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Cedar City Chamber of Commerce names the 75th Annual "Best of Cedar City" Award for 2025 as part of the Annual Awards Gala

from April Marcial

CEDAR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Cedar City Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the winners of the 75th annual Best of Cedar City Awards as part of the Annual Gala. This awards program honors companies and individuals that deserve to be recognized for their efforts in contributing to our community and helping to make it a better place to live.

There are 15 different "Best of Cedar City" awards that honor community members

and businesses for encouraging and promoting a positive and vital economy and preserving the unique qualities that make Cedar City a special place to live, work, and visit.

The winning individuals/organizations will be honored at the "Best of Cedar City" Awards Gala, sponsored by BZI on March 27th at the SUU Sharwan Smith Ballroom at SUU.

The winners of Cedar City Chamber of Commerce 2025 Best of Cedar City Award offer recognition for making our

community such an amazing place. "Quite often, people, businesses and organizations are engaged in efforts to make our community better without being recognized ... this is our opportunity to do so", said Chris McCormick, CEO and President of the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce. "These honorees have proven their commitment to pushing boundaries and making an impact here in Cedar City. Cedar City Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize their achievements".



Business of the Year	State Bank of Southern Utah
Medical Professional of the Year	Lisa Anderson
Employer of the Year	Image Pro Printing & Copying
Restaurant of the Year	The Pub Spirits and Craft Kitchen
Customer Service of the Year	SUU Facilities Management / Sarah Greener
Innovative Business of the Year	Little Village Retreat
Educator of the Year	Korina Wood
Young Citizen of the Year	Bella Brooks
Volunteer of the Year	Jennifer Wilson
Organization of the Year	Utah Summer Games
Man of the Year	Syrus Saifzaden
Woman of the Year	Wendy Jessen
CEO of the Year	BZI
Excellence in the Arts	Fred C Adams Sara Penny
Legacy Lifetime Achievement Award	Mary Ann Andersen

SUU Basketball Players Arrested for Allegedly Stealing Refrigerators from Campus

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three Southern Utah University basketball players were arrested Wednesday

after allegedly stealing two refrigerators from campus earlier this month.

Hercy Miller, 24, Brock Felder, 20, and Peter Dadson, 25, have been accused of third-degree felony theft.

According to court records filed in 5th District Court, the charges stem from an incident on Nov. 11, when the men allegedly loaded two refrigerators from the loading dock of the SUU Bookstore into vehicles before driving away.

The refrigerators, each valued at approximately \$1,500, were taken in what appeared to be a coordinated effort captured on campus security footage, the affidavit states. The footage reportedly showed the suspects using two vehicles to load the appliances.

SUU Police began investigating the theft after

Cedar City Man Sentenced to 15 Years to Life for Crimes Against a Child

by **Tracie Sullivan**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

convicted of attempted sodomy of a child.

Fifth District Court Judge Meb Anderson ordered Travis Michael Rowley, 34, to a mandatory minimum of 15 years for crimes he committed in 2022 involving a child under the age of 14.

During an interview at the Children's Justice Center, the victim told investigators that Rowley repeatedly attempted to kiss and touch her and threatened to hurt her if she ever told anyone. He also at times became physically abusive throwing her against the wall after the victim told him, "no."

A Cedar City man was recently sentenced to 15 years to life in the Utah State Prison after being

Additional evidence included statements from individuals who reported that Rowley admitted to his actions, describing them as something he intended to use to "make things right," according to court documents.

One person told police that Rowley said, "it was okay because he was going to save the world and clean the swamp and was going to use what he did wrong to make the world right," court documents state.

Rowley was questioned by police and admitted to having "inappropriate feelings" toward the

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SUU BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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they received information about the alleged theft on Nov. 22.

Officers used parking records and the student directory to identify the vehicles and the individuals involved, leading them to the suspects' shared apartment. Upon arrival, police said they saw one of the stolen refrigerators through the apartment's front window.

"...one of the refrigerators was found inside the apartment and could be seen through the glass window of the front door while standing outside on the porch," court records state.

Dadson and Miller both told police they had seen the refrigerators on the dock for "almost a month" and assumed they were being discarded. Dadson said he checked the appliances to confirm they worked and returned days later to take them, along with the other two suspects.

"He said that he believed they were being thrown away and that it was OK to take them," the affidavit states.

Miller showed officers where the other refrigerator was and opened the garage to allow them to retrieve it.

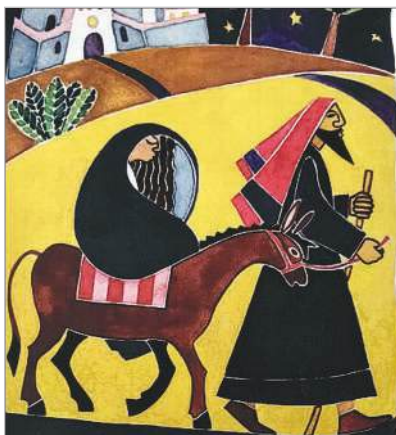
The refrigerators had a combined value of \$3,000.

Felder, when questioned, told police he had helped load the refrigerators but claimed the idea was not his.

"He admitted to helping load the refrigerators. He said that the idea was one of the other suspect's and that he only helped load them," the affidavit states.

The three men were arrested Nov. 27 and booked into the Iron County Jail.

Southern Utah University officials have not yet commented on the arrests or the status of the basketball players, who are part of the school's Division I athletic program.



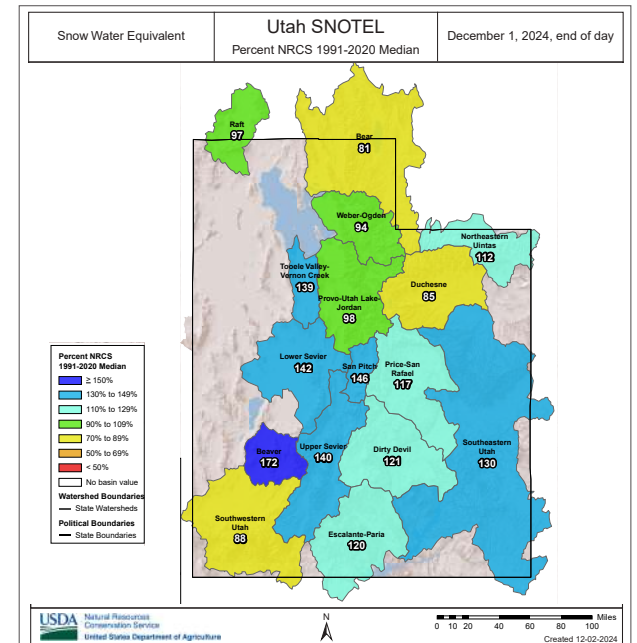
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WINDS: SW 5-10

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
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PRECIP: 15%
WINDS: SW 10-15

MONDAY
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WINDS: NW 10-15

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

We're back from our short Thanksgiving break to share the latest news and events in Iron County. We hope your Thanksgiving was filled with warmth, gratitude, and safe travels. This time of year is a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in a community where abundance and kindness prevail, even in challenging times. At *Iron County Today*, we're deeply thankful for the readers who continue to support us and the community that makes our work so rewarding. In our last issue, we featured our much-anticipated Holiday Guide pullout. This guide was designed to help you navigate the festive season with ease, from event schedules to maps of the best Christmas light displays. We'd love to hear your thoughts! Was the guide helpful for your holiday planning? Did it include the details you needed? Please don't hesitate to share your feedback or suggestions for next year's guide.

The holiday season kicked off in style last weekend with the downtown lighting ceremony, Parowan's Christmas in the Country, and other heartwarming events throughout the county. As we move through December, we're looking forward to even more festivities. From holiday markets to community concerts, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned to *Iron County Today* for updates on upcoming events, stories of local holiday traditions, and plenty of seasonal cheer.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It takes great courage to see the world in all its tainted glory, and still to love it. And even more courage to see it in the one you love"

- Oscar Wilde



Saintly Behavior in Trials

PART 3

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Saintly means very holy or virtuous, having or showing high moral standards, good, righteous. Many humans strive to reach the standard of saintly behavior, but the Bible teaches in Romans 3:10-12: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God." But God, we are told, has reached out to us when we look for His will for our lives. Some have worked diligently in their lives to bring honor to God, but God's standards are much higher than ours. Through history some humans have been regarded as "saintly", such as Stephen who was the first martyr in

approximately 34 A.D. of our common era. Stephen was stoned to death by the Jewish rulers in the Sanhedrin after Stephen spoke to them giving a Biblical account of the predictions throughout the Jewish Biblical records of what would precede the coming of the Messiah. As Stephen was dying, he looked up and cried out, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God," referring to the lately resurrected Messiah.

Even more remarkable was the experience of Saul, the great persecutor of the followers of the Messiah who had been present as Stephen was stoned to

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WORD OF THE WEEK

GRUNTLE

[grun-tle]
verb

to put in a good humor

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death. The stoning of Stephen fueled the hatred of Saul for those who were followers of the Way. Remember that Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: no one cometh to the Father but by me.” In Acts chapter 9, we read, “Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed, he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ And Saul said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ Then the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads’” (goads means truth). Jesus gave instructions to Saul which Saul obeyed as the presence of Jesus had overwhelmed and blinded him. Then Saul over a period of three years became Paul, the

great apostle to the Gentiles as he increased in spiritual strength and understanding of Jesus as the Messiah. Saul became Paul, the great “apostle to the Gentiles” (Romans 11:13). Paul was given both names as a child, and during his learning period, he chose to be known as Paul. During that period, the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace by walking in the fear and respect of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit; the church increased. Please read 1 Corinthians chapter 15 which states his testimony in Paul’s own words.

In the future we will discuss some of the following who have also seen Jesus since His Resurrection: John of Patmos, Anthony of Egypt, Martin of Tours, Jerome who lived on the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea, Hildegard of Bingen, Francis of Assisi, Julian of Norwich, Margery Kempe, Quakers, Shakers, and even today in Israel and Gaza. In these perilous times, Jesus is at work gathering His people. In studying these historical figures, we are finding that Jesus has always been at work calling His people without regard for nationality or gender. By studying and praying, we can find out that Jesus is alive, appearing to people, and calling His people to Him.

CEDAR CITY MAN

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child. However, he denied many of the allegations, blaming familial conflict for the accusations.

Detectives uncovered text messages sent by Rowley, which prosecutors later argued reflected his “warped views of sex.”

During the hearing, Iron County Prosecutor Trajan Evans highlighted the serious nature of the case, arguing that Rowley’s behavior posed a significant risk to society, particularly to vulnerable individuals like the victim.

In handing down her sentence Anderson cited Rowley’s “disturbing history,” his failure to recognize the criminal nature of his actions, and his lack of accountability.

The Iron County Attorney’s Office commended the bravery of the victim and expressed hope that the resolution of the case provides closure to those impacted by Rowley’s actions.

We are grateful for the hard work of Detective Justin Chappell and the Iron County Children’s Justice Center. This outcome would not have been possible without the strength of the victim and the dedication of those who worked to bring this case to justice.”

Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson

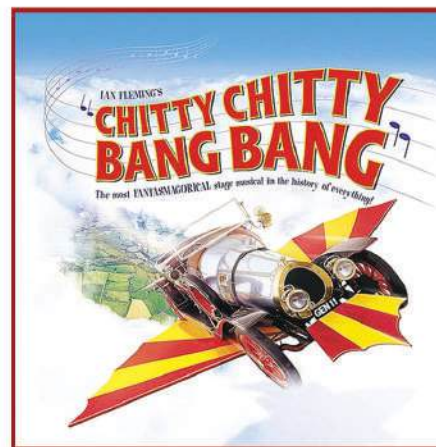
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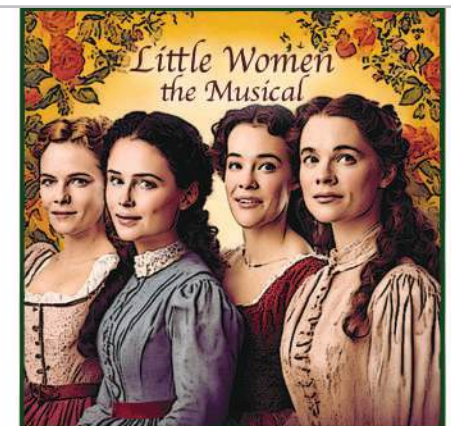
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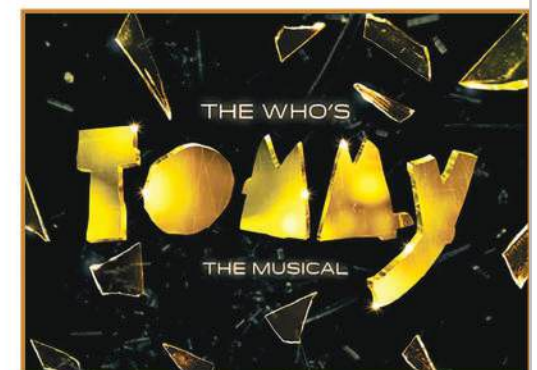
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Livestock Festival Gives Back to Community

by Neal Smith

INSIDERS CLUB MEMBER

As they ended their 19th year with a specular parade and multiple events at the Diamond Z arena the board and many volunteers behind the festival decided to donate the merchandise they had not sold to the community. Marguerite and I were happy to take up this task for them. There were almost 250 sweatshirts that would be needed and used around our community.

