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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2024

STORIES IN LIFE

Southern Utah Couple Resolves Human Smuggling Case with Plea Deal

by *Tracie Sullivan*
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Southern Utah couple accused of benefiting from human smuggling has resolved

their case through plea in abeyance agreements.

Jolene Stubbs, 53, pleaded guilty to one count of Benefiting from Human Smuggling, a third-degree felony, while Dayer Melchor LeBaron, 61, pleaded guilty to one count of Attempted Benefiting from Human Smuggling, a class A misdemeanor, during a Dec. 4 hearing in Iron County's 5th District Court.

Fifth District Court Judge Matthew Bell accepted the plea agreements, which placed the charges on hold for 12 months. If both defendants comply with the terms, the charges will be dismissed.

The charges stemmed from a 2024 investigation

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DANCING WITH COMMUNITY STARS SHINES BRIGHT

by *May Hunter*
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City, Ut-The Iron County Children's Justice Center (ICCJC) hosted its 10th Annual Dancing with

the Community Stars Red Carpet Gala, marking a decade of dazzling performances and community support for an essential cause.

Held at the Heritage Center, the milestone event captivated a sold-out crowd with eight local stars showcasing their dance skills alongside professional partners. The night was filled with excitement, glamour, and heartfelt generosity, all in support of the ICCJC's vital mission.

A Stellar Lineup of Stars

This year's competing stars included Spencer Douglas, Josh Carver, Mary Pearson, Kyle Torgerson, Justin Jones, Amanda Giles, Jenifer Terry, and Rebecca Hill. Each contestant brought unique energy and style to the stage, making for an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

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Award Highlights:

- Judges' Choice Award: Amanda Giles and her partner Brian Evans wowed the judges with their high-energy country swing to Footloose.
- People's Choice Award: Josh Carver and his partner Shanae Hulet captured the audience's hearts with their boxing-themed performance to Rocky.
- Grand Champions "Movers and Shaker" Award: Kyle Torgerson and his partner Andelin Mbaki earned top honors for raising the most funds. The electrifying hip-hop routine to Eminem's 8 Mile brought down the house and high lighted the spirit of giving that defines this event.

A Night of Giving and Glamour

In addition to the unforgettable performances, the gala raised over \$80,000 for the ICCJC, thanks to the generosity of attendees, sponsors, and participants. These funds will directly

benefit the center's efforts to provide resources, care, and advocacy for children and families impacted by abuse.

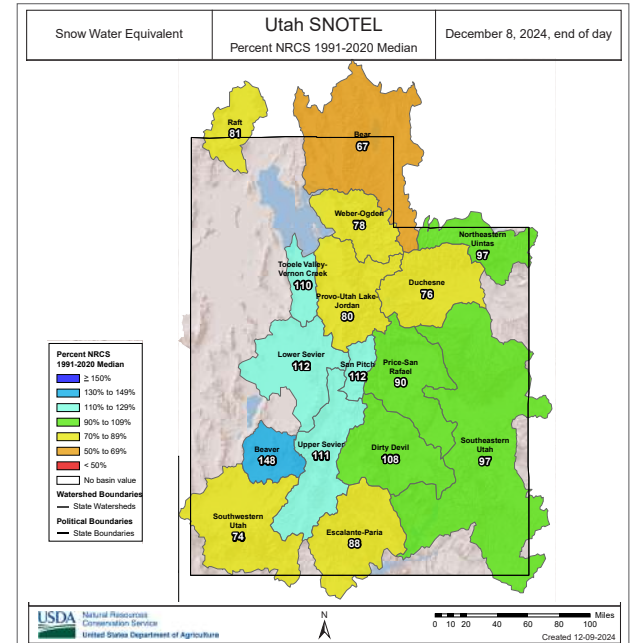
Looking Ahead

"This event has become a cornerstone of our community," said Jennifer Davis, long-time Friends Board member and advocate for the ICCJC.

"It's amazing to see how much we've grown Dancing with the Community Stars over the past ten years, and we couldn't do it without the incredible support of this community. Together, we're creating a brighter future for children in need."

The gala's Red Carpet theme added Hollywood-style grandeur, with guests dressed to impress and the venue sparkling with elegance. As the 10th anniversary wrapped up, the ICCJC is already looking ahead to next year's event, promising another evening of celebration, generosity, and entertainment.

For more info about Iron County Children's Justice Center or to get involved, visit iron-county.net/department/cjc



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WINDS: SW 5-10

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WEDNESDAY

Mostly Sunny
43°/23°

PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: NW 5-10

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

This December, we're taking a brief break for the Christmas holiday to spend time with our loved ones and recharge for the New Year. Our final issue of 2024 will arrive on December 19, followed by our first 2025 edition on January 2. Be sure to mark your calendars, and know that we'll return in January with fresh stories, news, and community highlights.

Last weekend, the SUU Football team lent their strength and hearts to support *Wreaths Across America*. This cherished tradition honors veterans by placing wreaths on their graves during the holidays, reminding us of the sacrifices made for our freedom. You can find an in-depth look at this inspiring event in May Hunter's feature story in our LIFE section.

The holidays are a time when Iron County's incredible spirit shines brightest. From sparkling parades to heartfelt gatherings, this season underscores the warmth and unity that make our community so unique. At *Iron County Today*, we're honored to be part of your celebrations, whether by sharing recipes, spotlighting local traditions, or showcasing dazzling light displays.

Thank you for your continued support and for letting us tell your stories throughout the year. Wishing you a December filled with joy, peace, and togetherness as we embrace the holiday season and prepare to welcome 2025!

WORD OF THE WEEK

PALIMPSEST
[pa-limp-sest]
noun

1. writing material (such as a parchment or tablet) used one or more times after earlier writing has been erased
2. something having usually diverse layers or aspects apparent beneath the surface



Visionaries and Mystics

PART 4

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Can people actually see Jesus today? Though I don't find anything in the Bible that says it will happen, I also don't find anything that says it can't happen. In my opinion, I believe it is possible because historically there are documented occurrences where individuals, both men and women, have actually seen Jesus. Of course, we must examine such incidents carefully because spiritual frauds also exist. Jesus warned His followers to be careful "for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am Christ', and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:5) Because Jesus is God

in the flesh (John 1:1, 1:14), it is possible that even today Jesus is appearing to some as we study and hear reports of such happenings in Gaza and Israel. Throughout history, there have been many such reports.

In my personal experience, a friend wrote the following to me when

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I lived many years ago in New Mexico: "In my own testimony of my conversion as an adult living isolated in the desert of Northern New Mexico, I had an incredibly profound experience of seeing Jesus the Christ visibly and I heard Him speak, saying, 'To learn about me, study the Bible and only the Bible'". My friend has told me that he has never wavered

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"December, being the last month of the year, cannot help but make us think of what is to come"

- Fennel Hudson

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in following Him in the 50 years since he saw Jesus in the isolated area where he was living. My friend also said, “Yes, Jesus was there with me and spoke to me. I remember His presence, His attention, and being both immensely moved emotionally and spiritually. It was profoundly hopeful, and I remember His warning about studying the Bible. I was changed and never the same, and I knew that my sins had been forgiven by God although not by those I had sinned against whom I needed to reconcile with.”

In Acts 2:17, “And it shall be in the last days,” God says, “That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and shall have visions and dream dreams”. As we know from the experience of Paul the apostle, he heard the voice of the Lord Jesus audibly (Acts chapter 2 and chapter 9) turning the terrible persecutor of the followers of Jesus into the greatest preacher of the Word made flesh (John 1:14). Today we are seeing even more miracles as Muslims are becoming followers of Jesus and strong Christians throughout the Muslim world through dreams and visions of Jesus. Please check out the following websites: <https://news.ag.org/News/More-then-a-Dream-Muslims-Coming-to-Christ>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/muslims-dream-jesus/>

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet in your home, go to our local library where the librarians will help you with library computers to access this information. So, yes, we have the Bible and experiences currently that support the fact that Jesus can be encountered today, stories about non-Christians and Muslims having visions and dreams of Jesus, even hearing the audible voice of Jesus. These experiences confirm what the Bible teaches. I know and conclude that it is possible for people today to see the resurrected Jesus. More is to come in our next week's part of this series. Our world, both local and worldwide, is in great need of the Prince of Peace. The Bible in Psalm 122:6 tells us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and that those who do will prosper. Next week, we will study more about Muslims and mystics who see more than many of us dream of seeing.

CHS CLASS OF '74 DONATES TO HELP STUDENTS IN NEED

From left to right:
Howard Reynolds
& Brad Lambeth



from Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

In connection with their recent 50th anniversary reunion, members of the Cedar High School Class of 1974 combined to donate \$4,000 to the Iron County School District Foundation. The funds are earmarked to assist the Foundation's service to local students in need of shelter, clothing, food and other life-sustaining necessities.

Class members Brad

Lambeth and Howard Reynolds led the effort and presented the donation to Shauna Lund, coordinator for the Iron County School District Foundation.

Lambeth, a revered career educator and coach within the District, explained: “Within the district are a surprising number of students without adequate family support for life's necessities. Educators see these needs. Our class members were generous as

they came to understand the Foundation's efforts to help these students.”

Reynolds, whose circumstance required he self-support through high school, noted: “Those who experience these challenges need a little grace to make things work. We mustn't underestimate their potential. I reverence the District's efforts to be among those who help lift those in need during a particularly vulnerable time of life.”

Lambeth continues to mentor and support students in the Iron County School District, with special interest in those without adequate family support. Reynolds enjoyed a storied career in trucking and banking. He and his wife returned to Cedar City soon after his retirement.

Those interested in also helping the Foundation in its service to students in need, may contact Shauna Lund at 435-586-2804.

ENOCH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS DECK THE HALLS AT ZIONS BANK

Children Hang Handmade Ornaments, Receive Donation to School

by Kallee Feuz
ZIONS BANK

CEDAR CITY, Utah; December 6, 2024 — First-grade students from

a \$100 contribution to the school.

The decorated tree will be on display in the bank's lobby through the holidays.

“We cherish this annual tradition because it gets us into the holiday spirit,” Hunt said. “We're proud to support Enoch Elementary through our donation.”

Across Utah and Idaho, more than 3,000

Ornaments made by Enoch Elementary students adorn the Christmas tree at Zions Bank in Cedar City.

Enoch Elementary School shared in a long-held community tradition, creating handmade ornaments for the Christmas tree at Zions Bank in Cedar City. In return, branch manager Josh Hunt Zions Bank presented

Zions Bank branch manager Josh Hunt poses with first-grade students from Enoch Elementary after picking up the students' handmade ornaments.



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in which Stubbs and LeBaron were accused of facilitating the illegal entry of an adult male from Mexico to work for their pine nut harvesting business.

Prosecutors said Stubbs and LeBaron provided \$3,000 to help the man cross the border using a “coyote” and later transported his family — U.S. citizens — into Utah to join him.

Court documents stated that the man and his family worked for Stubbs and LeBaron, including their 15-year-old daughter, who babysat Stubbs’ grandchildren. The family initially alleged they were coerced into remaining at the farm under threats of separation or withheld pay until “debts” were repaid.

The allegations surfaced after authorities responded to a medical emergency involving one of the family’s children.

Iron County Prosecutor Trajan Evans said the case was originally reported as a potential kidnapping and human trafficking investigation.

“This matter was initially reported as a potential kidnapping and human trafficking case. But as the investigation and review continued, evidence to support this report dissolved,” Evans said.

Evans explained that while Stubbs and LeBaron facilitated the male’s entry into the country, there was no evidence to suggest the family was forced to work under fraud, force, or coercion — key elements required to prove human trafficking.

“The defendants claimed that the family was always free to leave,” Evans said. “There

was a lack of evidence to contradict this claim, and some evidence even supported the defendants’ statements.”

The kidnapping charge was also dismissed after the alleged victim denied being kidnapped. According to the minor, her parents were aware of her whereabouts and had given permission for her to be there. Evidence supported the minor’s statements, Evans added.

