congested public access to the historic Pioneer Park and the adjacent Red Hills Desert Garden.

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Iron County Residents Share Concerns at Truth in Taxation Hearing

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Frustration filled the room as Iron County residents lined up to speak at a Truth in Taxation hearing. Some were angry, others worried, and many simply pleaded with the county to find another way.

For the first time in more than 20 years, Iron County is proposing a property tax increase, raising concerns in the wake of the school district's recent hike of approximately \$170 per year.

The county's proposed increase would generate an estimated \$1.2 million annually, adding \$35.60 per year to the property tax bill of a home valued at \$418,000, the median home price in Iron County.

County officials argue the measure is necessary to address inflation, retain employees, and meet the growing demands of a rapidly expanding population.

"This is the worst part of the job," Commissioner Mike Bleak said. "We've all lost sleep over this; it's not fun. But the reality is, with inflation and growth, we're at a point where we have no other option if we want to maintain services."

Commissioner Marilyn Wood, who chose not to seek re-election this year, acknowledged the difficulties of meeting the county's growing needs.

"This is a hard job, and four years of it at my age have been difficult," she said. "That's why I didn't run again. But I love this county, and I know its needs."

The timing of the meeting drew sharp criticism from some residents, who suggested it was scheduled to limit public participation.

"You held this meeting at 6 p.m. on a week-night, and it feels like you don't want to hear from us," one resident said. "The last time you held a Truth in Taxation hearing, this room was packed. Tonight, it's not."

However, commissioners said that the meeting was scheduled in compliance with statutory requirements.

Other residents focused on the financial burden the tax increase would impose, particularly on those with fixed incomes.

"My retirement hasn't gone up 300% like my taxes have," one resident said. "For those of us on fixed incomes, even small increases make it harder to make ends meet."

Another longtime homeowner expressed fear that rising taxes could force them to leave the area. "We've lived in the same house since the '70s, and now it feels like we're being taxed

out of it," she said. "What are you doing to help those of us who can't absorb these increases anymore?"

Several residents also questioned the county's fiscal priorities, pointing to the \$90 million price tag for the new jail project as a source of frustration.

In response, Iron County Auditor Luke Little defended the need for the tax increase and addressed common misconceptions about rising property values that some residents believed bring in additional taxes.

"When home values go up, tax rates go down to ensure the county collects the same amount of revenue," Little said. "The only new money we receive is from new growth, and that's simply not enough to keep up with the demands of a growing population. This year, new growth brought in \$145,000, which isn't even enough to hire and equip one new deputy."

Little also explained a shift in the county's tax burden, with homeowners now shouldering a larger share as industrial and commercial properties contribute less.

"In 2013, businesses like utilities and mines accounted for 15% of the county's tax revenue," Little said. "Today, they're contributing just 6% because they've successfully fought to lower their valuations. That means homeowners are picking up the slack."

Commissioner Paul Cozzens emphasized that the tax increase was a last resort.

"We've gone through the budget line by line, and there's just no more to cut," he said. "With the growth we're experiencing and the responsibilities of government to provide services, this is where we're at. There's no other option if we want to keep the county running."

Cozzens also addressed concerns about the county retaining employees — particularly in the sheriff's office.

"We're losing deputies to neighboring counties and the state because we can't offer competitive wages," he said. "We're down five employees in the jail right now, and it's costing us in overtime to cover those shifts."

The Iron County Commission will formally vote on the proposed tax increase during its regular meeting on Monday, November 25, at 10 a.m. at the Iron County Courthouse in Parowan. A final public hearing on the proposed 2025 budget, which includes the tax increase, will be held at that time.

The commission is expected to adopt the final budget, including the tax increase, during its meeting on December 9.

Cedar City Chamber of Commerce Kicks Off Its Annual 2024 Small Business Season

from *Christopher McCormick*

CEDAR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Cedar City -The Cedar City Chamber of Commerce announces the launch of its Small Business Season, a community-wide initiative to champion the importance of supporting local businesses throughout the holiday season. Beginning on November 1st and continuing through the end of the year, Small Business Season aims to reconnect residents with the unique benefits of shopping local and the lasting impact it has on our community.

"Some of my most favorite memories are of celebrating the holidays and the traditions my family holds dear. Many of those revolve around visiting favorite businesses and the joyful atmosphere of the town's decorations. There's a reason Hallmark movie focus on small businesses! When you shop small, you create beautiful memories that extend far beyond the gifts we purchase," said the CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, Chris McCormick. "By supporting our local businesses, we're investing in the heart of Cedar City, and creating vibrant and festive atmosphere for everyone to enjoy."

Small Business Season encourages residents to explore the diverse range of shops, restaurants, and

services that make our community unique. By choosing to shop local, you're supporting your neighbors and contributing to a thriving economy. Shopping local also offers a more personalized and enjoyable experience, with knowledgeable staff and unique products you won't find anywhere else.

"We invite everyone to join us in celebrating Small Business Season and rediscovering the joy of shopping local," said Chamber President Christopher McCormick. "Let's make this holiday season one to remember by visiting the businesses that make our community so special."

Chamber President Christopher McCormick underscored the significance of shopping locally by stating, "Our small businesses create the unique character and charm that makes Cedar City so special. When you choose to shop small this holiday season, you're not simply buying gifts; you're creating shared experiences and lasting memories. These local businesses support us year-round, enriching our lives through their contributions to our schools, sports teams, arts programs, and countless other community endeavors. This holiday season

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Iron County Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

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The Iron County Commission met on Tuesday, November 12th. After opening with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, the commission addressed several significant agenda items.

The County Clerk reported an 85% voter turnout, despite challenges like voter intimidation at Cedar City ballot boxes and ballot scanning issues, which were resolved. County staff managed long lines for provisional voting, and the Clerk, along with the Emergency Manager, assisted paramedics during a cardiac emergency at a ballot collection site. Both received certificates of appreciation for their quick response.

The commission approved two major land use changes in Kanarrville, upgrading the land designation from Tier 2 to Tier 4 and rezoning from R1/R2/A20 to R5/RA20/A20, based on septic density studies and groundwater protection. They also discussed collaborating with Kanarrville to clarify annexation boundaries for properties split between town and county.

In property matters, the commission approved the sale of the former Children's Justice Center building. The buyers are adding a bathroom to qualify for financing, and the proceeds will help offset parking

lot costs for the new CJC.

Participation agreements for four solar projects were discussed—Granite Mountain East and West, Enterprise, and Iron Springs. Clearway Energy is investing around \$100 million per project to add battery storage, which will help store solar power for peak evening use. These projects are expected to generate \$2.6 million in tax revenue in the first year and will extend through 2031, with plans to recycle batteries at end of life instead of using local landfills.

The Commission approved a lease contract for office space at the Iron County Justice Center, reorganizing space for the Fifth District Juvenile Probation Offices. The agreement includes a \$4,900 rebate to the state and adjustments to office space in the building's northeast corner.

The commission discussed a three-way agreement between the County, City, and Pumpers for shared use of Pern's gravel pit to recharge the aquifer while preserving gravel extraction. A triangular pit near the baseball fields will serve as the main water collection point, with overflow directed to the larger pit. Proper pipe installation was addressed to prevent erosion, aiming to replicate successful recharge efforts in Cedar Valley.

The Commission then reviewed the 2025 tentative budget presentation from the auditor, Luke. Key points included a proposed \$1.2 million property tax increase to the general fund (pending vote), a \$500,000 increase in insurance costs, and requests for 32 new employees or part-time

to full-time conversions. The final budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Acting as the Board of Equalization, the Commission approved tax abatements for veterans, low-income, circuit breaker, and blind applicants for 2024, along with late religious and charitable exemptions.

They also approved personnel actions, including promotions and new hires across the Road Department, Council on Aging, and Sheriff's Office.

Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The November 13, 2024, Cedar City Council meeting began at 5:30 p.m. with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The council approved the agenda and recognized recent community highlights, including a historic preservation event, Veterans Day programs, and festive preparations for the holiday season. Discussions addressed city infrastructure, including water filtration improvements and flag upgrades at public venues. Public comments included gratitude for civic events and acknowledgment of the recent presidential election results. The council then moved to the consent agenda.

The council discussed potential triggers for requiring the developer to complete road improvements, including when the city secures land/easements for the full road

or when any development occurs on the adjoining parcel 3. The council proposed a motion to defer the road improvements until the full 100 East road is constructed to Null Street, in exchange for the developer completing the sidewalk on 900 North up to Main Street. There was some concern about the developer potentially modifying the parcel lines to avoid improvement requirements, so the motion included language to prevent that. The council indicated they would need to review a formal deferral agreement before finalizing their decision at a future meeting, and were open to allowing the developer to proceed with initial construction approvals contingent on the final agreement.

The council discussed a change order request for the wastewater treatment plant effluent reuse filtration project, covering additional construction services, pump station design, and retroactive compensation for design changes. The Public Works Director raised concerns about approving the third part, as the work was completed without prior approval.

Council members debated whether the changes were outside the original scope, with some arguing the revisions should have been included within the fixed-fee contract. Drawing on a similar case with Sunrise Engineering, they denied the retroactive request, citing the need to uphold contract terms and avoid setting a precedent. They approved the first two parts, acknowledging the strong performance on the project.

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
2025	TBD	TBD	\$221,113,931	TBD	TBD	TBD
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	1.05%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

Cedar City Launches New Effluent Reuse Project to Preserve Precious Water Resources

from Iron County Today Staff

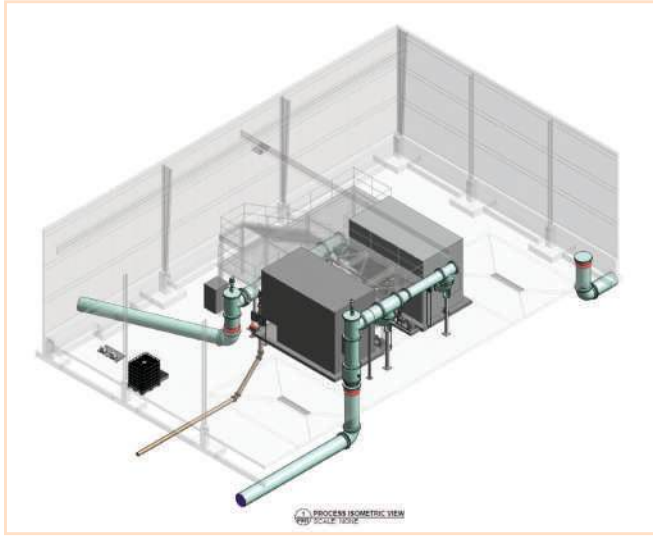
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City is taking a giant leap forward in water conservation with the development of a new effluent reuse filtration facility, a project spearheaded by Mayor Green and supported by the city council. Set to be completed by November 2025, this innovative facility will provide Type 1 treated effluent water, a significant asset for Cedar City's long-term sustainability and economic health. Thanks to the dedication of city leaders and an extensive, competitive bidding process, this state-of-the-art project is coming to life, ensuring a more resilient water future for Cedar City residents.

A Vision for Sustainable Water Management

Under the leadership of Mayor Green, the city has made bold moves to address water scarcity and pursue sustainable solutions that benefit both residents and businesses. The new filtration facility will treat millions of gallons of wastewater, transforming it into clean, Type 1 effluent water that can be used for irrigation and other non-potable purposes. This reuse initiative will free up valuable potable water resources, preserving them for critical needs and helping Cedar City balance growth with environmental stewardship.

"Securing Cedar City's water future has been a priority," said Mayor Green. "We're committed to making



smart, forward-thinking decisions that will support our community for generations to come. This effluent reuse facility is a testament to that commitment."

Impressive Water Statistics for Cedar City

Once operational, the facility will process and treat approximately 5.5 million gallons of water daily, providing a reliable source of non-potable water for parks, landscapes, and other public spaces. By offsetting the demand for potable water, Cedar City stands to save hundreds of millions of gallons of drinking water each year, an incredible benefit for a region where every drop counts.

The filtration process will meet strict standards, producing high-quality effluent that can be used safely for various applications, from irrigation to industrial use. This achievement puts Cedar City among a select group of communities in the state that have committed to advanced water reuse technologies.

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spending has a profound impact on the area. More money stays within the community, fueling economic prosperity. Data shows that for every \$100 spent at a local business, approximately \$68 stays in the community, compared to only \$43 when spent at a national chain. This money also supports local jobs, infrastructure, and other essential community services. The small business sector plays a pivotal role in the economic growth of Cedar City, our area, and nation.

"Small businesses employ 46% of the private sector workforce and that number is expected to grow as an estimated 62% of Millennials and 75% of Gen Z want to start their own businesses. If we don't support new small business, young people will go elsewhere to explore their dreams."

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Rigorous Bidding Process and Local Contractor Success

Bringing this vision to life required a rigorous and competitive bidding process. Several qualified contractors from across the region submitted proposals, and each bid was thoroughly evaluated by Cedar City's five-member council to ensure the project would meet both financial and quality standards.

Among the bidders was Action Contracting, a local contractor that Mayor Green helped found in 1996 encouraged to participate. By stepping up to the

challenge and presenting the lowest qualified bid, Action Contracting helped save the city a significant amount of money. The council unanimously approved their proposal, highlighting the benefits of supporting local businesses and keeping taxpayer dollars within the community.

Moving Forward to November 2025

Construction is set to begin shortly, with a targeted completion date of November 2025. Once the facility is up and running, Cedar City will have a secure, sustainable source of treated effluent water that will contribute

to the city's green spaces, public areas, and economic growth—all while protecting its precious potable water supply.

With leadership from Mayor Green and the city council, and the support of local contractors, Cedar City's water future looks brighter than ever. This project marks a remarkable achievement in the city's commitment to environmental stewardship and resource management, setting a high standard for municipalities across the state.

