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# Utah Wildlife Board

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**approves updated deer management plan,  
new hunt strategies research and other items**



**STORY IN NEWS**



# CURTIS

## SWORN IN AS UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR UTAH

by Adam Cloch

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Washington, D.C. — John R. Curtis was sworn in as the United States Senator representing Utah. Senator Curtis—a Republican—took the oath of office this afternoon on the Senate Floor in the U.S. Capitol. Curtis brings extensive experience to the Senate, having passed over 20 bills into law during his tenure representing Utah's Third Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to his service in Congress, Curtis was a small business owner and served as Mayor of Provo, Utah, for eight years.

In the 119th Congress, Senator Curtis will serve on the Senate Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; Foreign Relations; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

“Utah’s values are pioneer values—grit, determination, and a commitment to building strong communities where everyone can thrive. It is this pioneer spirit, both past and present, that has made Utah a shining example for the nation,” said **Senator Curtis**. “Washington needs this type of principled leadership to ensure America’s continued success. Throughout my life, I’ve worked to emulate these values, and I am honored to carry them forward as I serve in the United States Senate.”

Senator Curtis also expressed his gratitude to the people of Utah for entrusting him with this responsibility:

“I am deeply grateful to Utahns

for their trust and support as we tackle the pressing challenges ahead. I am committed to finding consensus and advancing principled legislation to address critical issues: tackling the national debt, reforming Social Security, unleashing American energy, confronting China’s aggression, managing federal lands, and advancing a conservative approach to climate. These priorities reflect the pioneer values and American principles that guide me, and I am eager to get to work.”

### Background:

During his seven years representing Utah’s Third Congressional District, then-Representative Curtis passed over 20 pieces of legislation into law. His accomplishments include better public land management, combating human trafficking, reducing burdensome regulations on small businesses, and more. He founded the Conservative Climate Caucus and was ranked by the nonpartisan Center for Effective Lawmaking as the 9th most effective Republican member of Congress. In 2023, his office earned recognition as the best in Congress for constituent accountability and

accessibility.

Senator Curtis has built an international reputation for advancing American energy solutions that unleash U.S. clean fuels, strengthen the economy, enhance national security, ensure energy independence, and reduce global emissions simultaneously. He believes America must not only achieve energy independence but lead as an energy-dominant nation. Beyond energy, the Senator prioritizes strategic policies addressing China, fiscal responsibility, and solutions for broken social programs.

Before his time in Congress, Senator Curtis was a small business owner and a proven problem solver. He served as Mayor of Provo City for eight years, earning a 94% approval rating and being named the “Top Elected Official on Social Media” in 2015. His leadership was recognized with awards such as the Silicon Slopes Community Hero, UVU’s Civic Innovator Award, and Utah Valley Magazine’s Person of the Year.

Senator Curtis has been married to his wife, Sue, for 42 years. Together, they have six children and 17 grandchildren. Their family motto, “In Unity There is Strength,” continues to guide how he serves, works, and lives.

## After recent storms, the level of water stored in Utah’s snowpack is 96% of normal. But some regions are far behind.

**Northern Utah’s snow water equivalent far outpaces that of southwestern Utah, which is in severe drought.**

by Brock Marchant

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

With an onslaught of recent snowstorms crossing through Utah, the state now has about 96% of the normal amount of water stored in snow as it typically does this time

of year.

That number, however, doesn’t evenly apply to each region. Some southern portions of the state are at less than half of what would normally be expected.

On Dec. 17, the Utah Department of Water Resources reported the state was at 81% of its median for how much water is usually stored in snow at that time.

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(Francisco Kjolseth | The Salt Lake Tribune)  
People travel along Albion Basin Road in Little Cottonwood Canyon to check out the freshly fallen snow on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024.

## SNOW WATER

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Then, according to Laura Haskell, the division's drought coordinator, a series of snowstorms beginning the week of Christmas made a difference, bringing the snow water equivalent closer to normal.

The northwestern corner of the state has actually passed its regular mark and is at 117%. Meanwhile, the corner to its direct south is lagging behind at only 34%.

Part of the reason why, said Haskell, are the current conditions brought on by La Nina, a weather pattern where temperatures cool over the Pacific Ocean that typically leads to drier seasons in southern states, including southern Utah.

Glen Merrill, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service's Salt Lake City office, doesn't expect that to change, even as forecasts predict the next few months "to be relatively active, storm-track wise, in northern Utah."

"We're actually expecting southern Utah to remain on the drier side," he said. "It's also where drought status is most elevated across the state, in southwestern Utah and Washington County specifically. They're back into a severe drought status."

Even with the drier season, Haskell pointed out that, given the amount of water currently stored in Utah's reservoirs, the situation could be worse.

"We kind of take the approach of 'plan for the worst, but hope for the best,'" she said. "That's why we have these larger reservoirs that do hold multiple years of water."

Given the snow that Utah has had over the last two years, she said those "reservoirs are actually doing quite well," and are about 78% full across the state, "about 20% higher than what's typical for this time of year."

And, with 90 days left before Utah typically sees its peak snowpack, she said things could change — a point Merrill also emphasized.

"Everything is dictated by the weather. The best we can do is look at weather outlooks," he said. "Currently, northern Utah still looks like we're going to be doing OK storm wise. ... Further south in the state, it is looking to be drier."

# California Man Arrested in Connection with Alleged Assault of a Minor

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A California man is facing multiple charges after being accused of raping a 14-year-old runaway.

Luis A. Lopez, 31, was arrested on two first-degree felonies for rape and forcible sodomy, along with several misdemeanor charges, including contributing to the delinquency of a minor, furnishing alcohol to a minor, and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

According to court documents, the incident began when the minor who had run away from a group home located in Parowan, met Lopez in the parking lot of a Cedar City Wal-Mart. She reportedly approached him to ask to use his phone.

While the victim told the suspect her age, Lopez allegedly invited her to stay in his motorhome, which was parked nearby.

"She then told him that she was 14, to which he responded with 'oh you're just a baby,'" the affidavit states.

Lopez reportedly gave the minor alcoholic drinks, a vape suspected to contain nicotine and

a tan waxy substance he told her was marijuana.

The victim allegedly told police she and Lopez had engaged in sexual behavior but said "at one point, she told him 'no' and tried to push him off but he continued anyway."

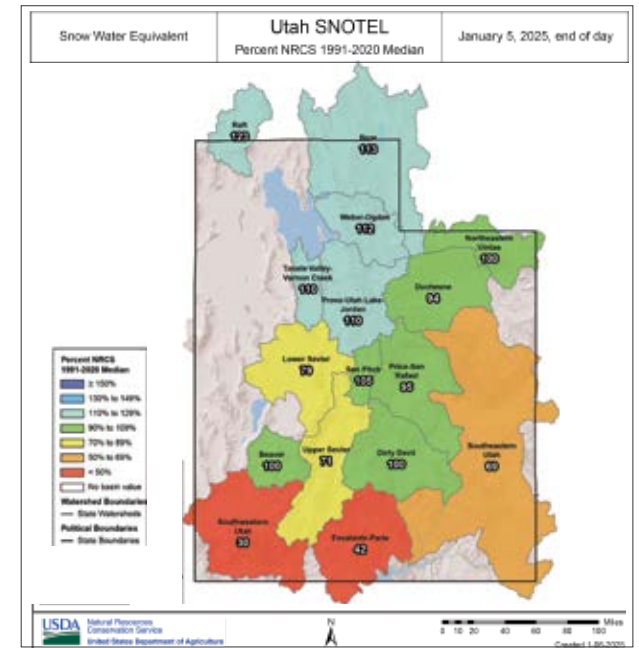
A subsequent medical examination provided police enough forensic evidence to secure a warrant for Lopez' DNA to compare it with.

Lopez was interviewed by authorities and reportedly invoked his Miranda rights, declining to answer questions.


In the affidavit, the responding officer highlighted concerns about Lopez's ties to California, where he continues to hold a driver's license. It also notes that the suspect was living in a motorhome with California plates at the time of the incident.

"Luis has ties to California, including a California driver's license and is currently living in Cedar City in a motorhome with California license plates. If he is released on bail, it is very likely he will flee," the affidavit states.

Lopez remains in custody at the Iron County Jail.




## 4 WARN WEATHER



### IRON COUNTY FORECAST

GUSTY WINDS REMAIN THURSDAY WITH IMPROVING CONDITIONS INTO THE WEEKEND. ANOTHER DRY STRETCH OF WEATHER WILL RETURN TO IRON COUNTY THAT WILL LIKELY PERSIST THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

Check your local forecast anytime at:  
[ABC4.com/weather](http://ABC4.com/weather)



<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mostly Sunny/Windy <b>37°/16°</b> PRECIP: 0% WINDS: N 15-25
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Sunny <b>44°/21°</b> PRECIP: 0% WINDS: SW 5-10
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Sunny <b>42°/16°</b> PRECIP: 0% WINDS: NW 10-20
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Mostly Sunny <b>38°/15°</b> PRECIP: 5% WINDS: NW 10-15
<b>MONDAY</b>	Mostly Sunny <b>38°/13°</b> PRECIP: 5% WINDS: NW 10-15
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Sunny <b>39°/17°</b> PRECIP: 0% WINDS: NW 10-15
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Mostly Sunny <b>41°/21°</b> PRECIP: 0% WINDS: NW 10-15