As part of their agreements, Stubbs and LeBaron must comply with several conditions, including paying \$5,000 each in restitution to Canyon Creek Services, a local nonprofit supporting survivors of abuse, for a combined total of \$10,000. They must also avoid contact with the victims, obey all laws, and submit DNA samples to the Utah Department of Corrections.

Stubbs and LeBaron were given credit for 18 days served in jail. If they remain law-abiding and fulfill the terms of the plea agreements, the charges will be dismissed after the 12-month probationary period.

“This plea agreement takes into account their criminal culpability, the interests of justice, and the defendants’ lack of criminal history,” Evans said.

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Southern Utah Man Charged with Multiple Offenses Involving a Minor

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Southern Utah man is facing felony charges after allegedly exchanging explicit photos with a juvenile victim and threatening blackmail.

Ethan Boyd Nez, 20, of Garfield County, has been charged with one count of dealing in harmful material to a minor and one count of sexual extortion, both third-degree felonies.

According to court documents filed in support of the arrest, the case began in May 2024 when a 16-year-old boy reported to law enforcement that he had been contacted through social media by a suspect posing as a female.

Investigators said the suspect initiated communication with the juvenile on Instagram, sent explicit images, and requested similar images in return.

After receiving the juvenile’s images, the suspect allegedly threatened to distribute them unless payment was made. The victim complied, sending \$130 through Venmo to an account investigators later traced to Nez, the affidavit states. Using search warrants, authorities confirmed the transaction and linked it to Nez’s bank account.

Iron County prosecutors initially filed charges against Nez in July 2024, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Those charges were later dismissed but refiled in November, with a new warrant requiring Nez to appear in court. He was ordered to report to the Iron County Jail for booking before his court appearance on Dec. 2.

Nez has a status hearing scheduled for January 8, 2025.

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Parowan City Council 11/14/2024

by Jennelle Zajac,

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

City Waives Impact Fees for Parowan High School Field House Project

It was a full house! During public comment, several citizens spoke about waiving fees for the construction of the Iron County School District's (ICSD) "Field House" being built in Parowan. One citizen quantified the proposed waiving of fees by joining them with the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA), stating that waiving the PCA debt and ICSD's fees would be giving away upwards of \$1M. Another suggested that if the fees were collected then perhaps the City would not have to obtain loans to repair the library. ICSD president Ben Johnson quoted a portion of a paragraph from Utah State code that implied that schools are exempt from paying impact fees. Multiple other citizens discussed the necessity and benefits of having an accessible facility like the proposed building for community and youth activities and that waiving \$100k to \$200k of fees that were not yet collected "did not cost anything to the taxpayers." All speakers were passionate about the financial ramifications and the potential benefits to the community, especially for the youth.

City Manager Dan Jessen presented an accounting of potential fees required by the construction of the Field House and the City's consideration for waiving some of the fees. Currently, \$37,129 in connection fees (actual hard costs) is required to recover Parowan City's out of pocket expenses to connect the new building. Additional customary impact fees for new construction (building permit fees and water right exaction fees) are estimated at between \$113,000 and \$235,000. Accurate calculations would require additional determinations made by ICSD. ICSD considers this waiver an "in kind donation" for Parowan to secure occasional use of the new building. Councilman Burton made a motion to collect

\$37k in connection fees from ICSD and waive (but *memorialize in the MOU*) the estimated \$113k-\$235k of impact fees. The Council approved the motion and waived the impact fees.

Of interest:

Utah Code 53G-7-209 establishes public school buildings and grounds as "civic centers". It is Utah LAW that the school district share the facility with the community when it's not busy with school activities.

Iron County School District's "Facilities Permit and Use Policy" outlines procedures for the communities' use of facilities.

Utah Code 11-36a-202.2.a states that a "political subdivision may not impose an impact fee: (ii) on a school district for a park, recreation facility, open space, or trail; (iii) UNLESS (A) the development resulting from the school district's development activity directly results in a need for additional system improvements for which the impact fees is imposed and (B) the impact fee is calculated to cover only the school district's share of the cost of those additional system improvements.

The general theme of the comments seemed to indicate that citizens believed that there had to be some "fee waiver" to ensure Parowan children could EVER use the facility for community and sporting events. It is the opinion of this author that this kind of exchange never needed to be considered and Parowan City did not need to "waive" any fees.

Parowan City and ICSD are diligently working on a Memorandum of Understanding to "iron out the details" of reciprocal use of facilities owned by both entities.

Action Meeting

Kurt Leavitt named new Fire Chief

Mayor Halterman presented her selection

of Kurt Leavitt as Parowan's part-time fire chief. Comments received by the interview committee were that Kurt is "hard working, competent and thorough, reliable and trustworthy". The Council approved this recommendation and Kurt was sworn in as Parowan City's part time Fire Chief.

UAMPS Power Sales Contracts

Power Department Manager Jeremy Franklin discussed the need for executing two power sales contracts totaling 2010 kwh for participation in two additional power generation projects. These projects are essential to replace coal energy sources currently part of our portfolio that are scheduled for decommissioning. Both contracts were approved by the Council.

External Accessory Dwelling Units - Ordinance 2024-27

The final ordinance for External Accessory Dwelling Units (i.e., casitas or mother-in-law quarters) that was prepared and recommended by the Planning Commission was approved and adopted by the Council.

Campaign Signs – Ordinance 2024-21

City Manager Dan Jessen presented a proposed ordinance to regulate campaign signage size and placement within city limits. It aimed to prevent public nuisance concerns and was approved by the Council.

Work Meeting

Planning Commission to Update Storage Container Code

The council requested that the Planning Commission consider potential modifications to the storage container code (Parowan municipal code 1.15.65). Many council members believe some of the requirements of the code are too rigid and that different options

should be available in the code. Planning commissioners are asked to consider changing lot size requirements, siding requirements, structural aesthetics, size regulations, and permitting processes. The Planning Commission will review suggestions and recommend appropriate updates.

Reports, Updates, Old Business Follow Up

- Valor Hotel grand opening was a special event; the hotel is very opulent and is open year-round. And have you seen that 100-foot flagpole?
- Shade tree committee has determined that fourteen city trees will be removed.
- Parowan's Veterans Day events were well done, well attended, and very moving.
- Larry Zajac has announced his resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission at the end of 2024. The Council thanks him for his dedication and commitment to Parowan City these last eight years.
- Many local Parowan photographers (Diana Petersen, Mark Albright, and Melody Penrod) will contribute photographs to the Patchwork Parkway interpretive kiosks along highway 143 from Parowan to Panguitch, currently being updated.
- Asphalt on 300E just south of the pool has been completed. The new pool cover has also been received and installed.
- Main Street Bridge engineering and surveys continue.

Residents are encouraged to attend City Council Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Parowan City Council Chambers. Alternatively, the meetings can be viewed (live or after the fact) at <https://www.youtube.com/@parowancity203>

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.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Friends and neighbors,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones. In November, my colleagues and I gathered for the final interim session of 2024. During the Health and Human Services Interim Committee meeting, I had the chance to discuss the

findings from the sunset review of the Youth Cigarette, Marijuana, and Other Drug Prevention Program and share our recommendations for its future. (A sunset review is an evaluation of the need for the continued existence of a program or an agency.)

Funded by revenues from the vaping tax, this drug prevention program has played a crucial role in reducing the use of e-cigarettes and other substances among young people. Since its inception five years ago, it has

generated significant funding for prevention and enforcement efforts. The program's success underscores the importance of regular evaluations that ensure programs remain effective and relevant in addressing

the issues they were designed to combat.

After assessing the program's progress and challenges, we recommend extending it for another five years. However, we must adapt to the reality that there will likely be less revenue coming in—a positive sign that our efforts are reducing product sales and use. Instead of adjusting specific funding numbers, we proposed a priority-based approach for allocating funds. Key areas include enforcement work by local health departments, addressing drugs crossing the border, and community prevention programs.

The original program has provided a solid foundation, and these refinements will help us continue to protect Utah's youth and strengthen our communities. I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this program, especially for central and rural Utah, over the next five years.

Reflecting on my time as Utah Senate Majority Leader, I can say it has been one of the most rewarding and irreplaceable experiences of my career. It has been an honor to work closely with my colleagues, tackling complex issues and championing policies that benefit the people of our great state.

Although I no longer serve as Senate majority leader, I remain deeply committed to the people of central and rural Utah. The tools, insights, and relationships I have gained through this leadership role have strengthened my ability to advocate for our communities. I look forward to continuing to serve you with passion, purpose, and unwavering dedication in the months and years ahead.

Thank you for your trust and support as I work hard as your senator to represent our area at the Utah Legislature.



Southern Utah University

SUU to Host High School Drill Competition Dec. 13 & 14

From Brooke Heath

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

CEDAR CITY, Utah (Dec. 6, 2024)
- Southern Utah University's Larry

H. Miller Utah Summer Games department will host the "Cafe Sabor Thunderbird Drill invitational" on December 13-14.

The high school drill competition will welcome 28 UHSAA teams from around the state, representing the 2A, 3A, 4A, and 6A classifications. Local schools like Canyon View, Cedar, and Parowan high schools will be participating in the event, along with participants from Regions 9 and 17.

Tickets for the competition can be purchased online and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors, each day. Passes for both Friday and Saturday competition are also available for purchase.

"We are thrilled to welcome 28 teams and communities from around the state of Utah to Cedar City and Southern Utah University for the inaugural 'Cafe Sabor Thunderbird Drill Invitational,'" said Jon Oglesby, Executive Director of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games.

"It is our honor to welcome talented student athletes from around the state to showcase their abilities, while they and their supporters experience our renowned hospitality during the event."

Soloists will compete on Friday, Dec. 13, while teams will compete on Saturday, Dec. 14. All competition will take place at SUU's America First Event Center. The 4A/6A classifications will compete in the morning session, while the 2A/3A schools will compete in an afternoon pod. SUU will have a variety of concession and hospitality options available throughout the competition for spectators. A full list of participants, as well as schedules and other information, can be found at <https://utahsummergames.org/sports/2024/9/4/cafe-sab->

[or-thunderbird-drill-invitational.aspx](https://utahsummergames.org/sports/2024/9/4/cafe-sab-or-thunderbird-drill-invitational.aspx).

Fans are asked to be aware of various construction projects taking place on the SUU campus that could affect parking. Additionally, fans are reminded to follow the clear bag policy instituted for SUU athletic events.

SUU would like to acknowledge Visit Cedar City/ Brian Head, Café Sabor, Safari Hospitality, and Wittwer Hospitality for their support in hosting UHSAA and other high school events in Cedar City and Iron County.

For more information on the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, visit UtahSummerGames.org. For more information on Southern Utah University, visit SUU.edu.

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FBI Cybersecurity Warning: Local Law Enforcement Cites AI Risks in Iron County

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A recent FBI warning about a sophisticated cyberattack involving Chinese-backed artificial intelligence (AI) has sparked serious concern among authorities. The cyber operation, dubbed “Salt Typhoon,” has exposed vulnerabilities in popular communication platforms, potentially affecting millions of users.

While cyberattacks might feel like distant threats to local residents, Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter said the danger is closer to home than many realize.

AI’s Role in Salt Typhoon

According to federal reports, the Salt Typhoon hack was driven in part by advanced AI capabilities developed by Chinese entities. These tools enabled hackers to breach encrypted systems, mimic legitimate users, and collect sensitive data with unprecedented precision.

Carpenter said the power of AI is far more advanced than most people realize. With capabilities that can mimic human behavior and create convincing fake identities it is capable of exploiting vulnerabilities in ways that were unimaginable just a few years ago.

He noted a recent training he attended where he witnessed first-

hand the alarming potential of AI in the wrong hands. During the session, attendees were shown a video of actor Morgan Freeman delivering a speech. The video was so lifelike that it seemed authentic — until the presenter revealed that the entire clip had been generated by AI.

“That was a wake-up call,” Carpenter said. “The AI technology we’re dealing with is so advanced that even professionals couldn’t tell it wasn’t real. Now imagine that technology being used to manipulate people or access sensitive information.”

Carpenter explained that the same level of sophistication is now being applied to cyberattacks, where AI can mimic human behavior, generate convincing phishing scams, and bypass traditional security measures.