Residents can take pride in the city's proactive approach to water conservation—a vital step toward ensuring that Cedar City remains a vibrant, sustainable place to live for generations to come.



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by Sara Penny

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

"It was a feast for the ears and eyes," said David Jordan about the recent Orchestra of Southern Utah Concert. Lights, fog, choir, full symphony orchestra, and dancers added layers of both musical and visual energy. Carylee Zwang conducted the concert and was hailed as "epic" and "hands down the COOLEST" by concertgoers.

Jordan is the OSU Assistant Conductor and he reported that several of his middle school band students attended. "They were so excited to tell me at school today that they saw me performing in the concert! They all loved it! They said it was the best concert ever!" said Jordan. "The vocalists were all great and fun! I especially liked Mark McGahan's voice on *Bohemian Rhapsody*," he said.

Guest musicians included ten vocalists as well as a rock band. Lori Ransom commented on Stan Szczeny's guitar solos that he "rocked the house."

Having the lighting effects and fog added to the party atmosphere. Nine community dancers added even more exuberance to the popular music by Dolly Parton, ABBA, and Metallica. Torri Adams and Shellee Younkin choreographed the dances.

The Southern Utah University Concert Choir plus members of Opus and Luminosa were directed by Dr.

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OSU Rock Gold 2 overview

SideNote provided lobby music before the concert

EPIC

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Andrew Briggs. The 75 voices also added rock worthy excitement to add to the atmosphere.

Briggs also served as one of the narrators for "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" with Savannah Billeter. The fiddle soloist was Lindsay Szczesny and as Jordan said, "I was blown away with her fiddle solo and the audience really

got into it." This is a piece that has been requested for years so OSU was pleased to finally perform it.

The Heritage Center staff was fully on board with all of the extra logistical work involved with multiple vocalists. Several monitors had to be used so the conductor and soloists could coordinate the intricate timing and entrances. The orchestra was instructed to follow "Bob", Zwang's baton, which paid off on several tricky tempo changes.

A big part of an exciting performance is the reaction of the audience. The

feedback propels the musicians and at this concert the sold out audience was extremely enthusiastic. "We so appreciate the phenomenal support of the community for our orchestra," said Amy Gold, OSU manager.

Jane Ricigliano Tab-Fell summed up the evening with her comment that the concert was "outstanding, not a boring moment the whole evening. Carlylee was superb and her energy is unbelievable! Great choice of music and performers." The full program is available at myosu.org under news, as well as the soloist photos and bios.

From Carlylee Zwang, OSU Music Director and Conductor

"I'd like to give a special thanks to Cedar and the surrounding communities for their incredible support of our Rock Gold concerts. We LOVE creating shows that you love to attend. I personally want to spotlight the incredible amount of talent that I shared the stage with in Thursday's performance. We are surrounded by a community of artists that are so amazing! Thank you for sharing



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your talents with us. We hope to

see you all out at the next concert!" said OSU's Music Director and Conductor Carlylee Zwang.

Up next for the Orchestra of Southern Utah is Handel's Messiah on Dec. 8 and 9. Tickets are now available on the website at myosu.org.

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Workshop photo from Suzuki Strings Cedar City



Mariachi Fuego at SUU Auditorium

Building Art Teams

by Sara Penny

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

Letting the smallest performer shine builds their confidence and ability, like when the *Mariachi Fuego* performed in the SUU Auditorium at the recent “Day of the Dead Festival” presented by the Southern Utah Museum of Art. They brought the youngest musician forward to perform a solo with the adults playing in the background. This is how the next generation of musicians and artists find their confidence.

When I was in sixth grade Mr. Roy L. Halversen needed more violins for Handel’s *Messiah* so he put me at the back of the second violins and said to just play the notes I could for that year and the next year I would be able to play more notes. Mr. Halversen would prepare the orchestra and Dr. Blaine Johnson prepared the choir. During the performance, Mr. Halversen would lead the second violins.

Since my first *Messiah* I have played this magnificent music in Cork, Ireland; Beaumont, Texas; Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and Cedar City, mostly as a first violin. The last few years I have played viola and this year I will relearn the second violin part because we now

have ten viola players in the Orchestra of Southern Utah.

This week we resume our rehearsals on the *Messiah* for the 84th Cedar City performance, under the direction of Jackie Riddle Jackson. The community Chorale has a wide range of ages, as does the orchestra. The Dec. 8 and 9 performances are a gift to you from the musicians and sponsorship from State Bank of Southern Utah and the Leavitt Group. The free tickets are now available at myosu.org.

At the most recent “Suzuki Strings Cedar City” workshop and concert, the performers ranged from age four to adult. It was great seeing parents joining in the music. The clinicians were Dr. Xun Sun and his wife Dr. Ling Yu, and their daughter Sarah Sun Kanell. This musical family has done much to elevate music in our area. Those leadership skills have paid off for Sarah as Miss Utah and now the Student Body President for BYU.

Building teams takes leadership and finesse. The late Quincey Jones was a master of collaboration. His work ranged from movies to hit songs with such a wide array of musicians that it is impossible to list them all, including Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Michael


Jackson, Louis Armstrong, and Barbara Streisand. He started in the entertainment business at age 12 on trumpet. Filmmaker Stephen Spielberg said he had a “generous heart”. That is what it takes to elevate the younger performers: giving them the confidence they need to grow into leaders.

Jones said,

“I am grateful for every person who lent me a shoulder to stand on...From Count Basie to Nadia Boulanger to Joseph Powe to all of the individuals who told me I was worth another day. To all-a-y’all out there, never underestimate the positive impact that you can have on a kid’s life because it may just be the difference between them making it to 19 or 91.

Life is about “love, laugh, live and give” according to Jones. The Cedar City Arts Council strives to support opportunities for all kinds of artists and for all ages.

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Thanksgiving

AN AMERICAN HOLIDAY, AN AMERICAN HISTORY

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Thanksgiving is as lively as American Life - and the history of this holiday is a great part of America.

Thanksgiving is America's oldest and most loved holiday, but there is a lot we don't know. The celebrated Plymouth Thanksgiving was not the first. The Pilgrims' harvest feast was plentiful as the legend tells us. The first Thanksgiving was probably offered at the 1621 harvest gathering lasting over three days. The first recorded Thanksgiving Day in Plymouth happened two years later in 1623. The Colonists gave thanks to God for rain after a two-month drought. At least 100 people came to dinner. The Native people wanted to eat while sitting on the ground like they did at their home. English people wanted to eat while sitting at the table, as they did at their home. Record has it that they ate wild turkey, venison, geese and other fowl. Early history tells us the Pilgrims ate turkey at their first feast because of the abundance of edible wild turkeys in New England. They also ate blueberries, raspberries, gooseberries, and plums, which were commonly eaten at that time. As Thanksgiving Day became popular during the 1800s so did the turkey. By 1857, turkey had become the main part of the traditional dinner in New England. On October 3, 1863, during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November.

Thanksgiving is celebrated as a means of giving thanks for family, friends, food, and health. Today in the United States, the Thanksgiving cele-

bration is really about family and friends eating a large meal, which almost always includes turkey. It's a day spent with family and or friends to give thanks for the things they feel fortunate to have in their lives.

Thanksgiving means a time of year for good food, good people, and being grateful for everything in life. The weather gets colder, but this time of year really warms your heart. Which it should. It's a time of great food, great traditions, and giving back to both loved ones and those you don't even know. What's not to love about that? Everyone has their own traditions, everyone has a different way of doing "Turkey Day." It's a great time to bring everyone together and share gratitude for all the things we value most. We all have much to be thankful for. Be thankful for all the people who help you get through each day. Notice good things, look carefully at them and appreciate them. Appreciate good friends and neighbors. It's a whole day to be thankful. Sometimes we just need a reminder of how lucky we are.

Thanksgiving get-togethers are a bit different for us now. Many of us are looking forward and thankful to be celebrating in person. But now with the wonders of technology, families can set up video chat with everyone you're missing during the holiday.

"Thanksgiving is about spending time with family and friends, enjoying being with one another. And of course some tasty food. What more could anyone ask for? It should definitely be your favorite holiday."

"Thanksgiving isn't just a day....it's a way we can live our lives every day"



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IRON COUNTY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES TO DO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

You can still get a Christmas Tree for \$10

By John Turner

If you have read some of my earlier articles, maybe you've started picking your own pumpkins and corn, so today I'm trying to sell you on the idea of cutting your own Christmas tree here in our local mountains courtesy of the Forestry Service. This involves a little more effort, but for the last two years we have driven up into Dixie National Forest and it was a ton of fun in spite of the wet socks and shoes.

Rules & Regulations

For many years the rangers have offered you the chance to get muddy, wet and cold and bring home your own tree, fresh from the forest. **BUT, you do need to get a permit that comes with a map and a list of rules and regulations from the Forest Service at their office at 820 N. Main Street, in Cedar City or online at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).** The permit does come with some rules, but the results are fun and you end up with a fresh tree for much less than you will find at a store.

One of the rules you need to be mindful of is that all tree cutting must be a minimum of 100 ft.



PHOTO BY JOHN TURNER

from the road which will require a short hike back into the forest to find that perfect tree. You are not allowed to cut off just the top part of a tall tree, and leave the rest of the stump in the ground, please cut down the entire tree and groom it later. Over the years, some areas have been cut to the point where trees are no longer easily accessible and you may have to hike back considerably more than 100 ft. Our rangers work hard to maintain a healthy forest and in return for their \$10 trees, please don't leave your tree trimmings behind on the forest floor.

This year, why not consider heading up to the mountains with a couple of friends and neighbors and making it a family fun day. It's a good idea to check the weather when you plan an outing, if it's snowing, you may be at risk of a frozen family! There are many un-named fire roads just off Highway 14, where you can park your car off the busy highway, but if we do get a big snow-fall it's nearly impossible to access most of these fire roads without a snowmobile. I would highly suggest that you plan your trip sooner rather than later, the trees will stay very fresh, even a month before Christmas. All of the trees you will soon see for sale in the stores were probably cut in October, and not kept in water, so if you cut your tree early, before the snow



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mounts up, it will most likely stay fresh into the New Year. So, for \$10 your permit will allow you to cut up to a 10-foot tree, and for \$20, you can get a tree up to 20 feet.

Bring along a cold weather picnic and some hot chocolate or your favorite hot toddy to enjoy on your tailgate after your holiday lumberjacking. We've had a blast doing this along with friends over the last couple of years, and here's a little advice:

- Bring a tarp or some pieces of cardboard so you can kneel to cut the tree close to the ground without getting too wet.
- A chain saw is better than a hand saw, and easier than an axe.
- Bring enough rope to tie the tree down safely.
- A two-wheel-drive car will definitely limit you as to which roads you can explore for trees.
- Try to cut your tree before the snow piles up too high to walk around, 4 inches of snow is much easier than 4 feet.
- Some extra socks and gloves would be smart.
- Make sure you get a photo of yourselves which you can enjoy later and marvel at your accomplishment.

Enjoy all the upcoming holidays, and, as Christmas gets closer you can relax in your living room with a warm fire and forget about the wet clothes and cold feet from the day you cut that perfect tree!



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A Few Christmas References in Iron County History

By Jay Jones

Iron County Pioneers, 1850 (on their way to Parowan to settle)

Wednesday, December 25, 1850 (Christmas), the camp crossed the Sevier River; they found the banks slippery and bad and considerable ice on the edge of the river. Having reached the other side, they traveled about one mile and camped. Christmas day was cold and forbidding, the thermometer falling to sixteen degrees below zero. Thoughts of home and loved ones far away enjoying the warmth and cheer of Christmas only spurred them on. They encountered snow from three to twelve inches deep in the valleys; while in some of the mountain passes great drifts of snow had to be shoveled away to make a road. This was pretty hard for the scantily clad men and women, without even overshoes to keep their feet dry. But roads would be impassable in the spring thaw and come spring they must be at their journey's end; ready to clear, to plow, to sow and plant in anticipation of a harvest. Their very lives depended on the fruits of their labors.

(From History of Iron County Mission, by Luella Adams Dalton, p. 20)

Christmas Dance in Cedar City, 1852

(This story shows the sometimes awkward adjustments that were (or were not) made by the early settlers to accommodate the differences in background that they each brought to the community. Henry Lunt was raised as an upper middle class gentleman in England. Brother Adshead was an independent minded American.)

Saturday – Christmas Day – Fine pleasant day, very sharp frost. Meeting at one o'clock P.M. I spoke some little on the birth day of Christ and the life he led, and how he came to redeem the world, followed by an excellent and appropriate discourse by Bishop Smith.

About six o'clock the meeting house was crowded with brethren and sisters ready for dancing. My wife and I attended the party.

After dancing a little while the room became so densely crowded that it was impossible for to dance with any degree of pleasure. In consequence of which I

preached a little and called upon others to do so. I invited the brethren to make a contribution of provisions for to give to the Indians and take it to the Bishop.

After some time preaching the room became a little thined and we commenced dancing again.

About 11 o'clock Br. Adshead interrupted the amusements by stamping the floor as he was dancing. I invited him to not make such a noise, but he continued worse, and I then stoped the dancing and reproved him severely and he insulted me by saying that he should do as he liked. But I told him he could not do that. In a short time the meeting was dismissed.

(From the journal of Henry Lunt)

Parties Down The Lane, by Olive M. Ward

"We used to have big Christmas parties with a Christmas tree and Santa Claus. I remember what a good sport George Taylor was and what a lot of fun he made when he was Santa Claus . . .

"There was always a big feed with boiled ham, corn bread and butter and molasses and plenty of molasses cake. We sure had good time and we mustn't forget the molasses candy we'd all help to pull."

(From History of Iron County Mission, by Luella Adams Dalton, p. 263)

Cotton and Candles

Saturday evening 23rd December, 1893 a big Christmas party was held in the [Parowan] Rock Church. The house was crowded to capacity, with seven or eight hundred people. Two beautiful Christmas trees, all decorated and filled with presents for the children, were all lighted up with candles.