## opinion

### FROM THE EDITOR



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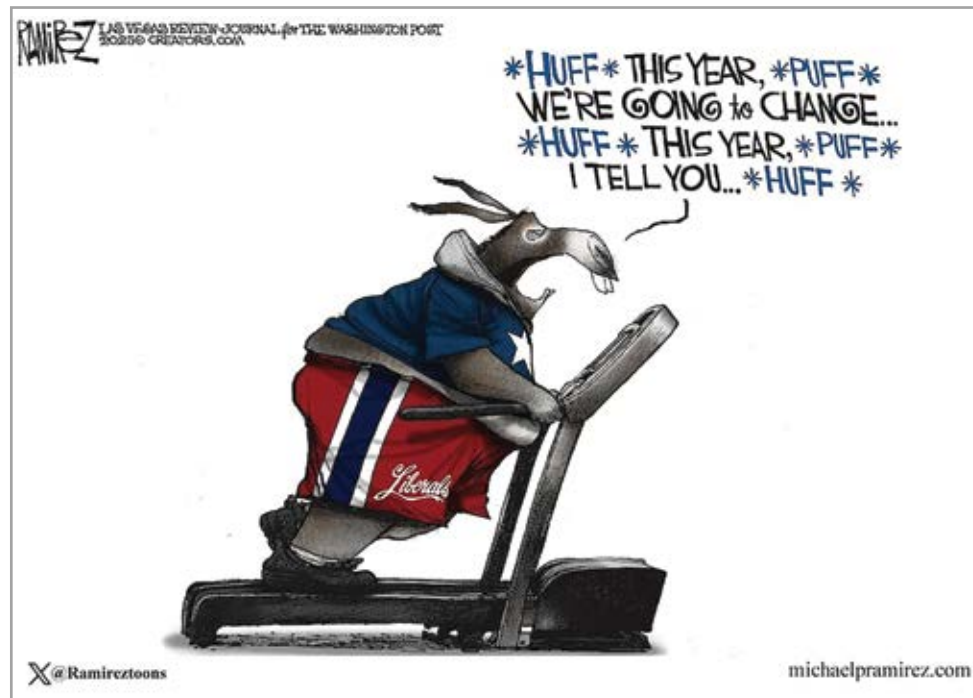
### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### TITULAR

[tit-u-lar] adjective

1. having the title and usually the honors belonging to an office or dignity without the duties, functions, or responsibilities

2. of, relating to, or constituting a title



## Our First Allegiance

### PART 6

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Our first allegiance, loyalty, and commitment are to God the Great Creator of All including all humans no matter their gender, color, family or group of origin; next comes our caring for our family and last our allegiance to our Country and Government. Many times, throughout human history, governments have tried to claim our first loyalty and support, but only to make terrible errors that those government officials will ultimately answer to God for. We know that the Assad regime in Syria has just been called to account by Syria's own people for half a century of brutal dictatorship.

Many other times, even the U.S. government has committed sins against humanity such as the use of the toxic herbicide Agent Orange in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, exposing not only the Vietnamese population but also about 300,000 U.S. soldiers

who are more recently discovering the damage done to them as they served in Southeast Asia in the U.S. army, air force, navy, and marines. The chemicals in Agent Orange cause at least 14 diseases and now medical research teams have found even more conditions such as b-cell leukemia, chloracne disease, type 2 diabetes, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, hypothyroidism, ischemic heart disease, multiple myeloma, parkinsonism/Parkinson's disease, peripheral neuropathy, porphyria, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers such as lung cancer and soft tissue sarcoma. There may be even more terrible diseases because Agent Orange contains a chemical that is toxic to plants, animals, and humans called dioxin. But an even greater difficulty is the result in Vietnam of the unlawful actions of the United States government's war from 1962 to 1971 against an indigenous people who had only recently been

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Nature is full of genius, full of divinity; so that not a snowflake escapes its fashioning hand"

- Henry David Thoreau

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### ALLEGIANCE

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freed from the imperial actions of the French.

As the result of the U.S. government's war against Vietnam, many former U.S. soldiers are now discovering terrible injuries in their own bodies because of exposure to Agent Orange; even more frightening is the closing of the Vietnamese spiritually to the Bible which is banned in Vietnam.

The Bible is banned in 52 countries in the world. The Voice of the Martyrs publishes a list of countries where the Bible is banned and liberating spiritual information is difficult to come by. Please see the following website for the list of countries that ban and forbid distributing the Bible:

[churchleaders.com/youth/403760-how-many-countries-is-the-bible-banned-in-html](http://churchleaders.com/youth/403760-how-many-countries-is-the-bible-banned-in-html)

Many ministries print, ship, smuggle, and carry God's word into these countries with almost as many strategies existing as there are ministries. Remember last week about visions and appearances of Jesus occurring to Moslems throughout the world today. We need to pray for the Moslems, contribute to ministries that distribute the Bible using print and cutting-edge digital technology. In the modern digital age because of technical advances, it is now possible to read the Bible in various languages via websites, e-book readers, and mobile applications like having a complete Bible library on your phone. Digital versions also let you use search and study tools. Technology has also made the translation process faster and more precise, making the Bible available in multiple languages, allowing previously underserved communities to connect with the Biblical Scriptures and grow in righteousness. Check out a cool company called Scripture International that uses technology to make and share Bible production and distribution worldwide. More liberating information next week.

# Man Arrested for Alleged Aggravated Assault, Allowing Vicious Dogs at Large in Enoch

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

An argument that escalated into threats with weapons on New Year's Eve in Enoch led to the arrest of a man who also allowed aggressive dogs to roam the street, police said.

Joseph Edward Ellis, 55, was arrested December 31 after officers responded to a report of two men fighting at 4241 N. Triple Deuce Circle.

According to the probable cause statement filed in 5th District Court, police arrived on scene at approximately 11:20 p.m., where they found Ellis and another man outside the residence. There were also two Pitbulls officers said were behaving aggressively.

"I gave the owner, Joseph Ellis, orders to put his dogs away several times," the deputy stated in the affidavit. "The dogs approached me several times."

One of the dogs allegedly came within two feet of the officer, prompting him to deploy his Taser to deter the animal. After this, Ellis complied and restrained the dogs.

Police interviewed three individuals at the scene to piece together the events leading up to an altercation. The victim alleged that Ellis brandished both a machete and a tire iron during the argument.

Ellis admitted to pulling the weapons but claimed it was in self-defense. A third-party witness, however, described Ellis as being "aggressive all night" and stated that the victim only pulled a knife after Ellis first wielded an "ice pick."

"All parties stated that an argument had taken place, the victim was told to leave, and

Joseph continued to be aggressive," the affidavit stated.

Ellis was charged with aggravated assault, a third-degree felony, for allegedly pulling the weapons during the dispute. He also faces a class B misdemeanor charge for allowing vicious dogs at large, as the dogs were reportedly loose in the street when officers arrived.

Additionally, Ellis was charged

with disorderly conduct, an infraction, for disturbing the peace of the neighborhood during the fight.

Ellis was booked into the Iron County Jail shortly after midnight on January 1. In the affidavit, the responding officer emphasized Ellis' aggressive behavior and the dangers posed by both the unleashed dogs and the weapons requesting the suspect be held without bail.



## public & health



# CANYON CREEK SERVICES LAUNCHES “PAVE THE WAY: A MATCHING CAMPAIGN FOR SAFE SHELTER ACCESS”

from Brinlie Benson

### CANYON CREEK WOMEN'S SHELTER

CEDAR CITY, UT—Canyon Creek Services is thrilled to announce an extraordinary opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of domestic violence

survivors in our community. Through *Pave the Way: A Matching Campaign* for Safer Shelter Access, the Coleman Charitable Foundation, in partnership with Brian Head Resort, has pledged to match up to

\$10,000 in donations to support critical shelter improvements.

### Why This Campaign Matters

Our shelter, built by and for the community 30 years ago, has been a

sanctuary for thousands of survivors seeking safety, healing, and hope. But like any well-loved space, it requires maintenance and updates to continue serving its purpose effectively. This campaign addresses two vital needs:

- Resurfacing the parking lot: Ensuring safe and reliable access for survivors and their families.
- Upgrading the security system: Enhancing safety and peace of mind everyone who walks through our doors.

### Community Support is Essential

Infrastructure improvements like these are challenging to fund through traditional grants, making community support crucial.

That's where *Pave the Way* comes in. Every dollar donated during this campaign will be doubled by the Coleman Charitable Foundation—but we only have until **January 31, 2025** to reach the \$10,000 goal. This campaign is about ensuring that our shelter remains a safe and welcoming place for survivors for the next 30 years and beyond. Your donation isn't just about repairs—it's about investing in safety, stability, and hope.

### How You Can Help

- **Donate:** Contributions can be made online at [www.canyoncreekservices.org](http://www.canyoncreekservices.org) or <https://egivesmart.com/events/Gym>. Every dollar you give will be matched to double your impact.

• **Share:** Spread the word about this campaign with friends, family, and your networks.

• **Get involved:** Highlight the importance of these improvements in conversations and social media posts.

Let's come together to ensure our shelter remains a beacon of safety and hope for generations to come. Join us in *Paving the Way!*



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Utah House of Representatives Report

*Committee Assignments & Preparing for the 2025 General Session*



REP. CARL ALBRECHT  
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

*Legislative Auditors Release Report on Higher Ed*

In November, legislative

auditors released a major report on higher education efficiency and workforce alignment. The report urges institutions to better address Utah's workforce needs, especially as they face projected declines in student enrollment. Explore the latest legislative audits, including detailed reviews of OpenEd (formerly My Tech High) and emergency medical transportation in Utah.

Findings from the Higher Education Audit:

- Institutions do not calculate program-level costs or fully understand market demand when making institutional decisions.
- Institution presidents should act with the system in mind to reduce program duplication, improve program outcomes, and coordinate programs.
- In some areas, institutions are losing student market share to private non-traditional institutions.

We are busy preparing for the 2025 General Session, which starts January 21st. I've been assigned to serve on the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Standing Committee, as Chair; the Natural Resources Agriculture and Environment Appropriations Committee; and the Public Utilities and Energy Committee. I continue to serve on the State Water Development Commission, the Federalism Commission, and also serve as the Co-Chair of the Rural Caucus. The Speaker recently appointed me to the Constitution Defense Council. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues to pass meaningful legislation that will help all Utahns. I will keep you updated throughout the Session, but please reach out to me with questions and concerns. I want to hear from you!

*Thank You for Letting Me Continue to Represent You!*

It has been an honor representing District 70 in the Utah House of Representatives. Thank you for trusting me to serve you and our communities in this capacity.

#### Recommendations:

- Perform ongoing system review for operational efficiencies, including programs, and determine whether system-level performance funding is desired.
- Use program cost, enrollment, completion, employment, and workforce demand data to determine if programs should be expanded, reduced, or discontinued.