Why Iron County Residents Should Take Notice

While cyberattacks may seem like a distant problem, Carpenter warned that local residents are not immune. AI has made it easier for hackers to target individuals and businesses regardless of location.

“This isn’t just happening in big cities or to large corporations,” Carpenter said.

“These hackers can use AI to target anyone and the more developed it gets the more we’re all at risk.”

The hack’s implications are far-reaching. By exploiting communication platforms, attackers could intercept private conversations, steal financial information, and even impersonate individuals to commit further crimes, he added.

The Digital Future: A Double-Edged Sword

While the rise of AI technology has brought amazing advancements in many areas including medical technology, it has also created new vulnerabilities. Carpenter emphasized that while AI has positive applications, its misuse by cybercriminals poses a growing threat.

“We’re entering a digital future where trust is going to be a lot harder to maintain,” Carpenter said. “AI is evolving so rapidly that even the safeguards we put in place today might not be enough tomorrow.”

Carpenter described how AI could create hyper-realistic phishing attempts, where hackers pose as trusted contacts to extract information or money. The technology’s ability to analyze behavior patterns and adapt in real time makes it an especially dangerous tool for cybercriminals.

FBI Recommendations and Local Advice

To combat the growing threat, the FBI has recommended that individuals and businesses adopt secure practices, such as using encrypted messaging apps and enabling two-factor authentication. Carpenter echoed these suggestions, urging residents to take the threat seriously.

“Secure messaging apps with end-to-end encryption are a good starting point,” Carpenter said. “But it’s also important to stay informed and cautious. If something feels off, trust your instincts.”

Practical Steps for Staying Safe

The FBI and Sheriff Carpenter recommend the following measures:

- ➊ **Switch to Encrypted Apps:** Use messaging platforms with end-to-end encryption, such as Signal or WhatsApp, to protect your communications.
- ➋ **Be Skeptical:** Verify any unexpected requests for personal or financial information, even if they appear to come from trusted sources.
- ➌ **Enable Two-Factor Authentication:** Add an extra layer of security to your accounts by requiring a second form of verification.
- ➍ **Avoid Sharing Sensitive Data:** Refrain from sending passwords, credit card information, or other sensitive details through text messages or email.
- ➎ **Stay Informed:** Follow cybersecurity updates from trusted sources like the FBI or local law enforcement.

The Future

Carpenter said the recent hack and the role of AI underscore the importance of education and preparation. He encouraged Iron County residents to think critically about their digital habits and to take proactive steps to safeguard their data.

“We’re living in a time when AI can do incredible things, but it can also be used to harm,” Carpenter said. “The best defense is awareness and action. By staying informed and taking precautions, we can reduce the risks and protect ourselves.”

For more information on cybersecurity and how to protect your data, residents can contact the Iron County Sheriff’s Office or visit the FBI’s cybersecurity resource page.

ZIONS BANK

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elementary school students are taking part in “Lights On” events by making festive decorations to deck the halls of their local Zions Bank lobbies. Zions Bank has been inviting students to participate in this tree-trimming tradition for 52 years.

This year, more than 50 elementary schools are participating in Zions Bank’s “Lights On” holiday celebrations. Additionally, several Zions Bank branches have invited students from special-needs classes and Title 1 schools to decorate the trees in their lobbies.

FATAL PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION IN CEDAR CITY

by JR Robinson

CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cedar City, UT – The Cedar City Police Department is currently investigating a fatal automobile-pedestrian accident that occurred on the 100 N block of 100 W.

On December 4, 2024, at approximately 6:40 PM, police officers responded to a report of an

accident in a parking lot of the 100 N block of 100 W. Upon arrival, first responders discovered an 88-year-old male trapped beneath a vehicle. The victim was extricated with the assistance of emergency responders, and immediate life-saving measures were administered.

Despite these efforts, the victim tragically succumbed to his injuries.

The identity of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of family members.

This incident remains under active investigation by the Cedar City Police Department.

The Cedar City Police Department extends its deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of the victim.

In Jubilo Women's Chorale Presents

“Seasons of Joy”



by Sheri Butler

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Come listen as In Jubilo's Women's Chorale presents its annual Christmas concert,

"Seasons of Joy," at the Heritage Center Theater on Thursday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

This year's concert promises to be the best ever as the group performs classic and new Christmas songs, pop selections, and music that inspires joy, peace, fun, and laughter. All to get you in the mood for a joyful Christmas.

Directors Jackie Riddle-Jackson and Dee Holt, accompanists Teresa Redd and

Charlene Greenhalgh and the 50+ women are excited to share these songs with you.

This year's event will have some fun new additions, including prize drawings throughout the concert, with three grand prizes at the end. You won't want to miss it.

Tickets are free and available at the Heritage Box Office, by emailing injubilochorale@gmail.com, or by contacting a group member. Your ticket is also your entry into the prize drawings.

Along with the talented choir, guest performers will grace the stage, including the

Southern Utah Handbell Choir, directed by Matt Adams and Sandy Hedgecock,

SideNote, the award-winning a cappella group, talented Violinists Russell Neilson and Rebecca Cox, Cellist Nina Hansen, an orchestral quartet, and ballerina Sabrina Gordon.

Santa and his elves will also be at the event to bring some extra holiday cheer.

Guests can take pictures with Santa early in the



lobby before the performance begins.

In Jubilo Women's Chorale began in 2002 with Jackie Riddle-Jackson, well-known in the community for her musical talents. Jackie and LuWenn Jones began the Chorale with

only twelve ladies. As time passed, the group continued to grow, and there are now approximately sixty singers who are dedicated to the Chorale's success. The number of women fluctuates each year depending on busy schedules. New members join each year, while others may stop attending for a while and then return. The most remarkable thing about the Chorale is that these women are exceptional musicians who lend their voices to give audiences a rich experience in choral music. Come listen with family and friends on December 19th as In Jubilo Women's Chorale presents "Seasons of Joy."

Watch for future events by following the Chorale on Facebook or Instagram.



Volunteers Woven into the Fabric of Our Community

by Sally Hunter Jensen

CCAC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Cedar City has been my home and my heart, profoundly shaping my life. I still

vividly remember sitting in the audience during the inaugural year of the Utah Shakespeare Festival

(USF). As a curious little girl, I asked countless

questions—much to the chagrin of nearby patrons. Despite their complaints, that night kindled a lifelong love of theater, both onstage and behind the scenes.

Since then, I've marveled at the magic of community events and the incredible volunteers who bring them to life. These individuals give their time, talents, and energy without monetary reward, yet their contributions are priceless. It's no surprise to me that in 2023, Utah ranked first in the nation for formal volunteer service. According to UServeUtah, more than 999,000 Utahns volunteered through organizations last year, contributing an estimated \$2.7 billion to the state's economy. Beyond formal service, over 1.4 million residents informally helped neighbors during the pandemic.

This summer, I had the privilege of representing the Cedar City Arts Council (CCAC) at UServeUtah's

Volunteer Management Training, held on the SUU campus. It was serendipitous timing; I had just completed my MA in Arts Administration, a program that underscored the importance of volunteers to nonprofit organizations. The two-day workshop illuminated the intricacies of volunteer management—from recruitment to supervision—and offered tools for engaging diverse groups, including families, young people, and seniors.

One standout resource was a generational chart outlining volunteer preferences, characteristics, and communication styles. This insight gave me a newfound appreciation for the strategic thought behind mobilizing volunteers and a greater awareness of the skills we need at CCAC to nurture Cedar City's vibrant arts scene.

Reflecting on my workshop experience, memories of the USF's volunteers came flooding back—especially the hostesses in their elegant tapestry gowns. These women twinkled with enthusiasm, greeting each guest as if welcoming them into a world of magic. They weren't just ushers; they were ambassadors, creating an unforgettable experience for every audience member.

R. Scott Phillips, a dear friend, City Councilman and retired Executive Director of the USF, captured it perfectly: "The volunteers at the USF were and are the lifeblood of the organization. They were the ambassadors. They made the entire experience special for our audiences. It was my honor to get to



Photo from Sue St. Jean 2024

know them each and every year. It was like a large family reunion."

These hostesses inspired me in my youth, just as they continue to inspire me today. Their joy was contagious, their passion unmistakable. They didn't just do their job—they loved it, and it showed in every interaction. It's volunteers like these who shape our community, often in ways they may never fully realize. While I can't name every volunteer who's impacted my life, their collective influence is woven into the fabric of Cedar City. As I process the lessons from my graduate studies, I'm reminded of the immense value of volunteerism—not just for what it gives to the community but for the connections and purpose it brings to those who serve.

This column isn't about answering big questions but honoring the spirit of those who give so much. Whether dressed in Shakespearean attire or lending their talents in quieter ways, these volunteers are the heartbeat of Cedar City. Their legacy of service and joy is one I'll always cherish—and strive to carry forward.



1987 Volunteers from Barbara A. Matheson in SUU Special Collections and the Utah Shakespeare Festival.



Sue St Jean photo of 2024 volunteers

Believe In One Million: Donate Today!

by Liz Armstrong

GUEST WRITER FOR THE FESTIVAL

CEDAR CITY—Last year, the Utah Shakespeare

Festival launched the Believe campaign to inspire connectivity, asking beloved patrons to believe in the power of live theatre. This year, we have been so amazed at our patrons' and friends' generosity that during this holiday season, we want to convey our gratitude for all the love that has been shown to the Festival.

But we still need more help! Development Associate Emily Cacho expresses a heartfelt thank you and explains that the idea for the Believe campaign harkens back to the beloved moment in Peter Pan when the audience is asked to believe in order to save Tinkerbell: the Festival is asking patrons to believe in hope and good and the magic it brings.

"Post-pandemic and after [Festival Founder] Fred C. Adams' passing, we thought it was really important to still promote hope and a strong connection with theatre," Cacho said. "That belief can help us thrive as an arts organization."

For year two of the three-year campaign, the Festival launched "Believe In One Million." As a nonprofit organization, the Festival relies heavily on donations from individuals, businesses, and corporations, as well as grants from organizations and government. Cacho explained that to emphasize the importance of giving, this campaign was launched to inspire patrons to help the Festival reach its goal of one million dollars in individual giving.

"Believe In One Million is the goal for individual giving this year," Cacho said. "We usually get around \$850,000 each year from individuals, and we wanted to push the marker further."

Monetary donations can be made directly through bard.org. Additionally, there are other ways to give. These options include gifts of appreciated property, insurance and retirement plans, corporate and matching gifts, and bequests. Many might not know that the Festival is a (501)(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations can be tax

write-offs. If you plan to make a donation, the Festival's non-profit tax ID number is: 87-6000481.

For gifts of stock and real estate, contact Cacho at 435-586-1970 or email



emily@bard.org.

"Even one dollar helps us meet our goal, but we also take in-kind donations," Cacho explained. "If you have old clothes or sewing machines, you may be able to donate them to the Costume Shop. The Props Shop may take your old furniture, for example. We can give people receipts for taxes for those in-kind donations as well."

For Cacho, this goal extends beyond her role as Development Associate. At just eleven years old, Cacho began traveling from Wyoming with her grandparents to watch plays at the Festival.

"I love working in theatre. It's been my passion since I was little. I fell in love with the Festival as an organization," Cacho said. "It was a very formative time for me in my life, and it's the reason I moved to Cedar City and went to Southern Utah University and got my job at the Festival."

For Cacho, the difference between the Festival and other arts organizations is its connectivity with patrons and providing an amazing Festival Experience for them.

"The Festival is very connected to our audiences, and there's a different sort of passion here versus other theaters," Cacho said. "I want this organization to last a long time, and I think the Believe campaign can help us do that."

Please consider making a donation to the Believe in One Million campaign today. Patrons giving at certain levels can also enjoy special benefits and discounts. For more information, visit bard.org/about/give/individual.

"We love and appreciate all our supporters," Cacho said gratefully.

"It's amazing how generous people are, but we do need that extra push of individual giving as a nonprofit organization to continue thriving."