The program went off very well until Santa Claus (Wm. H. Holyoak) and Mrs. Santa Claus (Ada Orton) appeared. Santa Claus made a fine speech, then turned to introduce his wife and in so doing, he brushed his arm against a candle and putting his arm around his wife, she was soon a mass of flames, as she was covered with cotton. He managed to put his out. Santa tried in vain to put out the fire.

A young man from the gallery took off his overcoat and threw it down,

telling them to wrap it around her, which they did. They snatched up rugs from the floor and wrapped around her. The fire was soon put out. She happened to be wearing long white wollen gloves, which she held over her face to protect it from the fire. She had some painful burns, but not as bad as it could have been.

At the cry of fire, the house went wild, people ran for the doors, someone cried the house is going. In the scramble one of the stoves was upset, and had it not been righted, it could have proved dangerous. Several persons, including a woman and her baby were knocked down in the scramble. But it was all over in a few minutes and everyone was thankful it wasn't any worse. One thing they did learn was that candles and cotton don't mix.

(From History of Iron County Mission, by Luella Adams Dalton, p. 263)

Electric Power

Electric power came in 1907, with separate companies for Parowan and

Cedar City. Discussions on developing electric power for Cedar City began in 1900. In 1906 the Cedar City Light and Power Co. obtained a franchise from the city council. The first electric lights were turned on at Lehi W. Jones's home for Christmas 1907. Jones was vice-president of the power company and superintendent of the power plant on the north side of Coal Creek in Cedar Canyon.

(From A History of Iron County, by Janet Seegmiller, p. 99)



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7th Annual Holiday Tree Jubilee is Coming to Cedar City

From Carol Huff

It may seem early, but the Christmas trees are decorated, plans have been in motion for months and Santa has it highlighted on his schedule. The annual Holiday Tree Jubilee is coming again to Cedar City's Heritage Theater on November 30 and December 2-3!

This is the seventh year of the jubilee being held in Cedar City. Laura Albrecht, founder of the Holiday Tree Jubilee, had a vision to bring friends and neighbors together while filling a need in the Cedar City community by helping Christmas be brighter for others. Albrecht never attended a tree jubilee but had heard of them being done in other communities and felt that it would be a great thing to bring to this area.

"I just wanted to do something fun and help a lot of people too," Albrecht said. "This event exceeds my expectations and I love watching how it's grown and touched more and more people each year," she said.

With the help of an army of hundreds of sponsors and volunteers, Albrecht transforms the Heritage Theater into a winter wonderland complete with hot cocoa, gift baskets, donated quilts and over 60 beautifully decorated trees. This year, the Holiday Tree Jubilee will feature trees decorated with themes ranging from Inside Out, Harry Potter, Wicked the Musical as well as beautiful, traditionally decorated trees with themes like gingerbread men, vintage Christmas and nutcrackers.

The Jubilee has partnered with the City's Downtown Lighting event which draws thousands of people to Cedar City's Main Street.

The Holiday Tree Jubilee differs from many similar events in the way they raise money from the trees. Instead of an auction-only format for the trees, each attendee can buy as many tickets as they want and can then deposit the tickets into a container in front of whichever tree or trees they're interested in winning.

"We love the idea that people can win a tree with just a single ticket," Albrecht said. "It's such a fun twist that makes it possible for EVERYONE to win."

A few of the higher value trees will be auction-only so that if someone really wants a particular tree, they can ensure they get it. Trees are sponsored and decorated by local business owners and families, some of which have donated trees every year for the event.

"We have done a tree for the Holiday Tree Jubilee for a few years and it's one of the most rewarding events to be a part of," said Heather Roundy, Manager/Broker of ERA Realty Center. "The tree jubilee brings the community together for a great cause and we love being able to support this event," she said.

Every dollar earned from the Jubilee goes to help local charities such as Shop With a Cop, the Iron County Care and Share as well as benefiting students in the Iron County School District who are homeless or disadvantaged. Last year, tens of thousands of dollars were raised and donated to these local groups.

"The Cedar City Police Department appreciates the many years of support we have received from the Holiday Tree Jubilee, said Justin Ludlow, Public Affairs Sergeant for the Cedar City Police Department. "The yearly Shop With A Cop program greatly impacts the people of Iron County and we are able to touch the lives of so many children."

This year's Holiday Tree Jubilee will be held November 28 and December 2-3 at the Heritage Theater located at 105 N. 100 E. in Cedar City from 5-8 p.m. each night. The drawing for the trees will be held December 3 at 8 p.m. in the Theater and the public is welcome to attend. Winners do not need to be present to win.

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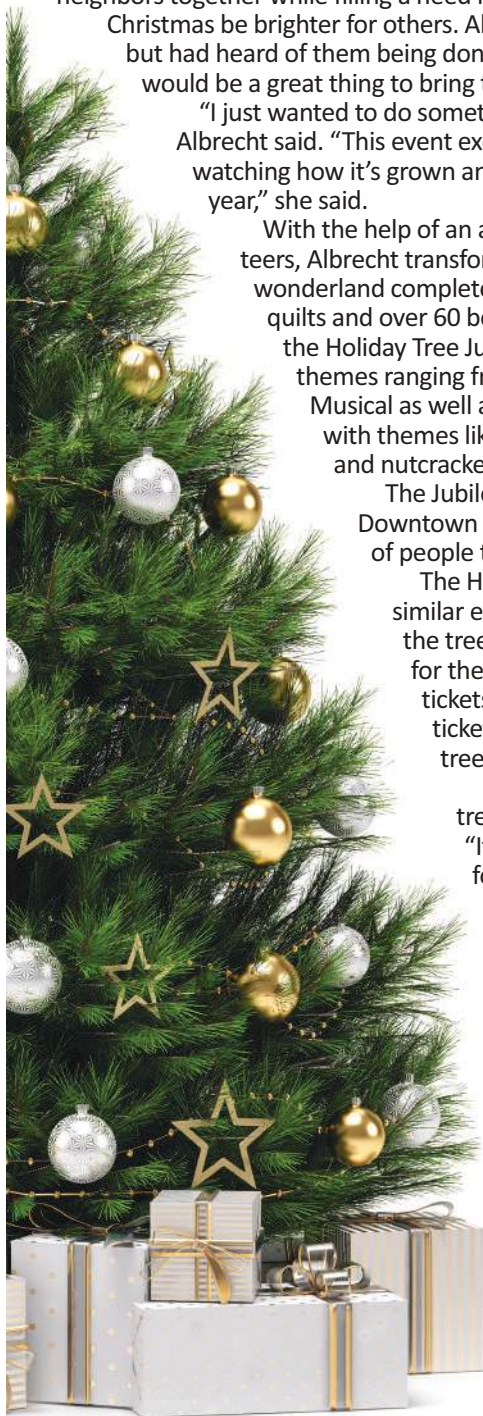
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Cedar City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

The magic of the holiday season begins in Historic Downtown Cedar City on Saturday, November 30th, 2024, with Cedar City Events' Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony and the opening night of the Holiday Tree Jubilee fundraiser.

With plenty of experiences for all ages, this year's festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with our second annual Christmas Market filled with a curated collection of artisan crafts. Afternoon and evening activities will again include professional dance performances by world-renowned choreographer Mic Thompson, fireworks sponsored by Visit Cedar City Brian Head, and of course Santa's grand arrival by helicopter sponsored by Southern Utah University (SUU) Aviation! The event will end at 9:00 p.m.

"Our Downtown Lighting Ceremony is one of the most exciting holiday events I've ever experienced - it truly feels like a Hallmark movie," shared

Cedar City Events Director Brandon Burk. "We've added a few enhancements this year that we think everyone is going to love, including moving our Christmas Market into a new indoor location." The Christmas Market will be held in The Venue (formerly the Cedar City Movie Theatre on historic main street) and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and roads will close to set up for the event at noon.

Starting at 3:00 p.m. the outdoor activities will begin including food vendors, kid's crafts, Santa's Stables with live reindeer, photo opportunities, carriage rides and more. Live performances will begin in front of the City Offices at 5:00 p.m., followed by Santa's arrival, lighting of the holiday lights, and fireworks. There will be a large LED screen showing the live stage performances to make it more visible for all attendees! After the live stage show, there will be a live nativity performance by the Cedar Area Inter-faith Alliance in front of The Old Rock Church on Center Street.

As part of the production, one lucky child and their guardian will have the opportunity to arrive in style alongside the Big Man himself and SUU Aviation as part of the 2nd Annual Fly with Santa contest.

Follow Cedar City Events and the Holiday Tree Jubilee on Facebook, Instagram, or the website for contest details.

Once the holiday lights are brought to life, guests will linger downtown enjoying the festive atmosphere and activities, following Santa to Festival Hall (105 N. 100 E., Cedar City) for the kick-off of the Holiday Tree Jubilee where everyone can enjoy free hot chocolate, a children's area, \$5 photos with Santa, dozens of Christmas trees for prize drawings, and more!

This multi-day fundraising event contributes thousands of dollars to local charities every year like the Iron County Care and Share, Cedar City Police

Department's Shop with a Cop program, and Iron County homeless and at-risk teens during the holiday season.

"In its 7th year, The Holiday Tree Jubilee is a beloved Cedar City tradition," shared Executive Director and Founder of Holiday Tree Jubilee, Laura Albrecht. "In 2023, thanks to the generous support of the community, we were able to donate over \$60,000 to local teens, children, and families in need at Christmas time. We look forward to another year celebrating the magic of the holidays and the peace of family and community. We love partnering with Cedar City Events to kick off the season! It's a natural partnership as we all focus on gathering the community and spreading holiday joy."

This year, the community is also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the Downtown Lighting in support of the Iron County Care and Share food bank. 1,000 Community

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- 🕒 Christmas Market opens at 10am and activities begin at 3pm
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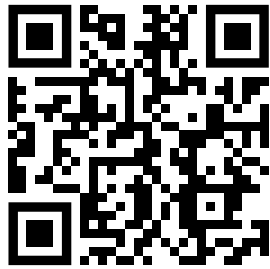
Christmas Market
Carriage Rides
Santa's Arrival
Fireworks
Holiday Tree Jubilee
Live Nativity



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Holiday Schedule of Events 2024

Scan here for additional events



November 21, 2024

Double Duet

Featuring Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley and Special Guests Tim May & Steve Smith
Heritage Center Theater 7:30 pm

November 22, 2024

SUU Choir Concert

Music Masterworks Series
Heritage Center Theater 7:30 pm

November 28, 2024

3rd Annual Veterans and Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Everyone without dinner plans is welcome. Best Western Town & Country Inn @ 189 N Main St. Cedar City 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Free "Turkey Trot" 5K

Look for the perkrun flag in Canyon Park west (parking lot behind 151 S 400 E) 8:00am. Register: parkrun.us/register

November 29, 2024

Parowan: Christmas in the Country

Holiday Bazaar 10 am - 5 pm
Iron County Fair Building

November 29, 2024

Christmas on the Farm by Nature Hills Farm

Visit Santa and the Grinch, walk through Candy Cane Lane, enjoy hot cocoa, a caroling hayride, Christmas stories, crafts, tree shopping, and holiday shopping at the farm store. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Purchase tickers at naturehillsfarm.com

November 30, 2024

Cedar City Downtown Lighting Ceremony

- Christmas Market: | 10:00 am - 9:00pm | Indoor market featuring artisan crafts at The Venue (formerly Cedar City Movie Theatre). Activities begin: | 3:00 pm - 4:30pm and 6:30pm - 9:00 pm | carriage rides, crafts, reindeer pen, bounce houses
- Program in front of City Offices: | 5:00 pm | Live performance, Santa's Grand Arrival by helicopter, Holiday Lights Ceremony: Followed by a fireworks display,
- Live Nativity | 6:30pm - 7pm

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November 30, 2024

Parowan: Christmas in the Country

- Santa's Parade | 10:00 am | Parowan Main Street | Santa will be at the Fairgrounds after the Parade
 - Holiday Bazaar | 10am - 4pm | Iron County Fair Building (50 S 600 E Clinic Way, Parowan)
 - Candlelight Walking Parade | 6:00 pm on Parowan Main Street (line up at 500 North Main) | *The public is invited to bring their own light/candle and join the parade*
 - Town Lighting Ceremony 6:15 PM Parowan Town Square
 - Christmas Variety Show | 7:00 pm | Aladdin Theater (27 N Main St, Parowan) | FREE - donations accepted
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December 2, 2024

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Service of Remembrance

Southern Utah Mortuary Annual Service: Come decorate an ornament in honor of a departed loved one to put on our tree of remembrance. Southern Utah Mortuary 190 N 300 W. 6:30pm

December 6, 2024

SUU Holiday Concert

Music Masterworks Series
Heritage Center Theater 7:30 pm

Youth Service Learning Fundraiser for Projects in Iron County and Sam, AKA Wheelaz, Family Night

Santa, Festival of Trees, Hot Cocoa, Family Activities, Family Movie. 995 W Old HWY 91, Parowan. 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Adult Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

December 7, 2024

Youth Service Learning Fundraiser for Projects in Iron County and Sam, AKA Wheelaz, Family Night

Silent Auction, Festival of Trees, Live Entertainment, 4-course email catered by Chef Alfredo's. 995 W Old HWY 91, Parowan. 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Adult Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

Holiday Schedule of Events 2024

December 7, 2024

Bowling - Santa Party

Santa Claus is here! Free Bowling Game and Bag of Treats to each child. Cedar Bowling Center 421 E Highway 91 Cedar. 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Red Acre Christmas

Food, activities, candle-making, and Christmas tree shopping. Red Acre Farms 2322 W 4375 N Cedar. 11:00am to 4:00pm

December 8, 2024

Handel's Messiah

Heritage Center Theater 7:30 pm

December 9, 2024

Handel's Messiah

Heritage Center Theater 7:30 pm

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Adult Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