#### New Podcast Episode: Tackling Utah's Housing Crisis

In the latest episode of Majority Report, House Majority Leader Rep. Jeff Moss talks with Rep. Stephen Whyte, a leading voice on housing policy and co-chair of the Commission on Housing Affordability. Representing House District 63 in Utah County, Rep. Whyte discusses his journey into public service, the root causes of Utah's housing shortage, and how policymakers are working together to make homeownership more affordable.

#### Happy New Year

I hope this new year brings you joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. May your new year be filled with prosperity, good health, and endless opportunities. From my family to yours, Happy New Year!

Thank You Again.

# Utah Wildlife Board approves updated deer management plan, new hunt strategies research and other items

from Faith Heaton Jolley

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Wildlife Board approved an updated statewide mule deer management plan and

some new hunt strategies for a research study, as well as a few other items during a public meeting.

### New Utah Mule Deer Statewide Management Plan

Utah's current statewide deer management plan was approved in 2019 and will expire at the end of December. In updating the Utah Mule Deer Statewide Management Plan, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources formed a committee of a diverse group of stakeholders to provide input on the new plan. The Utah Wildlife Board approved the new management plan, which is in effect from now until December 2030 (for a total of six years, encompassing two, three-year cycles for setting hunting season structures and season dates).

"This updated management plan incorporates all the latest

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Photos courtesy of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

## 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
<b>ANNUAL INCREASE</b>	11.78%	1.05%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

\* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.



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scientific studies and research data about mule deer,” DWR Big Game Coordinator Dax Mangus said. “We are taking all of the recent research and incorporating that into management efforts to increase deer populations in Utah. Part of that has involved identifying the limiting factors for deer population growth through our GPS collar data and working to address those factors. That includes increasing targeted predator removal, increasing the amount of habitat and associated restoration projects to benefit mule deer, and combating disease through targeted hunting strategies, among other things. Our main priorities with this latest management plan are to help increase our deer populations while also providing hunting opportunities.”

The plan features a few updated items, including:

- Information about the biology and management history of mule deer in Utah.
- Updated population management goals, objectives and strategies.
- Expanded sustainable harvest goals. One of the new strategies would adjust the general-season deer hunting unit objectives — by modifying some of the units’ buck-to-doe ratios to 15-17 — in order to optimize herd productivity, reduce disease risks and increase hunter participation.
- An updated plan for managing chronic wasting disease in Utah’s deer populations, including expanding disease testing, encouraging disposal of deer carcasses in approved landfills and having the ability to recommend targeted hunts in chronic wasting disease hotspot areas.

Part of the approved management plan also includes the ability to automatically adjust permit numbers annually up to 20% to respond to data from GPS tracking collars, animal health, current habitat conditions and weather conditions.

### New hunt strategies research

Along with the new management plan, the Utah Wildlife Board also implemented some new hunting strategies on four deer hunting units as part of a research study. The purpose of the study will be to determine if hunting restrictions based on weapon technology can improve mule deer population performance, hunting opportunity and/or hunter satisfaction. Some components of this research study were proposed last year, but were primarily focused on hunting units in southern Utah. The approved study expands it to additional parts of the state and has additional modifications.

The new approved hunt strategies for the study include:

- Restricted muzzleloader and restricted rifle hunts on the Beaver, West; Boulder/Kaiparowits and Cache hunting units. Archery would not be restricted, and the restrictions would not apply to limited-entry late muzzleloader hunts. The weapons restrictions will be based on recently passed definitions of restricted weapons.
- Restricted archery, restricted muzzleloader and restricted rifle hunts on the Thousand Lakes hunting unit. The weapons restrictions for this hunt will also be based on recently passed definitions of restricted weapons.

The DWR had also proposed implementing antler restrictions of four points or more (on at least one side) for buck deer on the Pine Valley hunting unit as part of the study, but the board voted to not approve the proposal.

The research study will also allow the DWR to recommend permit numbers on each of the hunt units annually to maintain the buck-to-doe ratios for each unit within the established objectives. The study will be implemented for four hunting seasons (from 2025-28) in order to provide sufficient data to assess the effects on the deer populations and the social attitudes toward the hunt strategies.

“Utah has the largest active mule deer research and monitoring program in the Western U.S. and is constantly

seeking to learn and improve mule deer management,” DWR Big Game Projects Coordinator Kent Hersey said. “Sometimes, the public asks the DWR to test new strategies as ways to increase hunting opportunity, while also managing for more mature bucks. With new research capabilities in place, like mandatory harvest reporting and GPS collars on big game animals throughout the state — along with different hunt structures and an intense and growing demand and interest in mule deer hunting in Utah — we will be implementing these strategies on a few units in Utah on a trial basis. We want to research their impacts on mule deer populations and understand the social implications of these strategies.”

### Deer, elk and pronghorn hunting season dates and new hunts

The board also voted to approve the dates for the 2025-27 hunting seasons for deer, elk and pronghorn. A few new hunts were also approved, including:

- A new “extended archery only” general-season deer permit application option that will allow successful applicants to hunt only the extended archery hunt areas during the extended season dates (existing extended archery deer hunting opportunities will remain unchanged).
- New general-season deer hunts on five hunting units that have updated boundary changes, as part of the updates to the statewide management plan.
- An early any-legal-weapon buck deer season on the Box Elder general-season hunting unit to help address concerns with crowding.
- A new late-season

handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-straight walled rifle-only buck deer hunt in the San Juan, Mancos Mesa area.

- A new late-season any-legal-weapon buck deer hunt in the Henry Mtns, Little Rockies area.
- Two targeted any-legal-weapon buck deer hunts in mid-November in the La Sal, Castle Valley area and the La Sal, Moab Valley area to address chronic wasting disease. Hunters will be required to submit a chronic wasting disease sample when harvesting a deer in these hunts.
- New pronghorn muzzleloader hunting seasons on the Box Elder, West and Box Elder, Snowville hunting units to address crowding concerns.
- A new general-season bull elk hunt on private lands within the Uinta Basin, in order to address

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depredation issues on agricultural properties.

- Two new limited-entry elk hunts for nine days in late December on two general-season elk units in northern Utah.

### Updates to bison, bighorn sheep, moose and mountain goat hunts

The Utah Wildlife Board also approved the dates for the 2025-2027 hunting seasons for bison, bighorn sheep, moose and mountain goat, as well as a few new and discontinued hunts for

some of these species, including:

- Splitting the Kaiparowits, Escalante desert bighorn sheep hunting unit into two new desert bighorn sheep units, in order to better distribute hunters in the area.
- A new bull moose hunt in Box Elder.
- Discontinuing a bison hunt in the Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South unit in order to reduce hunting pressure in that unit.
- A new Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunt on Antelope Island. The board provided direction on establishing a new memorandum of understanding with Utah State Parks regarding season dates and funding

distribution of Antelope Island permits. The board also approved the conservation permit for bighorn sheep on Antelope Island for the next three-year cycle of conservation permits.

The board also voted to have the DWR look into aligning the season dates for the conservation permits in 2026 with the public hunting dates and gave the DWR authority to change nonresident hunt status as necessary during the three-year cycle.

### Other items

During Thursday's meeting, the board also approved a few rule updates, including:

- Defining three-point and four-point antler point restrictions in rule.
- Clarifying that a person may not use protected GPS location data or other radio collar data to locate, track, harvest or attempt to harvest or retrieve any big game animals, upland game, waterfowl, cougar, bear, turkey or furbearer species or their parts.
- Allowing the DWR to convert any remaining general-season buck deer permits from the unutilized youth allocation to any-legal-weapon regular season youth permits after all the youth permit applications have been received and evaluated. (Currently, there is a 20% allocation to youth for general-season buck deer permits, but not all of the percentage is used, due to not enough youth archery, early any-legal-weapon, and muzzleloader applications

on certain hunting units.) This change will allow those permits to be used by other willing youth hunters.

- Only allowing hunters to apply for the Dedicated Hunter COR/point or apply for a general-season buck deer permit/point, but not for both types of permits. (This would reduce applications and decrease the number of points being accrued, which would improve overall drawing odds).

- Approving 424 private permits and 93 public permits to be allocated for 128 Cooperative Wildlife Management Units in Utah, and also approving the renewal of a CWMU in south eastern Utah.

- Updating the rule definition of a "resident" (for the purposes of applying for Utah resident hunting permits) in order to align the rule with current state statute.



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# Adult Art Adventure

by *Hanna Dawson*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**T**he *Adult Art Adventure* event, held on December 16th at the Johnson Art Center in Cedar City, Utah, provided a unique opportunity to rediscover creativity in a fun, supportive environment. The evening kicked off with a 20-minute presentation by Hanna Dawson, the owner of Prussian Bleu Studio, who emphasized the importance of releasing expectations and reconnecting with our natural creativity. This event, which encourages zero experience, invited attendees to embrace their inner artist through an hour of hands-on painting. The focus was on tapping into raw, unfiltered creativity—something we are all born with but often lose touch with.

This is an ongoing event, with the next session scheduled

for January 18th from 5-6:30 pm at The Johnson Art Center. It is designed specifically for adults because, as Hanna explains, kids don't need to be taught how to play—adults do! By letting go of adult constraints and reconnecting with their inner child, participants can experience the therapeutic joy of art, helping to create a healthier, happier community. The event is sponsored by the Cedar City Arts Council and offers a space for adults to relax, create, and tap into their creativity, regardless of artistic background.

Please visit [www.prussianbleu.com](http://www.prussianbleu.com) to sign up for January's event

Hanna of Prussian Bleu made this event a safe and delightful extravaganza of exploration and play. I have talked about this event again and again to friends and family. And absolutely WILL be attending any and every class she teaches! - Hilary LaFrance



# Laughing at the Critics

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Sometimes laughing at the critics is the only healthy response. Any artist dreads that moment when they share their work and wait for the response. It can be helpful by coming from a place of caring or it can be hurtful by coming from a place of scorn.

The trick is to separate the valuable comments from the chaff. If the criticism is helpful and moves your work to a stronger place then it is worth considering. If it is negative with no redeeming value then it is to be discarded quickly and completely in the hyperfast "Let it Go" mode.

