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STORY IN NEWS

Utah Firefighters Join Efforts to Combat Devastating California Wildfires

by **Tracie Sullivan**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Utah firefighters, including members of the Cedar City Fire Department, are en route to California to assist in battling one of the most destructive wildfire outbreaks in recent history.

The deployment is part of a coordinated response under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which allows states to share resources during major emergencies.

California's request for assistance came as fires continue to sweep through densely populated areas of Los Angeles and Hollywood, threatening homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. The situation prompted an urgent call for additional firefighting resources, with Utah quickly mobilizing its teams to help.

Cedar City Fire Chief Mike Phillips confirmed that three of his department's firefighters are part of the Utah contingent heading to California.

"They're highly qualified, experienced in both wildland and structural firefighting, and eager to help," Phillips said.

The Cedar City firefighters joined crews from across the state, contributing to a collective effort to meet California's need for support. Unified Fire Authority spokesperson Kelly Bird said Utah's response includes 15 engines and 64 firefighters, all mobilized less than 24 hours after receiving the EMAC request.

"California needed more resources fast," Bird said. "They requested 200 engines, and states in the region, including Utah, stepped up. We were able

to meet part of that need, with Utah contributing enough resources to fill 15 of those requests."

The Utah teams, including three firefighters from Cedar City, left early Thursday morning, less than 24 hours after receiving the request.

Cedar City Firefighters Answer the Call

Phillips said his team is always ready to assist in large-scale emergencies.

"Our firefighters are highly qualified, with experience in both wildland and structural fires," Phillips said. "They wanted to go, and they're committed to helping other communities in their time of need."

Phillips emphasized that deployments like this not only provide critical aid but also offer invaluable experience.

"This gives our team the chance to work on large incidents alongside major management teams," Phillips said. "The skills they gain out there ultimately benefit the citizens we serve back home."

Significant Sacrifices

Deployments are not without challenges. The three Cedar City firefighters, like others from Utah, had to coordinate with their families and employers to be away for an expected 16 days — 14 days on-site with travel time added.

"Even my full-time guys have other jobs," Phillips said. "They have to make arrangements to get time

off and ensure their responsibilities are covered here. It's a big commitment, but they do it willingly."

The Cedar City Fire Department has a strong history of stepping up to assist during national emergencies, with past deployments to Texas, Louisiana, Washington, and other states.

"It's about helping where we're needed," Phillips said. "One day, we might need the same kind of assistance, and I hope others will come to our aid."

Challenges in Los Angeles

The fires in Los Angeles have caused significant devastation, resulting in multiple fatalities, thousands of evacuations, and widespread destruction of homes and businesses.

High winds and dry conditions have fueled the blazes, with several smaller fires breaking out across the region, adding strain to already stretched resources.

Bird, who is traveling with the Utah crews, said safety remains a top priority.

"We take being firefighters seriously and know how to assess risks," Bird said. "We're here to help, but we also work to keep ourselves safe."

The Utah crews will receive their specific assignments once they check in with California officials. While the deployment is expected to last two weeks, the duration may be extended depending on the situation.

Utah Senate Majority Caucus Announces 2025 General Session Priorities

from **Aundrea Peterson**

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Salt Lake City

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and ambition—a place where towering mountains and expansive deserts have fueled generations to dream fearlessly and achieve greatness. Today, the Senate Majority carries that torch, focused on *powering Utah's future* with the innovation and foresight that have defined the state for decades.

"Powering Utah's future goes beyond meeting today's demands—it's about building on

the successes of the past while addressing the needs of tomorrow and envisioning bold possibilities for what lies ahead," said Senate President J. Stuart Adams. "This is a future driven by purpose, anchored in values and fueled by the determination to keep Utah the best place to live, work and raise a family."

Energy independence and production are central to this vision for Utah's future. As the state works to maintain its lowest-in-the-nation electricity rates, the Senate Majority is committed to positioning Utah as a global hub for energy innovation. The 2025

legislative session will build on previous strategies to enhance energy capabilities, with a focus on tripling current production, improving transmission infrastructure and ensuring around-the-clock power to meet the increasing demands of AI and a growing population.

With an industrious and forward-thinking mindset, the Senate Majority's 2025 blueprint builds on past achievements while charting a strong path into Utah's future. Priorities include:

Press Release:

Weapons Offense /Barricaded



by Lieutenant Dave Mitchell
IRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 17:13 hours, dispatch received a report concerning a weapon offense in progress in Beryl, Utah. The reporting party, who is also the property owner, indicated that 65-year-old John Gorecki had made threats to shoot him while accusing him of theft.

As deputies proceeded to the location, they contacted the property owner, who explained that Gorecki was residing in a motorhome on his land and owed \$100 monthly rent for the space. The property owner reported encountering Gorecki while on his way to work; Gorecki appeared disoriented and mentioned that he was searching for the water station. During this interaction, Gorecki confronted the property owner with accusations of stealing Alka-Seltzer. The property owner denied these claims, resulting in Gorecki labeling him a thief, which escalated the situation.

The property owner, expressing frustration over the accusations, informed Gorecki that he wished him to vacate the premises, officially evicting him. In response, Gorecki became highly agitated and threatened

the property owner and his girlfriend, brandishing a handgun from his waistband and pointing it at the property owner, who, in fear for his life, lowered his head and departed the scene expeditiously.

Concerned for his girlfriend's safety, the property owner returned to his property and informed her of Gorecki's threat, as well as that he had pointed a black handgun at him. He requested that she leave with him, but she declined. The property owner subsequently informed deputies that Gorecki had returned to his property and again expressed concerns for their safety, stating, "He is going to shoot us." He then left the scene to attend to his employment obligations.