As members of Christ the King, we had 9 SUU students attending church from Africa, who were not prepared for our colder weather. A little bit warmer for them now.

Next, we approached Youth Futures where many of our homeless students are sheltered and fed. Their request for 22 sweatshirts was filled.

We had youth and infant sizes, 65 pieces were given to the Holiday Assistance Program at SUU.

Care and Share always has a challenge with large sizes so 28 of the 2x and 3x sizes went to them.

Finally, since we have 360 Homeless Students in our high schools, over 110 sweatshirts went to the Iron County School District.

A gift of warmth to those in need. Bravo to the Livestock Festival Board and Volunteers

The Livestock Festival has 22 committee members that make the festival a success. Each and everyone does a spectacular job. They are dedicated and as only livestock people can be. They have a 'get er' done mentality. Each and everyone is necessary and respected for their expertise in making the different events run smoothly. In addition to committee members, they have friends that volunteer for the event. They are pleased they can keep the four-day event free to the public.

Cedar City Rotary Club partners with the Community donating over 5000 lbs. of Holiday Groceries and Turkeys through the Thanksgiving Box Brigade project.

from Diane Dreyer

INSIDERS CLUB MEMBER

Cedar City, UT -- This year the Cedar City

Rotary asked the community to join in the fun of providing holiday meals for families in need through the Iron County Care and Share. For the past several years the Rotary had boxed groceries complete with turkeys, which served about 60 families. Working with the community enabled over 251 families to make this holiday season an extra special season of gratitude! THANK YOU!!

Our community response was outstanding --from individual citizens, families, groups at Intermountain Hospital, Southern Utah University, 4-H

Clubs, numerous local businesses, neighborhood subdivisions, and the Elks Lodge, to name just a few, banded together and created full meals for our community's food insecure so that they too might celebrate joyful holidays. The need is great. The Care and Share staff asked their clients to apply for a holiday meal box and then selected those most in need typically those living at or below the poverty level. More than xxx Holiday Gift Boxes were provided to those in need of a 'hand-up'!

Mayor Green in his weekly letter, Southern Utah Mortuary in their radio and print ads, Neal Smith on his weekly KSUB News Radio Show (FM 107.7 and AM 590), the Board Members of Care and Share and Rotarians asked citizens to help fill meal boxes, and they surely did! So many boxes were gathered that the Iron County Yeti team was recruited to help pick up and deliver all the groceries. These young men comprised of players from the U. S., Korea, Ireland, Canada, the Czech Republic, and Hungary, lifted, transported and delivered over 5,000 pounds of groceries. The Yeti are committed to fostering the growth of young men aged 16-20, benefiting not only themselves but also the team and community. These outstanding young men's participation made this an interna-

4-H Club delivering boxes



Iron County Yeti Team transporting groceries

tional endeavor! (please follow the team's social media accounts and join them at a game!)

The Iron County Care and Share helps the homeless and low-income individuals and families work toward self-sufficiency providing both food and shelter. Care and Share partners with many groups in our community, county and state **but local community individual support makes the huge difference enhancing their effectiveness.** They are sincerely grateful for

this year's outpouring of generosity and love.

Those interested in serving and supporting our community in these types of programs are invited to contact the Cedar City Rotary Club. <http://cedarcity-rotarclub.com>

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed individuals can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead
Care and Share is located at 900 North 222 West Cedar City, Utah. Please consider a donation that would provide food and shelter throughout the year: Venmo-- Iron County Care and Share ICCS or PayPal --Iron County Care and Share @ICCSdonate Cedar City UT-- --or by visiting <https://kindest.com/iron-county-care-and-share>.

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The council discussed the upcoming Christmas lighting event on November 30th, which will feature a live nativity and reindeer. Council members highlighted recent community charitable efforts, including: A Dancing with the Stars Community Gala that raised \$80,000 for the Children's Justice Center. The Rotary Club's food box donation program, which expanded from 57 boxes last year to 250 boxes plus \$5,500 in donations this year. A Turkey Trot 5K run is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day at Canyon Park. During public comments, a citizen raised concerns about economic collapse and water infrastructure. The mayor responded, noting the city's springs can supply water without electricity if necessary. The council reviewed plans for Fiddler Park improvements, focusing on a \$1.9 million project that includes a nature playground, pavilion, lawn area, bathrooms, a teen hangout with bouldering features, and an outdoor classroom. A landscape architect presented the design, which may require phasing or additional funding, such as upcoming state grants. Discussions addressed ensuring the outdoor classroom's effective use, liability concerns with bouldering features, and screening the parking area with trees. The council also explored partnering with a local university for programming and considered hiring external engineers due to workload. A representative of the memorial aspect of the project requested clear guidance for fundraising. The council suggested breaking down costs for specific sections to set fundraising targets. The council moved the project to an action meeting in two weeks to approve the conceptual design and discuss next steps, including issuing an RFP for engineering services. They emphasized the need for both landscape architectural and

engineering expertise. The meeting focused on proposed updates to the airport's rules and regulations, based on a Utah Valley University study. Key changes include splitting the rules into two documents: one for daily operations and another for minimum standards and development guidelines. Major updates include stricter security measures, access controls, and a ban on pyrotechnics without Airport Manager approval, prompted by fireworks incidents near aircraft during a Fourth of July event. The board also discussed insurance requirements for vehicles on airport property. While initially proposing a \$300,000 policy, they recommended adopting Utah State's lower minimum liability coverage after feedback. The board chairman supported the changes, emphasizing improved accountability through badging, training, and stricter access controls to enhance safety and security. The Council discussed streamlining the license and permit approval process by shifting decisions to staff, with the Council only serving as an appeal body. Members suggested including new liquor license updates in monthly business license reports to stay informed on new businesses. The Council reviewed the 2025 meeting schedule, focusing on aligning dates with Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) events and managing breaks. They confirmed meetings on fifth Wednesdays and clarified breaks, including May 28th (Memorial Day), skipping July 23rd with a meeting on July 30th, and accommodations for ULCT events.

Iron County Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

November 25th

The November 25, 2024, Iron County Commission

meeting proceeded without Commissioner Bleak. The session began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council on Aging update included improved senior center services, volunteer needs, facility upkeep, and challenges like implementing a code of conduct and securing participant contacts. The Sheriff's Office department faces budget strain from inmate medical expenses, high booking rates, and staffing shortages. Despite challenges, four inmates earned GEDs, and 27 completed the Inside Out Dad program. A discussion centered on the urgent need for a new jail and law enforcement challenges. The Sheriff highlighted the following key points: The current jail, built in 1987 for four female inmates, now houses up to 40 times its capacity. Rapid population growth. Budget cuts to ICE, US Marshals, and FBI are increasing local detention costs, while rising issues with group homes, including runaways and crimes, strain resources equivalent to one deputy's workload. Positive updates include expanded SWAT and K9 programs, a new explosive detection dog, and improved school security. Commissioners and the Sheriff agreed on the urgent need for a master-planned jail to handle growth and improve operations.

During commission reports, updates included:

- Public Lands: Recent meetings covered ranching and farming challenges, predator control, intensive grazing, and the state's lawsuit over public lands.
- County Projects: Progress on the receiving center was shared, along with interviews for a new public defender, with a strong candidate identified.
- The proposed 2025 county budget reviewed with a detailed overview of finances and plans:
- Economic Highlights: Lower inflation (2-4%), low unemployment, and steady interest rates. Sales tax revenue growth has slowed, but strong past revenues have prevented property tax increases.

- Revenue & Expenses: The budget projects \$550,000 in recorder fees and \$750,000 from building permits. Major expenses include a new sheriff's complex, road equipment replacements, \$100,000 for county parks, and a new landfill truck.
- Staffing: Plans include a 1% cost-of-living adjustment, a step-and-grade system, and new positions in GIS, jail, animal shelter, road department, and the Aging Council.
- Challenges: A \$500,000 insurance cost increase limited adjustments. Iron County ranks second-lowest in government revenue per capita.
- During the public hearing, a resident questioned tax claims, citing personal property tax increases.
- The meeting continued with dissociation on executive county officer compensation and a policy for county facility use.
- Compensation: A new Utah law requires salary adjustments for executive county officers. The proposal included a 2.5% adjustment for most positions (1.5% step increase, 1% cost-of-living adjustment). Elected officials, including commissioners, will only receive the 1% cost-of-living increase.
- Facility Use Policy: The commission discussed a standardized policy for nonprofits, community groups, and others using county facilities.

The meeting included a personnel update and a report on the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool (UCIP), the county's liability insurer. The Utah State University Extension Office announced the hiring of Taran Schroer as a full-time administrative assistant, effective November 25, 2024. A commissioner reported on UCIP, Iron County's insurer for 30 years, highlighting challenges in securing liability coverage for police departments, rising reinsurance costs, and stricter reporting requirements like tracking building occupancy certificates. Despite these issues, UCIP remains financially strong, with members holding at least a year's

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.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

worth of contributions as equity. Its legal support has saved the county millions. While contributions are expected to rise next year, commissioners praised UCIP's essential protection and cost-saving benefits.

November 18th

The Iron County Commission held a special meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, to officially canvas the November 5 general election results.

Voter turnout reached a record 88.5% of 32,149 registered voters. Most ballots—24,069—were submitted by mail or dropbox, with 3,700 cast in person, 70 electronically (overseas voters), and 1,246 provisional ballots, 97% of which were processed. Challenges included voter intimidation at drop boxes, signature mismatches, and rejected ballots for non-curable issues. Notable results included victories for Trump, John Curtis, and various local officials. A write-in campaign for Phil Lyman and Natalie Clawson garnered 4,775 valid votes, while the school bond measure failed with 48.7% support.

An election audit, completed, confirmed the accuracy of the results. The commission unanimously certified the results.

Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of October 29th minutes. The commission then reviewed two property matters: Hakey Property: Mr. and Mrs. Hakey requested to combine two lots at 1941 East in Mountain Forest into a double-fronted lot. City staff confirmed this would require maintaining front yard appearances on both sides. The existing house met setback requirements.

4B Ranch Phase 4: A property owner sought to combine two one-acre lots into a two-acre parcel. After clarifying that both lots were vacant, the request was approved, reflecting updated regulations requiring formal lot combinations.

A zone change and R1 transition were postponed to December 3 due to notification errors. Both property combination requests moved forward without public comment, and the meeting concluded efficiently in a cooperative tone.

Iron County School Board Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Iron County School Board held a combined work and regular meeting, starting with a poem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was adjusted to recognize the Canyon View High School boys' cross-country and volleyball teams, both celebrated for their achievements—back-to-back state championships for cross-country and a 30-2 record for volleyball.

The superintendent updated the board on the district's Master Board Award and plans to review student achievement policies, including grading, homework, and graduation requirements, with updates expected by February or March.

Public comments focused on fundraising and improving student learning, with suggestions to review instructional models and collaboration time. The business administrator reported the budget is on track and addressed a question on classroom instruction expenses, citing impacts from recent capital projects.

The superintendent provided an overview of the district's performance, noting key demographics, employee numbers, and student population. Financial analysis showed that the district spends \$9,187 per student, below the average for similar-sized districts, while consistently performing above average in student proficiency. Efforts to improve teacher compensation were highlighted, and the graduation rate was discussed, noting the impact of non-degree-seeking students in the online school.

The superintendent also introduced "Admit Utah," a new state system that guarantees college admission for Utah high school graduates with a 2.8 GPA to 15 colleges, aimed at simplifying the college application process.

Board members shared their visits to district schools, emphasizing literacy efforts, particularly a second-grade teacher who helped pre-primer students advance to first-grade reading levels. They encouraged community members to volunteer in classrooms and emphasized supporting struggling readers. The board also discussed transition services for students with disabilities and the district's efforts to prepare them for post-secondary education and vocational training.

The cell phone policy was reviewed, the superintendent reported that most schools were implementing the policy fully. Some schools were still working through enforcement challenges, including community pushback about teachers taking phones away. Some schools had unique considerations, as students sometimes needed devices to complete projects.