Trevor Rozenberg suggests looking at one star reviews to get some perspective on criticism. This is a classic on the magnificent Grand Canyon, "Too big. Just a hole in the ground. Not enough benches." My son thinks this may have been an English person who is used to green landscapes and lots of benches along the trail. It makes me laugh about an entirely different perspective of a place that I love.

Another hilarious one star review is about Yosemite, "Trees block views and too many grey rocks." This is in the "what did you expect" category.

When I judge for the local String Festival I try to give two positive comments to every suggestion. Children who perform from a young age and receive written comments develop resiliency, which is especially valuable in the middle and high school ages. Teachers and parents can help the students implement the useful suggestions and discard the comments that are not useful.



You might think that there is not a lot to say about a one minute violin piece, but there are many facets to any performance. Even a four year old knows that posture and the bow hand matter. Straight bows, clear tone, accurate intonation, and so much more are involved in the performance.

The students also know that if they keep performing for many years they can accumulate several Gold Cup trophies to celebrate their achievements. Registration is now open for the Southern Utah String Festival at <https://www.southernutah-stringfestival.org>. The Festival is held March 1 with students coming from throughout Southern Utah and some participating from around the country with the online option.

I am thankful to Marin Colby and her team for continuing to offer this opportunity for our local students to receive valuable feedback and performance opportunities.

Whether it is sharing a new book, a painting, or a dance the artist has to be vulnerable and willing to be open to criticism. The idea has been translated into an artform and the feedback is part of the artistic process. This is one of the benefits of participating in the arts. Learning how to communicate through art and being brave enough to share your art are valuable. Risking the criticism, embracing what is helpful, and discarding the rest is part of the process. This is a path of artistic growth.

So when you get those inevitable "one star reviews" remember to laugh because seriously, that is the best response.

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# Keeping Positive In The New Year - soar like an "Eagle"

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**K**ee your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you. This is so true, especially at New Year's. In order to be successful in the new year, stay focused, develop a positive attitude, and be passionate with your dreams. As you deal with the pressures to move forward and reach big accomplishments, find peace and comfort in knowing that you survived a lot in the past year. Despite the unpredictability of it all, you still managed to get through. Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction. Every moment is a fresh beginning, life's not about expecting, hoping, and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming. Like the dreams of the future, make it better than the history of the past. Somehow this year feels especially important to express our hopes and dreams for better days ahead in 2025. We have tremendous power to change our lives for the better simply by making wise choices for our own



well-being.

Keys to success for 2025, what can we do to make it better?

Start with a dream, define what you want, keep your mind positive, live with integrity, make people feel important, empower others, apply what you learn, build self-confidence through taking action, value your time, focus only on one thing at a time, overcome fears, self-doubt and being too self-conscious, live with passion, find the fun part of everything do, be creative, get skilled at what you do, build long-lasting and meaningful relationships, be consistent, keep your mind switched on positive, help others up, invest your love, time and energy on things you want to do long term.

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Look for people in your life that lift you up and make you a better person. It's also important to BE THAT PERSON in other people's lives.

What the new year brings to you will definitely depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year. We have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little

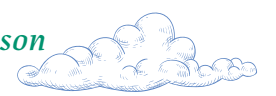
more gentle with each other, a little more loving, and show a little more empathy? It's a new chance to create new dreams. How we handle what's ahead of us will be determined by what we learn from everything that's behind us. In the new year, never forget to thank your past years because they enabled you to reach today. Close the door to the past, open the door to the future, take a deep breath, step on through and start a new chapter in your life. Someone once said "Every year you make a resolution to change yourself, this year, make a resolution to be yourself."

So "Happy New Year" 2025 everyone. Thank those who encouraged each other, and sincerely tried to help others during the past year's trying time. We hope the coming year will make a new beginning for each of us. This year's theme-

**"BEST DAY EVER!"**

*Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*





## history



### Ace Motel Part I

# THE HISTORY OF SOME LOCAL AMERICANA

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In the mid 1940's, after World War II, Americans steadily became a mobile, car-dependent society. We took to the roads in our own vehicles instead of train and bus travel. In the late 1940's, long before the interstate system connected most of the country, and if you were driving from one big city to another, you would pass through one small town after another, mostly on 2 lane highways that ran through the middle of most every small town throughout the country.

Before Interstate 15 ran through St. George, Cedar City and Beaver, and then on up to Salt Lake City, Parowan was a very typical little town along Highway 91, the forerunner of the Interstate, and it, like many other small towns, began to see an increase in travelers. Highway 91 was one of the few continuous north south arteries in this part of the country, and you would have to slow to 30 MPH through Parowan because the old highway ran right up the middle of Main Street. If you pulled into town and needed a place to spend the night one of the most prominent sights in town was, and still is, the giant red arrow that pointed you into the parking lot of the **Ace Motel**.

In 1947, Scott and Bertha Mitchel saw the need for a motel to accommodate the travelers who now had the independence of their own new car after our country's economy had been paralyzed by World War II. People were hitting the road in peace time and many were here to explore our nearby National Parks and all the beauty that we see throughout Southern Utah. In 1952 Scott sold the motel to his son-in-law, Watson Adams, and after that a few different generations of the Adams family owned and operated it. I had the pleasure of talking to Rod Adams, the last of the family who ran the motel and he was full of many anecdotes and tales of operating a small-town motel in this era.

The Ace Motel resembled many other motels of the time, especially those seen along the famous Route 66 from Los Angeles to Chicago, and American families were ready to explore their country in ever



growing numbers. It wasn't a large place, just 8 rooms, and only one with a kitchenette.

I had the opportunity to read many memories about the Ace, written by different generations of the Adams family. It was a mom-and-pop motel, as were many along the 2-lane highways from our past. There were stories of children helping their parents and grandparents doing the laundry day after day, watching the parades going past their home on holidays and the fascination of seeing out-of-state license plates in the parking lot and wondering where all those folks were coming from and going to.

In the 50's and 60's during hunting season, California & Arizona cars carrying a deer carcass were a common sight. The hunters were frequent visitors to the motel, often booking their rooms up to a year in advance and they were a big boon to the local economy during the season. Rod tells the tale of one hunter who didn't get a deer and offered him \$100 for Rod's 4-point trophy, he gladly accepted it and the guy went home happy. In addition, movies and commercials were filmed all throughout our red hills and Hollywood people were known to stay at the Ace. Another member of the Adams family remembers a painter who





## calendar

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

## GOVERNMENT

## Brian Head Council

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

## Cedar City Council

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

## Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

3rd Thurs., 6:30pm. 710 S. Westview Drive

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## Enoch Planning Commission

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## Iron County Commission

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

## Iron County Democrats

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

## Iron County Republican Women

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

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## 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.

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

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## Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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## 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](http://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](http://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

## calendar

THURS, JAN 9

**CREEPY CRAWLERS EXHIBITION (9:30AM)**

Recurring weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday @ Frehner Museum of Natural History, 162 S 300 W, Cedar City, UT 84720. For info call (435) 865-8547 or visit <https://events.suu.edu/event/creepy-crawlers-exhibition>. Admission is free!

**FH: ART EXHIBIT (9AM-6PM) RECURRING DAILY**

@ Frontier Homestead State Park, 635 N Main St, Cedar City, UT 84720. For info contact (435) 586-9290. Admission is free!

**UTAH FARM & FOOD CONFERENCE (9AM-7PM)**

@ Festival Hall / Heritage Center Conference Center - 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84720. (435) 704-1222  
Website: <http://utahfarmconference.org/>

**UTAH FARM & FOOD CONFERENCE (7:30PM-10PM)**

@ Festival Hall / Heritage Center Conference Center - 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84720. (435) 704-1222  
Website: <http://utahfarmconference.org/>

FRI, JAN 10

**CEDAR BREAKS: SNOWSHOE HIKE (10AM-3PM)**

@ junction of Hwy 143 and Hwy 148, Cedar Breaks National Monument, UT. Contact (435) 986-7120 or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-snowshoe-tours-at-cedar-breaks-national-monument-tickets-1095688496789?aff=oddtcreator> for info. Admission: The National Monument entrance fee applies (\$10 per person) Interagency passes accepted.

**LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS (VARIES) @ THE LAST**

Chair Grill & Brews, Brian Head Resort, 329 S Hwy 143, Brian Head, UT 84719. Call (435) 677-2035 or visit <https://www.brianhead.com/events/list/> for more information.

**OFF THE CUFF (8-10PM) @ 913 S MAIN STREET,**

Cedar City, UT 84720 Admission: \$10  
Website: <https://otccomedy.com/>

**UTAH FARM & FOOD CONFERENCE (9AM-7PM)**

@ Festival Hall / Heritage Center Conference Center - 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84720. (435) 704-1222  
Website: <http://utahfarmconference.org/>

SAT, JAN 11

**CEDAR BREAKS: NIGHT SKY TOUR (7:30PM) @**

junction of Hwy 143 and Hwy 148, Cedar Breaks National Monument, UT. Contact (435) 986-7120 or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-snowshoe-tours-at-cedar-breaks-national-monument-tickets-1095688496789?aff=oddtcreator> for more information. Admission: National Monument entrance fee applies (\$10 per person) Interagency passes accepted

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**PAROWAN BIRTHDAY BALL (6PM-9PM) @ IRON**

County Fairground Building - 471 E 40 S, Parowan, UT 84761. Admission Free!

**STATE-WIDE FARMER'S MARKET (8-11:30AM) @**

Festival Hall/Heritage Center Conference Center - 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84720. Website: <https://www.utahfarmconference.org/farmers-market>

**UTAH FARM & FOOD CONFERENCE (9AM-7PM)**

@ Festival Hall / Heritage Center Conference Center - 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84720. (435) 704-1222  
Website: <http://utahfarmconference.org/>

MON, JAN 13

**PAROWAN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (9AM-12PM)**

@ Parowan High School - 168 N Main St. Parowan, Utah. Phone: (435) 477-8190. Admission: FREE

TUES, JAN 14

**LIVE JAZZ! (7PM) - THE JAZZ ALLIANCE OF**

Cedar City presents it's monthly JAZZCast at Off The Cuff (913 S Main St). This month we bring in trombonist Jay Nygaard and trumpeter Jared Nicholson! This will be a night of hot jazz you won't want to miss! Free admission and free desserts!