Upon arrival, deputies engaged with the girlfriend, who indicated that she was unaware of the ongoing situation and refused to leave her trailer. For her safety, deputies once again requested that she exit the trailer and take refuge in one of their vehicles, but she declined.

After establishing a perimeter around the motorhome, deputies commanded Gorecki to exit his Motorhome. For approximately two hours, deputies continued to request his compliance, though

he offered no response. Given the threats made and the presence of a firearm, the Iron Metro SWAT team was deployed to the scene.

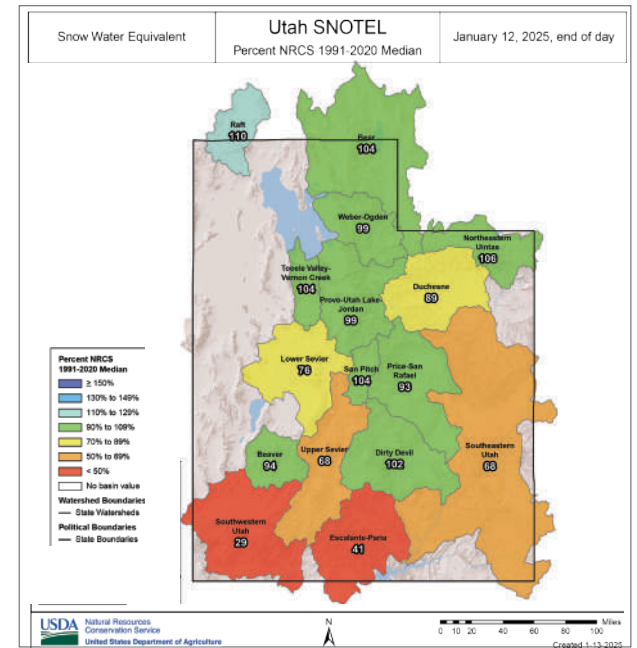
Once SWAT arrived, they took control of the situation and instructed Gorecki to exit the motorhome. However, he did not respond. SWAT operatives then approached the motorhome, breached the entry door, and again

called for Gorecki to come out, but received no response.

In a decisive response to the prolonged standoff, SWAT broke several windows and deployed CS gas, confirming visually that Gorecki was inside the motorhome. Despite ongoing commands for him to surrender, Gorecki remained uncooperative. Consequently, SWAT utilized a 40mm non-lethal projectile, which struck Gorecki in the forearm. He subsequently exited the trailer and was taken into custody without further incident or injury.

Following his apprehension, Gorecki was transported to Cedar City Hospital for evaluation due to exposure to CS gas and being struck by a non-lethal projectile. Upon medical clearance, he was transferred to the Iron County Correctional Facility, where he was booked on multiple charges, including aggravated assault, interference with a peace officer, threatening violence, failure to obey an officer, and possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person.

We want to thank Gold Cross Medical, the Utah Highway Patrol, and the Beryl Fire Department for their vital assistance during this incident.



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SATURDAY	Mostly Sunny	32°/13°	10%	N 10-20
SUNDAY	Partly Cloudy	35°/9°	10%	NW 10-15
MONDAY	Sunny	31°/13°	0%	N 10-15
TUESDAY	Sunny	40°/17°	0%	NW 5-10
WEDNESDAY	Sunny	41°/19°	0%	N 5-10

opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

This week brings national and state events that highlight our history, democracy, and local governance.

First, **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** on Monday offers an important moment

to reflect on Dr. King's enduring legacy. As a national holiday, it encourages us to celebrate equality, justice, and the ongoing pursuit of civil rights for all Americans. For students, it's a well-timed mid-January break, but also a chance to learn about the values Dr. King championed.

Next, **Inauguration Day** will be held on January 20 at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., marking the official start of the 47th President's term. This historic ceremony, dating back to 1789, centers on the president taking the oath of office, pledging to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." The tradition of swearing on a Bible—except for John Quincy Adams, who used a law book—underscores the solemnity of this occasion. We extend our best wishes to President Trump as he embarks on his second term.

Lastly, the **2025 Utah Legislative Session** begins on January 21. This is a vital period for the state as lawmakers gather to address pressing issues, propose new legislation, and shape the future of Utah. We encourage you to stay informed and engaged as these decisions impact our community. *Iron County Today* will provide regular updates from our senators and the state legislature throughout the session.

WORD OF THE WEEK

VICISSITUDE

[vi-cis-si-tude] noun

a: the quality or state of being changeable; mutability

b: natural change or mutation visible in nature or in human affairs



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On December 7, our wife and mother had a medical emergency while driving. Due to the amazing and immediate response from those that witnessed her accident, she was able to receive the medical help she needed and her life was saved. We wish we knew the names of all those who assisted her. We would love to be able to thank all of you personally. We want you to know how grateful we are. Thank you to all of you and to the emergency responders. We received the best Christmas present possible this year.

The Tink Holyoak Family

I was recently subjected to a three and a half week layoff for holiday and seasonal issues. I was told by my Human Resources director that I would be eligible for unemployment during that period and that, in fact, everyone else so affected on the staff that had been there longer than I had always filed and received these payments without difficulty. Accordingly, as instructed, I went to the WFS website and made my filing.