Live Nativity at Nature Hills Farm

20-30 minute live and interactive tour through the scenes of the nativity. Nature Hills Farm 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Purchases tickers at www.naturehillsfarm.com

December 11, 2024

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Adult Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

Christmas Pops Concert Cedar City Community Band & The Accidental 5 Brass Quintet

Free Admissions. Cedar High School Auditorium 7:00pm

December 12, 2024

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Adult Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

The Community Nutcracker

Tickers at communitynutcracker.com or (541) 852-1273 Canyon View High School Auditorium 7:00pm

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Cedar City America Fest Event Center. Adults: \$30 Kids \$25. Get tickets at tbirdtickets.com 7:30pm

December 13, 2024

This is Christmas: A Musical Celebration

Red Hills Southern Baptist Church 6:30 pm

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Adult Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

The Community Nutcracker

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Santa's Coming to Town

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December 14, 2024

This is Christmas: A Musical Celebration

Red Hills Southern Baptist Church 6:30 pm

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Adult Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

Adult Art Adventure

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Wreaths Across America

Cedar City Cemetery 2pm to 4pm

The Community Nutcracker

Tickers at communitynutcracker.com or (541) 852-1273 CVHS Auditorium 7:00pm

Jenny Oaks Baker Concert

Get tickets at <https://www.jennoaksbaker.com/> Heritage Theater 7pm to 9pm

Santa's Coming to Town

Join us for a magical visit with Santa. State Bank Cedar South: 1322 S Interstate Dr. 3p - 5pm

December 18, 2024

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Student Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

December 19, 2024

Seasons of Joy: In Jubilo Women's Chorale Christmas Concert

Heritage Center Theater 7:00pm Free admissions

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Student Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

December 20, 2024

Junior Ballet - The Nutcracker

Heritage Theater 7:30pm to 9pm <https://www.cedarcityjuniorballet.org/> (435)867-4719

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Student Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

December 21, 2024

White Christmas the Musical: IMPAC Theater Company Student Cast

Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City 7:00pm

Junior Ballet - The Nutcracker

Heritage Theater 7:30pm to 9pm <https://www.cedarcityjuniorballet.org/> (435)867-4719

December 22, 2024

Master Singers Christmas Concert

Heritage Theater 7pm to 8pm

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Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

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members will be able to exchange one of these items for our special light up magic wand, provided by State Bank of Southern Utah.

“Gathering as a community is one of the most joyous ways to kick off the holiday season,” said Cedar City Mayor Garth O. Green. “We love that our Downtown Lighting has become a family tradition for residents and visitors. We’re looking forward to another evening of supporting those in need through our partnership with the Holiday Tree Jubilee and the Iron County Care and Share food drive.”

Jump into the holiday season with a spectacular downtown tradition sure to create lasting memories for you and your loved ones! Festivities begin as early as 10:00 a.m. and will continue through the evening on Main Street in Historic Downtown Cedar City until 9:00 p.m.

For more information about the schedule of events and the Fly with Santa contest details, visit www.cedarcity.org/downtownlighting. Follow Cedar City Events on Facebook and Instagram to stay connected this holiday season.

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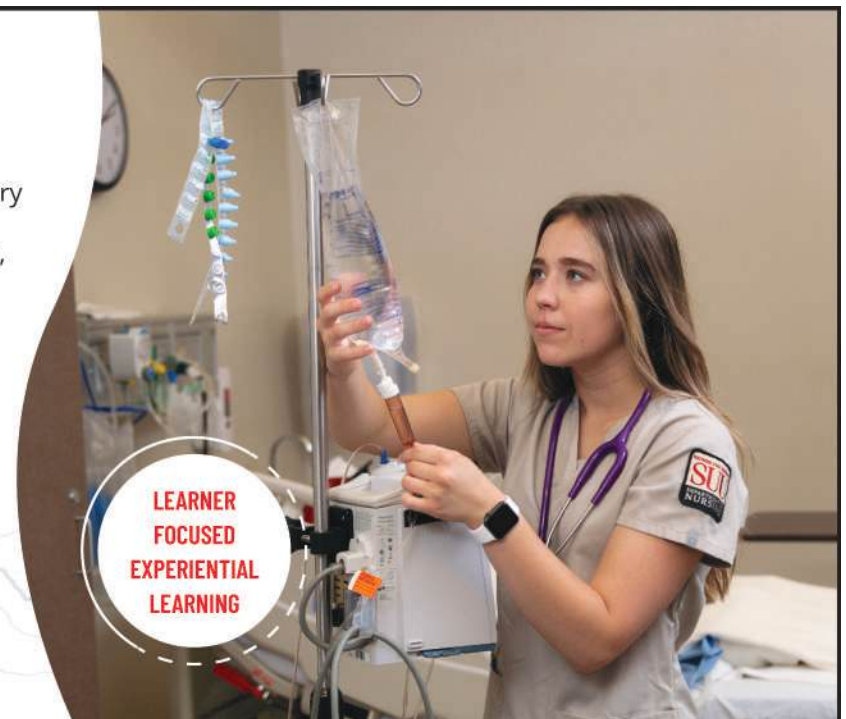
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Recipes from our families to yours

Rather than simply pulling recipes off the internet, the Iron County Today team thought it would be more meaningful to share some of our own cherished family holiday recipes with you. Being part of your family through our community paper this year has been an honor, and now we'd like to welcome you into ours. We hope these recipes bring warmth and joy to your celebrations!



Cassi's Mom's Fresh Orange-Cranberry Relish

I've never been a huge fan of cranberry relish at Thanksgiving. But when my mom made this recipe, I couldn't resist—it looked and smelled so refreshing! And after one bite, I was hooked. This relish not only adds a burst of flavor but also brings a beautiful pop of color to the dinner table! Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- » 12 oz. fresh cranberries
- » 1 orange, peel on
- » 1 cup granulated sugar

Instructions:

- 1) Slice the ends off of the orange, just until you see the flesh. Leave the rest of the skin on the orange and slice into 8 wedges.
- 2) Add fresh cranberries, orange wedges, and sugar to a food processor and process until smooth (or until no large chunks remain).
- 3) Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving (or up to 1-2 weeks). Serve over turkey at dinner or on leftover turkey sandwiches! Makes about 3 cups.

[Kanab] Schmutz Family Dixie Salad

Although I'm distantly related to the Cedar City Schmutz family, this recipe actually comes from the Kanab Schmutzes. Before joining my in-laws for the holidays, I'd never heard of Dixie Salad—but now it's a must-have! This recipe makes enough to feed our family of 19, with leftovers to spare, so if your gathering is smaller, feel free to halve the recipe.

Dixie Salad Ingredients:

Mind you, in the Schmutz kitchen, they do not use exact measurements for this recipe and these are approximate:

- » 1 pint carton of heavy whipping cream - add vanilla & powdered sugar to taste
- » 2 cans pineapple chunks - drained
- » 2 cans mandarin oranges - drained
- » 2-3 cans of tropical fruit - drained
- » Fresh seedless grapes
- » 2 large apples, peeled and cut into chunks
- » 2 large pomegranates
- » Optional-Walnuts

Instructions:

- 1) Combine heavy whipping cream, vanilla & powdered sugar and whip into a thick whipped cream.
- 2) Drain all canned fruit and add them to the whipped cream mixture. Then add grapes, apples, and pomegranate seeds and combine.
- 3) Continue to add additional fruit for desired consistency or consider adding walnuts to give your salad some extra crunch.
- 4) Chill & Serve!



Meyers Family Favorite Sugar Cookies

One of the favorite holiday traditions in the Meyers household is to gather around the kitchen table to frost and decorate sugar cookies. This particular recipe makes a very soft, moist cookie. Tip: the cookies taste even better the day after they are frosted.

Cookie Ingredients:

- » 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- » 3/4 cup butter, softened
- » 1 cup sugar
- » 2 tsp. vanilla
- » 2-1/4 cup flour
- » 1/2 tsp. baking soda

Buttercream Frosting Ingredients:

- » 3 cups powdered sugar
- » 1/3 cup butter, softened
- » 2 tsp. vanilla
- » 3-4 Tbl. of milk

Cookie Instructions:

- 1) Set out cream cheese and butter on the counter to soften for an hour before mixing the dough
- 2) Preheat oven to 350°
- 3) Beat cream cheese, butter, sugar, and vanilla until well blended.
- 4) Add flour and baking soda, mix well.
- 5) Let dough chill for half an hour in the fridge.
- 6) Roll dough on lightly floured surface.
- 7) Cut with your favorite holiday cookie cutters and place on a greased cookie sheet.
- 8) Bake for 11 minutes and remove cookies to the cooling rack.
- 9) Spread with buttercream frosting.

Frosting Instructions:

- 1) Use electric mixer to combine powdered sugar and softened butter
- 2) Add vanilla and 1 Tbl. milk, mix well (will be thick)
- 3) Add milk a tablespoon at a time to reach desired consistency.
- 4) We like to divide the frosting into bowls and make several different colors.



Reba Schoppmann's Peanut Brittle

This recipe is from my Mother in Law Reba Schoppmann who would make Peanut Brittle every year and mail to family and friends

In a saucepan mix:

- » 1/2 C Dark Karo Syrup
- » 1/2 C Light Karo Syrup
- » 1/2 C Water
- » 2 C. Sugar

When the temperature of the mixture reaches 295°, add:

- » 1 C Raw Peanuts
- » 1/2 t. Salt

Cook until golden brown and remove from heat, blend in:

- » 2 T. Butter
- » 2 t. Soda
- » 1/2 t. Vanilla
- » 2 C. Sugar

When mixed, pour onto a greased cookie sheet, working quickly, spread mixture. When candy is cool, break it into pieces and enjoy.

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Fresh Apple Cake, by Barbara Hunter

- » 4 Cups of Apples sliced
- » 3 Eggs
- » 3 Cups of Flour
- » 1 ½ Cups of Shortening
- » 2 Cups Sugar
- » 2 Teaspoons Cinnamon
- » 2 Teaspoons Nutmeg
- » 1 Cup Nuts
- » ¼ Teaspoon Salt
- » 2 Teaspoons Soda (dissolved in a little warm water)

**Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.
Makes 3 loaves.**



Esther's Buttermilk Syrup Recipe

- » 1 cup butter
- » 1 cup buttermilk
- » 2 cups sugar (brown or white)
- » 1 tsp baking soda
- » 1 tsp almond extract.

In a saucepan, melt the butter and add the sugar and buttermilk.

Heat and stir continually until the mixture boils for 1 minute.

Remove from heat and stir in the baking soda and almond extract.

*We hope your family enjoys these recipes
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2024 Lights and Displays

Cedar City, Enoch, Brian Head, Parowan, Paragonah



Here are just a few of the places to see holiday light displays in Cedar City, Enoch, Parowan, Brian Head and Paragonah. Use #cedarcitylights and tag @visitcedarcity to share the magic of the season! Check visitcedarcity.com for updates. Most light displays run the first weekend of December through New Year's.

1. Make-A-Wish House 26 N 1150 W | Ben Hohman and Marielle Boneau share their love of decorating with the community by covering their house with lights and decorations. Remember to bundle up and, if you can, don't forget to make a donation to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Donations can be made on site or at benhprops6.wixsite.com/holidaylights. **Opening December 2nd.**

2. Lights at the Beverley Center for the Arts 195 W Center St | Stroll the grounds of the Beverley Center for the Arts and walk among the decorated trees, paths, and sculpture gardens. **Opening Nov 30th**

3. Downtown (Main and Center Streets) Center Street to 200 North | Downtown Cedar City is always a winter wonderland during the holiday season, even without snow! Bundle up and stroll downtown to view wondrous window displays. Start at Main Street Park (200 N Main St) and go south to Center Street and then turn west to see the lights at the Beverley Center for the Arts. **Opening Nov 30th**

4. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum 635 N Main St | Frontier Homestead will open the gates to their amazing displays on the museum grounds. Bundle up to walk the property. Holidays at the Homestead: December 4th - 6th & the 9th. Admission **Fee applies. Open Dec 18th - 21st from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Donations recommended.**

5. Christmas Lane 400 E 1250 N | (Cedar Ridge Golf Course) All the homes on this loop participate in telling the classic poem "Twas The Night Before Christmas." **Opening November 30th.**

6. The Story: A Neighborhood Nativity 3900 W 425 N, Cedar City | The Monte Vista neighborhood came together to tell the story of Christ's birth with hand painted panels placed through the neighborhood. **Opening December 1st.**

7. Neil Mattson 2149 N Hawthorne Ln | Nestled between Fiddlers and Nichols Canyons, this classic display of over 12,000 lights set to music is not to be missed! **Opening November 29th.**

8. Nathan Miller 3631 N 250 E, Enoch | The Miller's go all out with the lights and synchronized Christmas music, and all for a good cause! Donations for Toys for Tots accepted Nov 24th through December 23rd. Santa will be here Dec 1st 6-8 pm. **Opening December 1st**

9. The Howe Family 4652 Wagon Wheel Dr, Enoch | Tune your radio to 90.5 fm and watch as the lights dance along to the music on your radio. Every evening from 6-9 pm and 6-10 pm Fri to Sun. **Opening December 2nd**

10. Hillcrest Circle 5182 N Hillcrest Cir, Enoch | This Hillcrest cul-de-sac invites everyone to enjoy a festive Nativity. **Opening December 2nd**