WED, JAN 15

**WONDER WEDNESDAY (4-6PM) SUU S.T.E.M.**

Center @ Geoscience Building - Room 323. 351 W University Blvd, Cedar City, UT 84721. Phone: (435) 586-7812 Admission: FREE! Website: <https://www.suu.edu/stem/>

## history



## ACE MOTEL

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came here from California to paint the beautiful landscapes throughout Southern Utah, and taught the Adams children how to paint in oils and framed their artwork for them. During the time of the Adams ownership, a gas station, owned separately by Sam Pritchard, sat out in front of the motel and later became part of the Ace property. In 1972, the motel was sold to Bill and Zoe Trimmer who owned it for over 40 years. Bill began to renovate the now abandoned gas station, and transform it into **Wild Bills Express**, a "gas and goodies store" on Parowan's Main Street, long before we had a Maverick. They also gave the motel itself a face lift with a new paint job, new drapes, and upgraded amenities. During those years, Wild Bills was famous for its 1¢ candy that school kids lined up for in the tiny store. They also offered chicken wings and Pepsi. I have talked to several Parowan residents now in their 40's, who remember crossing the street from the school and waiting in line for their treats at Wild Bills Express.

We have run out of space this week! Please check back in next week's paper for the inspirational conclusion to the story of the Ace Motel. To be continued.....

## celebrations



Maeve and Maizie Serna are welcomed by their parents Alyssa and Fernando Serna along with their three older brothers Tristin, Greyson, and Luca of Cedar City. As well as their grandparents Bobbie and Myron Astor, Alvaro and Rosa Serna, and great grandmother Phyllis Richards. Many aunts, uncles, and cousins! We are over the moon for the birth of our daughters who now complete our family after all three of our boys! The Serna twins were born May 23rd of 2024, Maeve weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces, 19 inches and Maizie weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces, 18 inches. We love you so much, sweet girls and we can't wait to watch you grow!



## obituaries

### Gayle Snyder Carter



Gayle Snyder Carter was born on August 26, 1934, in her family home in Santaquin, Utah. She was the 6th of 7 children and the only daughter born to Cornelius John Van Ausdal and Lavona Dorothy Larsen. Gayle jokingly remembers growing up climbing trees to safely avoid her four older rambunctious brothers.

Gayle met LaMar H. Snyder at a scout dance when she was 13. He hitchhiked over 20 miles from Nephi, Utah to Santaquin for years to see her. He was drafted into the service in September 1952 and served until August 1954. While waiting for LaMar to return Gayle waited and planned their wedding. The couple didn't waste any time and were married on August 26th, 1954, in her family's home. They were later sealed in the St. George temple.

Not many couples get to say their marriage was a "walk in the park", but Gayle and LaMar could, quite literally. Shortly after marriage, they worked for Utah Parks Company a division of the Union Pacific Railroad, who maintained the concessions at several parks. Gayle and LaMar had the unique experience of living on-site while they managed the lodges at Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks, and the Grand Canyon, in addition to their work at Zion National Park. They enlisted the help of a niece, Karyl, who watched the couple's children while they worked. Gayle and her family developed a lasting love of nature and the majesty of the parks. They moved to Cedar City, Utah, when their oldest child started school in 1961.

Gayle was a dedicated wife and loving mother to three daughters. She also worked at Mountain Bell as a telephone operator and in the engineering department. After LaMar's passing in 2007, totaling 53 devoted years of marriage, she later married Jack H. Carter on November 1st, 2011. He promised her 10 years of marriage. Gayle received an additional 3 "bonus" years, totaling 13 wonderful years of marriage, before he passed away on April 14th, 2024. Gayle and her daughters were welcomed and accepted into the extensive Carter family. Before Jack's passing, he and Gayle spent countless hours serving in both the Cedar City and St. George temples, showing just how important church and family were to them. They served there together for over 10 years.

Gayle was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many different capacities. She remained busy and active until the very end. She was known for her compassionate caregiving, making each family member and friend feel like they were her favorite.

Gayle passed away in her home on December 30, 2024, knowing how much she was loved by her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

Gayle is survived by her daughter Gaya Guymon (George), daughter Trudy Widup (Gregg), son-in-law Kelly Knell, stepchildren Doug Carter (Tammy), Donna Adams (Jack), Paula Merrell (Brent), and David Carter (Carolyn), as well as her brothers Leo Neil Van Ausdal (Jeannine) and Buddy Lee Van Ausdal. Gayle also leaves behind 15 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and countless nieces and nephews.

Gayle is preceded in death by her husband LaMar H. Snyder, husband Jack H. Carter, daughter Lynda Knell, siblings Dwayne Van Ausdal (Mildred), JR Van Ausdal (LaRue), unnamed child, and Teddy Van Ausdal (Violet), and sister-in-law Vicky Van Ausdal.

Viewing and funeral services will be held at the church building located at 1925 West 320 South, Cedar City, Utah. A viewing will occur on Friday, January 3, 2025, from 6-8 PM, and again on Saturday, January 4, 2025, from 10-11:30 AM, with the funeral service beginning at 12:00 pm. The interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a live stream of the service or to leave online condolences for the family please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org)

The family wishes to express special gratitude to Ethan Bunker for his compassionate care and to the 16th Ward Relief Society for providing the luncheon and music assistance honoring Gayle's amazing legacy of service.

### Joyce Marie (Munford) Sorenson



With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of Joyce Marie Sorenson, who passed away in Cedar City, Utah, on December 28, 2024, at the age of 71 at 7:52 p.m.

She pursued her passion for education attending Southern Utah University (SUU), where she met her husband, Jim Sorenson. They married on February 22, 1974, in St. George, Utah, beginning a journey that took them from the red rocks of Utah to the plains of Kansas in 1985. Their marriage was filled with joy, laughter, and cherished card games with close friends Aaron and Razal Robison. In Overland Park, Kansas, they raised their three children, Travis, Laura, and Nathan, with Joyce dedicating countless hours cheering them on at baseball and softball games. Her warm heart shone

through in her work at Gordmans and ½Price store, and in the loving daycare she provided from their home.

Following her divorce in 2002, Joyce returned to her beloved Cedar City with Nathan. There, she found immense fulfillment supporting Nathan's musical talents and working with special needs children at a local school. During the summers, she joyfully volunteered at the Shakespearean Festival at SUU, sharing her love of the arts with the community.

A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Joyce served faithfully in numerous callings, particularly enjoying her work with children. The opening of the Cedar City Temple was a source of immense joy for her. Her kindness extended far beyond her church community; she cherished her lifelong friend Bonita and next door neighbor Debbie Bell and her other close friendships, and delighted in the visits and company of her children and their families. She watched with immense pride as her nine grandchildren flourished, and eagerly welcomed the arrival of her tenth grandchild in early December. The family was able to create cherished memories together this past summer, celebrating Nathan's wedding in Florida.

For the past 22 years, Joyce dedicated herself to the selfless care of her mother and younger sister, a devotion that spoke volumes about her compassionate and giving nature. This unwavering commitment defined her character and underscored her profound love for her family.

Beyond her tireless family responsibilities, Joyce found joy in the simple pleasures of life. A devoted fan of the Utah Jazz and Kansas City Chiefs, she found respite and excitement in cheering on her favorite teams. She also cherished the quiet moments spent immersed in a good book, the creative challenge of building Legos, and the artistic pursuit of photography, particularly capturing images of her family and the vibrant beauty of cardinals. Most importantly, she treasured the time spent with the people she loved, cherishing every connection and creating lasting memories.

Joyce is survived by her three children, Travis (Sandy Hills) Sorenson, Laura (Allan) Hackett, and Nathan (Emily) Sorenson; and her ten cherished grandchildren Jackson, Jasper, Jacek and Jagan Hills-Sorenson, Allan, Hailey, Makayla, Kiley and Aidan Hackett, and Declan Sorenson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marie and Budd Munford, and her brother, Kent Munford.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at the Cedar 4th Ward Building (500 W 400 N, Cedar City, UT). A viewing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. prior to the service at the same location. Interment will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences may be offered at [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

Flowers may be sent to Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 North 300 West, Cedar City, Utah 84720.



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## obituaries

### Joshua Batt



Joshua Stull Batt, 26, loving son and father, passed away on December 26, 2024 in Cedar City, Utah. Josh was born on August 30, 1998 in Portland, Oregon to Noel Stull and Rachel Stull.

Josh joined the Richard and Sherri Batt family during 2002. His adoption was made final on August 17, 2009. He grew up in Cedar

City, Utah. He attended Cedar High School where he played football and rugby. He also enjoyed playing the trombone in the concert and pep bands. He graduated in 2016 as a proud Redmen.

Josh was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He had a great love of the gospel and of his Savior Jesus Christ. Josh accepted a call to serve a mission for the Church in Portland, Oregon in 2017. This allowed him to revisit his roots and he loved the time spent with companions, ward members, and family.

Joshua met Jocelyn Holmes in 2018 and they were married on March 2, 2019. Together they have a beautiful baby girl, Maevie Marie, who was born on October 25, 2023. She was the light of Josh's life and he loved being her dad. Josh was a stay-at-home dad for the first 7 months of Maevy's life and he developed a beautiful bond with her.

Josh enjoyed a variety of hobbies including camping, fishing, boating, attending concerts, video games and spending time with his friends. Growing up, Josh cherished the years scouting with the young men and leaders in his ward and was a proud Eagle Scout. He valued his relationships with others and considered many as family. He loved the mountains, lakes, and hills of Southern Utah. During early adulthood, he grew a passion for metal work. He attended and graduated from Southwest Technical College in 2022, receiving a certificate in welding. He went on to work as an apprentice for a welder and spent his free time scrapping, melting and molding metal to create pieces of art. He had recently found opportunities to display and sell his art.