I'll spare you the point by point details but the

short version is that the WFS website is the most dysfunctional and unintuitive website it has ever been my displeasure to use in decades of being a web user. I have been using the web and the internet since it was a DARPA project at DOD and have previously worked in state government offices that required regular and extensive use of internet and intranet resources. It is almost as if the site was set up to put roadblocks in the path of claimants

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A snowball in the face is surely the perfect beginning to a lasting friendship"

- Markus Zusak

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and job seekers.

Frustrated by this, I went to the local WFS office here in Cedar City. Having been previously advocated as a taxpayer advocate in a state government service center, I expected to be pointed to a staffer who could help me navigate the site and answer questions. Imagine my surprise when I found out that there was no such person and in fact that even though there were at least a half dozen taxpayer paid staffers working in the office from my position at the reception desk, none of them were allowed to help with such issues. I would have to take my concerns online. When I explained that the problem I had was with the website, I was given a number to call for help. I went home and called the number, waited an hour online and then was told they had no idea why I had been given that number and transferred to another line where I was informed that I'd have to wait another - you guessed it - hour for a representative. The long and the short of it is I return to work tomorrow, still waiting for a three week claim to be acknowledged and paid and knowing in fact it likely never will be. Forty years of unemployment premiums having been paid in my name and after twenty hours online, being dismissed by a state employee without further argument and a dozen or so emails and I'm likely to end up just walking away from my claim, which will cause it to be closed and denied.

My experience with the WFS unemployment system suggest to me that Utah's vaunted low unemployment rate may be due as much to a massive obstruction and book cooking scam by the WFS to keep those statistics low as it is to any indication of a truly healthy economy.

Charles Jacques

History & Nature Catch Up with Human Flaws

PART 7

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

This week many of us are looking with fear upon the catastrophes being visited in southern California as firestorms and hurricane-force wind gusts of more than 100 mph have fueled a fire inferno across Los Angeles County where neighborhoods have been engulfed in flames and more than 30,000 people have at different times been under evacuation orders as wildfires have burned the equivalent of five football fields per minute. Time will tell how many structures will eventually be destroyed. Many residents of Utah have friends and family in southern California as I do. Personally, I remember the Oakland firestorm of 1991 when my home and community were destroyed over the weekend of October 19-20 in the Oakland Hills (East Bay) Firestorm. It was definitely a time of transition for me as even the foundations of homes were destroyed by fire temperatures that got as hot as 1500 degrees, causing steel beams to melt. But there are worse ways to destroy a community, such as by allowing dangerous drugs to destroy humans of all ages because they believe their future is fueled by hopelessness.

Last week, we explored the terrible U.S. government sponsored application of Agent Orange to countries in Southeast Asia, which is now also being visited upon up to 400,000 U.S. servicemen and women who were exposed to Agent Orange during their time of service during the Vietnam War. Many U.S. citizens are angry at what the U.S. government has done to their own citizens with exposure to Agent Orange and to radioactivity from the ill-advised nuclear explosion tests in Nevada and other labs across the U.S.

A government that is out of control, doesn't protect its own citizens, and uses its own citizens as guinea pigs, is to be feared.

There is also hope, confidence, and trust because the Bible promises us in both the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-32) and in the New Testament (Acts 2:17) that "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men and women shall see visions, your old men and women shall dream dreams. And also, on My menservants and My maid-servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days." Isaiah 46:4 reiterates that promise: "Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you."

There are reports of such wonders happening as youth are responding to deeply felt hope. On October 31, 2024, 10,000 students packed the Texas A and M Reed Arena sponsored by Unite Us; the students were thanking God and joining together to worship and praise Jesus. We must all be eternally grateful for the Jewish scriptures in the Old and New Testament that emphasize God the Great Creator's love for humanity no matter what race, skin color, gender, age, or national origin. As a last note, even in Vietnam, Christians are finding ways to serve. Vietnam has a drug problem. The Vietnam government has stated that their population has changed from traditional to synthetic drugs with an estimate of 190,000 people addicted to synthetic drugs. The best drug treatment facilities in Vietnam have been found to be operated by Christians because of their love for the lost. Please see the following: christianitytoday.com/2024/11/vietnam-christian-drug-rehab-jesus-aquila/.



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Southern Utah University Welcomes New K9 to the Force

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Cedar City, UT – This week, the Southern Utah University Police Department (SUUPD) welcomed its newest recruit: an officer with four legs, a wagging tail, and a penchant for hard work. Thunder, a two-year-old black Labrador Retriever, can now be seen patrolling campus alongside his handler, Officer Marshal Gunter.

Thanks to a generous grant awarded by the LEA Task Force, the SUUPD was able to acquire this specialized dog, who was born in Canada and raised by Next



Level K9 in Moapa, Nevada.

"We welcome Thunder to the SUU family," said Tiger Funk, Vice President of Operations.