Canyon View High School was highlighted as

a particularly successful example, having fully embraced the policy. They implemented a system where students place their devices in door pockets during class, with teachers fully supportive of the approach. The superintendent noted that no school was dissatisfied with the policy, and most were working hard to implement it effectively.

The board discussed their 2025 meeting schedule and voted 4-3 to adopt Option 3, which includes work meetings at 4:30 PM and regular meetings at 5:30 PM for six months, and combined meetings starting at 5:00 PM for the other six months.

The discussion focused on public accessibility, employee convenience, and meeting efficiency. Some members emphasized transparency and access for working parents and potential board candidates, while others considered the impact on school staff and evening activities.

The Iron County School Board held a second reading of several policies. They discussed Policy 614A on employee use of personal electronic devices, with concerns about vague language regarding use at school events. Some suggested aligning teacher and student policies, while others favored self-governance. The board approved the policy unanimously, focusing on training to clarify expectations.

The board reviewed Policy 726 on fund drives, requiring approval for an audit and set for re-evaluation in 2025 after public feedback. Policies 856-859 on medication administration, asthma self-treatment, and opioid overdose response were retired. Finally, the board approved Policy 862 on kindergarten toilet training with no changes.



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84th Handel's Messiah Set for Dec. 8 and 9



Messiah 2002

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by Sara Penny

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

Musical milestones set the Christmas spirit. The Orchestra of Southern Utah and Chorale present Cedar City's 84th performance of Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Theatre at 105 N. 100 East. To reserve seating go to the website myosu.org. This production is funded by the generous sponsorships of the Leavitt Group, Dixie and Anne Leavitt Foundation, and the State Bank of Southern Utah, and performed with the volunteer service of the orchestra and chorale. It is a gift to the community. Attendees are encouraged to reserve their seating in advance, as full houses are usual.

Handel wrote the music for *Messiah* in 1741 with text organized from the King James Bible and Coverdale Psalter by Charles Jennens. The oratorio tells the story of Christ in three chapters, corresponding to His birth, death, and resurrection. The piece takes its audience on an emotional and spiritual journey, climaxing with the famous "Hallelujah Chorus," and ending with a reverent and uplifting series of "amen." The oratorio form was invented by Handel to provide employment to musicians and singers during Lent, when opera was not performed. By using



Jackie
Jackson,
OSU Chorale
Director

scripture as text it was possible to perform during this religious time of contemplation before Easter. It premiered in Dublin in April of 1742.

The first performance of *Handel's Messiah* in Cedar City was on New Year's Day in 1925. Beginning in 1940, it became a seasonal tradition. Originally performed by Southern Utah University (called the Branch Agricultural College back then), the Orchestra of Southern Utah has since taken up the responsibility. Cedar City has a long and vibrant history with the musical arts. From the earliest Mormon pioneers who used fiddle music and dancing to keep warm through the cold winters, to the Cedar City Band who would perform in the City Park, and later as an official military unit with the US Army, the musical residents of Cedar City have consistently come together to support their community. Directed by ambitious and dedicated leaders such as Orient Dalley, Roy L. Halversen, June Thorley, and Hal Campbell, the orchestral scene grew to proportions unheard of for a small town. Currently there are orchestras in the public schools as well as at the university.

Jackie Riddle-Jackson will be directing and conducting this year's performances with assistance from Alex Byers. Vocal soloists



Messiah Rehearsal



Leah Brown and Brooke MacNaughtan as the audience gets seated in 2023

Joseph Morrow, Krystal Wallis, Beatrice Gerfin, Kristin Briggs, Teresa Hardy, Nitza Brooks, Lehi Moran, Zachary Smith, Jessie Byers, Alex Byers, Stephanie Wood, Shelly Forsman, and Dee Holt. The famous trumpet solo for "The Trumpet Will Sound" will be performed by Will Zeller.

Lobby music before the performance will be *Southern Utah Handbell Choir* on Sunday and *The Accidental 5 Brass Quintet* on Monday.

Tickets may be reserved at myosu.org. The limit per person is six tickets. Only request those you will use.

Please be seated by 7:15, at which time empty seats will be released. Children over 6 with adult supervision are welcome, but no babies please, as the performance is recorded.



Historical photo of Cedar City Messiah performance from Special Collections at SUU

The black and white photos are from the SUU Special Collections of performances before 1955.

Your 2025 Book Club Reading List

by Samuel Wells

CCAC BOARD MEMBER



The Cedar City Arts Council (CCAC) would like to invite all Iron County book-lovers to join us in reading six books this coming year. If you haven't already written out your reading goals, you might want to consult our list (below) and join in some of our discussions. We understand that bibliophiles often have big plans over the holidays. We make long lists and maybe join too many reading groups. I am currently part of three (maybe I should say four, if you count the books that Kathy and I read together from our library at home). But I have come to really value our CCAC discussions and want to make sure that you all are aware of when we meet and what we are reading.

Let me also put in a plug for reading groups in general. They have a long history, and they serve a handful of important human needs. The earliest examples were likely just meetings to discuss religious

texts and sermons. Sometimes these were discouraged by controlling clergymen. But whenever they occurred (or were allowed) they were an important part of free societies. They are certainly an important part of our American story. When Alexis de Tocqueville visited America from France in the 19th Century, he was surprised by how well-informed our citizens were on political issues. He attended several of our town meetings and listened to the discussions about current events and the stories that circulated freely in books and newspapers. Women also gathered in their own separate groups to prepare products and services for needy members of their communities. But they also talked about books. It has been claimed that the first American reading group was started by Anne Hutchinson aboard the ship *Griffin* on her way to the New World. In our humble reading group, we try to steer free of hot political topics and focus on books that have some sort of literary appeal.

For our first meeting in January, we will be discussing *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. It is a retelling of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in a setting of mid-20th Century Wisconsin with engaging characters and interesting dog stories. We meet on the first

Wednesday (usually) of every odd-numbered month at Main Street Books (in Cedar City) starting at 7:00 PM. Our January meeting will be on Wednesday, the 8th. We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.

The titles for the coming year are as follows:

January 8, 2025 - *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski (fiction)

March 5, 2025 - *The Land of Little Rain*, by Mary Austin (non-fiction)

May 7, 2025 - *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, by Alexander McCall Smith (fiction)

July 9, 2025 - *Alfie and Me*, by Carl Safina (non-fiction)

September 3, 2025 - *The Court Martial of George Armstrong Custer*, by Douglas Jones (fiction)

November 5, 2025 - *Profiles in Courage*, by John F. Kennedy (non-fiction)

Extreme Makeover—Windsor Court Edition: Updating a Home-Away-From-Home for Company Members

by Liz Armstrong

GUEST WRITER FOR USF

CEDAR CITY—The Utah Shakespeare

Festival serves as a place where actors and patrons alike can believe in the power of live theatre set among the stunning scenery of southern Utah. For many, the Festival is more than just a place of inspiration and entertainment, but *home*.

However, the productions don't run year-round, thus requiring seasonal company members to travel from all over the country to their "artistic home." So where do they stay for the three to six months of build, rehearsal, and performances? Most company members—including actors, designers, lighting and

sound technicians, prop artisans, costumers, wardrobe and run crew, and more—stay in the Windsor Court apartments, located right on Festival grounds.

Although the Festival's Company Management team does a spectacular

job of making sure that these apartments are clean and comfortable for the company, let's be honest...they are in need of a facelift.

And they aren't just getting a facelift, but an extreme makeover—Windsor Court Edition!

Company Manager Karin Edwards is thrilled about the project. Working with the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, the 35 apartments will get makeovers from community members, organizations, and businesses starting this January.

"Windsor Court has been a long-standing part of our Festival, and it's where our talented artists, technicians, and production staff live, unwind, and recharge after long days of bringing

Shakespeare and others to life on stage," Edwards said.

"However, over the years, the apartments at Windsor Court have aged, and the building now faces challenges that no longer reflect the world-class quality of the work our team creates. This project is a chance to honor their dedication by giving them a living space that truly supports their needs."

But it's more than just a home improvement project. Edwards noted that this is an opportunity for the Festival and community members to work together to transform Windsor Court into a beautiful, welcoming home for the artists and staff that bring the magic of professional live theater to Cedar City.

"Through this collaboration, we're growing a sense of community where everyone can feel part of the art. By working together on Windsor Court, we're bridging the Festival and the town in a meaningful way," Edwards said.

"When our artists, craftsmen, and technicians feel valued and comfortable, they bring even more energy and creativity to their work, and that spirit ripples out to everyone who experiences our shows."

For patrons interested in

participating, sign up for one or more apartments to makeover now and put your design skills to work. There is no fee to enter or participate in the competition. Sign ups will continue through December 14.

Various local businesses and organizations are stepping in to contribute to this project. Habitat for Humanity and the ReStore are giving every makeover team \$50 to spend at the ReStore in Cedar City (124 N. Main). They are also adopting one of the 35 Windsor Court apartments so they can better answer questions and help other makeover participants who may come into their store. ReStore has paint, flooring, light fixtures, furniture, and more.

Kustom Containers in Cedar City is also donating shipping containers onsite for participants who need a place to store items removed from apartments while renovations are happening.

Don't have the time or ability to renovate an apartment? You can still help by donating monetarily to the overall project or sponsoring a team. You can also donate your time and skilled labor. There are opportunities to do things from flooring and countertops to simply

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GENTRI

to Illuminate Southern Utah University with Enchanting Christmas Concert

from Kenten Pope

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Cedar City, UT – The GENTRI Christmas Concert, featuring the dynamic Gentlemen Trio, is set to take place on December 12th at 7:30 PM at the America First Event Center on the campus of Southern Utah University. Presented by the SUU Office of Executive Events, this festive evening promises to be a highlight of the holiday season.

GENTRI, short for "The Gentlemen Trio," is renowned for their powerful harmonies and captivating performances. Since their inception in June 2014, the trio—comprised of tenors Brad Robins, Casey Elliott, and Bradley Quinn Lever, along with award-winning composer and producer Stephen Nelson—has

enchanted audiences worldwide. Their unique blend of classical and contemporary music has earned them critical acclaim and a devoted following.

With four EPs and four full-length albums to their name, GENTRI has consistently achieved remarkable success on the Billboard charts, with nearly all their releases reaching #1. Their latest album, "Hymns II," showcases their talent for crafting inspirational music, further solidifying their position in the contemporary music landscape.

In addition to their impressive discography, GENTRI is recognized for their award-winning music videos, which have garnered over 400 million views and have been featured on major news outlets, including ABC World News, NBC

Nightly News, and Inside Edition. Their performances have captivated audiences from coast to coast, as well as internationally, sharing the stage with iconic artists such as Kristin Chenoweth, Alfie Boe, Idina Menzel, and legendary bands like Journey and One Republic.

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with the joy of the season as GENTRI brings their unique sound and festive spirit to Southern Utah University. Tickets are available now and can be purchased through the T-Bird Ticket office at tbirdtickets.com or by calling 435-586-7872.

For more information, contact: Kenten Pope, Executive Events Manager, SUU Office of Executive Events at 435-865-8839 or kentenpope@suu.edu.

EXTREME MAKEOVER

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painting and decorating.

Once the makeovers are complete, there will be a multitude of awards to celebrate the effort and creativity put into the project. These awards may include Best Transformation, Most Creative, Most Sustainable, and more. Winners will be recognized with a plaque in the apartment. If you are a sponsor, the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce will list your name or business.

Festival Facilities Director Michael Stewart and his team have begun inspections at the Windsor Court apartment, preparing them for the renovations ahead.

Renovation will run from January 20 through February 28, 2025, finishing in time for our company members to enjoy the updated spaces through the 64th season in 2025.

This community-led makeover will not only strengthen the Festival's bond with the community, but express appreciation for seasonal employees.

"This project isn't about just updating a building— it's about investing in the people who make the Festival what it is and welcoming them with open arms," Edwards said.

For more information on the logistics of the project, visit bard.org or contact Edwards at companymanager@bard.org or 453-586-7882.

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Iron County's Beloved Community Nutcracker Returns for Its Third Year

Four performances in December to celebrate the season with a cherished holiday tradition.

by Jennie Grime

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Community of Iron County and Canyon View High School's (CVHS) Dance Department proudly present the third annual Community Nutcracker Ballet, with performances on Dec. 12, 13, and 14 at 7:00 p.m. and a special matinee on Dec. 12 at 1:00 p.m., held at the CVHS auditorium. This cherished production features students, local studios, and community members in a magical retelling of the Nutcracker story. This year introduces a youth mentorship program and includes over 200 hours of collaborative preparation. The production is designed to ignite the spirit of the Christmas season and bring the magic of Christmas to life with its classic story of the Nutcracker and little Princess Clara.