Believe

IN ONE MILLION

Help the Utah Shakespeare Festival
raise \$1,000,000 in individual
gifts before the end of 2024.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2024

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

REMEMBER the Fallen-HONOR those who Serve-TEACH our children the value of Freedom. No matter where they served or how-Wreaths Across America strives to make sure that no one is forgotten.

On December 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm, Wreath Across American will be at the Cedar City Cemetery. 1,358 wreaths will be placed on our country's fallen heroes as we say the names of each and every veteran aloud. The hand-tied live balsam wreaths were delivered to the Cedar City Cemetery. SUU Football Team unloaded the 18-wheeler truck ready for honor our fallen soldiers. Ceremony and wreath placing is Saturday December 14, at 2 pm, volunteers can

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Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

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

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

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

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

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

Elks Lodge #1556

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

Lion's Club

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

Marine Corps League

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

Rotary Club

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon
Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Parowan • (435) 477-8925

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

All are welcome

Al-Anon

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

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

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

Caregivers

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

Celebrate Recovery 12-Step

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

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

unless otherwise listed

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

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 9am - Canyon Park West. A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate - it's up to you! www.parkrun.us

Parowan Pickleball

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

PB&J Therapy Groups

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

College: forms.gle/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

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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.

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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!

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

FRI, DEC 13

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

THIS IS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION (6:30PM) Red Hills Southern Baptist Church

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SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN (3-5PM) Join us for a magical visit with Santa. State Bank Cedar Main: 377 N Main St

MUSICAL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE (7PM) with Lex De Azevedo's Christian Choir at LDS Church, 400 N. 500 W. Free and open to the public.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS MUSIC (7PM) Music at the Home on the Range on the corner of 100 West University Blvd. Seating is limited, purchase tickets inside.

SAT, DEC 14

THIS IS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION (6:30PM) Red Hills Southern Baptist Church

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

JOY TO THE WORLD (7PM) Jenny Oaks Baker in concert! A Sacred Christmas Celebration performance at the Heritage Theatre. Includes local musicians! Purchase tickets online.

THE COMMUNITY NUTCRACKER (1PM & 7PM) Get tickers at communitynutcracker.com or (541) 852-1273. Canyon View High School Auditorium

WIZARD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL (10AM-4PM) @ 150 E Altamira Ave, Cedar City. Feast at 7PM. All Wizards, witches, & Non-Magical Folks welcome. For more information visit www.cccmt.org

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BIRDS OPEN HOUSE (10AM-4PM) Located at 6337 N. 650 E, Enoch, Utah. Enoch Wildlife Rescue is holding "Christmas for the Birds Open House." Beautiful photography, art, handcrafted gifts, t-shirts, books cards, calendars, prize raffles and more available for donations. Enjoy treats, meet our wildlife ambassadors and receive a tour of our facility. For more information contact: Tricia Satterlee 760-580-4320. DONATE DIRECTLY AT GOWILDLIFE.ORG (501C3).

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (1PM) to lay wreaths @ Cedar City Cemetery. Contact April for details @ mrc@cedarcitychamber.org.

ADULT ART ADVENTURE (5-6:30PM) FREE, 18+ w/ a 40

seat limi @ The Johnson Center 59 North 100 West Cedar City, UT 84720. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind paint night! Start with an inspiring presentation by Hanna, owner of Prussian Bleu Studio, on her personal art journey, then enjoy an hour of hands-on creativity to rediscover your own happiness through painting. Zero experience ENCOURGED. Let's play! To find more information about Prussian Bleu Studio, please visit www.prussianbleu.com

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN (3-5PM) Join us for a magical visit with Santa. State Bank Cedar Main: 1322 S Interstate Dr. 3:00p - 5:00pm

SUN, DEC 15

"WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED" (6PM) Mountain View Baptist Church will be presenting a Christmas program "While Shepherds Watched". The community is invited to attend this special event! Visitors are always welcome! The church is located at 1160 S. 860 W. in Cedar City.

MON, DEC 16

CHANUKAH MESSIANIC DANCE & SONG WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM) Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn and do fun and easy Chanukah dances and songs. Info @ (702)460-2317.

TUES, DEC 17

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

WED, DEC 18

WHITE CHRISTMAS THE MUSICAL

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

THURS, DEC 19

WOMEN'S CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT (7 PM) In Jubilo Women's Chorale Christmas Concert: SEASON'S OF JOY! @ Heritage Center Theater Tickets are FREE and available for pickup at the Heritage Center Theater or by email at injubilochorale@gmail.com.

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

FRI, DEC 20

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

JUNIOR BALLET - THE NUTCRACKER (7:30-9PM) Heritage Theater 7:30pm to 9:00pm <https://www.cedarcity-juniorballet.org/> (435)867-4719

SAT, DEC 21

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

JUNIOR BALLET - THE NUTCRACKER (7:30-9PM) Heritage Theater 7:30pm to 9:00pm <https://www.cedarcity-juniorballet.org/> (435)867-4719

SUN, DEC 22

MASTER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT (7-8PM) Heritage Theater

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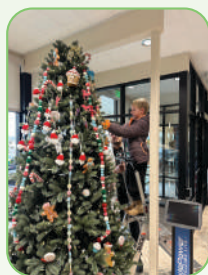
IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

from Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

South Elementary

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at South Elementary! Our wonderful aides provided crafts for each class to create a work of art for our school to enjoy. The students' creativity is impressive and provides such a fun environment for all. Our theme for December is optimism and compassion. The students are learning about these two great qualities and the importance of applying them in their lives. They are striving to become their best selves, show compassion for others, and have positive attitudes in all they do.



Escalante Valley Elementary

The annual tradition of decorating the Christmas tree at neighboring Dixie Power lives on with our 1st grade class. As

a school, each class is responsible to design ornaments with their students. This year's theme, Christmas in the Country, represented our rural setting perfectly and classes went to work creating ornaments ranging from cows to tractors, and everything in between. The students concluded their visit by singing a Christmas song and receiving a cookie. Thank you, Dixie Power, for continuing to invite our students to be a part of your Christmas traditions!

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

Mrs. Hallow's and Ms. Gao's classes got to make personal pies to celebrate Thanksgiving before the break! We hope you had a great Thanksgiving break celebrating with loved ones.

Our Santa Shop is up and running! Students can choose gifts for friends or family members with the help of PTA volunteers. Ask your child's teacher for more information if you didn't receive the forms/flier last week.



Our last day of school for December will be Friday, December 20. We will have our normal early-out schedule. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 7. Make sure to follow Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA on Facebook so you don't miss any of our important announcements, updates, and highlights.

Iron Springs Elementary



November is always filled with fun and exciting opportunities to learn and serve. This past month was nothing different. The month started off with an opportunity for students to cast their

vote for the governor of Utah and United States President. Followed by our 3rd grade Veterans Day assembly. We held our annual Food Drive the week before Thanksgiving. Different food items, toiletries, clothing and toys were brought and donated to the Iron County School District Pantry. Our choir performed for the student body and shared messages of friendship and courage. Kindergarteners in Mrs. Walker's class spent time learning about the first Thanksgiving and making their own Indian Corn while 5th



graders celebrated Colonial Days. They dressed up in colonial attire, made candles, bricks, played games and so much more.

North Elementary



North Elementary was thrilled to celebrate our amazing K-5 students at the monthly Polar Bear of the Month assembly! Families joined us in honoring two outstanding students from each class, recognized for demonstrating exceptional S.T.A.R. behavior—being Safe, Trustworthy, Aware, and Responsible. Way to shine, Polar Bears—keep up the fantastic work!

North Elementary PTA recently held its annual Reflections contest, where students reflected on the theme, "Accepting Imperfections," and showcased their creativity through original works of art. Categories included Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, 2D Visual Arts, and 3D Visual Arts. We are proud of all the participants for their hard work

and artistic expression. Several entries were selected for the Award of Excellence and will advance to the regional competition—congratulations to these talented individuals!

Students in grades 3-5 are gearing up for our Science Fair in January. Students will be picking a question or problem that can be answered through scientific investigation. We can't wait to see the innovative ideas and discoveries our students will bring to life this year!

Three Peaks Elementary



On November 25, Three Peaks Elementary held their tenth annual Turkey Calling Contest. The winners for K-2 were: Coy Slaugh, Hailey Carlisle, and Luke Willmore. Grades 3-5 winners were: Kyson Peterson, Jackson Stephens, and Zachary Gardner. Thank you to the PTA for providing the judges, to Mrs.



Monica Galt for making the cute balloon prizes,

and to all who participated in this fun and silly event.

The SUU Ballroom Dance team performed for the school on December 4. They danced a variety of styles, had beautiful dresses, and were so talented. Thank you to their instructor, Andrea Johnson, for bringing the class to perform for our students. We loved it!

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NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Welcome back!

Canyon View is back and buzzing with excitement after the Thanksgiving break as everyone counts down to Christmas! Though the holiday is still a bit away, the student government has an incredible lineup of festive activities ready to roll out! Get ready for Canyon View's Christmas Movie and Clothing Swap on December 16th—it's going to be a blast! Plus, don't forget about Canyon View's stockings that are sure to add some extra holiday cheer! Keep your eyes peeled for updates; you won't want to miss out on the fun!

Canyon View Wins!

Basketball season is upon us and the excitement is off the charts! On December 2nd, Canyon View's girls' basketball team faced off against Cedar High School in an electrifying game, and they shined, coming out on top with an impressive victory of 55-39! That's not all! On December 3, the boys' team took to the court against Cedar, and they brought the heat too, dominating the game with a stunning score of 63-32! Way to go, Canyon View!

ESports

Canyon View Esports has just wrapped up an incredible fall season, and the results are nothing short of amazing! Canyon View E-Sports teams have truly shined this year, and to celebrate, here are a few highlights from their fall season! Their Chess Varsity team secured a spot in the top 8 of the Mountain Range Playoffs, boasting an impressive record of 7-2! That's not all! Their Super Smash Bros Varsity team also made waves, placing in the top 8 in the competitive 1A-4A division of the state of Utah! And let's not forget our Rocket League Varsity team, which battled their way to the top 8 in the same division. A huge shoutout to all the esports players your hard work and dedication have paid off! Way to go, Canyon View!

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Historical Threads
Down-and-Back Legacy

PART 3

by Jay M. Jones

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Pioneers from the “Down-and-Back” era of the 1860's contributed a great deal to the development of Southern Utah communities.

During this time, wagon teams from Utah would travel to the Missouri River Valley in the Spring,



“Down-and-Back” companies passed through Echo Canyon near the Utah/Wyoming border on their way to Salt Lake City. A monument to pioneers is located at a rest area just off Interstate 80 in the Canyon.

Jay Jones Photo.

returning with emigrants from Europe and the Eastern United States in the Summer and Fall.

The following examples illuminate some of the contributions made by a few of the pioneers from that time period.

Matheson

Daniel and Catherine Matheson came to America from Scotland with their family in 1862 aboard the ship John J. Boyd. Also onboard was Hugh Evans and his daughter Lydia, the future wife of Daniel's son Alexander.

During a major storm in the Atlantic, the main mast became loose and plunged through the decks to the bottom of the ship.

After arriving at Castle Gardens in New York, the Mathesons traveled by train to Albany, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Windsor Canada, Detroit, Chicago and

Quincy, then ferried to Hannibal, took a train to St. Joseph, then a riverboat to Florence, Nebraska.

They then came to Utah with the Homer Duncan “Down-and-Back” company and settled in Parowan. Each wagon in the company carried, on average, the baggage and supplies for 12 people, so most of these pioneers walked most of the way.

The following year, Alexander was called to assist with the “Down-and-Back” operation.

Daniel and Catherine Matheson have a large posterity in Southern Utah and beyond, including great-great grandson Scott M. Matheson, the governor of Utah from 1977 to 1985.

Connell

James Connell, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, came on the ship Cynosure in 1863 at the age of 21.

He worked his way across the plains by driving an ox team.

When he arrived in Salt Lake City, October 3, Robert Miller and his wife were there for conference. They brought him to Parowan and gave him employment.

As he did not have shoes to go to church, he spent his first Sunday wandering the hills near Parowan.