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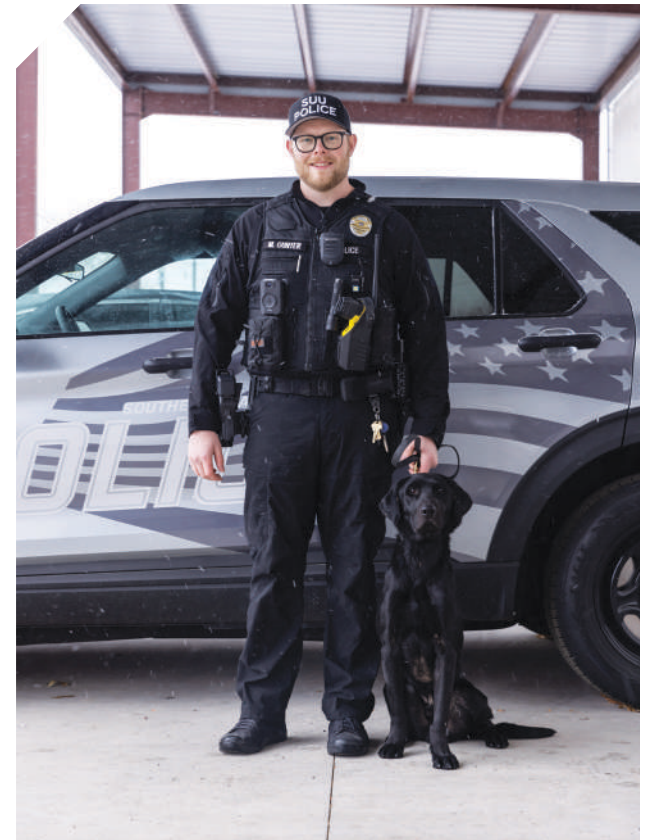
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Chief Medina and Officer Gunter have worked hard to bring this resource to SUU. The chief and his department are doing great work to maintain SUUPD's mission and commitment to campus safety. Thunder comes to us from one of the top service dog providers in the country. His skills will be invaluable to our campus and community.

Thunder's presence on campus mirrors the efforts of other higher education institutions to enhance campus safety with K9 units. This is one more example of SUU's dedication to providing a secure environment for everyone at the institution. We believe that when students feel safe, they can fully focus on their academic, social, and personal growth.



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Iron County Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The swearing in ceremony on January 2nd began with remarks on

the often thankless but essential nature of public service. Judge Little conducted the ceremony, offering personal insights and emphasizing three leadership qualities: Hard work, Accountable to self and others and kindness. Judge Little also shared his "Law of the Boomerang," encouraging officials to project positivity.

Four officials were sworn in:

- Ken Robinson: County Commissioner
- Carrie Jeffries: County Recorder
- Lucas Little: County Auditor
- Nicole Rosenberg: County Treasurer

Each official took their oath individually, swearing to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Utah, and to discharge their duties with fidelity. The ceremony concluded with the signing of official documents and group photos.

Iron County School Board Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The special meeting of the Iron County School District Board of

Education took place on Monday, January 6th.

The first order of business was the swearing-in of new board members, Mr. John Taylor and Mr. Tyrel Eddy, who took the oath of office. After their swearing-in, the board proceeded with the election of new board leadership.

The superintendent presented two options for conducting the leadership election: a traditional Robert's Rules approach or a ballot voting system. The board chose to use the ballot

system, which they had used in previous elections. This process involved nominations, followed by three-minute speeches from nominees, and then confidential voting with named ballots.

For the position of board president, there were two nominations:

Ben Johnson, who emphasized his commitment to parent voices, proper meeting decorum, and being receptive to school district concerns

Michelle Tullis, who had previously served as vice president and highlighted her experience chairing the Iron County Planning Commission and serving on the Iron Leaders Academy board

The ballot vote resulted in Ben Johnson winning the presidency with four votes, Michelle Tullis having three votes.

For the vice president position, Michelle Tullis was the only nominee. She was unanimously elected by voice vote, maintaining her role as vice president, which she had held for the previous six months.

The meeting concluded before 5:30, with expressions of excitement about working with the new board members and moving forward.

Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Council meeting opened with a prayer and the

Pledge of Allegiance, the council recognized new artwork donations in the Mayor's Gallery, featuring works from local artists.

The meeting focused on Cedar City's water challenges and future planning, reviewing a drinking water master plan that highlighted issues such as:

- Overuse of groundwater in Cedar City Valley
- Dependence on two main pipelines
- High operating pressures (300+ PSI in some areas)
- Limited fire flow capacity
- Population growth pressures
- The council discussed solutions, including new wells in the north wellfield area, emphasizing "Well Site #1" on

BLM property as a promising option. Considerations included geology, arsenic levels, infrastructure access, and costs, with the north wellfield project estimated at \$82 million, though expected to be reduced.

The youth city council attended, receiving recognition for their strong presence. Public comments raised concerns about preserving Cedar City's historic downtown, older neighborhoods, and provided input on well locations.

The council addressed several other key agenda items:

- Cemetery Expansion: Parks Department representative Anthony Pearson proposed opening sales for new Plat N plots at \$800 for residents and \$1,600 for non-residents while keeping older plot prices lower. The council also debated allowing "stacking" (vertical burials) to save space, requiring further research.
- Airport Projects: Approved two change orders—a safer foam and ladder roller for an aircraft rescue fire truck and \$39,375 in terminal upgrades, including lighting, window supports, and carpet, mostly funded by the FAA.
- Land Purchase: Agreed to buy property near 100 East for \$240,000 using impact fees and street widening funds for future infrastructure.
- Correctional Facility Agreement: Amended an Iron County agreement to include sewer upgrades, like grease traps and contraband prevention systems.
- Monument Ordinance: Discussed rules for statues and monuments on city property, including logos, criteria for honoring individuals, and a possible waiting period before memorializing someone. The ordinance will be revised.

The city council reviewed water usage restrictions, currently prohibiting watering between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM from April 1 to October 31. Staff presented data showing water tanks take 9-11 hours to refill after peak usage.

The council considered shifting the restricted hours to 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM but noted concerns from residents with manual sprinklers. They also discussed a 2022 odd/even day schedule, which had improved tank recovery. Though only 20% of residents use manual systems, enforcement generates frequent complaints, with penalties escalating from warnings to fines and water shutoffs.