"This production aims to enrich the learning experience of our students while fostering collaboration and mentorship within the community," said Jennie Grimes, dance instructor at CVHS and artistic director, producer and choreographer for the Community Nutcracker Ballet. "This season, we hope you'll take the opportunity to come and experience the story of Clara, a young girl gifted a nutcracker for Christmas and all the other magical characters that make up the ballet."

The production is a collaborative effort between CVHS dance students and community members, particularly those from the Iron County School District. The production involves a large cast and crew,

rehearsal staff and a youth mentor program that is new this year. Students also fill key roles in dance, stage crew, choreography, artistic direction, and more.

The community is invited to attend the production and enjoy the dedication of local dancers featuring stunning choreography, vibrant costumes, and a cast of dancers who captivate the audience with their joyful energy. The Nutcracker will be played by Michael Nelson and Zoe James will play the part of Clara. There are several soloists and featured dancers throughout the ballet including Regan Hunsaker as Drosselmeyer, Keziah Chappell and Ava Knudsen as Harlequin and Columbine Toy Dolls, Maggie Smith and Lolly Wilson as Roses, Reagyn Reynolds as the Mouse Queen, Emma Armour as Snow Queen, Laura Nelson as Dewdrop, and Sabrina Gordon as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The extensive preparation for this full-length ballet involves hundreds of hours organizing concepts, securing production crews and gathering donated supplies, props, costumes and materials. Local studios, including Ignite Dance Company, Dance Magic, The Point Dance Studio, Sunshine Dance and community dancers, join forces with CVHS dance department to contribute costumes and dancers for their assigned roles. The overwhelming support and commitment from everyone involved emphasize the belief in the project's impact on students and the potential for growth in the coming years.

Grimes, reflecting on the

project's inception, said, "I had been wanting to do it for about 15 years. The theme for my dance company that year was 'Don't wait for the right opportunity, create it.' What better time to teach than by example. Why not make it happen." This commitment to action led to the successful inaugural Community Nutcracker Ballet the last two years and a continuation this year as a cherished tradition.

The CVHS Dance Department would like to express gratitude to all of the studios and community members that have continued to join

us and support the production. The Community Nutcracker provides more ways to support our community during the production including concessions, silent audition, dancer grams, flowers, gifts, help the students of Iron County school district in need and help our dancers that were accepted into the Florence dance study abroad get to Italy. One way to help is to bring a pair of new gloves or hat to the ballet for a sweet treat at concessions. All of the hats and gloves will be donated to CV



Photographs provided by CVHS and taken by Parker Grimes

Christmas in hopes of helping all of the students in the Iron County School district during the holiday season. Tickets are now available for \$10 for adults, and \$6 for children ages two to 18, at communitynutcracker.com. Donations to support the

production may also be made at the same web address.

**THE COMMUNITY
NUTCRACKER**

DECEMBER 12, 13, 14, 2024
Canyon View High School Auditorium
7:00 pm | Saturday Matinee 1:00 pm



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

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

This year was like no other, it was an above and beyond experience that made this year even better than before. Complete with "A Christmas Market" filled with a curated collection of artisan crafts, all located in a new indoor location, "The Venue" (formally the Cedar City Movie Theatre on Historic Main Street). Carriage rides, kids' crafts and more, added to the fun. Live nativity performance by the Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance in front of the Old Rock Church on Center Street. And also, Santa's Stables with real live reindeer, sponsored by ERA Realty.

As part of the celebration, one lucky child (this year twins) were chosen to fly in the helicopter, who had previously made a helicopter trip to Salt Lake, and their guardian arrived in style alongside Santa Claus. This was the second Annual Fly with Santa contest, sponsored by SUU Aviation.



Macayla Wells and Charlie Ulrich both female pilots, assisted by Brian Torkelson and Andrew Nugent, Santa's elves as the ground crew. Members of Cedar High, Mowey Tawa escorted Santa from the helicopter to the stage.

The Holiday Tree Jubilee is in its 7th year, located in the Festival Hall (105 N. 100 E. Cedar City). The founder of Holiday Tree Jubilee, Laura Albrecht, would like to thank all the generous support of the community, last year they were able to donate over \$60,000 to local teens, children, and families in need at Christmas time.

This multi-day fundraising event contributes thousands of dollars to local charities every year including Iron County Care and Share, Cedar City Police Department Shop with a Cop program and Iron County homeless. Thank you to the community for bringing non-perishable food items to fill the Iron County Care and Share pantry.

Mayor Green stated, "I have many memories of Christmas and growing up in Cedar City. I



remember window shopping and going into the stores and seeing a toy wonderland. We live in a special place, and this time of year it becomes more genuine. My mind goes back to an old Christmas song "Silver Bells", reminds me of Cedar City. I love that the downtown lighting has become such a family tradition for residents and visitors alike. Wendy and I wish all of you the best this holiday season, we are asking you to enjoy the magic, cherish the memories and spread a lot of kindness tonight and always because 'Historic Downtown' is truly where the Magic Begins. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a joyful New Year".

Thank you to the 100 volunteers, who spent many, many hours of preparation to make this years "Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony" a huge success. And to all those who gave so generously. The hour-long program was spectacular with professional dance performances by world-renowned choreographer, Mic Thompson, America Preparatory Academy 5th grade students

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Where the Magic Begins

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY



A Celebration of CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The City of Parowan, along

with its Chamber of Commerce, offer a couple of dozen events every year for all of Iron County and beyond, including parades, car shows and concerts in the park. The final event of this year called **Christmas in the Country**, brought in the Christmas holidays with a very full day of activities on

Saturday, November 30th. On a sunny and almost winter-warm morning the day began at 10:00 am on Main Street, with the annual Christmas parade and the arrival of Santa Claus on his own float. Meanwhile, in the Iron County Fair building on the Fair Grounds a Holiday Gift Bazaar, offering home-crafted gifts, actually began on Friday the 29th, and continued throughout the day on Saturday.

After the parade was over, Santa headed over to the Fair building, and patiently sat and listened to the Christmas wishes of the many children who excitedly watched him arrive. The bazaar drew a crowd of many gift shoppers and a variety of vendors that kept the fair building bustling throughout the day.

Just after the sun set on Saturday night the celebration of the lighting of the Main Street Christmas decorations began. It started at 6:00 pm, with a candle-light parade down Main Street when a gathering of several hundred hardy hikers, some holding candles and lead by angels and all the other characters that formed the live nativity, made their

way to the darkened Town Square to join what seemed like half the population of Parowan anxiously awaiting their city coming to life for the Christmas season. After the live nativity participants took their places beneath the star of Bethlehem there was a reading from the Bible, followed by caroling, then, came the moment everyone was waiting for as all the lights came on to conclude the celebration, and the chilly night had the feel of a Hallmark Christmas card!

By now several hundred people had gathered, many of whom then marched over to visit our traditional Christmas display: **Winter Wonderland**, created by the Chamber of Commerce. Lots of people were taking family pictures amongst the colorful lights, including a couple I ran into who had heard about our celebration and had driven all the way from St. George to enjoy it. Across the park, volunteers were offering hot chocolate and donuts to ward

off the winter chill.

At 7:00 pm, at the classic Aladdin Movie Theatre, the celebration of **“Christmas in the Country”** ended with the annual Christmas Variety Show which opened to a full house. It featured local talent performing to a grateful audience who were now well into the holiday spirit.

This Christmas tradition has been going on since the early 1980’s, and is a wonderful way to begin the holiday season and will hopefully continue for at least another 40 years and beyond. It’s definitely an event to mark on your calendar for next year, come and visit this small town with a lot of Christmas spirit.



calendar

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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

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

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Enoch Planning Commission

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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

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AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Parowan • (435) 477-8925

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

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

Caregivers

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

Celebrate Recovery 12-Step

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

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

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, 7:30 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@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Boy Scout Troop 1848

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or email cedarmodela@gmail.com.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200

S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun. Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. cedarchestquiltersguild.org

Cedar City ESL

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

Cedar City Toastmasters

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

Cedar 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 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 signup: Parowan Visitors Center 435-477-8190.

PB&J Therapy Groups

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

College: forms.gle/SmGygtCfVQ1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZlepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

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

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

Wed Noon-1 pm • Create Better Health. ZOOM Mtg ID: 841 6308 8990, PW: health, Info: Kristi Sharp (435) 986-2564, ksharp@swuhealth.org

Youth Group

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

calendar

Check out the Holiday Guide at ironcountytoday.com for a calendar full of festive holiday events!

THURS, DEC 5

RIBBON CUTTING GOLD RIVER GALLERY (12PM)
111 S Main St. Suite 2A, Cedar City, Utah.

FRI, DEC 6

WIZARD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL (5-8PM) @ 150 E Altamira Ave, Cedar City. All Wizards, witches, & Non-Magical Folks welcome. For more information visit www.cccmt.org

SUU HOLIDAY CONCERT (7:30PM)
Music Masterworks Series @ the Heritage Center Theater.

WHITE CHRISTMAS THE MUSICAL: IMPAC THEATER COMPANY ADULT CAST (7PM) @ Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City

YSL FUNDRAISER FAMILY NIGHT & GALA (DEC 6 & 7)
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.eventcreate.com/e/yslfundraiser>

RIBBON CUTTING KABUTO SUSHI & RAMEN (4:30PM)
927 S Main St. Cedar City, Utah.

SAT, DEC 7

WIZARD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL (10AM-4PM) @ 150 E Altamira Ave, Cedar City. All Wizards, witches, & Non-Magical Folks welcome. For more information visit www.cccmt.org

BOWLING SANTA PARTY (12-3PM) Santa Claus is here! Free Bowling Game and Bag of Treats to each child. Cedar Bowling Center 421 E Highway 91 Cedar.

RED ACRE CHRISTMAS (11AM-4PM)
Food, activities, candle-making, and Christmas tree shopping. Red Acre Farms 2322 W 4375 N Cedar.

SUN, DEC 8

HANDEL'S MESSIAH (7:30PM)
Heritage Center Theater

MON, DEC 9

HANDEL'S MESSIAH (7:30PM)
Heritage Center Theater

WIZARD CHRISTMAS FEAST (7PM) @
150 E Altamira Ave, Cedar City. All Wizards, witches, & Non-Magical Folks welcome. For more information visit www.cccmt.org

WHITE CHRISTMAS THE MUSICAL (7PM) Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City

LIVE NATIVITY (5-7:30PM) 20-30
minute live and interactive tour through the scenes of the nativity. At Nature Hills Farm. Purchases tickers at www.naturehillsfarm.com

TUES, DEC 10

CHRISTMAS JAZZ! (7PM) THE JAZZ Alliance of Cedar City presents its monthly JAZZ at Off The Cuff (913 S Main St). Don't miss our most popular event of the year as the OTC House Band performs jazzy versions of all your favorite Christmas tunes! Free admission and free desserts!

FRI, DEC 11

RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE STATEWIDE EQUIPMENT (10AM-2PM)
Open house is until 2pm and lunch will be served from 11am - 2pm. Located at 2191 W 200 S, Parowan, UT.

WHITE CHRISTMAS THE MUSICAL (7PM) Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City

CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY BAND & THE ACCIDENTAL BRASS QUINTET CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT (7PM)
Free Admissions. Cedar High School Auditorium

THURS, DEC 12

CEDAR CITY INNOVATION CENTER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE (11AM-1PM) @ 510 W 800 S, Cedar City, UT 84720. Grab some lunch, see what's new at the Innovation Center, and enjoy networking with business leaders and friends!

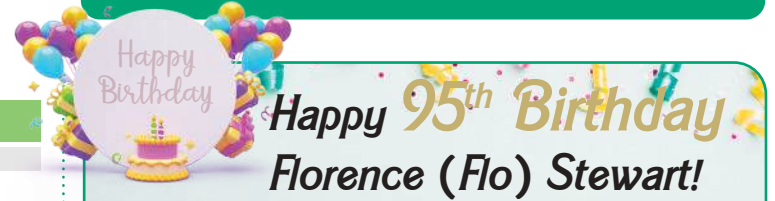
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (1PM) to mark veterans graves at Cedar City Cemetary. Contact April for details @ mrc@cedarcitychamber.org.

WHITE CHRISTMAS THE MUSICAL (7PM) Intermountain Performing Arts Conservatory 389 N 100 W, Suite 7 Cedar City

THE COMMUNITY NUTCRACKER (7PM) Get tickers at communitynutcracker.com or (541) 852-1273. Canyon View High School Auditorium

GENTRI CHRISTMAS (7:30PM)
SUU Cedar City America Fest Event Center. Adults: \$30 Kids \$25. Get tickets at tbirdtickets.com

celebrations & announcements



Happy 95th Birthday Florence (Flo) Stewart!