Soon after his arrival, he became acquainted with Sarah Elizabeth Pendleton and they were married in 1869.

He was a member of Thomas Durham's choir and was also the Ward Clerk for many years. He worked at the Parowan United Mercantile and Manufacturing Institution in the cabinet shop, making furniture and caskets.

He is found in Parowan in the 1880 census with Sarah and their five children.

In 1907 he moved to Beaver, where he died in 1912.

Hobbs

While William and Mary Ann Hobbs were saving for their trip from England to Utah, their oldest daughter Annie became impatient and left on the ship Underwriter in 1860. She then traveled with the

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Daniel Robison handcart company to Utah later that year.

During the journey, Annie became ill. She died six weeks after arriving in Salt Lake City.

Back in England, her family became concerned after not hearing about her arrival in Utah. Her brother William, trained as a railroad engineer, came to America the following year aboard the ship Manchester. Working his way to Utah on the construction crew for the first telegraph across America, he learned of his sister's death when he arrived in Salt Lake.

In 1863, his sisters Mary, Emma and Tryphena Hobbs came to America aboard the ship Amazon. They came to Utah in the Samuel White "Down-and-Back" company.

In 1864, William Sr. and Mary Ann Hobbs and their four youngest children came to America in 1864 aboard the ship Hudson. They came west with the William Hyde "Down-and-Back" company and settled in Parowan.

The 1880 census shows William and Mary Hobbs living in Parowan. Their son William and his wife and five children are also shown living in Parowan. Their daughter Tryphena (West) is also listed in Parowan with her three children.

The younger William's occupation was a freighter. Family accounts indicate he hauled timber from Parowan Canyon to Salt Lake City, used to build the first Tabernacle organ.

He later moved with his family to Idaho, where he homesteaded in the Upper Snake River Valley near the town of Wilford. His parents remained in Parowan.

William Sr. and Mary Ann's daughter Tryphena married William Moroni West and lived in Parowan. After her husband died on a winter-time expedition tracking stolen cattle, Tryphena had three young children to raise. After Utah became a state in 1896, Tryphena became the first Iron County Recorder.

Bailey

Nephi Bailey emigrated from England aboard the ship Colorado in 1868. Starting west with the Daniel D. McArthur company of 1868, he found work building the

transcontinental railroad. He was present at the Golden Spike ceremony in 1869.

He moved to Cedar City and married Annie Mackelprang in 1873. She had come to Utah with her parents from Denmark in 1856.

Nephi and Annie are listed in the 1880 census for Cedar City, together with young sons Nephi, William and Joseph. Nephi's occupation is shown as Boot – Shoe Maker.

The family moved to San Juan County shortly afterwards, where the parents lived for the remainder of their lives.

Helping the Effort

The "History of Iron County Mission," by Luella Adams Dalton gives the following information about some of the Parowan men that assisted with the "Down-and-Back" project:

"In the spring of 1866, Charles Adams, Henry Holyoak, Niels Rasmussen as night guard, Lars Mortensen, George Holyoak and Henry Gillinger went to the Missouri River for poor saints." (p. 286)

"In the spring of 1868, eleven Parowan men and teams joined Captain John R. Murdock's train to assist the emigration across the plains. Among those who went were Peter Wimmer, George Taylor, Jessie Baker, Niels Rasmussen, Horace C. S. Smith, Joseph Wixom, William Moroni West. (p. 286)

Summary

Many people worked hard to make the immigration and transportation systems of the 1860's in Utah work for the benefit of everyone – the newcomers and the communities they joined.

Most of the new arrivals, as well as most residents of Utah at that time, were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

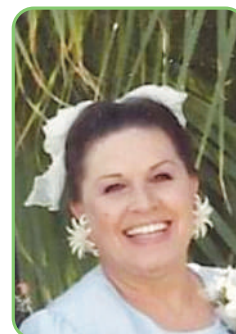
John K. Hulmston wrote in the Winter 1990 issue of Utah Historical Quarterly:

"The important thing to note is . . . the intense involvement of almost every church member. This extensive participation not only provided supplies but also generated a genuine feeling of social cohesion among Mormons throughout the Great Basin."

Next, Immigration After the Transcontinental Railroad.

obituaries

Patricia JoAnn Pitts



With hearts full of love and admiration, we celebrate the life of Patricia Jo Ann Pitts, fondly known as Patty, who was born on March 8, 1941, in San Diego, CA, and departed this life on November 4, 2024. A loving mother, spirited community volunteer, and resilient friend, Patricia lived a life characterized by courage and unwavering faith. She was a beacon of strength who cherished her membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Patricia was a woman of many passions. She was an avid reader with a particular fondness for James Patterson. Her love for literature extended to her community where she was a dedicated Senior Companion at the Cedar City senior center. She found joy in the simple pleasures of life; playing bingo, decorating her home for every occasion, and baking for her loved ones.

Patty's memory will be treasured by her children; Troy Pitts (Diane), Tamara (Tami) Hirst (Josh), Theresa Zimbaro (James), Melvin Pitts Jr, Renee' Pitts, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Patty was preceded in death by her parents, William and Hazel Balinger, her brother Robert Balinger, and her husband, Melvin Sr. Patricia's life was a testament to the strength of love, resilience, and the courage to face life with a smile. Her legacy will continue in the lives of those she touched and the family she loved so dearly.

Her celebration of life service will be held December 14, 2024 at 11:00. Westview LDS Chapel 800 S. Laurie Lane, Cedar City, Utah.

Clair Benson



Clair Decker Benson 91, of Parowan Utah, passed away on November 17th after a long and fulfilling life.

Clair was born on January 23, 1933, in Parowan to Richard (Dick) and Pearl Benson. He attended and graduated from Parowan High School, then attended for 1-year B.A.C. (currently SUU) in Cedar City. Clair joined the US Air Force in December of 1952, during his enlistment he met his wife to be Patricia Hines, and they married on December 15, 1956. During their 68 years of marriage, they had three children Garry, Tammy, and Connie.

Clair worked with the City of Parowan as an electrician, and the Parowan Airport (ParoAir). After retiring

from the city, he opens a small engine repair shop. He loved working on small engines and visiting his neighbors. You could find him during the warmer months sitting outside on the front porch of his home talking to people as they passed by.

Clair was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is predeceased by his parents Richard and Pearl, and his brothers Keith, Wayne, and Elwood Benson.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, his three children Garry and Deanna, Tammy Benson, and Connie and Todd Simkins. 6 Grandchildren, 15 Great Grandchildren, and 1 Great Great Grandchild.

A viewing will be held on Thursday November 21st from 5pm to 7pm at the Southern Utah Mortuary in Parowan. A short viewing from 11:30am to 12:30pm and remembrance service at 1pm will be held on Friday, November 22nd at the mortuary. The burial will be at the Parowan Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.

To view the livestream of the funeral service and leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org. In lieu of flowers, you can make a memorial or honorary donation to the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

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Derral Drew Stratton



Derral Drew Stratton, 86, beloved Father and Grandfather, went on his final ride off into the night on his horse, Dan, on December 1, 2024, into the loving arms of his Heavenly Father after a long battle with a debilitating disease, which he endured valiantly. Derral was born on July 17, 1938 to Lockey Mezetta Turnbeaugh and Aril Stratton. He was the second child of four children, Gary, Derral, Marydon, and Cloyd.

Derral resided and passed away in the same house his family was living in when he was born. He spent a lot of time remodeling the house to make it nice. During his youth, he was raised on a farm on Lund Highway in Cedar Valley. He was a small, shy, blond boy, but also a big tease and loved to play pranks on others. He was a very hard worker starting at an early age and it continued throughout his life. He milked cows along with other chores on the family farm. At around age ten, Derral also fed Leonard Bulloch's sheep and helped him take them to the mountain. As he grew older, he started milking cows for the college as well. In his teen years, he began logging for Don Schaffer. He and the other boys working for Don took off hiking on an adventure down to Zion's National Park one day and were thought to be lost and had many people searching for them. It was a big story at the time and had his parents and the other boy's parents very worried. Derral knew where he was and they came out a couple days later but had held up during some flash floods that came. He said the hike was a "little bit" longer than the group had anticipated at the time they had come up with their "brilliant" idea.

Derral attended Cedar Jr. High and Cedar High School, where he would ride his horse to school and tie him up. Many times he would come out to find other children riding his horse. He then went on to the College of Southern Utah in Cedar City, Utah and Utah State College in Logan Utah. He obtained an Associates of Engineering Degree from the College of Southern Utah.

Though he didn't quite complete his Bachelor's Degree, he was happy being a bachelor and dating. When he had time, he liked to go to St. George to date the girls there. Eventually he met Karen Andrea Peterson, and they were married on August 19, 1961 in St. George, Utah. The marriage was later solemnized in the St. George LDS Temple. They were married for 63 years. After marrying, they lived in St. George where Derral was working for Joy Peterson, his father-in-law, at his Chevrolet/Buick auto dealership. The following year they had the first of their three wonderful children, a son, Troy, who was born in Cedar City because Derral wanted her to have the baby there. Later they moved to Boulder City, Nevada where Derral worked for his wife's uncle Robin Hanson at a gas station. While living in Boulder, they had their first daughter, Andrea. After a few years they moved back to Cedar City. He bought a gas station and managed that until the love of the mountain drew him back. This is when Derral began his own logging business along with heavy equipment work. He was one "tough" little guy doing extremely "tough" work. He worked tirelessly, harder than anyone we have ever known, to support his family. Very often he left before his children got up, around 4:00 in the morning, and didn't come home until after they were in bed, around midnight. In the summers, he was gone for weeks at a time when hauling logs off the mountain. When his son was old enough, around 7, he began taking him to work right alongside him. Father and son worked hand in hand. It was during this time in Cedar City, they had their last child completing their family, a daughter, MaraDawn. His family was constantly worried about him as he had many accidents, because of the danger involved in his type of work. One of several boys he hired to work for him logging on the mountain, Tracy Kirkham, became a son to him and a brother to his children. After many years logging, Derral also began working for Cedar City Corporation as chief mechanic and welder. He worked both of these jobs for many years. He later retired from Cedar City Corporation at age 62.

In his spare time, Derral enjoyed riding horses, especially Jitterbug and his beloved Dan. He also loved watching football (favorite team, the 49er's) and westerns (favorite show, Gunsmoke and all John Wayne movies), playing solitaire, and he especially loved spending time with and teasing his grandkids and great grandkids, who absolutely adored him and he them. He was the most loved grandpa. Derral had a special magnetism about him that drew people to him. He always tried to help anyone who needed it or asked him. He had his own lingo, which we all loved about him. He would say the funniest things in his unique way, such as: his lunch bucket (a pie can), his hat (a brain bucket), his thermos (a water trough), a purse (a satchel) or butter

(salve). He also had sayings he was famous for, such as: ("Go loaded both ways"). He was also known for sending people to the auto parts store for parts that didn't exist and embarrassing them. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and enjoyed his primary positions and his Service Mission at the Cannery in Cedar City, which he served in for about 7 years.

Derral was "a little man with a huge heart" who was loved and adored by so many, especially his family, and will be forever missed. He will always be in our hearts and our thoughts. Life will not be the same without you. We love you so much dad and grampy. You are our hero!

Derral is survived by his wife, Karen Peterson Stratton, children: son, Troy Charles (Judith - deceased) Stratton of Cedar City, Utah, daughter Andrea (Keith) Maloney of Enoch, Utah, daughter MaraDawn (David) Preece of Payson, Utah, and son, Tracy (Cindy) Kirkham of Summit Utah. Grandchildren: Katelin (Alex) Korth, Laura Stratton, Jessica (Oliver) Smagge, Tim Stratton, Matthew Stratton, Jacob (Lexie) Maloney, Megan (Jeremy) Eliason, Klayton Maloney, Joshua Maloney, Zakary Preece, Logen Preece, Carsyn Preece, and Aisya Preece and 7 great grandchildren with one on the way. He is also survived by siblings: Gerald A (Patricia) Stratton of St. George, Utah, Marydon (Daryl-deceased) Yates of South Jordan, and Cloyd N (Lynn) Stratton of Cedar City, Utah, Sisters-in-law, Carrie Ann Peterson of Cedar City Utah, and Sherril (Kenneth) Newby of St. George, Utah, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Derral is preceded in death by his parents, Aril and Lockey Stratton, father and mother-in-law, Joy L. and Erva Peterson, daughter-in-law, Judith Stratton, and brothers-in-law, Daryl Yates, Merlin Peterson, and James Peterson.