Ultimately, the Council chose to keep the 8 AM to 6 PM restriction but may implement odd/even watering if needed. The meeting ended with a motion for a closed session.

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	\$132,282,649	\$221,113,931	TBD	TBD	TBD
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	20.57%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Parowan City Council

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

An angry citizen addressed the Council regarding fire hydrant safety issues in the City. She expressed concern about inoperable and inaccessible fire hydrants, stating that a report had been given to the Mayor and City Manager in 2024, and nothing had been rectified. She harshly criticized the administration for not addressing this issue and questioned the Council's decision to waive impact fees for the school district. The citizen quickly left the meeting. Counter the claims by the citizen, City Manager Dan Jessen stated that the City has been acting on upgrades and maintenance and can't spend the millions required to upgrade Parowan's water and fire suppression systems. The City's engineering firm recommends that the City spend approximately \$100k per year to chip away at the required maintenance. Public Works Director Aldo Biasi also responded, saying that this year some specifics of the fire hydrant audit are being addressed and the work is on the Public Works' schedule to be accomplished. Mr. Biasi stated that he will spend "every bit of the \$100k you've allocated to this effort."

Action Meeting

Mayor's Recommendation Shade Tree Committee Member

The Council approved Heidi Toia's appointment to the Shade Tree Committee. Heidi is a resident of Parowan and is currently studying plant science at SUU and is a hobby gardner.

Adopt Updated Subdivision Code – Ordinance 2025-01

The Council approved the update to the subdivision code, bringing the City into compliance with state law regarding subdivisions.

Adopt Tree Code – Ordinance 2025-02

The Council removed the requirement for new homeowners to plant a tree prior to occupancy, changing from "requirement" to "recommendation."

Adopt New Power Rates 2025-2029 - Resolution 2025-01

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

City Councilmember Committee Assignments for 2025 - approved

Decision on Outifi Contract

Mayor Halterman explained that Outifi is a company that aggregates data from City utilities to create real-time maps showing power outages and other infrastructure issues on the City's website. It also includes a texting system for notifications. The Council discussed the benefits of the

system but felt they needed more time and information was needed.

Ratify Agreement with Bowen Collins for 3rd Party Task Work

Bowen Collins is the company that performed Parowan City's Water Master Plan and Sewer Master Plan. The Council ratified the net \$0 impact agreement to have Bowen Collins perform third party task work required for future water models..

Approval of Additional FAA Grants to Complete Runway Rehab Project

Mr. Jessen explained that two separate grants need to be processed to complete payment for the runway upgrade project that has already been completed. He requested authorization to process the necessary paperwork to finalize these grants before the end of June. The Council voted to approve the request.

Parowan City Art Program: Steve Decker

Steve Decker, director of the Parowan Art Program, presented information about a \$3,000 Creative Aging grant received from Utah Arts and Museums. The grant will fund a six-week mentored figure drawing class for participants aged 55 and over, held on Tuesdays from March 4 through April 8. The Council approved this request.

David Burton, Jr. Parowan's Fire Chief

The Council approved the appointment of David Burton, Jr. to serve as Parowan's part-time Fire Chief. Mr. Burton's qualifications and references were impeccable, according to the interview team. A Council member raised a question regarding nepotism as his father is David Burton, Sr., a City Council member. Legal Council reassured the Council that since there is no direct reporting relationship, there would be no issue of nepotism with this hire in accordance with the State rules regarding nepotism. Following the vote, Mr. Burton was sworn in as Parowan's new Fire Chief.

Appointment/Reappointment of Committee Members

The Council approved the reappointment of several resident committee members whose terms expired at the end of 2024.

Work Meeting

Traffic and Pedestrian Study on the Intersection of Center Street and 300 East.

Trevor Kovacs, a SUU nursing student and Parowan resident, presented the results of a traffic study that he performed at the subject intersection. Kovacs recommended installing a lighted crosswalk system to improve pedestrian safety. The Council and staff discussed the presentation, noting that this intersection has been identified as a concern and is part of ongoing discussions with UDOT for potential improvements.

Consider Jones and DeMille Update for Engineering Standards

Mr. Jessen explained the need to update the City's engineering standards. He presented a proposal from Jones and DeMille to update the standards based on APWA (American Public Works Association) standards with modifications specific to Parowan for \$6,000. Mr. Biasi emphasized the importance of having consistent standards for all city projects. This item will be moved to the next meeting as an action item for a vote.

Fee/Policy Discussion on Water/Sewer Laterals

Mr. Biasi presented information on the City's current practice of installing water laterals for new connections. He explained that most cities have moved away from this practice due to labor shortages and now act more as inspectors. The Council discussed the pros and cons of changing the policy. No decision was made.

Planning Commission Chair Appointment Process Discussion

The Council discussed potentially changing the process for appointing the Planning Commission chair. Currently, the commission appoints its own chair, but there was consideration of having the City Council appoint the chair. Larry Zajac, former Planning Commission chair, provided input on the practical considerations of chair appointments and the challenges of finding members able to dedicate time to the role. The Council will send this item to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Administrative Code Discussion

Mr. Jessen presented a series of proposed changes to the city's administrative code. The changes covered various topics including meetings, voting procedures, supervision of appointed officials, salaries and compensation, and ethics and nepotism. The Council discussed the proposed changes and agreed to have them prepared in ordinance format for a public hearing at the next meeting.