Florence turns 95 on December 5th. She is celebrated by her children, Teresa (Gary) Nelson, Alan (Jan) Stewart, Carla (Kendall) Kelsey, Robert (Charli) Stewart. Also celebrating her are her 12, grandchildren, 30 1/2 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. We wish you the most wonderful birthday ever and we love you always and forever!

QUILTS OF VALOR



Thank you for your service!

PFC 1st Class Kenneth Brown and daughter Lynette Nelson

Thank you for your service Sergeant Short!

On November 16th, Patches4 Patriots presented a Quilt of Valor to Vietnam veteran Sergeant Garfield (Bud) Short. Bud served in the US Army from 1970-1974. He was with the 101st Airborne and for a year was stationed at DaNang and Phu Bai. As a point man, he led his unit patrol during combat. Twice wounded he is the recipient of two Purple Hearts. His quilt was made by Diana Francis.



obituaries

Ellen DeMille Given



Ellen DeMille Given, 77, of Henderson, Nevada, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2024, after a courageous battle with congestive heart failure. Born in St. George, Utah, on January 1, 1947, to Ardell and Mary Jane (Crofts) DeMille, Ellen spent most of her life in Rockville, Utah, just outside of Zion National Park.

Upon graduation from Hurricane High School as Valedictorian in 1965, she attended Southern Utah State College (now Southern Utah University), majoring in Family Life with minors in Chemistry and Business. In the summers, she worked at Zion National Park near her home in Rockville.

She graduated with her Bachelor of Science in 1970, also as the Valedictorian. She then attended Brigham Young University where she received her Master of Science in Food Science and Nutrition. She continued working the summers at Zion National Park and attained a permanent position there upon graduation from BYU, working first as the Maintenance Division Administrative Assistant before becoming the Executive Secretary to the Superintendent and senior managers.

She married Roy Given who was serving as Zion's Assistant Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services, and resigned her position upon the birth of her daughter, Mary Ellen. Ellen was blessed with another daughter, Alesha, and the family moved to Big Bend National Park in southwest Texas. After three years, Roy was promoted to the Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services at the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River in Pennsylvania and New York. They spent eight years there before Roy transferred to Hoover Dam (Bureau of Reclamation) where he served as the Special Projects Director and Supervisory Management Analyst. Ellen reentered the workforce as a chiropractic assistant in Las Vegas for two years before securing a position at Reclamation's regional office in Boulder City, then on to Hoover Dam as the Maintenance Division's Administrative Assistant, completing the circle she started many years previously!

A stay-at-home mom for 16 years, she was a devoted mother and had a tremendous impact on her daughters. Mary Ellen became a veterinarian, the first doctor in the family, while Alesha is an Air Force Major in the Nurse Corps.

A resident of Henderson since 2000, Ellen had a passion for cooking, baking, gardening, canning, sewing, church service, and love of animals, which brought joy and fulfillment to her life. She retired in 2009, followed by Roy retiring in 2017.

A life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ellen served in many callings including Young Women President, Primary President, ward and choir pianist, Relief Society and Primary teacher, and dedicated Visiting Teacher. She especially enjoyed being the Nursery Leader and Sunbeam teacher!

Ellen's legacy of service will be deeply missed by all who knew her and experienced her love and discipleship.

Ellen is survived by her husband, Roy; daughters Mary Ellen (Henderson, NV) and Alesha (Fairfield, CA); step-son Christopher (Denver, CO); sisters Marianne (Hurricane, UT), Linda (San Marcos, CA), Diane (Alvaton, KY); brothers Dwight (Rockville, UT) and Kerry (LaVerkin, UT); and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Eileen, who passed away in 2022.

Memorial Services will be held at noon PST on December 5, at the Eldorado Stake Center (801 Arrowhead Trail, Henderson). Interment will be in the Rockville Cemetery at noon MST on December 6.

Gary (Chris) Christian Davis



Gary (Chris) Christian Davis, 44, of Reno Nevada, passed away on November 18th, 2024.

Chris was born November 23rd, 1979, in Cedar City Utah. He was the beloved son of Gary Allen (Pup) Davis and Linda Clark and their spouses Carolyn Davis and Brian Clark.

As a child, Chris loved hunting and fishing. He spent many years involved in competitive bull riding and was always highly athletic. Chris always dressed to impress and had an extensive Nike collection. He was always collecting people and had a huge network of friends. Those who truly knew Chris knew what a big heart he had and how much he loved all those he cared about. He loved hard and deep and spent his life chasing adventure.

Chris had three loves and kept a close relationship with both mothers of his two sons. In 2007, Chris and Jade had their son Gavin 17. In 2013, Chris and Brittney had their son Dacen, 11. He later met Katie, and they were together for five years. Chris touched the lives of countless people, and he will be greatly missed.

Chris was predeceased by his grandfather Gary Olean Davis, his grandmother Indrid Fisher, his great grandparents, Olean & Rachel Davis, and William & Vanona Esplin as well as his twin sisters Tani Jo & Tona Diane Davis, and his nephew Shawn Heaton. Chris is survived by his parents (mentioned above), his grandmother Diane Davis, his sons Gavin Christian Davis, and Dacen Michale Davis his sisters Chandra (Chris) Taylor, Katy Ann Fife, Gina Chesley, Kizzy, Shyann, Tiffany Sanders, and Charisse Heaton, his brothers DJ Davis, Scott Heaton, and Michael (Mac) Annis, and his nephews Dallin (Jaylee) Davis, Layne (Alyssa) Miller, Trexton Fife, Armondo Jimenez, Ty Chesley, Easton Davis, Josh Heaton, Kyle Larson, Ryan Heaton, Steven Reese, and Aiden Miller. His nieces Rosa Jimenez, Makaylie Davis, Marissa Davis, Maddie Davis, and Phoenix Davis, as well as many aunts' uncles, and cousins.

Services will be held at 2 pm on Saturday the 30th of November 2024, at Cedar City Elks Lodge located at 111 E 200 N, Cedar City, Utah 84721

Glade Scott Berry



Glade Scott Berry passed away peacefully on November 28, 2024. Scott was born on February 10, 1946 in Cedar City, UT to Glade Albert Berry and Alenna Williams Berry. Scott was raised in Kanarrville, Utah, where he had a deep love for the mountains and the land his family owned. He attended Kanarrville Elementary and continued his education in Cedar City, attending Cedar City schools.

After graduating High School, Scott took medical courses at Southern Utah State College and Dixie College.

Scott served in the Army where he received many awards for his behavior, attitude, and actions. Scott returned home from serving his country in 1968 when his father passed away.

Scott was a true cowboy at heart, his love for animals and the outdoors was evident with his connection to his country way of life. He enjoyed hunting, training horses and had a passion for leather work. The only time he left Kanarrville for any length of time was when he purchased a hunting ranch in Idaho. He guided hunters on horseback in the rugged Idaho Mountains and fished in the Salmon River. He was very involved in rodeo, competing in Bareback Riding and Steer Wrestling at many different levels. He traveled many miles enjoying rodeos with his friends and family. Scott had many occupations, he was a horseshoer, construction worker and horse trainer. Scott had many true friends that he called family, he loved, his cowboy spirit will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to share their lives with him.

Even though he never had kids of his own, he helped raise many young children, sharing his knowledge of animals and especially his love of horses to kids of all ages.

Under his soft personality he had a great sense of humor and those closest to him knew he had a wild streak.

Scott leaves behind niece Belinda (Reed) Rowley, nephew John Berry and niece Cindy Berry Haynie, brother-in-law Jay Peck and many great nieces and nephews. Scott will be dearly missed by many friends and family.

Preceded in death by his parents Glade and Alenna Berry, Brother Gaylen Berry and sisters Karla Peck and Aloma Berry.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2024 in the Kanarrville Town Hall starting at 12:00PM. Visitation will be held Tuesday morning prior to services at same location from 9:30 to 11:30. Interment will follow the service at the Kanarrville Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.



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LaRae Nowers



LaRae Nowers passed away peacefully on November 26, 2024 at her son Chad's home in Beaver, Utah.

She was born on April 29, 1932, at Grandma and Grandpa Puffer's home up North Creek, to Rhoda Arvilla Puffer Shotwell, and Joseph Earl Shotwell. She was the oldest of 7 children. Shortly after mom was born, Grandpa, with the help of his good friend Abe Murdock, who was a State Senator at the time, was able to acquire one of the last homestead grants issued in the state of Utah which was 40 acres up North Creek. The little family got busy spending every summer on their property living in a tent, fencing the section of land, and built the little log cabin they would eventually call home. Mom spent her school years in San Bernadine California, where she attended and graduated from public school. Where grandpa had his landscape business during the winter, she had very fond memories of both places, but her heart was in Beaver.

After graduating High School, mom worked for a while for ATT as a telephone operator, before being talked into going to Ely Nevada by her younger sister Joyce and her boyfriend Frank, to be a witness as they wanted to elope and be married that October night. They needed one more witness, so they ask Franks older brother Dick who had just returned from a 2 year LDS mission to come along with them. Mom and Dad had dated for a few years in High School, before Dad left on his mission. They all agreed and so they set out that evening from deer camp for Ely, and over the long drive they talked Dick and LaRae into getting married as well. This was the beginning of many years of the four of them doing so much together.



Mom and Dad moved to Salt Lake City for a short while where Dad worked at a meat packing plant. But soon after found themselves back in Beaver where he helped Grandpa Nowers run Emil's Cafe. This was when Calvin was born. Shortly after, a cousin had suggested that there were good paying jobs to be had on Catalina Island California so Frank, Joyce, and little Rhonda, Dad, Mom, and little Calvin headed west. Dad and Uncle Frank took jobs working for the city and stayed there until Beverly was born. But homesickness got the best of Dad so they moved back to Beaver. A few short years later Kim and Chad were born and in 1963 they bought the blue and white home on 200 North and they lived the rest of their lives there. Never to move away from Beaver again.

Mom became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when Dad baptized her after they were married. Later they were sealed in the temple. Mom loved every calling she held in the church and worked diligently to make each calling her very best, be it teaching the Sunbeam class or Boy Scouts of America. Mom dearly loved her visiting teacher companions and the many sisters they would visit.

Mom was lucky to be a stay at home mom which allowed her to work alongside Dad in all his endeavors. They ran Emil's Cafe for a while with mom helping with the book work. Then Dad got a job working for Meadow Gold Dairy as a distributor for Beaver and Iron County. Mom continued organizing the local home delivery part of the business, which was all us kids first jobs growing up delivering milk door to door, 3 days a week rain or shine.

Mom loved Beaver and the many friends she had there. She was a big fan of high school sports, many of which her children took part in. The community theater and friends she made while practicing and performing the plays. She sang in the local choir for years and had a beautiful soprano voice. She loved singing and could be heard as she went about her daily chores.

Most of all she loved her family, and especially the little ones. She could spend hours holding, kissing and playing with the babies, and all the grand and great grand kids would light up whenever Grandma LaRae was around.

As the children grew older and didn't require so much of her attention, she had time to pursue things that interested her. She loved crafts of all kinds, making fun holiday decorations. Then she found crocheting, and there she found her nitch. She made everything from slippers and mittens to queen size afghans, entering many items in the County Fair over the years and bring home high praise with each item.

She would happily share her talent by giving them away for birthdays, weddings, baby showers and any other occasion you could think of. You knew you were dearly loved and appreciated if you received a handmade item from Mom.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Rhoda Shotwell, a younger sister Myrtle, and her youngest brother Harold. The love of her life and eternal husband Dick Emil Nowers. and oldest son Dick Calvin Nowers.

She is survived by her three remaining children, daughters Beverly Patterson, Kim (Rusty) Aiken, and son Chad (Cherie) Nowers. 14 Grandchildren, 30 Great Grandchildren. A very special nephew/son Weldow (Susan) George, and many other dearly loved relatives.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, December 7, 2024 at noon in the Beaver 4* Ward Church at 220 North and Main. The viewing will take place from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the church as well. The burial will be at the Mountain View Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and leave condolences online, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Sidney C. Goddard



Sidney C. Goddard, age 65, passed away peacefully at home on November 27th, 2024, in Cedar City, Utah. He was born on July 22, 1959, in Cedar City, Utah to George and Janice Goddard. Sidney was raised in Cedar City where he graduated from Cedar High School. He married JoAnn on July 4th, 1980, and later divorced after having two amazing children, Keisha and Chase, who he loved dearly. He had three grandchildren who he loved spending time with and was so proud of, Kaden Perfect (predeceased), Jauzlyn Templin, and Madison Sheffer. He had many jobs over the years but his two favorite jobs were working as an Oil Derrick on the oil rigs and as a cook at the Ed and Debs and the Main Street Grill as well as many other restaurants. He was an amazing cook and shared his passion for cooking with his family. He made many memories with his family through his love for hunting and camping as well as his love for riding motorcycles. In his final years, he could always be found watching The Big Bang Theory and Young Sheldon. His family wishes to thank the nurses and staff from Zion's hospice for the love and compassion they showed Sidney as well as the help and love his nurse Rachel showed Keisha and Jauzlyn through this difficult time.