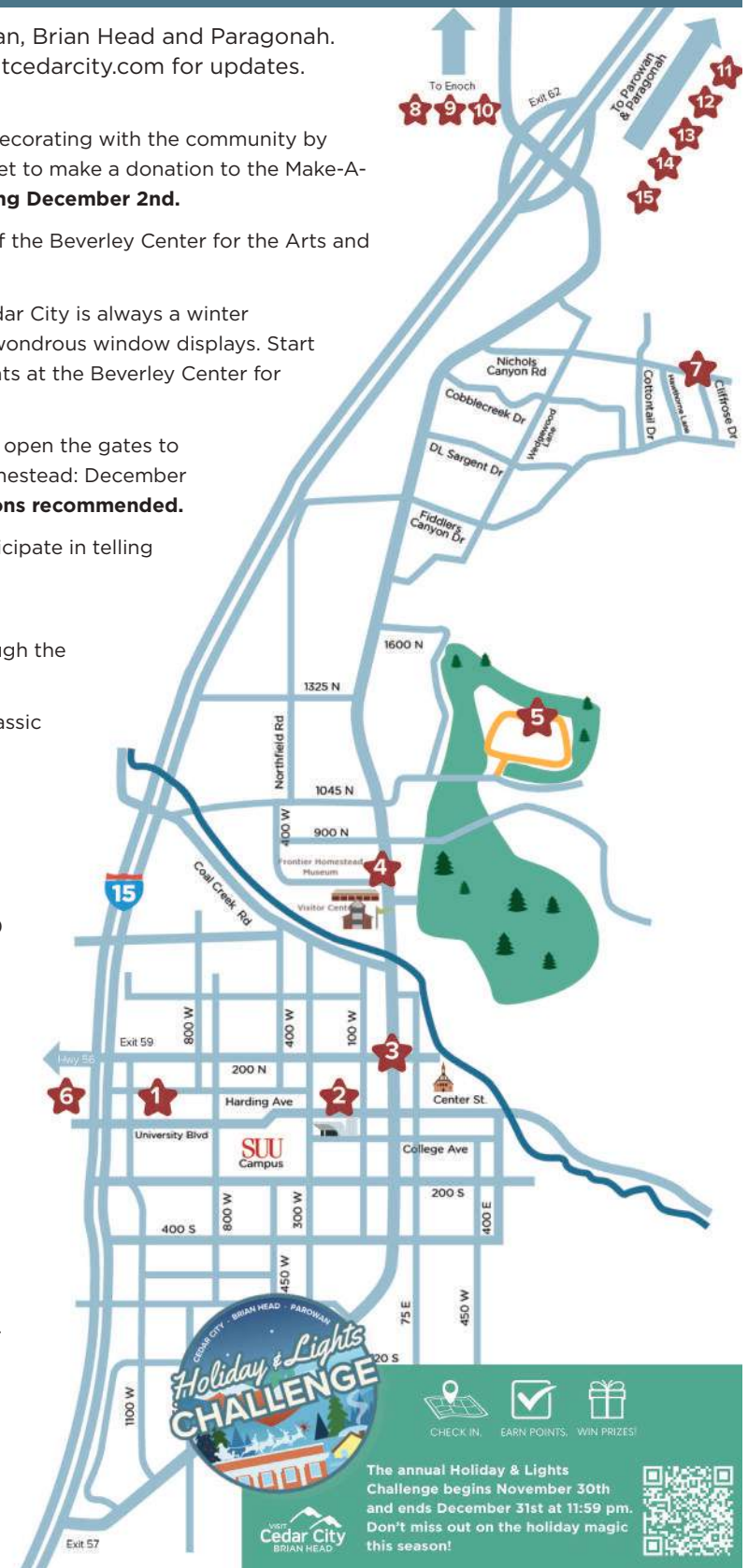
11. Orton's Walk Through Winter Wonderland 300 E 551 N, Parowan | Walk through a wonderland of lights, music, inflatables, and more milk jugs than you have ever seen! **Opening November 30th.**

12. Winter Wonderland 16 S Main St, Parowan | Presented by Parowan Chamber of Commerce, the Winter Wonderland is a delightful display of the sights of the season. Fun places for photos and FREE hot chocolate on Saturdays while supplies last. **Opening November 30th.**

13. Tanner's Garden and Gifts 92 N 200 E, Paragonah | Enjoy the beauty of the holidays and don't forget to come back Friday & Saturday from 12pm to 4pm to find a gift and decor for your own collection. Open now through mid-December.

14. Bess Residence 193 E 335 N, Paragonah | Just like sledding and hot chocolate, the lights and music at the Bess's are a spectacular treat. **Opening December 2nd.**

15. Brian Head Town 249 S Village Way, Brian Head Bring your family and friends and enjoy a charming snow covered ski village. Take your holiday card picture with "Brian the Bear", skate through the lighted trees at Brian Head Ice, warm up with some hot chocolate and grab a bite to eat at one of the neighboring restaurants. **Open now through the end of the season.**



calendar

Check out the Holiday Guide for a calendar full of festive events!

WED, NOV 20

NY PUBLIC LIBRARY DANCE HISTORIAN LECTURE SERIES (11AM) Free and open to the public! This will be streamed from the Sharwan Smith Center Theatre, 161. If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Danielle Lydia Sheather at daniellesheather@suu.edu.

FREE SCREENING OF "RETURN OF NAVAJO BOY" (7-9PM) Southern Utah University, Bristlecone Hall 105, Cedar City, UT. RSVP: nnwo.org/filmscreening.

SUN, NOV 24

CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS (7:30PM) DOUBLE DUETS
- Featuring Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley and special guests Tim May & Steve Smith. Located at the Heritage Center Theatre (105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT). Tickets may be purchased at the box office or by calling 435-865-2882.

MON, NOV 25

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30 PM)
at The Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn and do easy, fun Ancient Judeo-Christian dances and songs. [Info@\(702\)460-2317](mailto:Info@(702)460-2317)

THURS, NOV 28

Thanksgiving

3RD ANNUAL VETERANS & COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER (1-5PM)
Everyone without dinner plans is welcome. Located at the Best Western Town & Country Inn @ 189 N Main St. Cedar City. To donate or volunteer, call or text Sarah, 719-649-4321.

THANKSGIVING POW WOW (NOV. 29-30) THE 19TH
Annual Thanksgiving POW WOW will be located at the Piute Tribal Grounds, 440 N Paiute Drive, Cedar City, Utah. Enjoy dance, drum, and princess contests. Free admission and open to the public! pitu.gov/event/thanksgiving-pow-wow-2

5K TURKEY TROT PARKRUN (8AM) START YOUR
turkey day off with a free, fun, and friendly 5k run, jog or walk. The course is out&back, follows Coal Creek up Cedar Canyon and starts and finishes in Canyon Park West (151 S 400 E, Cedar City). Register at <https://www.parkrun.us/register/?eventName=coal-creektrail>, and bring along your parkrun barcode to get your time emailed to you after the trot.

THANKSGIVING DINNER @ BRIAN HEAD RESORT (ALL DAY)
Thanksgiving Dinner at Brian Head Resort. BrianHeadResort. 329 SHwy 143. (435) 677-2035. <https://www.brianhead.com/event/thanksgiving-dinner-2/>

SAT, NOV 30

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY

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

TUES, DEC 3

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 EDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS (7:30PM)

FRI, DEC 6

YSL FUNDRAISER FAMILY NIGHT & GALA (DEC 6 & 7)
Help us raise money for the youth volunteers of 4-H USU Extension Youth Service Learning (YSL) and Sam, AKA Wheelz. Proceeds from all ticket sales, silent auction, raffle and hot cocoa sales goes towards YSL. They use this money to buy things like supplies to do crafts with the residents of Stonehenge, gloves to pick up trash around Iron County, snacks for their meetings and so much more! Bid on the trees in the Festival of Trees to help us raise money for Sam, AKA Wheelz. All of the proceeds from the Festival of Trees goes towards a motorized wheelchair attachment for Wheelz. See his story here: <https://gofund.me/525d09b2>
December 6th Family night will have Santa, Festival of Trees, silent auction, raffle, hot cocoa, family activities and a family movie. All ages are welcome! \$2 per person.
December 7th Formal Gala will have a silent auction, Festival of Trees, live entertainment, a 4-course meal catered by Chef Alfredo's, hot cocoa and raffle. \$30 per person.
Register here (pay at the door): <https://www.event-create.com/e/yslfundraiser>

Want your event on our calendar?

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

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

2nd & 4th Tues, 1 pm • Brian Head Town Hall, 56 N. Hwy 143

Cedar City Council

Wed (except 5th), 5:30 pm • City Hall, 10 N. Main St (435) 586-2950

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

1st & 3rd Wed, 6 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

Enoch Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Tues, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

Iron County Commission

2nd & 4th Mon, 9 am • Commission Chambers, 68 S 100 E, Parowan

Iron County Democrats

3rd Sat, 10 am-11:30 am • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E

Iron County Republican Women

3rd Wed, 11:30 am. Tickets \$20, <https://www.ironcountyrepublicanwomen.com>

Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 6 pm • City Hall, 35 E 100 N • (435) 477-3331

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 7pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Larry Bell (435)-559-2017.

Bikers Against Child Abuse

2nd Thurs 7 pm • Courtyard Marriott, 1294 S Interstate Dr (Cedar Breaks Conference Rm)

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

3rd Tues, 11:30 AM @ the Cedar City Brian Head Visitors Center.

Elks Lodge #1556

111 E Freedom Blvd. Cedar City, (435) 586-8332

Lion's Club

Tues, 12 pm • Call Pres. Michelle Wilson for mtg. info. Everyone welcome! (802) 359-2183

Marine Corps League

Detachment 1315, 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm Elks Lodge (303 N 100 E)

Rotary Club

Tues, 12:15 • Southwest Tech, 757 W 800 S, Cedar City • (435) 233-0244

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

1st Tues, 6PM, Post 10846 meets @ Elks Lodge, 111 E 200 N. Email: VFWinCedarCity@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829

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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Parowan • (435) 477-8925

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

All are welcome

Al-Anon

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

unless otherwise listed

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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ARP—Addiction Recovery

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It Works - How and Why • Thurs, 7:30-8:30 pm

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

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

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

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

Native Goods Marketplace

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

Fri 5 pm • KKCB 203 Cobble Creek Dr. Ste. 201 (North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

OARS (Open, Authentic, Relevant, Spiritual) Young Adults Meeting

Every Tues. 6-8PM @ Cedar City Library in the Park - excluding holidays. Includes dinner, faith-oriented discussion and prayer. Info: text 541-579-1554 or pastorschuyler@gmail.com.

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

3rd Thurs, 1:30 pm • Cedar City Library

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

1st Thurs, 7 pm • Westview Christian Center, 2624 W Hwy 56, Cedar. INFO: Chuck Waddell 907-252-1365.

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

2nd Tues, 1:30-2:30 pm • Cedar City Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • Kristy 435-559-9681.

Widows Ministry

2nd Sat, 11-1 pm • New Journey-Widow's Ministry @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sunrisechurch.net, sunrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

Wed, 11 am-noon, Spirit Wellness Club, 1615 N Main, Cedar City • All levels. Free to members, or \$8 drop-in fee.

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

Time TBA, Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • 435-586-0832. FREE. Trained instructors. Range-of-motion exercises, endurance-building activities, relaxation techniques, and health education topics.

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

Every other Tues, 1-2pm, starts Nov. 28. • Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W Cedar). Fun, engaging activities. Drum/Flute circles, group juggling, fine arts projects, more! All levels/abilities! 702-917-2151.

Bingo & Lunch

Fri, lunch @Noon, Bingo @3 pm. Free for Seniors @ Our House Assisted Living (995 S Regency Rd, Cedar). INFO: 435-867-0055.

Book Club

2nd Thurs, 6 pm • Cedar Library 303 N 100 E.

Boy Scout Troop 1848

5th-17 yrs • Thurs 6:30 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west door. Text Sheila 805-208-4545

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win

awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or email cedarmodela@gmail.com.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

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

Cedar City ESL

Wed, 6:30 - 7:30 pm • Free ESL lessons offered at Cedar Library, Rare Book Room (303 N 100 E). No pre-registration required.

Cedar City Toastmasters

Thurs, 7 am • Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main. Find your voice, shape your future. Be the leader & speaker you want to be. (603) 731-0116

Cedar City Unitarian Universalists

2nd Sun., 10:30am @ 1280 E Midvalley Rd. Leave a message at 435 590-0596 if interested.

Cedar Professionals

Tues, 7:30 am • Springhill Suites, 1477 S Highway 91, Cedar City. Organization of business people. Stimulate business through exchange of ideas, information, referrals. visit www.cedarprofessionals.org

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Community Band

We offer a wealth of opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels to get involved and experience the joy of ensemble music-making. Contact us at www.cedarcitycommunityband.org or by calling 435-590-2513.

Cub Scout Pack 1848

K-5th • Thurs, 5 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west side door, next to Enoch City Business office. Text LaRee Kurtz 435-559-211.

Explorer Bible Club

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • 4yrs. to 6th grade, Valley Bible Church (4780 N Hwy 91, Enoch). 435-586-0253

International Folk Dancing

Fri, 1-2 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S) FREE; No Partner Needed; teaching! INFO: 626-808-6129

Iron County Moms For America

1st Wed, 7pm • Cedar City Library. Keep liberty alive in your hearts, homes with liberty minded book discussions. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

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

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

Parkrun

Sat 8am - Canyon Park West. A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate - it's up to you! www.parkrun.us

Parowan Pickleball

Mon, 6-8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9-12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and sign-up: Parowan Visitors Center 435-477-8190.

PB&J Therapy Groups

These two groups teach skills for different areas of life by utilizing recreational activities and engaging in other forms of expressing emotions. INFO: 435-267-4212.

College: forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiePW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

obituaries

Jon Brower



Jon Christopher Brower, a beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 65 on November 13, 2024, in Cedar City, Utah. Born on February 5, 1959, in Riverside, California, Jon was the son of June Marie May and Leslie Myrle Brower. He was raised in a close-knit family in Banning, California, where he learned the values of hard work, family, and faith.

From a young age, Jon had incredible athleticism and drive for competition, particularly in football, basketball, and baseball. The youngest

of his brothers, Jon had to be quick on his feet to keep up in their pick-up games. Those early experiences laid the foundation for a lifelong love of sports and hard work.