Funeral Services will be held on December 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Southern Utah Mortuary in Cedar City, Utah located at 190 North 300 West. A viewing will be held prior to the services starting at 10:00 a.m. that same morning. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery at 685 N. Main Street in Cedar City, Utah.

To view a livestream of the service and leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.



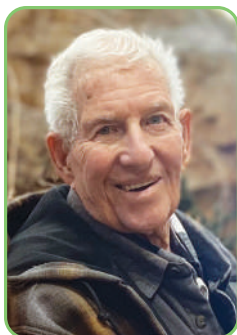
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Dale Evans



Dale J. Evans, 88, of Cedar City, Utah, passed away peacefully on the evening of December 4, 2024.

Dale was born on July 16, 1936, in the small farming town of Richfield, Utah, to Max and Helen Evans. From an early age, he learned the values of hard work and dedication while growing up on the farm. After graduating from Richfield High School, Dale attended Excel Beauty College in Salt Lake City, where he met the love of his life, Carma. Together, they graduated and began building their future.

Dale and Carma married and settled in Richfield, where Dale opened his first beauty salon in his home. Later, he started the Magic Mirror Salon, which became a successful business. In addition to his work as a hairstylist, Dale joined the Richfield Police

Department to support his growing family. He served as both a police officer by night and a beautician by day, never missing an opportunity to serve his community.

In 1974, Dale moved his family to Cedar City, Utah, where he founded Evans Hairstyling College. From this simple Farmer/ Police Officer/ Hairdresser he started a legacy that lives on through his kids, grandkids and now great grandkids, as well as the countless students' lives he touched and mentored.

Throughout his life, Dale was deeply involved in the community and served in many church callings, including roles in the scouts, bishoprics, Sunday school, and the temple. After retiring in 2002, Dale and Carma devoted themselves to serving four missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dale's love for family was unmatched. He enjoyed the outdoors, including backpacking, camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing. He cherished spending time with his loved ones and rarely missed a family event, whether it was a wedding, baptism, graduation, or sporting event. His presence at these milestones will be forever remembered.

Dale was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Carma H. Evans, his parents, an older brother, a younger sister, his twin sister, and his daughter, Sue Peach. He is survived by his two younger brothers Charlie and John T. Evans, a younger sister Marjorie Jenson, six children: Robert R (Lisa Demille) Evans of St. George, Donald D (Kathryn Carter) Evans of Minersville, Rick O (April Clark) Evans of Rexburg, Kellie Evans of Bluffdale, Kathy Evans (Russell) Pearson of Enoch, and Derk Max (Kori Baker) Evans of Cedar City. He also leaves behind 50 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and a legacy of hairdressers and barbers whose lives he touched and mentored.

Dale was a beloved member of the Cedar City community and will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. He now returns home to our Father in Heaven and his eternal companion, Carma.

As Dale always said: *"Remember to always take care of that person in your chair, and you will always have money in your pocket. The day you worry more about the money in your pocket you lose the person in the chair."*

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Green Lakes Ward Chapel, 1120 W. Greens Lake Drive, Cedar City, UT. A viewing will be held Thursday, December 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary and at the Church on Friday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

MARK 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Garry W. Graf



Garry W. Graf passed away peacefully at the age of 88 on November 27, 2024 in Lindon, Utah. Garry was born March 14, 1936 in Escalante, Utah to Sylvan and Sylva Schow Graf. He was the oldest of six children.

Garry was raised in Santa Clara, Utah. He attended elementary school in Santa Clara, then attended Woodward Jr. High, Dixie High School, and Dixie Jr. College in St. George. He was active in sports (basketball, baseball, and track) and leadership.

As a teenager, Garry went with his father on many trips hauling cattle to the Los Angeles stock yards. On other occasions, he drove the truckload of cattle to Los Angeles by himself. He worked closely with his father on the farm and selling fruit door-to-door throughout Southern Utah and Southern Nevada.

After serving in the Southern California mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1956-1958, Garry met and married Fae Donna Chamberlain on July 18, 1959 in the St. George Temple. They were married for 61 years prior to Donna's passing on November 17, 2020. Garry was pleased to be the father, grandfather, and great-grandfather of a large family where he found his greatest happiness and fulfillment. He and Donna have 9 children, 40 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.

He received a Bachelors degree in Sociology and English and a Masters degree in Religious Education and Church History from Brigham Young University. He taught in the Religion Department while receiving his Masters degree.

Garry and Donna moved to Escalante, Utah in 1960 where he taught seminary until 1963. Garry worked at many different summer jobs through the years. One of his favorites was as a tour driver to the National Parks (Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Grand Canyon) for 5 summers.

After receiving his Masters degree in 1964, he and Donna moved to Cedar City, Utah where he was the LDS Seminary principal at Cedar City High School for two years. He was then assigned to teach at the Institute of Religion adjacent to Southern Utah University and taught there for 35 years until his retirement in 2001. During that time, he also served in leadership positions (associate director and faculty advisor). He enjoyed studying and teaching the gospel to multiple generations of institute students.

After retiring from teaching, Garry worked as a Hospice Chaplain for 17 years until the age of 82.

Garry was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in various organizations of the Church, including as a university married ward bishop, and on 3 High Councils. He served as an ordinance worker in the St. George Temple for 5 years and found it to be a very sacred, special calling.

Garry enjoyed sports and the outdoors – exploring, hiking, climbing mountains, camping, hunting, fishing, and riding his motorcycle on many mountain trails. Garry shared his passion for the outdoors with his family and created many wonderful memories and traditions that have continued in his children's lives.

During the last part of his life, Garry moved to Northern Utah and lived with family members and then lived at the Spring Gardens Senior Living Center in Lindon, Utah where he enjoyed making friends with the residents and staff and was an active member of the Church there in the Branch. We are grateful to the administrators and medical staff for their friendly, compassionate care. We also appreciate the kind and loving care for Garry and our family provided by Randi from Serenity Hospice of Utah.

Garry is survived by his 5 sons and 4 daughters: Michael (Barbara) of Pleasant Grove, UT; Brian (Sharla) of Orem, UT; Curtis (Sydna) of Lindon, UT; Sheri (Lynn) Smith of Cedar City, UT; Stephanie (Darin) Smith of Lehi, UT; Kimberly (Shaun) Nielson of Highland, UT; Lisa (Jay) Mills of Eagle Mountain, UT; Nathan (Courtney) of Las Vegas, NV; and Ryan (Donna) of St. George, UT. He is also survived by his sisters, Mary (Steve) Sevy of Santa Clara, UT; Roberta (David) DeCow of Kaysville, UT; and Kathryn (Bruce) Pickett of St. George, UT. He is preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his sister (Shirley), and his brother (Don).

Memorial services will be held December 6, 2024 at 11 am at 500 W 400 N in Cedar City. Information regarding the funeral broadcast and flowers (Zion Sun Floral) is available online at: www.serenityfhs.com Visitations will be held on December 6, 2024 at 500 W 400 N from 9:00 am to 10:30 am prior to the memorial service. Interment will follow at the Cedar City cemetery. Arrangements for the service are entrusted to the care of Serenity Funeral Home (801-255-2801).

WREATHS

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arrive at 8 am to help.

Wreaths Across America is a free, public event that takes place on National Wreaths Across America Day each December. Across the country there are more than 4,300 memorial sites just like ours, there are millions of Americans who will be gathering as one nation to Remember, Honor and Teach the values of sacrifice and service. We are all proud to be Americans living in a free society made up of many people from many walks of life. The freedom we enjoy today has not come without a price. Lying here before and around us in cemeteries throughout the nation, are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear. We can worship as we see fit. We are free to vote for the leaders of our choosing. We have the right to succeed, and we have the right to fail at whatever endeavor we wish to pursue.

The mission is to “Remember,

Honor, and Teach”. These wreaths are all hand-made in the United States from Maine balsam. It is our mission that no veteran is ever forgotten. Our veterans accepted the responsibility to defend America and uphold our values when duty called.

“One Flag, One Land, One Heart, One Nation Evermore”. Why do we believe in America? Because we have great dreams, and because we have the opportunity to make all those dreams come true, one way or another.

Anyone who wants to offer a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy can volunteer at the wreath-laying ceremony to assist in saying veteran names aloud and thanking them for their service-visit oberhelman@emeriti@suu.edu to volunteer.



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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

Breaking Records, Chasing Glory: Targhee Lambson Among Top 3 for Walter Payton Award

by Regan Hunsaker

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah – Southern Utah University running back Targhee Lambson has been named one of the top 3 finalists for the 2024 Walter Payton Award, an honor recognizing the most outstanding offensive player in Division I FCS football. As one of the top three Lambson has been invited to the Stats Perform FCS National Awards Banquet in Frisco, Texas where the winner of the 2024 Walter Payton Award will be announced on January 4, 2025.

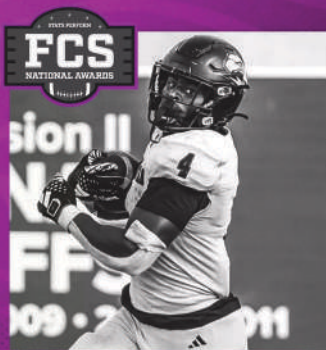
Targhee Lambson has delivered a season for the ages, shattering records and dominating the national leaderboard. He concluded the regular season as the top rusher in the country with 1,922 yards and ranked second nationally with 23 rushing touchdowns. His exceptional performances earned him United Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors twice this season.

Lambson's historic campaign has rewritten the Southern Utah record books. He now holds program records for most carries in a season (320), rushing yards (1,922), and total points scored (142). Additionally, he tied the school record for

rushing touchdowns in a single season with 23, cementing his legacy as one of the greatest players in program history.

The Walter Payton Award, now in its 38th year, celebrates offensive excellence at the FCS level and is often regarded as the "Heisman of the FCS." Past winners include legendary NFL players such as Steve McNair, Tony Romo, Brian Westbrook, Jimmy Garoppolo, Cooper Kupp, and Trey Lance. The winner, determined by a national panel of over 150 experts—including sports information directors, media members, and broadcasters—is selected based on regular-season performance.

Quarterbacks Tommy Mellott of Montana State and Cam Miller of North Dakota State, are the other top vote-getters for the prestigious Walter Payton Award. Mellott, the Big Sky Offensive Player of the Year, has led Montana State to a perfect 12-0 season, boasting a 177.3 passer rating with 22 touchdowns and just one interception while adding 11 rushing touchdowns. Miller, the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year has posted an FCS-best 179.9 passer rating and an incredible 74.2% completion percentage for North Dakota State during their 10-2 regular season.



TARGHEE LAMBSON // TOMMY MELLOTT // CAM MILLER

WALTER PAYTON AWARD

Falcons cruise past Reds

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Canyon View boys basketball team had everything working in its rivalry win with Cedar when the teams met Dec. 3 at the CHS gym. Not even a 30-minute delay for a fire alarm could slow the Falcons down, and the end result was a convincing win.

Seniors Ty Attig and

Felps Sanders combined for 37 points, and Canyon View never trailed on the way to a 63-32 win over Cedar. Attig scored 14 first-half points – two more than the entire Reds team – and Canyon View built a 33-12 halftime lead before playing the fourth quarter with a running clock after stretching the margin to 57-20.

“Our two seniors realize

we’re relatively young, and we have a lot of kids who haven’t been exposed to this (rivalry) environment,” Falcons head coach Kim Blackner said. “I was really proud of Ty and Felps for leading us and getting us going. They were good early and often, and it helped our young guys settle in.”