The family has decided not to hold funeral services at this time, rather they will hold a BBQ as a celebration of life in July for his birthday. Details will be provided later down the road.



Sid is survived by his daughter Keisha (Adam), his son Chase (Melissa), his granddaughters Jauzlyn and Madie, his brother Gary, and his sister Elaine as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Goerge and Janice Goddard, his sister, Kendra Goddard, his grandson, Kaden Perfect, and his Nephew, Tyson Goddard

Cory K Bohn



Cory K Bohn, our beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend, passed away peacefully on November 17th, 2024 at his home. Cory showed love to all those around him. He would do anything for anyone. Especially his nieces and nephews, who he loved like his own. His humorous and sarcastic personality will be dearly missed.

Born in Cedar City on July 24, 1977, he was the son of Garth and Linda Bohn. He grew up on the east side of Cedar City, Utah in the best neighborhood. He went to East Elementary School, followed by Cedar Middle School and Cedar High School where he gave his parents a run for their money. Cory was an avid sports player growing up. Some would call him the "coaches favorite". Baseball, specifically, had a special place in his heart. His baseball career started in t-ball, and then little league where he was an allstar player. He played all the way up until he was 13 where his career came to an end when he injured his shoulder and had to have rotator cuff surgery. However, this never changed his love for the game.

Cory was an extremely hard worker. He worked many different jobs throughout his life, from framing to FedEx to construction jobs. Some jobs took Cory back east for a few years of his life. Ultimately, he moved back to Cedar City where he grew fond of the petroleum industry. He was employed by Jenkins Oil and Senergy Petroleum. He was dedicated to these companies for almost 22 years. Cory enjoyed a variety of hobbies. Golfing was one of his favorite pastimes. He participated in the men's league at Cedar Ridge Golf Course. You could always find him on the course with his brothers, nieces, nephews, and good friends in his spare time. Cory had a passion for hunting and fishing. He loved to hunt for deer and elk at our cabin on Cedar Mountain with family and friends.

Cory was always up for a family vacation. We may have had to drag him to Disneyland a few times, but always promised him a baseball game or two in return. However, Mr. Fun always had to be the one wearing a different color jersey and root for the opposing team. Mexico was another favorite of his, always with his fedora hat on and a frilly drink in hand. Additionally, Cory never turned down a trip to Phoenix to go to the horse races. We will cherish the memories we have made with him forever. Although he never really loved the thought of traveling, he loved to spend time with and be with his family.

He is survived by his parents, Garth and Linda, his brothers, Jeff (Natalie) and Casey (Vannessa), his nieces and nephews, Kenadee, Karson, Denym and Landon Bohn and Kage, Jake and Gracey Christensen. His death is deeply mourned by all of his family and friends.

We are overwhelmed and grateful for the amount of kindness, love, and support we have been shown during this difficult time. There will be a celebration of life held at a later date for his family and friends in his honor. Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at www.mortuary.org.

LIGHTING CEREMONY

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singing holiday favorites, dancing violinist, soloists and local dancing groups. The program finished off with a firework display sponsored by Visit Cedar City Brian Head. Thank you to all who participated.

“The entire event was magical and the perfect way to officially ring in the holiday season. Where the magic begins is a true Christmas card to Cedar City. The festivities were all geared toward children and of course culminating with the arrival of the Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa. It is about the magic and excitement you see in the eyes of the children. The committee

worked on this for months before unveiling it, and this years expanded stage made it all come together. Highlight of the lighting had the crowd of over 6,000 excited and ready for the holiday season” -Scott Phillips.

Emcee’s Ben Batty and Laura Albrecht escalated the crowd with enthusiasm and excitement. Despite the cold temperature of 42 degrees (last year it was 12 degrees) everyone left with a little bit more holiday spirit.

“There is no better place to kick off the holiday season than Cedar City, the kids faces holding their lighted wands to the sky truly believing, brings a tear to my eye. Downtown Cedar City truly is “Where The Magic Begins” - Benjamin Batty.

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NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

Kurt Morgan signing!

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Exciting news from Canyon View! Many of our talented athletes have been making waves with their college signings, and this past week, Kurt Morgan, a standout member of the Canyon View swim team, took a huge leap by signing with BYU's swim team! This is an incredible opportunity not just for Kurt but for his teammates as well. Canyon View couldn't be prouder of him—congratulations, Kurt!



Kurt Morgan signing to BYU

Falcon Frenzy

On the 19th, Canyon View hosted its annual Falcon Frenzy, and what an unforgettable event it was! A huge crowd turned out, turning the day into an awesome celebration. It was the perfect chance for our basketball teams to showcase their incredible skills and raise some funds. Can't wait for the winter sports season to kick off! Bring it on!



Canyon View's swim team supporting Kurt Morgan

Bright Star Follow up!

Canyon View Theater Department consistently delivers outstanding musicals, and Bright Star was no exception. The musical left everyone in the audience with goosebumps. Each actor poured their heart and soul into the performance, and it truly showed. Senior Sabrina Grimshaw, who played Lucy, shared, "Without theater, I would've never had the confidence to try out for cheer or venture outside my comfort zone. While I love performing and competing, it's the people that make this experience so rewarding. I've met incredible individuals through theater who have shaped me in profound ways. Lincoln Paul encouraged me to see things from new perspectives and make bold choices. Mrs. Walton inspired me to push myself and exceed my own expectations. Charlotte Pulica taught me to embrace my true self and push my boundaries. Holly Barrick has been a guiding light in my life, believing in me when I struggled to believe in myself. Her unwavering support and patience have been pivotal to my journey. Freshman year, I had just one friend in theater—Hayley Rowley. Hayley is the reason I continue in this passion today. Without her, I wouldn't be the person I am now. She has been a remarkable influence, and I take immense pride in everything she has accomplished and in the person she has become. Her talent and kindness have inspired me to strive for greatness." It's clear to see how much this production meant to the cast and how much they've grown as a family! Canyon Views just so awesome! Good job, and thank you to Holly Barrick and the whole Bright Star cast for an amazing production!

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Gateway-OpenEd Connect Event

by Jordan Erickson

HOMESCHOOL FACILITATOR

Gateway Academy hosted the first Gateway-OpenEd Connect Event of the year. OpenEd is a personalized education program chosen by parents of Gateway students. The event was a Wax Museum put on by the students. They were instructed to choose a historical figure they admired (which could include an ancestor) to research and represent. I could not have been more impressed by the work these students put in. Each figure was beautifully represented in exquisite detail. Ian Lisonbee as Alan Turing, Porter Gines as John Hopkins, Adabella Anderson as Cleopatra, Lydia Stapley as Helen Keller, Micah Gines as Richard Markgraf, Rosetta Anderson as Mary Ann Hafen, and Clayson Williams as Kent Clay Williams.

The last two figures were relatives of the students - a pioneer who walked barefoot, and a grandpa who invented baby carrots! The information these students gathered and the level of detail they displayed was astounding. They held perfectly still in their poses (even our youngest participant, a kindergartener) while music played and visitors to the museum walked through and read their displays. I was so moved my eyes filled with tears, it was truly an unforgettable experience to witness these children truly embody people from the past they admire. Afterward, the students connected with each other, asking questions and sharing knowledge and interests. Then we all shared donuts and hot chocolate, leaving the past behind to enjoy each other and the present.



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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

from Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

North Elementary



North Elementary counselor, Danniell Quinnett, has been working closely with Iron County Care and Share and the Cedar City Rotary Club to provide Holiday Meal boxes for families in need. Additionally, she has been gathering referrals for Christmas donations through a collaborative effort with the Cedar City Elks Lodge and Tracy Womack, our ICSD Homeless Liaison. We are deeply grateful to offer this meaningful support to our North Elementary community.

North Elementary 5th graders have been hard at work preparing for a unique Thanksgiving Parade for their 2nd grade buddies next week. Students have been using Ozobots and Dash robots provided by Becca Esplin, our district Digital Teaching and Learning/ Computer Science Specialist. Programming with code blocks has been a very fun and useful challenge for our students.

Three Peaks Elementary

Thanksgiving is the time of year we reflect on the many things for which we are thankful. Three Peaks Elementary would like to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you. We are thankful for our students who come to school every day, ready to learn - they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. We are thankful for the teachers,

the administrators, the office managers, the school nurse, the school counselor and social worker, bus drivers, lunchroom aides, support staff, and custodians who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school. Most importantly, we are thankful for the support of the parents who continue to share their most valuable possessions with us and work hard and advocate to be a partner in their children's education, safety and well being. We are also thankful to our veterans for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe.



Three Peaks Elementary would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and relaxing Thanksgiving season!

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

STEAM Night was a success! We are grateful to our partners at SUU STEM Center, Animal Ambassadors, SUMA, and others for putting on a great event! Students and their families learned a lot and had a great time doing it.

Mark your calendars for the choir concert December 12 at 6 pm. Mrs. Callister and her choir have been working hard for months to bring you a fun event.

Keep your eye out for more information about the Santa Shop coming December 9-13. Students can purchase gifts for family members and friends at kid-friendly prices and with the help of a PTA volunteer. Watch your child's homework folder and make sure to follow

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA on Facebook for news, updates, and highlights from our school.

Escalante Valley Elementary

Marla Hoyt & Charlene Busch from the 4H extension program presented their first STEM activity for the year to the (K-6) students of Escalante Valley Elementary. First, the students listened to the story *How to Catch a Turkey*. From there, each student was given a sandwich bag containing popsicle sticks, rubber bands, a candy pumpkin & pom poms. Next, they reviewed vocabulary terms and were given instructions on how to construct a catapult. Working as individuals, students constructed their contraptions and tested out their designs, making predictions on which object was best to launch. Students of all ages squealed with delight as they took aim at turkeys and tried their best to catch a turkey!



South Elementary



On the final day of Red Ribbon week, kindergartners and other students got to watch as K-9 dogs showed off their skills. The dogs and their officer partners exhibited how they sniff out drugs and hold on to perpetrators in an effort to prevent further crimes from happening. Way to go K-9 units!

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Falcons hang on, beat Panthers in opener

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

For its season opener, the Canyon View boys basketball team faced a familiar foe for the second year in a row. The challenges were no different, and the end result was just as satisfying.

Felps Sanders scored a game-high 22 points and Ty Attig added 16 in his first game since an ACL injury wiped out the end of his junior year as the Falcons held on for a well-earned 58-55 overtime win over the Pine View Panthers on Nov. 22 at The Pit.

Neither team led by more than eight points in the game, but CV head coach Kim Blackner said the biggest part of his team's success came down to a simple element.

"We knew in a game like this, we needed three stops and three scores," Blackner said. "It took us a while till we got to the point where we got that. I need to be better in the way we close out games."

Canyon View had taken the lead at 48-45 when Attig hit a big 3-pointer with 34 seconds left, but Pine View's Adam Moore – who led the way with 17 points – was able to counter with his third

triple of the night that tied the score with 9 seconds to play.

"Our go-to guys didn't have their best nights, but other guys stepped up in the crucial moments," Blackner said.

Asher Slack scored four of his six points in the extra period, including a key free throw that gave CV a 58-53 lead with less than 10 seconds left. After a Panther basket and an exchange of timeouts with 1.7 seconds to play, a last-ditch 3-point attempt to tie ended well off the mark as the buzzer sounded and the Falcons celebrated the win.

"This is just a stepping stone. We've got work to do as we move through the season," Blackner said. "We had good guys at the free-throw line, but we didn't make them when we needed to. It would have made the game easier to close out, but we'll be better."

The Falcons played host to Desert Hills for the home opener Nov. 26, but the game was played too late for press deadline. Scores will appear in the Dec. 12 edition of Iron County Today.



Canyon View's Ty Attig goes up for a shot against a Pine View defender during the Falcons' 58-55 overtime win against the Panthers on Nov. 22.



Canyon View

58



Pine View

55

Canyon View 10 14 10 14 10- 58
Pine View 16 8 11 13 7- 55

Canyon View – Ludlow 5, Attig 16, Morris 3, F. Sanders 22, Bealer 2, Slack 6, Meyer 2, J. Sanders 2. Totals 21 13-23 58. 3-pointers – Attig 2, Morris.