Jon graduated from Banning High School in 1977, where he was recognized for his athletic abilities and earned 1st Team honors for football. He later attended Rick's College in Idaho, where he continued his education.

Jon's work ethic was just as strong as his passion for sports. He built a successful career in the construction industry in California and later on in Utah. He was known for his work ethic and strong dedication to providing for his family.

In 1993, Jon married Sherri Lynne Player for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City, Utah temple, and together raised five children: Cori, Jonny, Abraham, Emeline, and Brookelynn. Jon was a proud father who always supported his children, especially at their sporting events, where he could often be found cheering the loudest. His greatest joy was watching his kids and grandson play sports and spending time with his family.

One of Jon's greatest gifts was his sense of humor. He was a natural goofball who could make anyone laugh with his quick wit, funny antics, and infectious banter. His humor and ability to make others laugh will be one of the things most deeply missed by those who knew him.

Jon was also a man of deep faith. His belief in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was the foundation of his life. Jon's faith provided him with peace and strength, and it guided him through both the joyful and challenging moments of his life.

Jon leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, hard work, and laughter. He is survived by his children, Terra Lyons, Cori Thompson (Josh), Jonny, Abraham, Emeline, and Brookelynn Brower; grandson, Brixtn; the mother of his children, Sherri Lynne Brower; siblings, Lee Brower, Sam Brower, Brad Brower, and Dawna; as well as many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, June and James Beal, and Leslie and Elizabeth Brower.

Jon's family and friends will gather to honor his memory on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 11:00 AM MST at Southern Utah Mortuary in Cedar City, Utah. 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. A live stream will also be available at www.mortuary.org for those who wish to join remotely and celebrate Jon's life from wherever they may be.

Sue Holland



Born October 15, 1944, at the original Kaiser Hospital in Fontana, California, adjacent to the steel mill, Sue grew up the princess among four brothers: Don, Bob, Jack, and David. Raised in Fontana, Sue graduated from Fontana High School early to marry her dance partner and sweetheart, Richard, right before Valentine's Day.

Together they raised three children, Rick of New Harmony, Utah, Rochelle of Lake Arrowhead CA, and Michael of Lewisville, Texas.

For decades Sue and her mother Alice ran the Lilac Cafe in Rialto, CA with the rambunctious

help of sister-in-law Linda Lally and nieces Julie, Jonnie, Linda, and her daughter Chelly—a TRUE FAMILY restaurant.

A few years after closing the restaurant, Richard and Sue relocated to New Harmony, Utah where Richard had built a home for his princess. They thrived within this community that they loved. Together they volunteered throughout Harmony Valley from the local water board to the Apple Festival to gathering funding and building the New Harmony Fire Department dedicated to Richard upon his passing in 2009.

Not one to sit still, Sue returned to waitressing with her adopted family at Sullivan's in Cedar City, DeDe's in St. George, and finally at DeDe's Farmhouse Cafe in Parowan.

Mom was a woman of service and food was her love language. With over 200 cookbooks and a spunky spirit, she was always cooking up something new, in and out of the kitchen. She shared this feistiness with everyone she met, especially at work. She was known as "Parowan's Grandma" and would find a way to connect with each customer, especially the little ones. Her sassy "sissy sticks" reference to drinking straws and loving on the children will be sorely missed by all.

God opened His gates, and she saw our dad reach out his hand for a dance. She twirled to his hip. Dancing for his birthday the next day. Hip to hip for eternity. Crowds of angels parted to watch. Heaven is a magical dancefloor for sure.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alice and Tom, brothers Bob and Jack as well as many other family members and friends. She is survived by her three beloved children, Rick, Rochelle, and Michael (Jenny), designated daughter Terri Ford, twelve grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Our mom set the standard of strength, independence, unwavering love, and loyalty. She showed us grace and gratitude throughout our lives and she will forever remain our guardian angel. In lieu of flowers, take a moment each day to count your blessings and know that you too are a blessing to others. We are God's hands.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, November 22, 2024, at the First Baptist Church, 324 W 200 N, Cedar City, UT at 2:00 pm

We wish to thank the community for opening their hearts to our family. It is comforting to know that Mom was always surrounded by love and laughter. You graciously accepted us as your own, and we will be forever grateful.

Cherie Jane Osborn



Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother Cherie Jane Osborn, age 77, passed away on November 11, 2024, in Cedar City, Utah. She was born on June 19, 1947, in Independence, Missouri to Kenneth and Maureen Mae Burroughs. She married David Albert Osborn Sr. on November 14, 1965, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They had 59 wonderful years together and adding to their joy was three wonderful children: David Jr, Andrew and Tiffany.

Cherie was a strong Christian woman, who exemplified those values in everything that she did.

She was a bible scholar, an excellent wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She loved to cook, decorate her home and enjoyed gardening.

Cherie is survived by her husband David Albert Osborn Sr. of Cedar City, Utah. Her children: David A. (Michelle) Osborn Jr. of New Harmony, Utah, Andrew J. (Tammy) Osborn of Las Vegas, Nevada and Tiffany E. Tkachuk of Cedar City, Utah. Along with seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Her brother Perry Burroughs from Colorado Springs, Colorado and sister Nanette Hall from Des Moines, Iowa.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at 11:00 am at the Red Hills Southern Baptist Church located at 4277 N. Wagon Wheel Dr, Enoch, Utah. A viewing will also be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 10:00 am to 10:45 am at the Church. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery at 2:00 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To leave online condolences please go to www.mortuary.org.



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In more than 100 locations, Light the World Giving Machines make serving others a joyful and memorable experience

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

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As you look for ways to bring light and hope to others this Christmas season, consider visiting a Light the World Giving Machine.

Since 2017, these giving-focused vending machines sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have been an important way to share the love of Jesus Christ with people around the world.

Giving Machines are a unique and memorable way to give much-needed goods and services directly to someone this Christmas season. This year, visiting a Giving Machine is easier than ever, as they will be in 106 cities in 13 countries on five continents — including the first in Africa and Asia.

“Light the World is our message of glad tidings, which we’re assured will

bring joy to all people because of Jesus Christ — because of His birth, because of His ministry and because of His resurrection,” said Elder Gary E. Stevenson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles at the 2024 launch event in the Conference Center on Temple Square on Thursday, November 13, 2024. “Just as angels declared words of great joy at His birth, we too in our own small way, gift by gift, can be angels in the lives of others as we extend the love of Jesus Christ to people near and far, and as we proclaim a witness of the Savior of the world.”

Millions of items have been donated through Giving Machines since 2017, valued at more than US\$32 million. The Church of Jesus Christ covers all program operational expenses. This ensures that 100% of every donation is used to provide those in need with the item a generous donor has purchased for them.

More than 500 local and international non-profit organizations will participate in this year’s Giving Machine initiative. This year’s global charities are The Academy for Creating Enterprise, American Red Cross, Care, Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, Days for Girls International, iDE Global, Lifting Hands International,



Elder Gary E. Stevenson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles speaks at the global launch event for the 2024 Giving Machines at the Conference Center on Temple Square on Thursday, November 13, 2024.



Elder Takashi Wada of the Seventy demonstrates how to use the Giving Machines at the Conference Center on Temple Square on Thursday, November 13, 2024.

loved you, love one another,” said Sister Amy A. Wright, First Counselor in the Primary General Presidency. “One of the greatest manifestations of His love is when we do something for someone that they cannot do for themselves. The personification of good tidings of great joy is both the receiver and giver are blessed. I believe that the most significant blessings the receiver receives is expanded vision and

the ability to put their own trials and challenges in perspective.”

This year, Giving Machines can be found [online at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint’s Newsroom.]

MAP International, Mentors International, Right to Play, Save the Children, UNICEF, Water Aid, and World Food Program. Among the items available are food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, education, job and career training, and livestock.

“Jesus Christ admonished: As I have

VERSE OF THE WEEK

PSALMS 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

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NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

FFA

Canyon View is bursting with amazing and thrilling clubs that often fly under the radar, and it's high time they got the recognition they deserve!

This week it's time to shine the spotlight on the incredible FFA club at Canyon View. These students have been absolutely dominating at competitions, racking up awards and truly making a name for themselves. What makes this club so remarkable? It's thanks to a fantastic team of leaders: President Hallie Shortt, Vice Presidents Ashlyn Webster and Mady Byrd, Reporter Ellie Bulloch, Secretary Angela Nelson, Sentinel Colton Abbott, Treasurer Baylor Spencer, Historians Megan Lewis and Madi Fogg, Parliamentarian Tytan Bulloch, Head Committee Chair Tanya Lyon, and Co Committee Chairs Annabell Hudson and Brider Bauer. Each member brings their unique talents to the table, creating a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere.



Macho Man

Canyon View's annual Macho Man Competition took place on November 13th, and it was an absolute blast! The atmosphere was electric as a huge crowd gathered to cheer for their favorite teams. Each participant brought their A-game, making it an unforgettable and thrilling experience. It was a day filled with energy, excitement, and amazing displays of talent!

Bright Star

Get ready for an exhilarating experience! Canyon View's theater department is thrilled to present their annual musical, and this year's stunning production is Bright Star! Mark your calendars for November 20-23, and the 25th of November. The talented students have poured their hearts and souls into this performance, and it'll be a remarkable event that you won't want to miss. Come out, cheer on our amazing Canyon View performers, and be captivated by the magic of Bright Star!

Veterans Day

On Monday, 11 Canyon View had the honor of celebrating Veterans Day. Canyon View's principal, Dennis Heaton, delivered a heartfelt speech that resonated deeply, creating a moment that was both moving and beautiful. His words sent shivers down your spine, inspiring all in attendance. His words can bring you to tears. What an unforgettable experience.

A Morning of Gratitude: Gateway's Veterans Day Celebration

by Amy Gibson

GATEWAY ACADEMY

Every Veterans Day, Gateway Academy comes alive with excitement as we gather to honor our veterans in a way only Gateway can. The morning kicks off with a hearty breakfast of bacon, sausage, pancakes, eggs, and orange juice—a spread prepared with love by our National Junior Honor Society students, who take charge flipping pancakes and serving up smiles.

Adding a special sense of honor, the local chapter of our Civil Air Patrol opens the event with the posting of the colors, setting a respectful tone that reminds us why we're gathered together.

The big moment? Veterans from Southern Utah University make a grand entrance by helicopter, landing right on campus! Watching the helicopter touch down is a thrill for everyone and sets the stage for a day of appreciation and pride.

After breakfast, our students show their gratitude with performances that bring together the whole school. From the littlest kindergarteners to our talented band, every student has a role, making it a true community effort. This Veterans Day tradition has become



a favorite for us all—students, staff, and veterans alike. It's one of those special mornings that remind us why we're grateful to be part of the Gateway family.

celebrations



Mission Call!

Elder Devan Williams, of the Summit Ward Parowan Stake, has been called to serve in the Nicaragua Managua South mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will be speaking on November 24 at 9:00 am at the Summit Ward chapel at 55 East Main Street. Devan is the son of Travis and Andria Williams.

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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

from Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Escalante Valley Elementary



The students at Escalante Valley Elementary honored local veterans with a program presented by the 3rd grade class. Things kicked

off with an explanation of what respect for the flag & our country looked like, followed by the audience being asked to follow along in the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the Star Spangled Banner. The program continued as the students shared a slideshow and sang This Land is Your Land, America the Beautiful, and God Bless the USA. The students & staff felt honored and privileged to pay respect to our everyday heroes during our annual Veteran's Day program!

North Elementary



North Elementary 5th grade honored veterans during their Veteran's Day program. Students sang a variety

of patriotic songs that they worked hard on practicing during the last few weeks. The Hilliger family spoke during our morning assembly about the importance of service. A slideshow was included to highlight and pay tribute to the veterans in 5th graders' families through the years. We are very proud of all their hard work, and we were excited to have so many families come and pay tribute during the assembly.

South Elementary

South Elementary has had a great start to the month of November. The kindergarten

classes received a visit from Discovery Gateway Children's Potential Energy Program. The students participated in fun lessons that taught them about gravity, force and laws of motion. The first grade classes showed their patriotism in their Veteran's Day program that was performed for the school. The students shared their love of our country through beautiful song and music. South Elementary also enjoyed hearing the Master Singers perform at the assembly. Students from each class who were chosen for this month's theme of "honesty" were presented with certificates of recognition at the assembly.



Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

The numbers are in from our first Feed Your Family Fundraiser night at Panda Express! We received \$142.84, which is 20% of the revenue for that night. We are so grateful to you and to Panda Express for helping with this generous donation.

Maturation program for 5th graders will be on Friday, November 22, after school. Students will receive age-appropriate information and a hygiene kit. Parents are encouraged to attend as well as to continue the conversation at home.

Thanksgiving Break will be November 27-29. We hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday weekend! Please follow Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA on Facebook so you can keep up with all the news, updates, and highlights from our school.



Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary hosted the annual 5th grade maturation program on November 15 at 12:30 pm. The PTA, Mrs. Kari Abeyta-school nurse, and Dr. Craig Nielson-Color Country Pediatrics prepared presentations and information packets

for all of the 5th grade boys and girls. The Southwest Utah Public Health Department gathered donations from Bulloch's Drug for

deodorant, Children's Dental for tooth-brushes and toothpaste, and the Catholic Church for face wash. All other supplies including personal hygiene bags and lotion were purchased by the PTA. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this event with their children, the PTA for gathering supplies and providing cookies, the sponsors for donations, and Mrs. Abeyta and Dr. Nielson for taking the time to present crucial information to the 5th grade students about hygiene, maturation, internet safety, and self worth.



Parowan Highschool

Parowan High School collected more than 170 flags

from the community. Student body officers learned the appropriate way to fold the flags and prepared them for retirement. Following a short program at the Veterans Park, students received a flag from a veteran and carefully carried it to another veteran to be placed in the burn barrel. It was an incredible event and reminder of the freedoms enjoyed by citizens. The sponsors for donations, and Mrs. Abeyta and Dr. Nielson for taking the time to present crucial information to the 5th grade students about hygiene, maturation, internet safety, and self worth.