Reports, Updates, Old Business Follow Up

- The Councilmembers gave reports on recent and future meetings.
- Dan Jessen mentioned the upcoming retirement of Kelly Stones after 32 years of service.
- Mayor Halterman discussed improvements at Meek's Park, the upcoming Day on the Hill event, and the Parowan Birthday Ball.
- City Recorder Callie Bassett provided a reminder about this year's upcoming municipal election.

Residents are encouraged to attend City Council Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Parowan City Council Chambers. Alternatively, the meetings can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@parowancity2030>.

SEVERAL CURTIS BILLS FROM HOUSE RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW

Measures from 118th Congress address key priorities raised by Utahns and reflect Curtis' dedication to consensus building and problem solving

from Adam Cloch

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator John Curtis (R-UT) today reflected on some of his final legislative accomplishments in the 118th Congress as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Before transitioning to the Senate, Curtis secured into law several including the *Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act*, the *Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act*, the *Protect America's Rock Climbing (PARC) Act*, the *Connect Our Parks Act*, the *Biking on Long-Distance Trails (BOLT) Act*, the *Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation (SOAR) Act*, and the *Recognizing the Importance of Critical Minerals in Healthcare Act*.

“When I began my service in Congress, I could never have imagined how much we would accomplish,” **Senator Curtis said.** “Many come to Washington for the spotlight or to make noise, but my goal has always been to earn the trust of Utahns, address their most pressing issues, and deliver meaningful solutions. I’m proud of the success we had in the House—including these seven bills I championed which were recently signed into law by the President. There is still much more work to be done, and I look forward to continuing my service on behalf of the people of Utah in the United States Senate.”

Concluding House Bills Secured into Law:

At the end of Curtis’s House tenure, the President signed several Curtis-sponsored bills into law:

- **Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act:** Addresses excessive salinity in the Colorado River to protect water resources in Utah

and the West.

- **Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act:** Incorporates the Great Salt Lake into ongoing Colorado River conservation efforts.
- **Protect America's Rock Climbing (PARC) Act:** Preserves rock climbing access in wilderness areas while respecting conservation efforts.
- **Connect Our Parks Act:** Improves broadband and cellular access in National Parks to enhance public safety.
- **Biking on Long-Distance Trails (BOLT) Act:** Expands opportunities for outdoor recreation by identifying long-distance biking trails.
- **Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation (SOAR) Act:** Streamlines the permitting process for outdoor outfitters, community groups, and educational organizations.
- **Recognizing the Importance of Critical Minerals in Healthcare Act:** Ensures minerals critical to medical technologies are considered in federal policy decisions.

Curtis' Legislative Impact:

During his time served in the House, Curtis successfully passed 27 bills into law, tackling issues ranging from public land management to human trafficking and small business regulation. His other legislative achievements include:

- **Emery County Public Lands**

Management Act: Provided the largest public land transfer in Utah’s history, designating approximately one million acres for recreation, conservation, development, and grazing.

- **TAIPEI Act:** Strengthened U.S. support for Taiwan, countered China’s diplomatic aggression, and advocated for Taiwan’s inclusion in international organizations.
- **Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act:** Extended a trail network to connect much of Salt Lake and Utah counties.
- **Public-Private Partnership Advisory Council to End Human Trafficking:** Enhanced collaboration between federal agencies and private organizations to combat human trafficking.
- **Advanced Nuclear Reactor Prize Act:** Incentivized the licensing and operation of innovative nuclear energy technologies to promote cleaner energy solutions.

Legacy of Leadership:

Throughout his time in the House, Curtis built a reputation as a consensus-building, results-oriented leader. He was ranked the 9th most effective Republican by the Center for Effective Lawmaking and founded the Conservative Climate Caucus to advance innovative energy solutions. His office was also recognized as the most accessible in Congress for its commitment to constituent accountability.

Utah Delegation Issues Statement on Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Record of Decision

from Bella Pinnock

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Washington, D.C. — This week, the Biden Administration announced its approval of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Resource Management Plan and issued a final Record of Decision. U.S. Senators Mike Lee (R-UT) and John Curtis (R-UT) and Representatives Blake Moore (UT-01), Burgess Owens (UT-04), Celeste Maloy (UT-02) and Mike Kennedy (UT-03) released the following joint statement:

In its midnight hours, the Biden administration has finalized a decision that mandates how the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument will be managed on its 1.87 million acres of land. The BLM's plan ignores Utah voices, limits access to grazing and recreation and disregards the economic impacts that this decision will have on local communities. The administration has also failed to provide a complete inventory of the objects it wishes to protect, a requirement of the Antiquities Act. When the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was created in 1996, it was promised to be friendly to local use and management. We will continue to fight to return our land to local control and against future federal overreach.

Former Iron County Official Enters Plea Agreement in Fraud Case

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A former public official has agreed to a plea

deal that could dismiss charges of fraud and misuse of public funds if she follows court-ordered terms over the next two years.

Stephanie Ann Ward-Furnival, the former director of the Iron County Children's Justice Center (ICCJC), entered a plea in abeyance Wednesday by pleading guilty to two amended Class A misdemeanor charges: theft by deception and misuse of public money.

Ward-Furnival was initially charged on Jan. 23, 2024, with two third-degree felonies: theft by deception and misuse of public money.

Under the plea agreement, the charges were reduced to Class A misdemeanors and placed in abeyance for 24 months. If Ward-Furnival meets all court-ordered conditions, the charges may be dismissed after 18 months.

As part of the agreement, Ward-Furnival must:

- Pay \$2,730.20 in restitution to Iron County.
- Complete 24 hours of community service and provide proof to the court.
- Pay \$150 in plea-in-abeyance fees for each count.
- Abide by the court's standard terms and conditions.