Pine View – Moore 17, Papa 6, Tueller 4, Schmitt 12, Odejegba 10, Williams 4, Warner 2. Totals 20 9-12 55. 3-pointers – Moore 3, Schmitt 3.

Cedar volleyball duo sign letters of intent

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Annalyse Shimada admitted she "wasn't very coordinated to begin with" when she started her athletic career at Cedar High. Liko Fallau has only known volleyball in high school, and she was thankful for being able to keep doing what she loves.

On Nov. 19, the pair signed their official letters of intent to continue on to the collegiate level in the sport. Shimada will join the volleyball team at Lafayette College, and Fallau signed on with St. Andrews University, an NAIA school located outside of Charlotte, N.C.

Although Shimada excelled in both basketball and volleyball, she said her visit to Lafayette, a school located in Easton, Pennsylvania, about 90 minutes north of Philadelphia, felt like the perfect fit, and she signed on with the volleyball program.

"You know how they always say 'when it feels right, you'll know?'" said Shimada, who made visits to multiple schools. "That was my visit to Lafayette. I loved everything about it."

Shimada had the numbers on the volleyball floor for the Reds, who ended up eighth at the 4A state championships in November. She finished third overall in Region 9 with 330 kills in her senior season, and her hitting percentage of .221 was well above the national average in the category according to MaxPreps.com.

And Shimada's favorite motivational message started from pre-game conversations she had with her father.

"Scared money don't make money."

"Every single game, I would have that call with him," Shimada said.



Liko Fallau and Annalyse Shimada signed their letters of intent to play college volleyball Nov. 19. Fallau will attend St. Andrews University in North Carolina, and Shimada will head to Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.

PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

Region 9 Football

11/21 4A playoffs, championship
Crimson Cliffs 57, Spanish Fork 55,
3 OT

Boys Basketball

Region 9

11/20 Richfield 64, Cedar 43
Hurricane 79, South Sevier 45

11/21 Crimson Cliffs 62, Salem Hills 54
Green Canyon 55, Pine View 38
Dixie 73, Springville 59
Desert Hills 52, Bear River 50

11/22 Mountain View 69, Cedar 65
Canyon View 58, Pine View 55, OT,
Springville 59, Snow Canyon 52
Desert Hills 45, Sky View 43
Dixie 64, Salem Hills 50
Crimson Cliffs 78, Am. Heritage 76

11/23 Payson 72, Cedar 44
Hurricane 69, Sky View 62
Snow Canyon 58, Salem Hills 56
Dixie 69, Am. Heritage 53
Provo 57, Desert Hills 48
Crimson Cliffs 64, Springville 55
Pine View 75, Bear River 68

11/26 Kanab 54, Cedar 50
Canyon View 52, Desert Hills 43
Payson 57, Hurricane 48
Salem Hills 82, Pine View 65

Region 12

11/20 Richfield 64, Cedar 43
Union 58, Carbon 49
South Summit 73, Emery 56

11/21 Juab 48, Grantsville 44

11/22 Canyon View 58, Pine View 55, OT
South Summit 76, Carbon 60
South Sevier 46, Richfield 39
Manti 73, Uintah 54
Richfield 75, Cottonwood 69
Morgan 79, Emery 40

11/23 Uintah 59, Richfield 52

11/26 Canyon View 52, Desert Hills 43

Juab 66, Union 53
Richfield 41, South Sevier 36
Delta 59, Tooele 51
Manti 67, Grand 49
Gunnison 48, North Sanpete 40

Region 18

11/20 Hurricane 79, South Sevier 45

11/21 Parowan 50, Bryce Valley 38
Water Canyon 68, Fredonia (AZ) 19
Panguitch 71, Millard 59

11/22 South Sevier 46, Delta 39

11/23 South Sevier 61, North Sevier 39

11/26 Parowan 63, Milford 48
El Capitan (AZ) 64, Water Canyon 49
Bryce Valley 57, Millard 39
Beaver 60, Piute 50
Richfield 41, South Sevier 36
Panguitch 68, Enterprise 29
Kanab 54, Cedar 50

Girls Basketball

Region 9

11/20 Pine View 63, Delta 29, Kanab 57,
Crimson Cliffs 50

11/21 Hurricane 69, Timpanogos 57

11/22 Cedar 63, Manti 39
Canyon 83, Highland 17
Hurricane 45, Orem 32

11/23 Provo 77, Hurricane 34
Pine View 71, Highland 21

11/26 Kanab 61, Desert Hills 46

Region 12

11/19 Juab 43, Spanish Fork 36
South Sevier 70, Emery 46
Mountain View 65, North Sanpete 60, OT
Ridgeline 64, Richfield 30

11/20 Juab 60, San Juan 20
Manti 68, Gunnison 41
Pine View 63, Delta 29

11/21 North Summit 58, Canyon View 45
Grantsville 77, Richfield 36
Emery 50, Union 32
Draper APA 59, Carbon 38

11/22 Canyon View 58, Union 31
North Summit 53, North Sanpete
23, Cedar 63, Manti 39
Emery 34, Uintah 32

11/23 Canyon View 66, Duchesne 51
North Summit 47, Emery 29
Union 39, North Sanpete 29
Manti 62, Parowan 23
Richfield 50, Uintah 47

11/26 Beaver 53, Emery 44
North Summit 58, Juab 45
Carbon 43, Union 41

Region 18

11/19 Piute 55, Parowan 17
Kanab 56, Panguitch 29
South Sevier 70, Emery 46

11/20 Kanab 57, Crimson Cliffs 50
South Sevier 58, Summit Academy
19
Valley 53, Water Canyon 36

11/21 Bryce Valley 35, Parowan 22
Water Canyon 31, Fredonia (AZ) 27

11/22 Water Canyon 49, Escalante 36

11/23 Manti 62, Parowan 23

11/26 Gunnison 50, Parowan 16
Panguitch 50, Enterprise 45
North Sevier 50, Millard 49
Beaver 53, Emery 44
Kanab 61, Desert Hills 46

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Region 9 Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (3)	6-0	12-2
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

Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Dixie	0-0	3-0
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	3-0

Hurricane	0-0	2-1
Desert Hills	0-0	2-2
Snow Canyon	0-0	1-1
Pine View	0-0	1-3
Cedar	0-0	0-4

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View	0-0	2-0
Manti	0-0	2-0
Richfield	0-0	3-1
Delta	0-0	2-1
Juab	0-0	2-1
North Sanpete	0-0	2-1
Carbon	0-0	0-1
Emery	0-0	0-2

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	2-0
Parowan	0-0	2-0
Beaver	0-0	1-0
South Sevier	0-0	2-2
Water Canyon	0-0	1-1
Enterprise	0-0	0-1
Millard	0-0	0-3

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Pine View	0-0	2-0
Snow Canyon	0-0	1-0
Cedar	0-0	1-0
Hurricane	0-0	2-1
Desert Hills	0-0	0-1
Dixie	0-0	0-0
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	0-1

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab	0-0	2-1
Canyon View	0-0	2-1
Manti	0-0	2-1
Carbon	0-0	1-1
Emery	0-0	2-3
Richfield	0-0	1-2
Delta	0-0	0-1
North Sanpete	0-0	0-3

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	3-0
South Sevier	0-0	2-0
Beaver	0-0	1-0
Water Canyon	0-0	2-1
Enterprise	0-0	0-1
Millard	0-0	0-1
Parowan	0-0	0-4

Morgan signs with BYU swim

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

When he first joined the Canyon View swim team as a freshman, Kurt Morgan got put into the pool right away when his speed drew attention from the coaches. Morgan swam alongside speed burners like Max Cannon, Ryan Bailey and Jacob Grimshaw.

Cannon went on to swim at BYU and is currently on his Latter-Day Saints church mission. Morgan signed his official letter of intent to join the Cougars swim program Nov. 20 at the school library in front of family, friends and teammates. His experience swimming alongside Cannon served as a big influence in the decision.

"In the pool, he was one of my big inspirations," Morgan said of Cannon. "He really put that motivation in me, the fire to move and go and see how good of a person he can be at the same time as being such a good swimmer. Right now, I'm really proud to try to carry that on."

Morgan won state swim titles as a junior in the 200-yard freestyle and as anchor of the 200 freestyle relay team. He added a runner-up finish in the 100-yard butterfly and 400 freestyle relay.

While the state meet is held at the BYU pool every year, Morgan's drive to land in Provo on a full-time basis began locally in his sophomore year.

"I was competing in a USA Swimming meet at Utah Tech," Morgan said. "I was there and ran into one of the recruiters after I dropped something like two and a half seconds off my (best) time in a race. She walked up to me and said 'I need to get your number right now. That was insane.'"



Canyon View swimmer **Kurt Morgan** signed his letter of intent to join the BYU swim team Nov. 20.

Morgan later went to a BYU swim camp and met the coaches along with the athletes.

"When you're there, you're being coached like you're a part of the team for that whole week," Morgan said. "It was one of the most incredible things to be there and getting a one-week taste of it, I feel like I couldn't let that go."

As his senior season at Canyon View rolls on, Morgan has his sights set on one big state record. He already holds the 3A mark of 21.10 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle and he believes the all-state record of 20.48 set by Abe Astle of Olympus last year is within reach.

"It's gonna be pretty hard, but I think it's good," Morgan said.

Everyone here can attest swim practices are pretty hard, but that's just two hours out of your day. Doing something hard for two hours repeatedly can get you to a spot where maybe that's not so hard anymore."

In an ironic twist, Morgan's parents met while they were students at Utah. There was a natural bit of rivalry that came into the conversations during the recruiting process.

"There's no animosity now. I've fully converted them at this point," said Morgan, who was also recruited by Utah and Arizona State.

Morgan will be serving his two-year LDS Church mission first after graduation from Canyon View.

CEDAR VOLLEYBALL

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"It's always stuck with me. Be fearless when you're playing. If you don't take a chance, nothing can ever come from it."

Although both Shimada and Fallau are moving far from home, they feel the support system is there to make the experience work.

"It wasn't a priority. I was actually thinking I wanted to be closer for a while," Shimada said of her decision. "I have a good friend I grew up with in Las Vegas, and she's 45 minutes from (the Lafayette) campus. I have the support system there, and it's my mom's best friend. Maybe it means my mom will come and visit me a little more often."

"There was never an intent for me to be too far (from home)," Fallau added. "That's just how it ended up. It's just a feeling, and you know when it's right."

For Cedar head coach Nicole Anglin, having two players moving on to college in the same season has an impact on a personal and program level.

"I think it's super awesome to have two players in one season (go on to college)," Anglin said. "It's really special to do that two years in a row. The only advice I've ever given to the girls is to find the right fit."

For both players, that part of the mission was clearly accomplished.

Fallau plans to major in sports performance at St. Andrews, and Shimada will major in economics at Lafayette.

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First draft of next realignment has small surprise

As is done every two years, the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) brings forth its process to realign its member schools, and the first consideration for classifications was passed Nov. 19. Some schools were moved up, others moved down.

One school making a potential move downward comes from right in our neighborhood.

For Cedar, the Reds are likely to stay in 4A for all sports other than football. Come next fall, the school will look to improve on a 4-7 football season as part of the 3A ranks.

There will be debate on the benefits of the split move, but here's an important key. There are 24 schools in the 4A realignment, but Cedar will be the 13th team in 3A for football. Even with Canyon View already present in the 3A ranks, the rivalry game won't get too big for itself. The game will still be played at Eccles Coliseum, and having the best position in the RPI ranking at the end of the season makes the biggest difference when playoff time comes around. It's one thing to play for a region championship, but it's small potatoes compared to the big prize of a state trophy.

And it's not like the Reds haven't tasted success in the other sports while in 4A. The girls golf team won its first state title in impressive fashion last spring, girls basketball has won two state titles (2019, 2020), and girls soccer has won its open-

ing-round playoff games the last two seasons.

Canyon View has remained a fixture in 3A since 2021, and this realignment doesn't change a thing for the school. Boys cross country has won back-to-back titles, and girls volleyball earned its first 3A championship in school history, finishing 30-2 after beating Region 12 rival Richfield in the final Nov. 2.

Girls wrestling also brought home its first 3A crown last season, easily outdistancing runner-up Grantsville with 311 team points. Five of Dallas Lowry's wrestlers won individual titles to help cement their championship legacy for future teams to follow.

And in baseball, CV reached the state final for the first time since 2010, finishing runner-up to the Union Cougars.