Cedar Highschool

Cedar High School students honored veterans day with music. An assembly included patriotic songs played by the band and words from a local veteran about his time in the Vietnam War. Student body officers displayed the flags of each of the Armed Forces as the band played the medley.

Canyon View Highschool



Canyon View Middle School also recognized Veterans Day with song. The band, orchestra and choir performed a variety of patriotic

songs. Starting off the assembly, members of the Civil Air Patrol conducted a flag ceremony and explained the significance of each part of the flag and how it is folded appropriately.



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Flippin' Birds Release 2025 Schedule

by *Regan Hunsaker*

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah – The stage is set, and the Southern Utah Flippin' Birds are ready to take flight for the 2025 season. The Thunderbirds are coming off back-to-back Conference Championships, having won the title in the final year of the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference (MRGC) before taking their first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Championship last season.

Head Coach Scotty Bauman said "We have an incredible group of athletes who've put in the work to get stronger, cleaner, and more consistent. Our entire lineup is ready to make a

statement this season. This schedule is going to be tough, but these athletes thrive under pressure. Our goal is to perform our best gymnastics each time we step on the floor, and that will help us keep that MPSF title right here in Cedar City."

Led by MPSF Gymnast of the Year Niya Randolph, returning vault champion Brinlee Christensen, as well as beam co-champions Ellie Cacciola and Kennedi McClain; this team is on a mission to secure a third consecutive conference title and solidify their standing as a national powerhouse. With a final 2024 ranking of #27, the Thunderbirds are determined to soar even higher.

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High school swim season starts off with a record breaking performance by Canyon View Swimmer

by *Tyler Morgan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar High hosted its annual November Invite at the Cedar City Aquatic Center this last Friday and Saturday, the 8th and 9th, with 13 different schools attending, including 6A Davis High and Pleasant Grove.

The highlight of the meet was the performance turned in by Canyon View Senior, Kurt Morgan in the 50 yard Freestyle event. Morgan's time of 21.10 broke the 3A State record of 21.17 seconds held by Cedar High's own Joe Hughes, who set the previous time 34 years ago in 1990.

Selected by UHSAA as the 3A Male Swimmer of the Year last season, and recently named a USA Swimming

Scholastic All-American, Morgan holds the Canyon View Records for the 50 Free, 200 Free, 100 Butterfly, as well as being a member of all three CV team relay records.

Morgan and fellow teammate, CV Sophomore Sean Cannon were the only male swimmers to place first in all their events for the meet.

Iron County Swimmers top finishers:

Boys Events:

Sean Cannon (CV): 1st Place 200 Yard Freestyle, 1st Place 100 Yard Backstroke

Kurt Morgan (CV): 1st Place 50 Yard Freestyle, 1st Place 100 Yard Freestyle

Ryker Poulos (CV): 2nd Place 100 Yard Freestyle, 3rd Place 200 Yard Freestyle

Sean Cannon, Ryker Poulos, Timmy Biggs, Kurt Morgan (CV): 1st Place 200 Yard Medley Relay

Max Giddings, Nathan Briggs, Joseph Nevins, Tanner Westwood (Cedar): 2nd Place 200 Yard Medley Relay

Sean Cannon, Ryker Poulos, Timmy Biggs, Kurt Morgan (CV): 1st Place 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

Girls Events:

Soleil Grimshaw (CV): 1st Place 200 Yard Freestyle

Paloma Manriquez (Cedar): 2nd

Place 200 Yard Individual Medley, 3rd Place 100 Yard Freestyle

Annabelle Dotson (Cedar): 3rd Place 50 Yard Freestyle

Madelyn Howell (Cedar): 2nd 100 Yard Freestyle

Annicka Lovell (CV): 2nd Place 100 Yard Backstroke

Lucy Tanner (CV): 2nd Place 100 Yard Breaststroke

Lily Spagnolo (Cedar): 3rd Place 100 Yard Breaststroke

Annicka Lovell, Lucy Tanner, Gracie Taylor, Soleil Grimshaw (CV): 1st Place 200 Yard Medley Relay

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FLIPPIN' BIRDS

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Championship Ring Presentation

The Flippin' Birds celebrated their 2024 Conference Championship at the Southern Utah vs. North Alabama home football game this past weekend. The team was presented with their Championship rings in front of a solid crowd at Eccles Coliseum.

Here's a look at the can't-miss 2025 season schedule:

2025 SUU Flippin' Birds Gymnastics Schedule

- **Friday, Dec. 6** – Preview Meet @ Cedar City, UT – 6:30 PM
Get your first glimpse of the Thunderbirds in action as they debut their new routines.
- **Saturday, Jan. 4** – Pacific Coast Collegiate Challenge @ Oceanside, CA – 7:00 PM
The Flippin' Birds head to California to face some of the best collegiate talent in the country, including Rutgers, Arizona, and the newly minted team from Wilberforce.
- **Friday, Jan. 10** – @ Utah State, Logan, UT – 7:00 PM
The Thunderbirds take on in-state rival Utah State.
- **Friday, Jan. 17** – @ BYU, Provo, UT – 7:00 PM
A showdown in Provo awaits as the Flippin' Birds take on the Cougars.
- **Monday, Jan. 20** – Best of Utah @ West Valley City, UT – 6:00 PM
The annual Best of Utah meet is back at the Maverik Center, with SUU looking to claim top honors among the state's programs.
- **Friday, Jan. 31** – Tri-Meet vs. BYU & UC Davis @ Provo, UT – 7:00 PM
The Thunderbirds return to Provo for a high-stakes tri-meet



against two tough opponents.

- **Friday, Feb. 7** – Sacramento State @ Cedar City, UT – 6:30 PM
Home opener in Cedar City! Watch the Birds defend the America First Event Center against Sacramento State.
- **Monday, Feb. 10** – Utah State @ Cedar City, UT – 6:30 PM
The Aggies come to town to battle it out in a rematch on SUU's home turf.
- **Friday, Feb. 14** – Stanford @ Cedar City, UT – 6:30 PM
Valentine's Day brings a perennial powerhouse to Cedar City for a marquee matchup.
- **Friday, Feb. 28** – @ Sacramento State, Sacramento, CA – 7:00 PM
The Thunderbirds hit the road to face the Hornets in Sacramento.
- **Sunday, Mar. 2** – @ UC Davis, Davis, CA – 2:00 PM
An afternoon clash with UC Davis as the T-Birds look to build momentum in the season's final third.
- **Friday, Mar. 7** – Boise State @ Cedar City, UT – 6:30 PM
The Broncos arrive in Cedar City for a Friday-night showdown of former MRGC foes.
- **Friday, Mar. 14** – @ Boise State, Boise, ID – 7:00 PM
SUU travels to Boise, ID, to complete their season series with the Broncos.
- **Saturday, Mar. 22** – MPSF Championships @ Anchorage, AK – 2:00 PM
The season culminates at the MPSF Championships in Alaska, where the Flippin' Birds will aim for a historic third-straight title.

PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

Region 9 Football

- 11/14** 4A playoffs, semifinals
At Rice-Eccles Stadium
Spanish Fork 21, Ridgeline 14
- 11/15** 4A playoffs, semifinals
At Rice-Eccles Stadium
Crimson Cliffs 38, Sky View 29
- 11/21** 4A playoffs, championship
Spanish Fork vs. Crimson Cliffs

3A South Football

- 11/16** 3A playoffs, championship
At Eccles Coliseum
Morgan 13, Richfield 2

1A South Football

- 11/16** 1A playoffs, championship
At Eccles Coliseum
Beaver 43, Kanab 22

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Region 9 Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (3)	6-0	11-2
Desert Hills (9)	5-1	7-4
Dixie (18)	3-3	4-7
Pine View (15)	2-4	4-6
Hurricane (16)	2-4	5-7
Snow Canyon (19)	2-4	4-8
Cedar (17)	1-5	4-7

3A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (2)	5-0	12-1
Juab (5)	4-1	6-5
Manti (4)	3-2	8-4
Canyon View (8)	2-3	6-6
North Sanpete (9)	1-4	3-8
Carbon (10)	0-5	3-8

1A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver (1)	4-0	12-1
Kanab (3)	3-1	9-4
Milford (4)	2-2	8-4
Enterprise (8)	1-3	3-8
Parowan (9)	0-4	2-9

SWIM SEASON

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Annicka Lovell, Kenley Reynolds, Tallula Rigtrup, Gracie Taylor (CV): 3rd Place 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

Faith Riddle, Lucy Tanner, Sydney Lovell, Kenley Reynolds (CV): 1st Place

400 Yard Freestyle Relay

From a team perspective, the meet was carried by 6A Pleasant Grove with a team score of 799, with 3A Canyon View coming in second, and 4A Hurricane third.

Cedar High November Invite - Cedar City Aquatic Center

Combined Team Scores	Girls team scores	Boys team scores
Pleasant Grove: 799	Pleasant Grove: 361	Pleasant Grove: 438
Canyon View: 504.5	Canyon View: 261.5	Canyon View: 243
Hurricane: 471	Hurricane: 228	Hurricane: 243
Cedar: 446.5	Davis: 226.5	Cedar: 228
Davis: 390	Cedar: 218.5	Tooele: 221
Uintah: 363	Stansbury: 178	Uintah: 213
Tooele: 298	Uintah: 150	Davis: 164
Stansbury: 241	Richfield: 143	Emery: 119
Richfield: 225	Carbon: 130	Richfield: 82
Emery: 217	Emery: 98	Gunnison: 68
Carbon: 195	Grand County: 77.5	Carbon: 65
Grand County: 99.5	Tooele: 77	Stansbury: 63
Gunnison Valley: 81	Gunnison: 13	Grand County: 22
Beaver: 8	Beaver: 8	

Beavers complete 1A repeat, win 15th state title

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Beaver Beavers know it isn't always easy to defend a state championship, and the situation felt a little challenging in the 1A title game against the Kanab Cowboys. Thanks largely to two "giant" plays near the end of the first half, head coach Jon Marshall was effusive with his praise as Beaver brought home another championship trophy.

Deegan Blackner scored on a touchdown run and Maverick Albrecht returned a fumble for another score that helped the Beavers pull away and beat the Cowboys, 43-22 on an overcast afternoon at Eccles Coliseum.

"Our team's not known for that kind of stuff," Marshall said.

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We're a grind-it-out team, but today, we made some gigantic plays."

After Albrecht's fumble return with only 16 seconds left in the first half, Beaver (11-1) took a 29-14 lead

at the half, but they built on the momentum when Blackner took the second-half kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown and effectively put the game out of reach.

"You gotta find ways to win, and our guys did that," Marshall said. "Kanab's a great running team and our biggest thing was to not let them run the ball. We did a good job with that.

"It seems like every year is supposed to be someone else's year. Last year was supposed to be Enterprise's year, this year North Summit. Our kids just keep showing up and keep playing our programs proud. These aren't easy to do, and I'm so proud of our kids. To be the last team standing is pretty awesome."

Kanab (9-4) beat North Summit to reach the final, and they were able to close the gap back to two scores when Kash Kaboric beat the defense on a 38-yard flea-flicker touchdown pass from quarterback Brogun Virostko. On the first play after the score, Bodie Wheatley hit Gage Raddon, who did a tightrope run along the sideline for a

54-yard touchdown with 3 minutes left in the third to complete the scoring.

"We make plays, we stop the run, and that's what we emphasize," Blackner said. "Gage made a great play, and I think after that, they were done.

"I've been here four times, and this title was the best one by far. So much work has gone into this season, and I'm glad we got it done. Such a big relief."

The Beavers raced out to a 14-0 lead after the first quarter on a Wheatley touchdown pass of 59 yards to Davin Orton and a 2-yard run of his own. The Cowboys were able to answer early in the second on a 15-yard TD pass from Virostko to Troy Federkell and an 18-yard fumble return by Cooper Anderson that tied the score at 14-14

With the victory, the Beavers broke a tie with

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The Beaver Beavers celebrate winning the 1A state football championship for the second year in a row Nov. 16 at Eccles Coliseum. Beaver defeated Kanab, 43-22 in the title game. Presenting the trophy is Kim Bailey, Principal of Parowan High School.



Year 2 of Formula 1 has arrived in Vegas

In case you missed it – which is very likely considering when it will be run – the second running of the Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix got under way on the 3.8-mile street course in Las Vegas on Thursday.

It was extremely cool when the announcement came down for the inaugural race last year. I wondered how practical it might be to travel down to cover a major event like a Formula 1 race.

And then the schedule was announced. It was not realistic or practical to watch the race on TV, let alone see it in person. There was the predictable element – Max Verstappen at the top of the podium celebrating his 19th win of 2023 – and the Vegas Grand Prix would finish well past a lot of bedtimes in the US.

As we close in on this year's F1 race weekend, it's good to see Verstappen hasn't won nearly as much. The Red Bull driver won his eighth race of 2024 at the Brazilian Grand Prix three weeks ago, ending a 10-race drought (gasp!).

Even with that, Verstappen still leads the driver standings by 62 points over Lando Norris with only two more races to run after Las Vegas. Should he hang on, Verstappen would become only the second driver to win four straight Formula 1 world championships, joining Sebastian Vettel, who did it from 2010 to 2013.

All Verstappen needs to do to clinch title No. 4 after this weekend is keep Norris two

positions behind him. A win at Vegas means Norris would have to finish second or third to stay alive.

If any of this information motivated you to try and chase down tickets to attend any portion of this year's Vegas Grand Prix weekend, you're likely going to be shut

stay up, get the necessary caffeine jolt into your system before viewing.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we won't be publishing a paper next week. Since basketball seasons will begin before the break, there are scheduled games on tap. Here are the openers for our local teams.