If Ward-Furnival fulfills these requirements, the charges will be dismissed, and she will avoid a conviction. Failing to comply with the agreement however, could result in sentencing on the misdemeanors, which may include jail time, fines, or other penalties.

The investigation into Ward-Furnival's activities began with a review of mileage reimbursement

records she submitted to the Iron County Auditor's Office. Investigators found that between May 2020 and November 2021, she submitted fraudulent claims for 4,964 miles related to meetings she either attended virtually or did not attend at all, resulting in \$2,730.20 in improper reimbursements.

The discrepancies came to light when investigators cross-referenced Ward-Furnival's reimbursement forms with meeting logs and sign-in sheets. Detective Mark Zakarian of the Iron County Sheriff's Office led the inquiry, concluding that she knowingly requested reimbursement for travel that did not occur.

The investigation ultimately led to her termination from the county.

Budget Irregularities and Wider Implications

While Ward-Furnival's fraudulent mileage claims led to her criminal charges, a state audit revealed additional financial issues occurred at the ICCJC during her tenure as director.

Findings from an audit conducted by the Utah Office for Victims of Crime (UVOC) were presented during a November 13, 2023, Iron County Commission meeting. The audit identified \$358,895 in ineligible costs billed to the Victim of Crimes (VOCA) grants between July 1, 2020, and December 31, 2022. These included improper billing for services provided to individuals who were not victims of crime and therapy services conducted without valid contracts.

As a result of the audit, Iron County owed \$358,895 to VOCA for these unallowable expenses.

Civil Lawsuit and Legal Fallout

Following her dismissal, Ward-Furnival pursued legal action against Iron County in February 2023. She

alleged that her dismissal violated the Utah Protection of Public Employees Act, also known as the Whistleblower Act, which protects employees who report suspected violations of laws or regulations.

In her lawsuit, Ward-Furnival claimed that her termination was retaliation for raising concerns about alleged improprieties, including issues related to campaign materials

distributed by an Iron County Commissioner. Ward-Furnival sought reinstatement to her former position as director of the ICCJC, back pay for lost wages

and benefits, and compensation for emotional distress and reputational harm.

She also requested additional damages, attorneys' fees, and interest. The case was ultimately resolved through an out-of-court settlement, with the terms remaining confidential under a non-disclosure agreement.

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Gov. Cox and advocates celebrate achievements reducing underage drinking, set sights on 2025 during Parents Empowered Month

Statewide underage drinking prevention campaign reaches an estimated 1.1 million Utahns in 2024

from Michelle Schmitt

UTAH DEP. OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVICES

SALT LAKE CITY, UT—Governor Spencer Cox and Utah underage drinking prevention leaders celebrate the state's 12th annual Parents Empowered Month. The awareness month, declared by former Governor Herbert in 2013 and renewed by Governor Cox in 2023, highlights the effectiveness of the Parents Empowered statewide campaign to prevent underage drinking in Utah. To mark the occasion, the Parents Empowered workgroup celebrates 2024 successes, including the more than one million Utahns reached by the campaign message, and looks ahead to goals for 2025.

"The future of our state depends on the well-being of our children, and that starts with protecting them from the dangers of underage drinking. Through initiatives like Parents Empowered, we're working to safeguard young minds from the long-term, often irreversible harm caused by underage drinking," said Gov. Cox. "I'm deeply grateful to the Parents Empowered workgroup for their unwavering dedication and commitment to preventing alcohol use among our youth."

The Parents Empowered campaign

is overseen by Utah's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services (DABS) and is driven by a workgroup made up of local community members from across Utah. Parents Empowered is excited to start 2025 strong by tapping into research from Utah's Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) survey which indicates that nine out of ten kids who sense strong disapproval from their parents choose to not drink alcohol. Parents Empowered's newest campaign shares the message that parents and caregivers should communicate their strong disapproval of underage drinking.

"Parents have more influence than they realize," said Tiffany Clason, Executive Director of Utah's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services. "When parents clearly communicate their strong disapproval, it creates boundaries that guide kids toward healthier decisions, including staying alcohol-free."

Reaching Utahns

In 2024, Parents Empowered community partnership projects were active in 11 communities, using unique

attention-grabbing art and imagery to instill youth alcohol prevention messaging to an estimated 1.1 million Utahns, nearly one-third of Utah's population. Plans for 2025 include continued community outreach, with 14 new projects already underway, and deepening partnerships to make an even greater impact within our state.

"This year's campaign reflects the dedication of families, communities, and organizations across the state," said Clason. "Reaching an estimated 1.1 million Utahns in 2024 is an important metric, but we're excited to build on this momentum in 2025 to continue to protect Utah's youth."

Key Underage Drinking Statistics

- In Utah, 13,000 of Utah children reported drinking in the past 30 days (2023 SHARP).
- Underage drinking in Utah has continued to trend downward since 2005, with a 60% decrease in lifetime use; a 71% decrease in regular 30-day use; and a 72% decrease in binge drinking among Utah youth in sixth, eighth, 10th and 12th grades (2023 SHARP).

- Utah underage drinking rates are declining faster than the national average (Monitoring the Future Survey).
- Youth who drink before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence compared to those who wait until 21.

Practical Steps for Parents

Studies show that children who have regular, open communication with their parents about the dangers of alcohol are significantly less likely to drink. Parents are encouraged to take these three simple steps:

1. **Bonding:** Spend time with your children, listen to their concerns, and foster a trusting relationship.
2. **Boundaries:** Communicate "no underage drinking" rules and expectations
3. **Monitoring:** Be aware of your child's social circles, activities, and whereabouts.