Josh held a variety of jobs in the customer service industry and was loved by coworkers and customers. We are comforted knowing that Josh is free from the turmoil and pain of this mortal life. Josh's free spirit and exuberant personality will be missed by many people including his family, friends, and his community.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 3, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cedar West Stake Center (725 S. 1100 W. Cedar City, UT). Viewings will be Thursday, January 2nd, from 6-8 p.m. and 9-10:30 a.m. at the same location. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

### Marlyn Lovell



Marlyn Lovell, 88, passed away December 23rd, 2024 at the Anaheim Global Medical Center in Anaheim, CA. She was born April 22nd, 1936 in Cedar City, UT to James and Thelma (Berry) Lovell of Kanarrville. She earned a B.S. with teaching certificate at the College of Southern Utah in Cedar City. Marlyn had 4 children with her ex-husband Frederick L. Halliday: James C. (deceased), Mark J., Michael P., and Susanna.

She resided in Garden Grove, CA 60+ years. Marlyn worked as a teacher, substitute, school yard-duty, and retired as an office worker for the County of Orange CA. She enjoyed handcrafts such as sewing, quilting, crocheting, and often used these skills for humanitarian/charity projects. In her Wards she served as a Primary President, Relief Society Counselor, Cub Scout Den Mother, and recently a Gospel Doctrine Teacher. She volunteered at Lampson Elementary School as a PTA President, then years later working in the library and reading to children.

Marlyn Lovell is survived by her son Mark Halliday (Nelly Halliday) of Salinas CA, her son Michael Halliday of Garden Grove CA, and her daughter Susanna York (Mark York) of White City OR. Marlyn also has three grandsons, one granddaughter, and a great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son.

The closed-casket burial service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 10 at the Kanarrville, Utah cemetery at (385 E 100 N St), followed by a memorial service at the Town Hall (40 S. Main St). Arrangements are being handled under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To leave online condolences for the family please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

### Ricky Jay Engle



Ricky Jay Engle unexpectedly passed away peacefully on December 30th, at the age of 61, in his home in Enoch, Utah.

Ricky was born in Cedar City, Utah, on August 12, 1963, and was the third child of Walter Henry Engle and Colleen Clark Engle. Rick was a member of Cedar High School's class of 1981 and was proud to have been a Redmen.

In 1986, Rick married Alesse Waite. Although their marriage was brief, they were blessed with a daughter, McKenzie Anne.

17 years later...

Rick met and married the love of his life, Shallon Payne, on August 21, 2004. In 2005, Rick and Shallon welcomed their son, Tucker Payne Engle.

Throughout his life in Cedar City, Rick enjoyed playing little league baseball, hunting, riding four-wheelers, and spending time with family and friends. On good days, you could find Rick in the garage woodworking, fixing up a project car with Tucker, or listening and dancing to "Crazy Train."

Rick is survived by his wife, Shallon Payne Engle; his father, Walt Engle; his daughter, McKenzie Anne (Shea) Esplin; his son, Tucker Payne Engle; his grandchildren, Lance and Coral Esplin; and his siblings, Bill (Laurie) Engle, Jill (Kelly) Prisbrey, Stacy (Gordon) Taylor, Randy Engle, and Cami (Tawn) Mangum.

Rick was preceded in death by his mother, Colleen Engle, and his nephew, Jared Prisbrey.

Services were held on Friday, January 3rd 2025 in Enoch, Ut. Rick was laid to rest at the Cedar City Cemetery. The family would like to thank those who have sent their condolences, flowers and attended the services.

Arrangements were trusted to HeartLight Funeral Services of Cedar City, 2002 N Main St Suite 7 Cedar, UT 84721, (435) 586-3456.

## schools

### NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

*Having to Say  
goodbye*

After 25 remark-  
able years at Canyon

View, Shelly, also known as Michelle Goodwin, is embarking on an exciting new chapter in her life. While the news brings sadness to all of us at Canyon View, it also fills us with excitement for her journey ahead. Michelle's dedication and contributions over the years have left a lasting impact, and we are immensely grateful for her service. Michelle Goodwin, you will be deeply missed, and we eagerly anticipate the incredible experiences that await you.

#### *Winterball*

Just before the Christmas break, Canyon View hosted its spectacular annual winter ball, and what an unforgettable night it was! This isn't just any dance; winter ball is a special event where all the proceeds go to charity, and this year's gathering was nothing short of a triumph! The gymnasium was transformed into a magical wonderland, adorned with dazzling decorations and twinkling lights that set the perfect festive mood. Everyone was buzzing with excitement, raving about how incredible the night turned out! A huge thank you to all the amazing individuals who made this winter ball such a phenomenal success!

#### *Team Spirit!*

Our basketball teams this year have truly shone! Despite facing some tough games, both the Canyon Views girls' and boys' basketball teams have left a mark. After speaking with the players, it's clear that their impressive skills owe much to the unwavering support of the Canyon Views student section. This incredible group deserves even more recognition. When students come out to cheer, they elevate the energy in the gym and inspire their teammates to strive for victory. Let's keep showing up and cheering on Canyon View!

#### *Canyon View's Movie night and Clothing Swap*

Canyon View's movie night and clothing swap was an absolute blast! The atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter and joy as everyone gathered to watch "Polar Express" while sipping on delicious hot chocolate. But that's not all—there were generous clothing donations that will be given to Canyon View's food pantry. A massive thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and contributed! You all made this event unforgettable!



## faith



# HANUKKAH

## Festival of Lights

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**H**anukkah in 2024, began at sundown on Wednesday, December 25 and ended on Thursday, January 2, 2025. This was the first time in almost 20 years that Hanukkah and Christmas fell on the same day coinciding in rare convergence with Christmas Day—which started the eight days of celebration, tradition, and light that will continue through January 2, 2025. Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish festival of lights that is all about olive oil. During the rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem at the time of the revolt, a small quantity of oil used to light the Temple's menorah somehow miraculously burned for eight days. They did not use candles, they used oil.

While Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday, Christians can embrace Hanukkah through its light, faith, and dedication.

One candle is lit on the first night, two on the second, three on the third, through to the eighth night when all are lit. A special prayer is recited during the lighting and while the candles burn it is a time for songs and games, including the four-sided toy called dreidel. The dreidel is popular among the children. The letters on each face of the dreidel, were placed as an abbreviation of the sentence—"a great miracle happened there." This referred to the miracle of the oil burning eight times longer than expected.

About 50 people attended the Hanukkah Celebration in Cedar City, at the Lunt Motor Building.

The night ended with music and dance, which celebrates the survival of the Jewish people and religion.

Traditional Hanukkah food was served, which included potato pancakes, jelly donuts, brisket, and juice. Oil and fatty meals are associated with Hanukkah because they represent a miracle that occurred at the Jerusalem Temple. There was also a candy drop given as presents during the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, dropped from the Cedar City Fire Truck, symbolizing the ancient coins that were minted during the time of the Hanukkah story.

Mayor Green extended his thank you for inviting him to share in this special celebration of Hanukkah. It is an honor to gather with everyone and reflect on this meaningful holiday and its timeless message of hope, resilience, and light.

In a world that too often feels overshadowed by darkness—where hatred and violence, especially against the Jewish community, remain alarming and deeply troubling find ourselves in urgent need of light. Sadly, this is not the first time in history that the Jewish people have faced such trials. Time and again, the Jewish community has demonstrated remarkable strength, preserving its traditions and culture while shining a light for others to follow.

Hanukkah reminds us of the strength. It is a celebration of miracles, of reclaiming what was lost, and of standing steadfast in the face of adversity. The lighting of the menorah during this Festival of Lights is a profound symbol. A flame that not only dispels physical darkness but also ignites hope, peace, and vision.

This menorah teaches us something extraordinary: one light can light another. One candle can spark many. In the same way, one person—one act of kindness, one voice of courage—can illuminate the path for others.

Today, I share a dream, echoing the vision of Martin Luther King Jr.—a dream that one day soon, Jews everywhere will be university accepted, included, loved, and honored for the deep culture and spiritual gifts they bring to the world.

As we light the candles of the menorah this Hanukkah, may we each carry forward the light of hope, the light of peace and the light of remembrance. Let us envision a brighter day, not just for the Jewish community, but for all humanity.

Thank you and may God bless each of us as we celebrate this season of miracle and light. Happy Hanukkah.

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

#### ALMA 36:3

*"And now, O my son Helaman, behold, thou art in thy youth, and therefore, I beseech of thee that thou wilt hear my words and learn of me; for I do know that whosoever shall put their trust in God shall be supported in their trials, and their troubles, and their afflictions, and shall be lifted up at the last day."*

# Randolph and Christensen Spark Flippin' Birds in Season Opener

from Regan Hunsaker

SUU ATHLETICS

**OCEANSIDE, California**—The Flippin' Birds battled to a third-place finish at the American Gold Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Classic, scoring a 194.750. Southern Utah finished 0.175 off the leaders from Arizona, while Rutgers also edged out the T-Birds, scoring 194.850. The new HBCU gymnastics program from Wilberforce University came in fourth overall with a score of 180.275.

Sophomore Niya Randolph took home the top spot in the all-around with a score of 39.100, while Sophomore Brinlee Christensen was also a top finisher, tying for third in the all-around with a 39.00. Senior Ellie Cacciola and freshman Mia Hampton tied for the top vault score, each earning a 9.800. Senior Isabella Neff snagged a tie for first place on the bars with a 9.900. Christensen also earned a second-place finish on the beam, scoring 9.875.

Head Coach **Scotty Bauman** said "We started well but some mistakes in the back half of the meet hurt our overall score tonight. Even with those errors, we were still in a position to win this meet. We have a few things to fix, but that is why we compete in these early meets. We want to compete to be the best that we can week in and week out and we



will have to work to find that consistency because the skill is there."

## Meet Recap

### Vault (48.825)

The Flippin' Birds started the meet on the vault. Senior Ellie Cacciola led the team off with a great vault that scored 9.800. Sophomore Mackenzie Kelly followed that up with a 9.650 score before freshman Mia Hampton started her T-Bird career with an impressive 9.800. Junior Trista Goodman was up next, flying to a 9.750. Sophomore Niya Randolph added a 9.775 vault, and

sophomore Birnlee Christensen wrapped up the rotation with a vault that scored 9.700. Southern Utah was trailing Rutgers following the first rotation.