After Cedar’s Taylor Davis tied the game at 2-2 early, Canyon View went on a 19-0 run that extended into the second quarter and helped seize all the momentum. Attig

had 12 points, including two 3-pointers, in the surge.

“The second quarter was huge for us because we were able to stay consistent on the defensive end and make it really hard for their players,” Blackner said. “Our offense just kept clicking.”

The stoppage for the fire alarm came with 1:16 left in the third quarter and the Falcons leading 53-20. It forced a full evacuation of the gym, and



Canyon View's Ty Attig goes up for a shot over a Cedar defender during the Falcons' 63-32 win over the Reds on Dec. 3. Attig finished with 20 points



Canyon View's Maylee Spencer makes a drive to the basket ahead of Cedar's Riley Albrecht during the Falcons' 55-39 win over the Reds on Dec. 2.

Miles, Spencer lead Falcons over Reds

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Before she got her basketball season started, Canyon View senior Maylee Spencer was involved with the first volleyball team to win a 3A state title in school history and finished 30-2. Teammate Emery Miles knew what was happening while she played for CV's girls soccer team, and the energy only added to the motivation as they faced the Cedar Reds on Dec. 2.

Miles led all scorers with 17 points and Spencer added 15 as the Falcons erased a four-point halftime deficit and rolled to a 55-39 win over Cedar at the Nest. CV outscored the Reds 32-12 in the second half and posted their largest margin of victory in the rivalry since a 21-point win in 2008.

"We just put all of our effort on the court," Miles said. "In the first half, we were playing a little more timid and scared, but in the second half, we went out and played as hard as we could." Spencer echoed the message the team got from the halftime talk. "We went out, calmed down and played the same game we've been playing the whole time," she said.

Head coach Jaycee Barnhurst knew what her team needed to do to play at its best against

Cedar at halftime.

"We're a really good team when we share the ball,"



Barnhurst said. "Get the ball inside, set screens, and it's hard to guard teams that can do that. We didn't do it in the first half, but we did in the second half."

Cedar led 27-23 at the half and Annalyse Shimada (17 points) scored the opening basket of the second half to push the Reds' lead to six. From there, five different players contributed to a 14-2 run by the Falcons, and they took control the rest of the way. CV put its stamp on the win with a 15-4 run in the fourth quarter and improved to 3-1 on the season.

The Falcons' only other game from the week was a 52-43 win over Crimson Cliffs at the Nest on Dec. 5. Spencer scored 22 points and Bethanee Vargas added 11 as the team built a 14-point halftime lead before cruising to the win and pushing their record to 4-1.

Coco Korella led the Mustangs with 15 points and Alyssa Whitaker added 14 in the loss.

Cedar played three additional games for the week, all on the road, and won a 42-36 decision over Lehi on Dec. 6. After playing on even terms with the Pioneers through the first three quarters, the Reds went on a 17-9 finish

CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS		Canyon View
		55
		Cedar
		39
Cedar	10 17 6 6 - 39	
Canyon View	16 7 16 16 - 55	

Cedar - Orton 2, Fielding 1, York 3, Jones 2, Shimada 17, Bishoff 8, Gomez 4, Williams 2. Totals 13 11-17 39. 3-pointers - Bishoff 1, York 1.

Canyon View - Spencer 15, Nichols 9, King 3, Miles 17, Blackner 2, Vargas 9. Totals 20 13-22 55. 3-pointers - Spencer 2.

over the final eight minutes to earn the victory.

Gabby Gomez led Cedar with 19 points. Including four 3-pointers, and Shimada added 10 to go with 10 rebounds.

The Reds opened the trip Dec. 5 with a 41-38 loss to Timpview. The game went back and forth throughout until the Thunderbirds rallied in the fourth quarter and earned the win.

Gomez scored 18 points in the loss and Shimada added 12 for Cedar as they fell to 2-3 on the season.

In the final game of the trip played Dec. 7, Maple Mountain was able to edge Cedar, 59-58. The Reds started on fire and led 17-7 after the opening quarter, but the Golden Eagles rallied and held on as Cedar's 15-9 fourth-quarter rally fell one point short.

Canyon View opened Region 12 play Tuesday at home against North Sanpete, and they will travel to face Manti on Thursday night, Cedar returned to non-region play Tuesday with a home game against Beaver and will face Mountain Crest on Thursday in a 5:30 p.m. tipoff.

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. As the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo began Dec. 5 in Las Vegas, Stetson Wright was not around to defend his all-around title due to an early-season injury. Which Wright brother was second in the saddle bronc standings as this year's NFR began?

2. What Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback was placed on injured reserve after taking a hit from Houston Texans linebacker Azeez al-Shaair on Dec. 1?

3. Who was fired as head coach of the Chicago Bears on Black Friday (Nov. 29) after the team failed to use a final timeout in a loss to the Detroit Lions?

4. True or False: The Los Angeles Lakers, who won the 2023 NBA Cup, advanced to the quarterfinals of this year's tournament.

5. Originally drafted by the Utah Jazz in 2006, who officially retired last week after playing for five different NBA teams - the Jazz, Atlanta Hawks, Denver Nuggets, Brooklyn Nets and Philadelphia 76ers (the team he last played for in the 2021-22 season)?

6. What college basketball coaching great - who made wearing sweaters on the sidelines a fashion statement during his time at St. John's - passed away last week at age 99?

7. Despite losing to Syracuse last week, what ACC school was ranked No. 12 in the latest College Football Playoff rankings, the last team that would be eligible to play for the national title?

8. What two Big 12 teams played in

the conference title game Dec. 7? One team beat BYU and ended the Cougars' chances.

9. Ohio State head football coach Ryan Day is 47-1 against most of the Big Ten. How many wins does Day have against Michigan?

10. Which Pacific Division team did the Utah Hockey Club defeat on the road Nov. 30 to earn its first shutout in franchise history?

11. What Washington Capitals center suffered a broken leg Nov. 18 and is just 27 goals away from surpassing Wayne Gretzky's record for goals scored in a career?

12. In addition to Team USA and Canada, what are the two countries that round out the NHL's upcoming Four Nations Face-Off tournament?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Josh Allen.

2. True. The streak grew to six after the Bills beat the San Francisco 49ers at home, 35-10, on Dec. 1.

3. New York Jets.

4. Paul Skenes of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

5. Steven Vogt of the Cleveland Guardians.

6. Pat Murphy of the Milwaukee Brewers.

7. Bob Love.

8. Golden State Warriors.

9. Pat Riley. The arena is crypto.com Arena.

10. Rafael Nadal.

11. Texas.

12. Kickstand Down.

PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

- 12/3** Canyon View 63, Cedar 32
- 12/4** Mountain View 58, Snow Canyon 52
Desert Hills 61, Richfield 52
- 12/5** Cedar 62, Riverton 58
Timpanogos 52, Snow Canyon 49
Green Canyon 79, Hurricane 70
Crimson Cliffs 74, Bountiful 63
Dixie 60, Wasatch 50, Pine View 60,
Manti 49
- 12/6** Timpanogos 59, Cedar 33
Westlake 78, Snow Canyon 43
Juan Diego 67, Desert Hills 63, OT
Dixie 63, Maple Mountain 48
Hurricane 68, Mountain Crest 64
Crimson Cliffs 80, Manti 51
- 12/7** Cedar 51, Manti 46
Ridgeline 65, Hurricane 62
Meadows (NV) 69, Snow Canyon 66
Bountiful 61, Dixie 52
Mater Academy (NV) 52, Desert
Hills 49
Crimson Cliffs 62, Juan Diego 53
Timpanogos 51, Pine View 42

Region 12

- 12/3** Canyon View 63, Cedar 32
- 12/4** Desert Hills 61, Richfield 52
Am. Leadership 55, Emery 45
South Sevier 69, Carbon 65, OT
Juab 76, Providence Hall 47
- 12/5** Pine View 60, Manti 49
Ben Lomond 75, North Sanpete 63
- 12/6** Canyon View 64, Meadows (NV) 41
Delta 49, Kanab 31
Delta 45, South Summit 42
San Juan 65, Carbon 60
Richfield 64, Grantsville 52
Juab 72, North Sevier 44
Union 77, North Sanpete 57
Crimson Cliffs 80, Manti 51
- 12/7** Maple Mountain 54, Canyon View 49
Cedar 51, Manti 46
Juab 57, North Summit 53
Ogden 63, Carbon 44

Delta 52, San Juan 50
Richfield 65, Enterprise 39
Panguitch 55, Emery 42

Region 18

- 12/3** Panguitch 52, Parowan 51, OT
Valley 85, Water Canyon 57
Kanab 65, Page (AZ) 57
- 12/4** South Sevier 69, Carbon 65, OT
San Juan 71, Millard 53
Water Canyon 63, Beaver Dam (AZ) 27
North Sevier 54, Beaver 39
- 12/5** Page (AZ) 56, Parowan 49
- 12/6** Montezuma (CO) 45, Parowan 37
Enterprise 53, Ogden 51
Delta 49, Kanab 31
South Sevier 57, North Summit 47
Duchesne 55, Millard 39
Water Canyon 50, Pinnacle 38
Beaver 61, Waterford 59
- 12/7** North Sevier 52, Kanab 47
South Sevier 59, Grantsville 51
Richfield 65, Enterprise 39
Beaver 60, Bryce Valley 56

Girls Basketball

Region 9

- 12/2** Canyon View 55, Cedar 39
- 12/3** Beaver 57, Crimson Cliffs 47
Dixie 64, Delta 30
Enterprise 56, Hurricane 40
- 12/5** Timpview 41, Cedar 38
Hurricane 54, Soda Springs (ID) 47
Dixie 74, Rancho (NV) 31
Canyon View 52, Crimson Cliffs 43
Beaver 43, Pine View 32
Desert Hills 79, Richfield 65
Snow Canyon 69, Springville 44
- 12/6** Cedar 42, Lehi 36
Mountain Ridge 70, Hurricane 36
Desert Hills 49, Soda Springs (ID) 39
Kanab 47, Pine View 40
Page (AZ) 53, Dixie 46

- 12/7** Maple Mountain 59, Cedar 58
Dixie 56, Mountain Valley (AZ) 50
Springville 67, Hurricane 45
Snow Canyon 70, Mountain Ridge 63
Salem Hills 50, Desert Hills 42

Pine View 63, Emery 48

Region 12

- 12/2** Canyon View 55, Cedar 39
- 12/3** Dixie 64, Delta 30, Manti 65,
San Juan 31, Salem Hills 46, Juab 34
Grantsville 63, Emery 17
South Sevier 53, Richfield 41
- 12/5** Canyon View 52, Crimson Cliffs 43
Emery 63, San Juan 9, Millard 58
Manti 50, South Summit 70, Delta 51
Uintah 43, Carbon 36, Juab 53,
Juan Diego 33, Timpanogos 45,
North Sanpete 38
- 12/5** Draper APA 52, Emery 50
Springville 47, Richfield 42
- 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
- 12/7** Richfield 34, Soda Springs (ID) 28
Pine View 63, Emery 48
Judge Memorial 64, North Sanpete 39
Delta 45, Millard 37

Region 18

- 12/3** North Sevier 54, Parowan 20
Beaver 57, Crimson Cliffs 47
Enterprise 56, Hurricane 40
Page (AZ) 59, Kanab 53, South Sevier 53
Richfield 41, Gunnison 46, Millard 43
- 12/6** Moapa Valley 55, Parowan 7
Beaver 43, Pine View 32
Millard 58, Manti 50
Water Canyon 44, Pinnacle 22
South Sevier 66, Panguitch 23
Kanab 47, Pine View 40
Enterprise 51, Lincoln County (NV) 20
Virgin Valley 88, Enterprise 58
- 12/7** Needles (CA) 50, Enterprise 42
Enterprise 38, Moapa Valley (NV) 27
Kanab 55, Draper APA 48
Delta 45, Millard 37

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Dixie	0-0	5-1
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	5-1
Hurricane	0-0	3-3
Desert Hills	0-0	3-4
Pine View	0-0	2-3
Cedar	0-0	2-6
Snow Canyon	0-0	1-5

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab	0-0	6-1
Delta	0-0	5-1
Canyon View	0-0	4-1
Richfield	0-0	5-2
Manti	0-0	2-4
Emery	0-0	1-4
North Sanpete	0-0	0-3
Carbon	0-0	0-5

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver	0-0	3-1
South Sevier	0-0	5-2
Kanab	0-0	3-2
Water Canyon	0-0	3-2
Parowan	0-0	2-3
Enterprise	0-0	1-2
Millard	0-0	0-5

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon	0-0	3-0
Dixie	0-0	3-1
Hurricane	0-0	3-2
Pine View	0-0	3-2
Desert Hills	0-0	2-2
Cedar	0-0	2-3
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	0-3

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View	0-0	4-1
Juab	0-0	3-2
Manti	0-0	3-3
Richfield	0-0	3-3
Carbon	0-0	1-2
Emery	0-0	3-6
Delta	0-0	1-3
North Sanpete	0-0	1-6

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
South Sevier	0-0	4-0
Beaver	0-0	3-0
Kanab	0-0	5-1
Water Canyon	0-0	3-2
Enterprise	0-0	3-3
Millard	0-0	1-3
Parowan	0-0	0-6

FALCONS

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Blackner wasn't a fan of the moment.