The Cedar girls open at home with a game against Manti from Region 12 on Friday starting at 7 p.m. Canyon View's girls

team begins its 2024-25 season with a three-day road trip to the Basin Bash at Union High, and the Falcons will face North Summit in the opener Thursday. They will face the host Cougars on Friday before finishing with a Saturday morning game against Duchesne.

Canyon View's boys team starts its season on the road at Pine View on Friday, then Desert Hills visits the Falcon's Nest for the home opener Nov. 26. The Cedar boys team opened its season Nov. 20 at home against Richfield, then played three on the road at Mountain View on Friday, at Payson on Saturday, then at Kanab on Nov. 26.

All of these games will be recapped in the Dec. 5 edition of Iron County Today.

Tom Zulewski has closed down his X account, but can still be followed on Threads @TommyZee81.

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RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



out. As of Nov. 16, there were single-day tickets available for Thursday's two practice sessions and Friday qualifying, but all other packages are sold out.

Tickets for Thursday start at \$99 and Friday starts at \$300. Details are available at [filasvegasgp.com](https://www.f1lasvegasgp.com).

For those of you who want to stay up and see the racing on TV – much easier to do in our opinion – here's the full schedule, with all times Mountain and all on ESPN.

For Thursday, the two practice sessions will be carried at 7:30 and 11 p.m. Friday begins with the third practice session at 7:30 p.m. and qualifying follows at 11 p.m.

On Saturday, the 50-lap Las Vegas Grand Prix begins live at 11 p.m. That's 10 p.m. at the track and 1 a.m. in the Eastern time zone.

When Verstappen won last year, the race was completed in just under 90 minutes (1:29), so if you're willing to

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. Who is the Utah athletic director that was fined \$40,000 and given a public reprimand over his remarks on the officiating after the Utes lost to BYU, 22-21, on Nov. 9?
2. Who is the BYU kicker who hit the game-winning 44-yard field goal to give the Cougars the win over the Utes in last week's rivalry game?
3. Where is BYU ranked in the latest College Football Playoff poll that came out Nov. 12?
4. The Detroit Lions were down by 16 at halftime on the road, but rallied for a 26-23 win over the Houston Texans on Nov. 10. Who was the rookie kicker that hit a 58-yard field goal to tie the game late in the fourth quarter, then a 52-yarder on the final play to complete the comeback?
5. True or False: While the Kansas City Chiefs are still the NFL's only unbeaten team at 9-0, the Lions are the only NFL team with one loss (8-1).
6. What Dallas Cowboys quarterback was lost for the season when he underwent surgery for a hamstring injury suffered Nov. 3 in a loss to the Atlanta Falcons?
7. The NBA in-season tournament and the chase for the NBA Cup began last week. What airline is the official title sponsor for the NBA Cup?
8. What Miami Heat head coach called a timeout his team didn't have that cost them in an overtime loss to the Detroit Pistons on Nov. 12?

9. As of the start of play Nov. 13, how many of the NBA's 15 Eastern Conference teams have winning records?
10. Joey Logano won his third NASCAR Cup Series championship by winning the season finale at Phoenix Raceway Nov. 10. Including Logano, how many drivers have won three NASCAR Cup titles?
11. Who were the other three challengers in the Championship 4 who battled with Logano for the 2024 Cup title at Phoenix?
12. Last week, we mentioned Alexander Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals and his chase to break Wayne Gretzky's all-time record for goals scored in an NHL career (863 as of Nov. 13, 32 away from the record). Who is the only other NHL player to score more than 800 goals in a career, better known as Mr. Hockey?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Ja Morant.
2. UConn and Louisville.
3. Chicago Bulls.
4. BYU.
5. True.
6. Oregon.
7. Smith went to the Detroit Lions and Lattimore went to the Washington Commanders.
8. Miami Dolphins.
9. Las Vegas Raiders.
10. Three.
11. Winnipeg Jets.
12. Wayne Gretzky.

Vargas signs LOI with Lower Columbia soccer

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

When she was 5 years old, Bethanee Vargas' dad related how she quickly took to the game of soccer.

In the first game she played, Vargas scored eight goals. She was upset afterward because her team lost, 9-8.

As she moved forward into high school, Vargas didn't score goals nearly as often for the Canyon View Falcons, but the senior reached her most valuable collegiate goal when she signed a letter of intent Nov. 14 to play for Lower Columbia College, a school located in Longview, Washington, about 40 miles north of Portland, Oregon.

After drawing attention from the school's coaches at State Cup over the summer, Vargas paid a visit to the school and the rest was history.

"I fell in love with the place," said Vargas, who finished her high-school career with 86 goals, 27 assists and four Region 12 championships for the Falcons. "The people there are super-nice and it's really pretty there."

While landing with a Division I program is a goal many athletes aspire to, Vargas is willing to take her time so she can keep playing the game she clearly loves.

"I chose the junior college route because most freshmen don't really play if they go straight to D-1," she said. "It's more beneficial for me because I really like to play."

The Falcons were eliminated in a 7-0 quarterfinal loss at home to the Ogden Tigers in this season's 3A playoffs. Vargas is grateful for the opportunity to be able to continue in the game.

"Soccer is what makes me, me," she said. "I don't feel like I'm really anything without soccer."

CV head coach Steve Newman was more than happy to express a full plate of positives for what type of player Lower Columbia is getting.

"I don't think they have an idea of the gem they're getting," Newman said. "I fully expect she'll do very well in the league up there and then decide where she wants to play after that."

And even stronger than the 1.2 goals per game she scored in four years, Newman was impressed with a big intangible that he believes will carry Vargas forward into college and beyond.

"What's really changed is her leadership. As her mom said, she's gone from 'I'm in charge. Do

Canyon View senior Bethanee Vargas signed her letter of intent to play soccer at Lower Columbia College in Longview, Washington on Nov. 14.




what I say' to 'How can we make a team win?'" he said.


"It's an ability to lead, bring others along and help them succeed, not just do it my way because I'm gonna run you over."

"She's learning how to work through her frustrations and has handled confrontations a lot better."

Lower Columbia finished its 2024 season with a 12-3 record, but lost a 2-1 decision in double overtime to Community Colleges of Spokane in the quarterfinal round of the Northwest Athletic Conference playoffs.



Beaver
43



Kanab
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FIRST QUARTER

B – Orton 59 pass from Wheatley (Lurth kick), 7:06

B – Wheatley 2 run (Lurth kick), 1:05

SECOND QUARTER

K – Federkell 15 pass from Virostko (Anderson kick), 10:21

K – Anderson 18 fumble return (Capson kick), 7:17

B – Blackner 11 run (Blackner run), 3:47

B – Albrecht 66 fumble return (Lurth kick), :16

THIRD QUARTER

B – Blackner 91 kickoff return (Lurth kick), 11:46

K – Kaboric 38 pass from Virostko (Gubler run), 3:12

B – Raddon 54 interception return (Lurth kick), 3:00

BEAVERS

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Skyline and claimed their 15th state title, third best in Utah high school history across all classifications, trailing only West High's 19 and 18 from East.

In the 2A title game, the San Juan Broncos got three touchdown runs from Jagger Nieves and two touchdown passes by quarterback Jaiten Knight as they built a

35-0 halftime lead before cruising to a convincing 60-14 rout over the Emery Spartans.

The Broncos finished the year with a 10-2 record and won its fourth straight 2A crown, becoming the fifth school in Utah history to achieve the feat along with Duchesne (2010-2013), Millard (1950-1953), Orem (2017-2020) and Timpview (2006-2009).

The 3A final featured Richfield and Morgan,

two teams with prolific offenses and strong defenses. When the dust settled, the Trojans slammed the door on the Wildcats' dreams of a repeat.

Quarterback Beck Sheffield threw a second-quarter touchdown pass to Lincoln Gilson and added a 3-yard touchdown run before the halftime break to give Morgan all the offense they would need in a 13-2 victory over Richfield to claim the

championship trophy, their second in the last three seasons.

The Wildcats (12-1) had a 25-game winning streak snapped and could only manage a first-quarter safety when Sheffield was called for intentional grounding on a pass thrown from the end zone.

Morgan finished 13-0 on the season and allowed opponents to score just 6.4 points per game.

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Case Number 243500166

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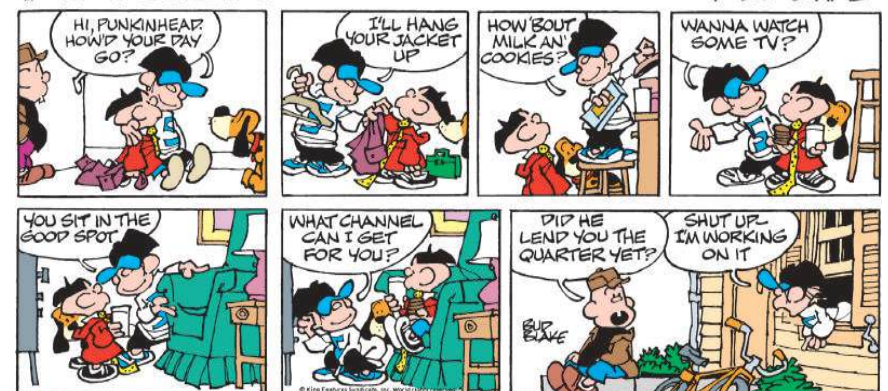
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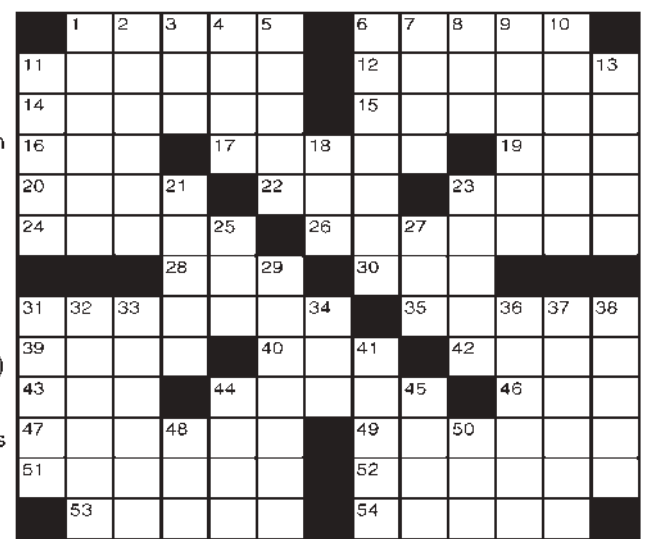
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Clutch
- 6 Modern messages
- 11 "Queen of Soul" Franklin
- 12 Used a modern car service
- 14 Irish singer O'Connor
- 15 More promising
- 16 "— Mine" (Beatles song)
- 17 "Zorba the Greek" star
- 19 Hit CBS series
- 20 Morning droplets
- 22 Pump up the volume
- 23 Bit of dust
- 24 Road curves
- 26 Test monitor
- 28 Wardrobe malfunction
- 30 Sharing word
- 31 Driving instructor?
- 35 Flavor
- 39 "Les Etats—"
- 40 Hosp. areas
- 42 Earth sci.
- 43 Astern
- 44 "Star Trek" doctor
- 46 Computer acronym



- 6 Start playing for pay
- 7 Black, in verse
- 8 Ballot marks
- 9 Lingerie fabric
- 10 Handles
- 11 Stage comment
- 13 Less damp
- 18 Little rascal
- 21 Feudal farmers
- 23 Jazz singer Carmen
- 25 Use a straw
- 27 Ump's call
- 29 Method
- 31 Sentry
- 32 Walking
- 33 Lengthy list
- 34 Tolkien creature
- 36 Abrasion
- 37 Horn blower
- 38 Gantry of fiction
- 41 Italian wine
- 44 Surrealist Joan
- 45 Saint Laurent of fashion
- 48 "Le Coq —" (Suff.)

DOWN

- 1 Tony winner Tammy
- 2 Extends, as a lease
- 3 Devoured
- 4 Cager O'Neal, for short
- 5 City near Venice

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Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword



1. MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace that Rose throws into the sea at the end of "Titanic"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Carthage located?
3. TELEVISION: What are the names of the FBI agents on "The X-Files"?
4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story "The Gift of the Magi"?
5. HISTORY: When was the United Nations organization created?
6. SCIENCE: What is the addictive substance in tobacco?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed into law the Sherman Antitrust Act?
8. CHEMISTRY: What is the lightest of metallic elements?
9. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the half-man, half-bull creature that inhabits the Labyrinth?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is challah?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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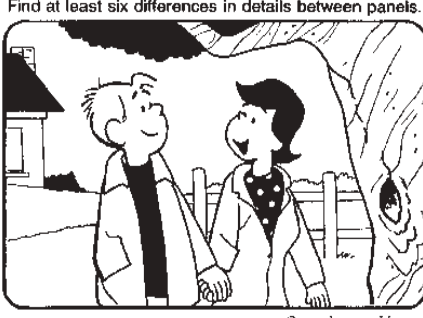
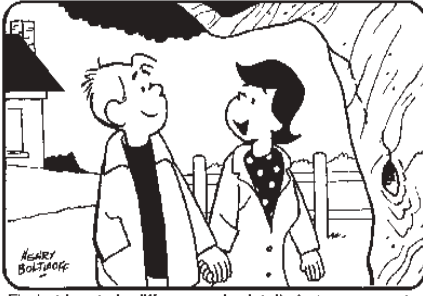
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Fencepost is moved. 3. Hole in fence is larger. 4. Chimney is shorter. 5. Fencepost is taller. 6. Tipper is replacing buttons.

- Trivia Test Answers
1. Heart of the Ocean; 2. Tunstia; 3. Fox Mulder and Dana Scully; 4. O. Henry; 5. 1945; 6. Nicotine; 7. Benjamin Harrison; 8. Lithium; 9. Minoatary; 10. A special bread in Jewish cuisine



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