### Bars (49.075)

After the first rotation, the Thunderbirds moved to the bars for rotation two. Christensen would lead off scoring a 9.700. Sophomore Alex Routsis came next, scoring 9.675 before Goodman got the Thunderbirds back on track with a 9.850. Freshman Niya Randolph also dug deep to earn a 9.850. Junior Isabella Neff added an impressive 9.900, bolstering the team's performance

with the top event score of the night for the T-Birds. Hampton concluded the rotation for the Flippin' Birds with a routine that earned a 9.775, bringing the team total on the bars to 49.075.

### Beam (48.575)

Sophomore Elliot Bringhurst started the third rotation for Southern Utah with a 9.750. Sophomore Alyssa Fernandez and Cacciola came next, scoring 9.325 and 9.425, respectively. Randolph posted a well-earned 9.775 before Christensen grabbed the top event score for the team with a 9.875. The final routine for Southern Utah came from sophomore Rylee Miller, who scored 9.750.

### Floor (48.275)

Transitioning to the floor for the fourth and final rotation, the Thunderbirds held a slight lead. Hampton started the team off with a 9.500 before Christensen popped off with a 9.725. Cacciola scored a 9.650, and Senior Taylor Gull added a 9.700 in the third and fourth spots for the Flippin' Birds. Randolph was next, wrapping up the scoring for SUU with a 9.700.

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## Reds finish strong, rout Tigers

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Playing in its first game of the new year and only its second since before the Christmas break, the Cedar girls basketball team got off to a slow start on the road against the Hurricane Tigers. Once Annalyse Shimada and the rest of the Reds got started, the Tigers proved to be no match.

Shimada led four players in double figures with 20 points, and Cedar held Hurricane to just 6 points in the second quarter as they pulled away to a 75-52 rout over the Tigers on Jan. 3 to stay perfect in Region 9 play at 3-0 and improve to 8-4 overall.

"We hadn't played a lot of games going into the break, but

for (Hurricane), it's the same thing," Reds head coach Corry Nielson said. "They were playing at home and made some open shots. It took us eight minutes to find out who we are and find our rhythm."

Cedar didn't take its first lead of the game until late in the first quarter, but led 19-15 when the period ended. When Jaylin York hit a 3-pointer and Tylee Nielson followed with a steal and short jumper in the closing seconds, the Reds pushed their lead to 37-21 at the half. Mya Bishoff added nine of her 19 points in the period, and Cedar grabbed all the momentum they would need to break the game open.

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## REDS

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first half.

York would add two more 3-pointers in the third quarter, and Cedar stretched the lead to as much as 24 in the second half. The sophomore finished the night with four 3-pointers and 16 points.

In total, the Reds had nine 3-pointers in the win and added 18 assists on 28 made field goals. Laynee Walker led Hurricane (0-2 region, 3-10 overall) with 20 points – including four 3-pointers – and Halle Wardle added 11 to go with three triples in the loss.

Cedar played host to undefeated Snow Canyon, the No. 2-ranked team in 4A, on Tuesday in a game that was too late for press deadline. They will play at Pine View today starting at 7 p.m.

The Canyon View boys basketball team played its only game of the week to kick off 2025 and came away with a 70-51 road win over the Emery Spartans on Jan. 3. Felps Sanders led the



Cedar's **Jaylin York** tries a 3-pointer during the Reds' road game against the Hurricane Tigers on Jan. 3. York finished with four threes and 16 points in the Reds' 75-52 victory.

way with 32 points – his second 30-point outing of the season – and four 3-pointers for the Falcons, who started fast and never let up as they improved to 3-1 in Region 12 and 10-3 overall.

Ty Attig added 15 points and Bubba Ludlow chipped in 11 as CV hit a total of nine 3-pointers in the victory. The Falcons led 41-24 at halftime and added on in the third quarter to pull away.

Canyon View returned to Region 12 play Wednesday with a road game at Delta, and they will return home to face the Carbon Dinos on Friday in a 7 p.m. tipoff at the Falcons' Nest.

# Cedar boys hoops drops three

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Tyson Forsey led all scorers with 27 points, and the Dixie Flyers scored 31 in the first quarter to roll to a convincing 79-51 victory over the Cedar Reds on Jan. 2 at the Hangar in St. George. Dixie led 31-14 after the opening period and improved to 3-0 in Region 9 play, 9-4 overall.

Forsey drained six of Dixie's eight 3-pointers in the win, and nine different Flyers found their way on the final stat sheet with at least 2 points. Dixie led 52-30 at the half and put the win away with a 15-5 third-quarter run.


Hayden Kee was the only Cedar player to score in double figures with 15 points in the loss.

Cedar went on a two-game road trip to finish the week. The first stop saw Nate Hinckley lead three players in double figures with 20 points, and the Wasatch Wasps routed the Reds, 79-36, on Jan. 3. The Wasps built a 47-19 halftime lead and improved to 6-6 overall.

No Cedar player finished in double figures, but Benson Tippetts led the way with 9 points while Kee added 8.


In the second game of the trip Jan. 4, Cedar held a 29-28 halftime lead, but saw Maple Mountain rally in the third quarter and pull away to a 63-45 win. The Golden Eagles outscored the Reds 20-9 in the period.

Cedar has lost seven straight games and fell to 2-13 on the season, 0-4 in Region 9 play. The Reds returned to action with a Region 9 road game at Snow Canyon on Wednesday, and it will be their only game of the week ahead.



Cedar  
**75**

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Hurricane  
**52**

Cedar	19	18	22	16	- 75
Hurricane	15	6	14	17	- 52

**Cedar** – Nielson 7, York 16, Shimada 20, Bishoff 19, Gomez 10, Bromley 1, Foster 2. Totals 28 10-14 75. 3-pointers – Nielson 1, York 4, Shimada 1, Bishoff 3.

**Hurricane** – Wardle 11, Boucher 2, Walker 20, Johnson 6, Naylor 4, Durant 1, Yardley 6, Hughes 2. Totals 19 6-10 52. 3-pointers – Wardle 3, Walker 4, Naylor 1.

## Thunderbirds Take The Lead Late, But Are Unable To Hold On In Phoenix

from Parker Haynie

SUU ATHLETICS

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA**  
-- The Thunderbirds took a 59-58 lead with seven minutes left in the game but could not hold on and lost their WAC opener at GCU, 82-71.

Head Coach Rob Jeter said "We battled tonight. I am super proud of our guys and the way that we competed all night long against a talented team. We had a long time between

games so it was nice to see how our guys came out and competed."

### Top T-Birds

- Dominique Ford led the Thunderbirds in scoring with 22 points on 8-17 from the field and 4-9 from three. He also led the team with six rebounds in the game.
- Tavi Jackson dished a

career-high nine assists with 12 points and five rebounds.

- Hercy Miller had six points, three rebounds, and an assist in his return from injury.

### Game Recap

The Lopes tried to deliver multiple knockout punches throughout the first half, but the Thunderbirds would not

go away.

GCU extended their lead to 10 points four times in the first half and led by as many as 12. A team that hasn't shot the deep ball particularly well throughout non conference play was 8 of 12 from deep. Tyon Grant-Foster is making 12% of his three-point attempts this season but was 2-3 from deep in the first half and 3-5 for the game.

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# PREP SCOREBOARD - WINTER STANDINGS

## SCORES

### Boys Basketball

#### Region 9

**01/02** Dixie 79, Cedar 51

**01/03** Wasatch 79, Cedar 36  
Desert Hills 57, Snow Canyon 40

**01/04** Maple Mountain 63, Cedar 45  
Pine View 66, Hurricane 61  
Snow Canyon 63, Stansbury 47

#### Region 12

**01/03** Canyon View 70, Emery 51  
Richfield 48, North Sanpete 43  
Manti 78, Carbon 60  
Juab 68, Delta 49

**01/04** Emery 54, Uintah 44

#### Region 18

**01/03** Kanab 72, Beaver 43  
South Sevier 59, Enterprise 55

**01/04** South Sevier 51, Wayne 39

### Girls Basketball

#### Region 9

**01/03** Cedar 75, Hurricane 52  
Snow Canyon 68, Desert Hills 32  
Pine View 43, Juab 38  
Mountain View 52, Crimson Cliffs 48

#### Region 12

**01/02** Juab 57, Millard 46  
Kanab 74, Richfield 50  
North Sanpete 45, Juan Diego 27

**01/03** Pine View 43, Juab 38

#### Region 18

**01/02** Juab 57, Millard 46  
Kanab 74, Richfield 50

**01/03** South Sevier 60, Enterprise 32

**01/04** Kanab 57, Beaver 45

## STANDINGS

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### Boys Basketball

#### Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Pine View (8)	3-0	10-4
Desert Hills (12)	3-0	9-5
Crimson Cliffs (13)	2-0	8-5
Dixie (3)	1-1	9-4
Hurricane (6)	1-2	7-6
Snow Canyon (22)	0-3	3-11
Cedar (24)	0-4	2-13

#### Region 12

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

#### Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	3-0	9-3
South Sevier (1)	3-1	11-3
Beaver (6)	2-1	8-4
Enterprise (8)	1-2	6-7
Millard (20)	1-2	3-8
Parowan (17)	1-2	3-10
Water Canyon (13)	0-3	3-5

### Girls Basketball

#### Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	3-0	14-0
Cedar (8)	3-0	8-4
Dixie (6)	1-0	8-4
Pine View (7)	0-1	8-4
Desert Hills (9)	0-2	5-5
Hurricane (20)	0-2	3-10
Crimson Cliffs (19)	0-2	2-8

#### Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (4)	4-0	8-6
Canyon View (2)	3-1	9-4
Juab (5)	3-1	7-4
Emery (8)	2-2	5-8
North Sanpete (9)	2-2	5-8
Manti (11)	1-3	5-7
Delta (10)	0-3	3-6
Carbon (16)	0-3	2-10

#### Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	3-0	12-1
South Sevier (3)	3-1	11-3
Beaver (5)	2-1	7-3
Enterprise (8)	2-1	6-6
Millard (18)	1-2	3-8
Water Canyon (7)	0-3	5-5
Parowan (21)	0-3	0-13

# Southern Utah's Strong Start Falls Short Against Lopes

from Kale Nelson

SUU ATHLETICS

**CEDAR CITY, Utah** - The Southern Utah University women's basketball team kept it neck-and-neck at the beginning of a tight game with a talented Grand Canyon University Lopes team but ultimately dropped the Jan. 4 game 75-57 at home. The loss in their first conference game means Southern Utah dropped to 0-1 in the Western Athletic Conference and 2-12 on the year. Meanwhile, the Lopes extend to a 14-2 overall record and 1-0 in the WAC.