"For me, it was just awful because our guys were standing outside in the cold. That was a weird thing," he said. "I've been involved in sports a long time and never had that happen."

When play resumed, the Falcons pushed the lead over the 35-point running clock threshold, and Blackner was able to empty his bench. In total, 11 players reached the final score sheet.

Cooper Payne led Cedar with 15 points in the loss, the team's 11th straight dating back to last season.

Both teams played games at the Coach Walker Classic over the weekend, and the Reds were able to get into the win column in its opening game played Dec. 5. Hayden Kee scored 21 points to lead three players in double figures, and Cedar hit seven 3-pointers in a 62-58 victory over Riverton, their first win of the season.

Cedar's second game didn't go quite as well in a 59-33 loss to Timpanogos in the game played at Pine View High. The Timberwolves led by 10 at the half and outscored the Reds 33-17 in the second half to cruise to the win.

Davis led Cedar with 14 points in the loss.

The Reds had a strong effort in their final game at the Classic, holding on for a 51-46 win over the Manti Templars on Dec. 7. Cedar improved to 2-6 on the season, and Manti fell to 2-4 with its fourth straight loss.

Canyon View continued its strong start to the season Dec. 6 with a 64-41 victory over The Meadows out of Las Vegas. Felps Sanders led the way for the Falcons with 22 points, Attig added 15

Reds moving to 3A for all sports

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



When the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) sent out its first consideration, or "draft" of classifications for the next two school years starting in 2025, it showed us that Cedar was potentially heading for a move down to the 3A ranks, but only for football.

Fast forward through the Thanksgiving break, and the Reds got the news for the first draft of placement in regions. The days of playing alongside the St. George

across three regions (14 through 16). The Reds will be the seventh school in the new 3A South for football, combining with six teams in 3A North for a total of 13. In all other sports, the Reds enter the newly-formed Region 16. Carbon, Emery and North Sanpete will move out of Region 12 and into the new Region 15.

It's also interesting to note what Cedar is leaving behind after an eight-year run in the 4A ranks. The new 4A will have Region 9 through Region 13, a total of five

schools in Region 9 are coming to an end – at least for the next two years.

Cedar will be joining Canyon View in 3A as the 19th school in the ranks regions with 27 schools. The new region numbers were made necessary due to the expansion of 5A to five regions (4 through 8).

Cedar's girls golf team is the defending 4A champion, and it will be interesting to see what transpires as the school year moves forward.

Enrollment matters in the grand scheme of UHSAA realignment, and Cedar was on the proverbial bubble with a rank at the bottom of 4A. It gave the school an opportunity to ask to move down to the top of 3A, and the administration took full advantage.

The UHSAA held a meeting Dec. 11 to get feedback from schools on the final placement into regions, and everything will be locked down Dec. 19 so scheduling can begin when realignment takes effect next fall.

It's that time of year again with the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in full swing at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. Through Round 3 of 10, Milford's Ryder Wright is very

much in the hunt for his third gold buckle in saddle bronc and sat in fourth place in the world standings heading into Round 4.

Wright has collected paychecks with two of his first three rides, but failed to score in Round 2 on Dec. 6. The bonus money for the average through the 10 days of the NFR can make a big difference between winning and falling short of the big prize – the title of World Champion.

Canadian Zeke Thurston has won two of the first three rounds at the NFR and collected nearly \$34,000 for each win. He started sixth in the standings and has moved to second behind Australian Damian Brennan. The separation is less than \$1,300, but there's much more action to come between now and when the champions are crowned Saturday night. I'll be on hand for the final day of the NFR, and a story will appear in next week's editions.

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and Bubba Ludlow chipped in with 12.

In its final game of the week, the Falcons lost a 13-point first-half lead and fell 54-49 to Maple Mountain on Dec. 7 for its first loss of the season. The Golden Eagles didn't take their first lead until midway through the fourth quarter and held the Falcons to just five free throws in the period.

Sanders and Attig scored 19 points apiece to lead CV in the loss. The Falcons returned to play Wednesday with a non-region home game against Snow Canyon, and they open Region 12 play Friday night on the road at North Sanpete.

The Reds returned to play Wednesday with a home game against Pine View, and they will host the Logan Grizzlies on Thursday night in a 7 p.m. start.

CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS		Canyon View
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CR		Cedar
		32
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Cedar	2 10 8 12 - 32	
Canyon View - Ludlow 2, Attig 20, Morris 3, F. Sanders 17, Bealer 6, Maher 1, J. Sanders 3, Maine 2, Slack 2, Meyer 4, Winters 3. Totals 26 4-10 63. 3-pointers - Attig 2, Morris 1, F. Sanders 2, J. Sanders 1, Winters 1.		
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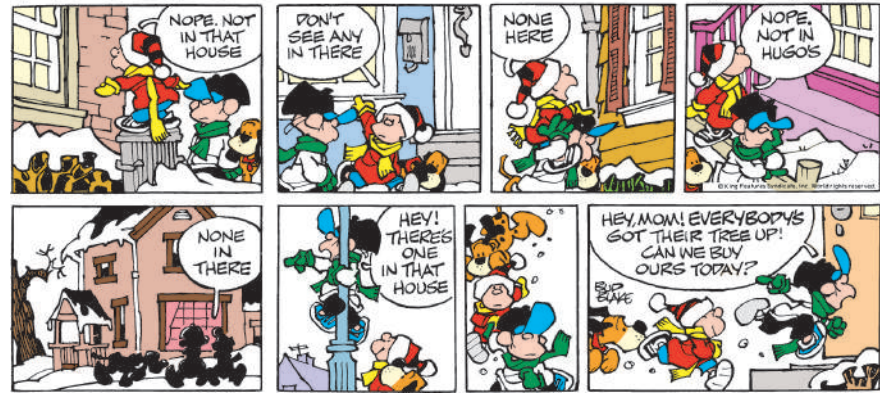
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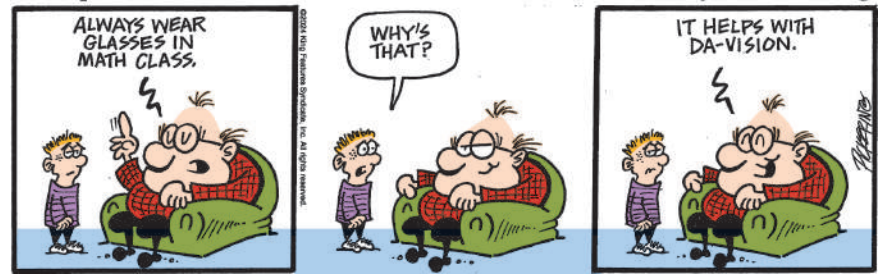
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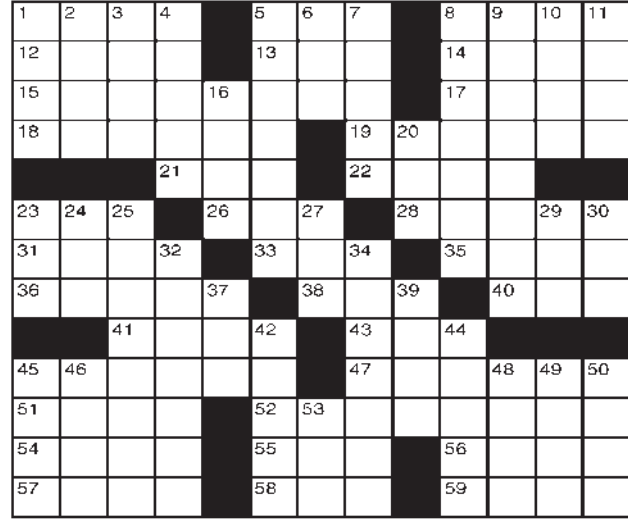
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ACROSS

- 1 "Waterloo" group
- 5 Financial pro
- 8 Sci-fi vehicles
- 12 Starring role
- 13 — Royal Highness
- 14 Worn-down pencils
- 15 Nose and mouth covering
- 17 Move like a butterfly
- 18 Short sock
- 19 Curved fasteners
- 21 Shoe width
- 22 Tropical tree
- 23 Santa's helper
- 26 Highland hat
- 28 Prettify
- 31 Painter Joan Lipinski
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 35 A few
- 36 Glasses, slangily
- 38 Bro's kin
- 40 Compass dir.
- 41 And others (Lat.)
- 43 Goal
- 45 Filmed anew
- 47 Lubricate
- 51 Mountain ht.
- 52 Gathering organized via social media
- 54 Jai —



- 9 Spectacular lunar phase
- 10 Last write-up
- 11 Bygone fliers
- 16 Bump into
- 20 Sheepish remark
- 23 German river
- 24 Sass
- 25 Comp for a foodie
- 27 "— Miniver"
- 29 LBJ's successor
- 30 Formerly known as
- 32 Spencer of "Hidden Figures"
- 34 — Falls
- 37 Blue
- 39 Round Table titles
- 42 Certain jabs
- 44 Maestro Zubin —
- 45 Genuine
- 46 Big name in scat
- 48 Latin 101 word
- 49 Type
- 50 Online auction site
- 53 Science room

DOWN

- 1 — Romeo
- 2 Legume
- 3 Support
- 4 "Skyfall" singer
- 5 French vineyard estate
- 6 Math ratios
- 7 Invite to one's loft
- 8 Develops

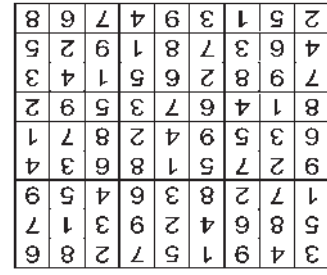
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie?
2. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the eighth day?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Kalahari Desert located?
4. HISTORY: Who was the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
5. BIOLOGY: What is the process called in which a nonreproductive cell divides in two?
6. MOVIES: In the movie "Elf," what is the name of Santa's sleigh?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth?
8. U.S. STATES: Where did the first organized celebration of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) take place in the U.S.?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system?
10. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

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Answer



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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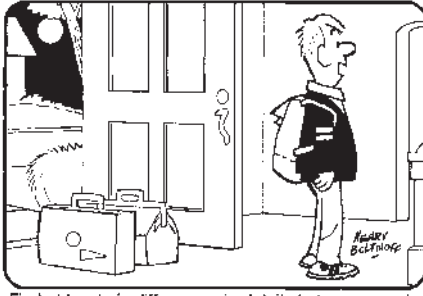
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- ♦ Moderate
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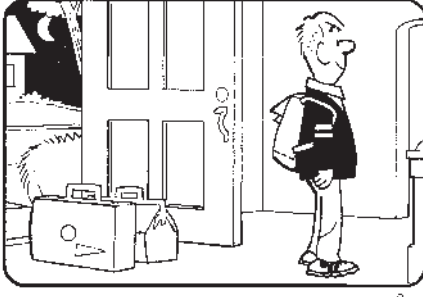
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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

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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