It seems doubtful things will change, but the next step in the process for the UHSAA's Board of Trustees was a Dec. 4 meeting that set a final consideration of schools in a first consideration for regions. A public meeting will happen Dec. 11 to get feedback – virtually and in person at the organization's Midvale office – from schools, districts and communities on the placement into regions.

The final placement of schools into classifications

and regions will be established Dec. 19, allowing time to set schedules for the next two-year alignment that begins in the fall. The cross-town rivalry is still intact, and the potential championships are still out there for the taking.

Since we've been speaking about football and Region 9, I'd be remiss if I didn't include one of the more remarkable comebacks you'll ever see that happened in the 4A state championship game played Nov. 21 at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

The Crimson Cliffs Mustangs were within a final sprint of having their repeat dreams derailed. Somehow, the team found a way to rally from a 42-21 deficit with less than 5 minutes left in regulation and pull off a 57-55 victory over the Spanish Fork Dons in three overtimes.

The Mustangs forced overtime when Malakai Alofipo caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Ryder Sherratt with 10 seconds left, and McCord Christiansen ran into the end zone for the winning 2-point conversion in the third overtime.

Adding to the contrasts that came from the moment, Crimson Cliffs is six years old and already has two state football titles. Spanish Fork High is 105 years old and still searching for its first.

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RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



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. The Kansas City Chiefs are no longer an undefeated team after dropping a 30-21 decision on the road to the Buffalo Bills on Nov. 17. Who was the quarterback that scored on a 26-yard touchdown run with just over two minutes left that secured the win and ended the Chiefs' 15-game winning streak?
2. True or False: the Bills have scored at least 30 points in each of its last five games.
3. Joe Douglas was fired as General Manager of what AFC East team on Nov. 19 after it fell to 3-8 following a last-minute loss to the Indianapolis Colts?
4. It's time for the MLB postseason awards. First up: What pitcher was named the National League Rookie of the Year after posting an 11-3 record with a 1.96 ERA in 23 starts?
5. For this question and Question 6, both involve managers who were in their first seasons with their teams and led them to the postseason in 2024. First up: Who won the Manager of the Year in the American League?
6. Who was named National League Manager of the Year?
7. What Chicago Bulls legend – who has his No. 10 retired at the United Center – died Nov. 18 at age 81 after a long battle with cancer?
8. While the Cleveland Cavaliers got off to a 15-0 start through Nov. 18, what team – the Cavs' opponent in the 2016 NBA Finals – started 24-0 in that season?
9. He has his name on the court at the home arena of the Miami Heat, but what former Los Angeles Lakers head coach will soon have a statue made in his honor outside that team's home arena?
10. What tennis legend saw his career end

with Spain's loss to the Netherlands in the Davis Cup quarterfinals Nov. 19? He finished with 22 men's singles Grand Slam titles, the last coming at the 2022 French Open.

11. Before play began in Week 13 of the college football season, four of the top 5 teams in the College Football Playoff rankings were from the Big Ten. Which team from the SEC – ranked No. 3 – was not?
12. What two-word phrase usually associated with motorcycle riding did Colorado head football coach Deion Sanders use with reporters at a Nov. 19 press conference to tell them he has no interest in any future head coach openings in college or the NFL?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Mark Harlan.
2. Will Ferrin.
3. BYU was ranked No. 7 on Nov. 12, but its 17-13 home loss to Kansas pushed them down seven spots to No. 14 in the Nov. 19 poll.
4. Jake Bates
5. True.
6. Dak Prescott.
7. Emirates.
8. Erik Spoelstra.
9. Two. The Cleveland Cavaliers (now 15-0) and Boston Celtics (now 11-3) were the only Eastern Conference teams with winning records as of the start of play Nov. 13.
10. Six. Logano joined the late Cale Yarborough, David Pearson, Lee Petty, Darrell Waltrip and Tony Stewart as drivers who have won three Cup titles.
11. Ryan Blaney (2023 champ, finished second), William Byron (third) and Tyler Reddick (sixth at Phoenix)
12. Gordie Howe finished his NHL career with 801 goals.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Cedar City Police Department
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Police Staffing Study
Issued: 11/22/2024
Proposal Due Date: 12/04/2024

1. Introduction

Cedar City Corporation is soliciting proposals from qualified consulting firms to conduct a comprehensive Police Staffing Study for the Cedar City Police Department. This study aims to assess current staffing levels, identify optimal deployment practices, and recommend staffing models that meet the demands of public safety, service expectations, and community engagement. For more information and to access the Request for Proposal, please go to the following web address:

<https://www.cedarcityut.gov/2413/Submit>

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A FEASIBILITY OF THE CREATION OF A FIRE DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS IN IRON COUNTY, UTAH

INTRODUCTION

Iron County is seeking proposals from reputable companies that specialize in financial planning & data analysis. The selected company will be hired to conduct a study on the feasibility of creating an additional fire district or service agency and the funding options that exist. Currently the majority of the unincorporated lands within Iron County are provided with fire department services through county administered departments in the west (Newcastle AND Beryl Fire Departments), agreements with Cedar City Fire Department, and long-standing handshake agreements with Parowan, Paragonah and Brian Head Fire Departments. County Fire Administration and Wildland suppression agreements exist for county wide service through a cooperative system with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Largely These fire departments are underfunded and understaffed. Iron County is experiencing a steady rate of growth and it is our concern that the current system we have in place to support these fire departments is not sustainable.

PROJECT GOALS

- We have three geographical options to explore:
 - Use current response areas to create multiple districts – 3 to 4 separate zones/districts including municipalities.
 - Cedar City response area would include the municipalities of Kanarrville, Cedar City and Enoch.
 - Parowan and Paragonah would include their municipal areas and coverage of I-15 for incidents in northern Iron County.
 - Brian Head should be considered both as a standalone “mountain” agency, but also as a potential partner with Parowan and Paragonah.
 - Fire administration and wildland fire mitigation, prevention and suppression will remain as a countywide entity, which may or may not become a separate district.
 - Create a single district county wide that includes all municipalities, zones, administration and wildland fire.
 - Create a single district county wide excluding municipalities, if municipalities choose to “opt out”.
- Determine the strengths and weaknesses between two governance options; Fire Districts or Service Agencies.
- Determine the tax/revenue limitations and what funding is available within the proposed areas.
- We would like to know the legislative requirements associated with the implementation of any potential scenario.
- The study should be completed with ample time to put a proposed option on the ballot for the November 2025 election.
- Analyze and suggest optimal distribution of fire stations and assets to minimize loss.

PROJECTED SCHEDULE FOR THE RFP PROCESS:

** The County reserves the right to modify the following schedule at its discretion:

Activity Date

- RFP Available November 20, 2024
- Deadline for Questions December 15, 2024
- Deadline for Proposals Submission December 20, 2024, 5:00 pm, MST
- Interviews (if necessary) December 21, 2024
- Anticipated Decision and Contract Commencement December 22, 2024.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Respondents are advised to read this RFP in its entirety. Failure to read and/or understand any portion of this RFP shall not be cause for a waiver of any portion of the RFP or subsequent agreement. The submitted proposal and this RFP become a part of the subsequent agreement.
- All inquiries or questions relating to this RFP shall be directed to: Jon Whittaker, Iron County Clerk, jwhittaker@ironcounty.net
- The right is reserved by the County to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality or technicality, or to accept proposals deemed in the best interest of the County.
- Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered and will be rejected.
- Respondents to this RFP shall have completed similar feasibility studies.
- The proposal shall not exceed ten pages, exclusive of covers and dividers. Materials shall be 8½" x 11", no less than 11-point font. Charts may be in 11" x 17" landscape style format, may use up to two separate pages, and are included in the total page count. An 11" x 17" will count as two pages towards the total ten pages.
- All proposals shall become the property of the County.
- Information contained in the proposal must be clearly expressed and delineated. The County may release any information contained in the proposal that is not marked and delineated as proprietary 30 days following execution of a contract for services.

SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSAL

Proposals shall be submitted no later than December 20, 2024, 5:00 pm MST. All responses to this RFP must be submitted to:

Jonathan T. Whittaker
Iron County Clerk
PO Box 429
68 South 100 East
Parowan, UT 84761-0429
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jon@ironcountyut.gov

Submittals may be made via email or with a physical copy as noted above. Proposals shall remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the due date.

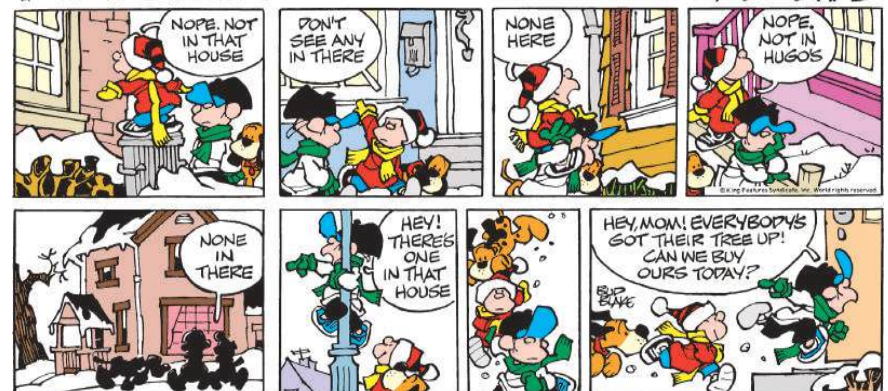
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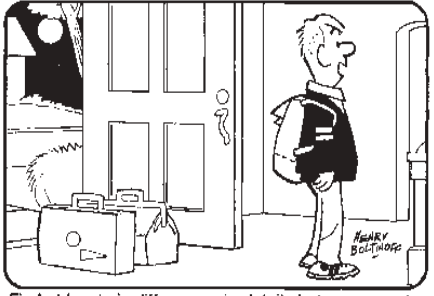
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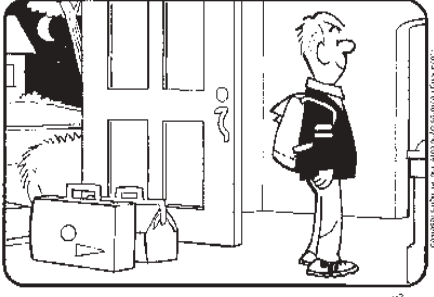
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Suitcase is larger, 2. Backpack is smaller, 3. Moon is added, 4. Window is added, 5. Mouth is closed, 6. Bush is larger.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Winter coast-er
- 5 Gear tooth
- 8 Guesser's words
- 12 "Arrivederci!"
- 13 Notre Dame coach
- 14 German refusal
- 15 Well-known
- 17 Body powder
- 18 "Now, where - I?"
- 19 Novelist Deighton
- 20 One of the Kardashians
- 21 Squeak stop-er
- 22 Golfer Trevino
- 23 Lake flock
- 26 Neighbor of Germany
- 30 Penny
- 31 Physique
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- 33 Boise native
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- 48 "Topaz" author

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- 52 Prof's helpers
- 53 Strong farm team
- 8 Getting better
- 9 Authentic
- 10 Missile shelter
- 11 Formerly
- 16 Yale students
- 20 "Community" actor Jeong
- 21 Up-and-coming
- 22 Guided
- 23 Biol. or chem.
- 24 Marry
- 25 Santa - winds
- 26 Mafia boss
- 27 Foreman foe
- 28 Aussie hop-per
- 29 Family
- 31 Satchel
- 34 Scrap
- 35 "Oops!"
- 37 VIP on Air Force One
- 38 Sandwich type
- 39 Circle dance
- 40 Bone-dry
- 41 Connecticut Sun's org.
- 42 Trojan War hero
- 43 Memory method
- 44 Black, in verse
- 46 Feedbag tid-bit
- 47 -friendly

DOWN

- 1 Garbage barge
- 2 Director Wertmuller
- 3 Comestibles
- 4 Homer's lament
- 5 Caravan
- 6 Algerian port
- 7 Hiatus

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: Where is the glabella located in the human body?
2. LITERATURE: In children's books, what is the name of the Big Red Dog?
3. GEOGRAPHY: In which country would you find the 98-foot-tall Christ the Redeemer figure?
4. GAMES: What number is represented by the phrase "two little ducks" in bingo?
5. SCIENCE: What percentage of air is nitrogen gas?
6. MUSIC: When did Rock the Vote, an organization that encourages young people to vote, come into being?
7. TELEVISION: Which 1970s comedy show features the theme song "Come On Get Happy"?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the least number of letters?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is first alphabetically?
10. MOVIES: Which 1983 movie features a character named Tony Montana?

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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1. Between the eyebrows; 2. Clifford; 3. Brazil; 4. 22; 5. 78 percent; 6. 1990; 7. "The Partridge Family"; 8. May; 9. Alabama; 10. "Scarface"

Trivia Test Answers



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