## Top T-Birds

- Lexi Bull nearly reached a double-double, scoring a team-high 12 points, nine rebounds and two blocks.
- Off the bench, Kortney Doman drained both of her shots from the field and chipped in six rebounds.
- Sydney Gandy scored ten points in the second half after being held scoreless in the first.

## Game Recap

### First Half

With a strong opening quarter highlighted by two Samatha Johnston triples, Southern Utah made an early statement, battling back and forth with GCU's strong offense. Freshman Sierra Chambers scored her first points of the day to keep SUU within one point heading into the break.

In the second quarter, the Lopes burst out to a small lead, but scores from Daylani Ballena and Doman cut the GCU lead to three with three minutes left. A couple of Grand Canyon scores made it a 28-22 game at the half.

### Second Half

The Lopes came into the second half rolling, starting with a 9-0 run, but a score from Ava Uhrich finally broke their momentum. Despite a 23-point quarter from GCU, Gandy caught fire, draining two threes in her eight-point quarter and keeping the game to a manageable 51-39 score.

Doman cut the Grand Canyon lead to ten right out of the gate with a jumper in the fourth quarter. Despite strong bench play including a three from Chambers, the Thunderbirds couldn't keep up, sliding to a 75-57 loss.

## Up Next

The Thunderbirds will hit the road for a two-game trip to Texas, starting off against Tarleton State University on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 2:00 p.m. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN+.

# THUNDERBIRDS

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GCU took a 41-31 lead into the halftime break.

The second half was back and forth throughout, with GCU extending their lead to 13 early on, but once again, the Thunderbirds had an answer and immediately went on a 12-2 run. The Lopes pushed their lead back to seven points, but an 8-0 run that included an and-1 from Ford and was capped off with a three-pointer from Jamari Sibley, and the Thunderbirds took a one-point lead.

SUU came up with stops initially, but Duke Brennan was a force on the offensive boards, and ultimately, GCU

put the game away on free throws.

## Up Next

SUU will have their next two conference games at home next week, on Thursday, January 9, against Tarleton St and on Saturday, January 11, against UT Arlington. Both games will tip off at 6:30 p.m.





## 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!

- After six prior blowouts in the College Football Playoff, what two teams gave fans a thriller that resulted in a 39-31 win in double overtime Jan. 1? Bonus: Name the bowl game where it happened.
- What Philadelphia Eagles running back became the newest member of the 2,000-yard rushing club when the Eagles beat the Cowboys on Dec. 29?
- For the second year in a row, how many Detroit Lions players were selected for the Pro Bowl Games, tying a franchise record? What safety – who leads the NFL with 9 interceptions – was a notable snub?
- True or False: With a 29-4 record through Jan. 1, the Cleveland Cavaliers are two games behind the pace of the 2015-16 Golden State Warriors, who finished with a 73-9 record?
- What Dallas Mavericks forward is the only NBA player shooting over 70 percent (71.6) from the field this season? This player has never attempted a 3-pointer in his six-year NBA career?
- Through Jan. 1, the Utah Jazz have a 7-25 record. Which Western Conference team has a worse record at 5-29?
- Among the Division I men's basketball schools in Utah (Utah, BYU, Utah State, Weber State, Southern Utah, Utah Tech and Utah Valley), which one has the best record through Jan. 1?
- Who are the No. 1 men's and women's teams in the latest Division I college basketball rankings? (hint: it's NOT the defending champions – the UConn men and the South Carolina women)
- LeBron James has another young son named Bryce, and he just announced his college basketball commitment. What Big 12 school will Bryce James play for?
- What Central Division teams played in the NHL Winter Classic at Wrigley Field in Chicago on Dec. 31?

- The Utah Hockey Club is within striking distance for a wild-card berth in the Stanley Cup Playoffs as the season closes in on the halfway point. What Pacific Division team currently holds the second of two wild card spots in the Western Conference?
- True or False: The USA Hockey team has reached the medal rounds at the World Juniors being played in Ottawa

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- Netflix.
- Minnesota Timberwolves.
- Charlotte Hornets.
- N.Y. Giants. The Giants were able to end the streak and beat the Indianapolis Colts, 45-33 at home Dec. 29.
- Detroit Red Wings.
- True.
- Rose Bowl.
- Kenny Pickett. Pickett ended up leaving the Dec. 29 game against the Dallas Cowboys with the rib injury.
- Five. When Week 17 was played, that number has shrunk to two. The Denver Broncos needed to beat the Kansas City Chiefs to claim the last playoff spot in the AFC, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers only had to beat the New Orleans Saints or have the Atlanta Falcons lose to the Carolina Panthers.
- Eric Dickerson.
- Derrick Henry.
- Cornerback

# Records in sports don't last forever

With the NFL regular season about to reach its final week as of this writing, the battle for playoff positions has been amazing. The cherry on top has been the chase for the top seed in the AFC

between my Detroit Lions and the Minnesota Vikings. Remarkably, both teams stood at 14-2 heading to the final head-to-head showdown Jan. 5 at Ford Field.

The winner would earn the No. 1 seed, an opening-round playoff bye, and only need to win two games at home to reach the Super Bowl. The loser would become the 5 seed and need to win three playoff games on the road to get to New Orleans and play in Super Bowl LIX.

Needless to say, one team was going to leave town just a little unhappy. Even as that was the pivotal battle of Week 18, we need to pause and take a look at an NFL record that was close to falling after four decades. After leaving the New York Giants and signing a free-agent deal with the Philadelphia Eagles in the offseason, running back Saquon Barkley had a season to remember for his new team. With a 167-yard performance in a Week 16 victory over the Dallas Cowboys, Barkley became the ninth running back in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season, finishing with 2,005 following a 41-7 win that clinched the No. 2 playoff seed for the Eagles.

With one more game to play, it left the team in a pickle as Barkley needed only 101 yards to surpass the record of 2,105 held by Eric Dickerson when he did it for the Los Angeles Rams back in 1984. When Dickerson was asked about Barkley's bid to set a new standard, he said he wasn't rooting for him. Fair enough.

But here's the thing...actually two things. First, despite Dickerson's disinterest, Barkley did not play in the Eagles' Week 18 finale against the New York Giants – only his former team.

## RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



Second, Barkley would have clearly needed the 17th game to try and become the new rushing record holder. Knowing there was nothing to play for in the finale other than a last win before the playoffs, Dickerson's record will stand for at least a 41st season.

That left the research office to do some digging on the history. Prior to Dickerson, the late O.J. Simpson was the only back to rush for 2,000 yards when he ran for 2,003 in 1973 in a 14-game regular season. The 16-game season didn't come into play until 1978 and the season expanded to 17 games in 2021.

When Dickerson reached his record, he actually surpassed Simpson in Week 15 by rushing for 215 yards and putting his season total at 2,007. Unlike Barkley, Dickerson played in Week 16 and finished with 98 yards on 26 carries to set the new mark no one has been able to catch.

Adrian Peterson has come the closest to Dickerson, rushing for 199 yards in Week 16 and finishing with 2,097 for the Vikings in 2012. Derrick Henry is the only other active back to reach 2,000 yards, running for 2,027 in 2020 when he was with the Tennessee Titans.

One important thing we learned about the single-season rushing record: Someone is likely going to need to play in Game 17 if a chance to make history is in sight. Dickerson may not like it, but his record will eventually fall. The law of averages and the speed of the game will catch up to all of us eventually.

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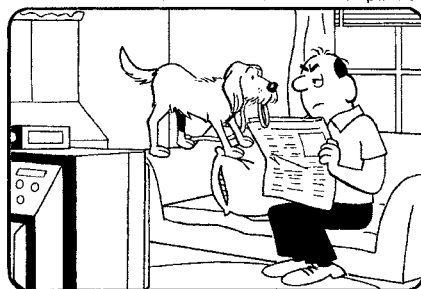
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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- 52 Sandwich option
- 53 "Auld Lang —"
- 54 Away from SSW
- 55 Ladies of Spain (Abbr.)
- 5 "Hush!"
- 6 On the Aegean, say
- 7 Inherited
- 8 Tub user
- 9 China setting
- 10 Not barefoot
- 11 Coop group
- 17 "— It Romantic?"
- 19 Scot's refusal
- 22 "A spider!"
- 23 Jazzy style
- 24 Exploit
- 25 Boy king
- 26 Mas' mates
- 27 Wall St. debut
- 28 Dandy guy
- 29 "You bet!"
- 31 However
- 34 ICU hookup
- 35 Pond duck
- 36 In shape
- 37 Hermits
- 39 Davis of "Jezebel"
- 40 Actor Omar
- 41 Quite
- 42 Lay — the line
- 43 Nabokov novel
- 44 Love god
- 45 "— 18" (Uris novel)
- 46 Right angles
- 48 Raggedy doll

### DOWN

- 1 URL opener
- 2 Toledo's lake
- 3 Force
- 4 Dairy case buy

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which popular spinoff series originated with the drama "Breaking Bad"?
- HOLIDAYS: What is another name for Three Kings Day, celebrated on Jan. 6?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "bona fide" mean?
- MOVIES: In the movie "Babe," what kind of animal is the title character?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many grams are in a kilogram?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which strait separates Saudi Arabia from Africa?
- SCIENCE: What are the three layers that make up the Earth?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which breakfast food is associated with the retro series "Stranger Things"?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name for muscae volitantes?
- LITERATURE: Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Abraham Lincoln?

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Answer

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword

1. "Better Call Saul"; 2. EpiPhany; 3. "Good faith"; 4. Pig; 5. 1,000; 6. Babe-el-Man-deb; 7. Crust, mantle and core; 8. Eggo waffles; 9. Eye floaters; 10. Carl Sandburg

Trivia Test Answers!



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