For more information, resources, and ways to get involved, visit ParentsEmpowered.org.



public & health

Red Cross of Utah calls for urgent blood donations as winter storm cancels hundreds of blood drives

Blood supply critically strained as over 5,000 donations go uncollected in Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states, threatening patient care and emergency medical response.

from Keith Paul

REGIONAL COMM. DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY (Jan. 7, 2025) — A

powerful winter

storm that swept through the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states has forced the cancellation of over 250 American Red Cross blood drives in recent days, resulting in more than 5,000 uncollected blood donations. In response, the American Red Cross of Utah is urging local residents to step up and donate blood in the coming days to help ensure patients nationwide have access to lifesaving blood supplies.

“The severe winter weather comes during a time of year when holiday activities and travel have already impacted blood donations,” said Heidi Ruster, Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Utah/Nevada Region. “We’re calling on Utahns — especially those with type O blood — to give now. Every donation is critical in helping the Red Cross provide lifesaving blood to those in urgent need, particularly when disasters strike.”

Adding to the urgency, a new winter storm is forming over Texas and is expected to hit multiple states including New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Arkansas and Missouri later this week. This could lead to further blood drive cancellations, exacerbating the existing shortfall.

How to Donate

Donating blood is simple and saves lives. To find a nearby blood donation center or schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The American Red Cross supplies 40% of the nation’s blood supply, supporting over 2,500 hospitals and transfusion centers.

Locally, nearly 45 hospitals in Utah depend on Red Cross donations to meet patient needs. To maintain adequate supplies, the Red Cross must collect approximately 12,500 blood donations and 3,000 platelet donations daily.

Challenges Facing the Blood Supply

The start of the year is one of the most difficult periods for blood collection. Widespread blood drive cancellations caused by severe weather, combined with a spike in respiratory illnesses, are straining an already tight blood supply. COVID-19, the flu, and RSV have surged across the country, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reporting at least 3.1 million flu cases, 37,000 hospitalizations and 1,500 deaths so far this season.

Super Bowl Sweepstakes Ends Jan. 26

There’s still time to give blood and get entered into the American Red Cross Super Bowl LIX Sweepstakes. Those who donate blood or platelets between Jan. 1-26, 2025, will automatically be entered for a chance to win an unforgettable Super Bowl LIX package. The prize includes pre-game event access, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 7-10, 2025), and a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For detailed terms and eligibility, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Republican Governors Send Clear Message: We Stand with President Trump and DOGE

from The Republican Governors Association

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— Republican governors today sent a joint letter to Congressional leadership expressing their support for President Trump’s Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Initiative, as well as emphasizing the importance of balancing the federal budget.

In the letter to Senate Majority Leader John Thune and House Speaker Mike Johnson, the governors expressed their support of President Trump as he works to streamline government, remove unnecessary bureaucracy, and bring efficient, result-driven solutions, just like Republican governors have been able to do in their own states.

The governors wrote:

“We are writing today to express our overwhelming support for President Trump’s Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Initiative and request that Congress work alongside him to solidify the efficiencies that are found into law. As chief executives for our states, we know a thing or two about streamlining government, removing unnecessary bureaucracy, and bringing efficient, result-driven solutions to state government. We stand by President Trump as he works to do the same with the federal government.

...

“These results don’t just happen overnight. Our states are successful because we live within our means. We

balance our budgets, lower taxes, leverage surpluses, pay down debt, improve the efficiency of state governments, and create an environment where our constituents can build a prosperous future for themselves, their family, and their community.

“It is past time for Washington to live within its means too. We support President Trump’s appointment of Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy and agree with their assertion that the federal government needs to be cut down to size. We stand ready to help.”

View the full letter at <https://www.rga.org/joint-letter-on-doge/>.

Led by RGA Policy Chair Henry McMaster (SC), signatories include: Governor Kay Ivey (AL) Governor Mike Dunleavy (AK), Governor Sarah Sanders (AR), Governor Ron DeSantis (FL), Governor Brian Kemp (GA), Governor Brad Little (ID), Governor Eric Holcomb (IN), Governor Kim Reynolds (IA), Governor Jeff Landry (LA), Governor Tate Reeves (MS), Governor Mike Parson (MO), Governor Greg Gianforte (MT), Governor Jim Pillen (NE), Governor Joe Lombardo (NV), Governor Kelly Ayotte (NH), Governor Kelly Armstrong (ND), Governor Mike DeWine (OH), Governor Kevin Stitt (OK), Governor Kristi Noem (SD), Governor Bill Lee (TN), Governor Greg Abbott (TX), Governor Spencer Cox (UT), Governor Glenn Youngkin (VA), Governor Jim Justice (WV), and Governor Mark Gordon (WY).



Senator Vicker's Pre-Session SURVEY

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Utah's 45-day legislative session starts January 21 and runs to March 7, 2025. This is the time when my colleagues and I work together to craft policies and establish budgets for programs and services that affect all Utahns.

As I consider bills and policy initiatives, I want to ensure your concerns and ideas are at the forefront of my decisions. To make it easy to share your thoughts, I've provided a link to a quick survey, which should only take **less than 10 minutes to complete**. Your input will help shape my work during this session. Please take the survey here: <https://ironcountytoday.com/2025/01/13/sen-vickers-pre-session-survey/>.

During the session, I'll also send weekly updates to keep you informed throughout the process. I'm grateful for the feedback and insights many of you have shared throughout the year—your engagement strengthens the policy-making process. Please don't hesitate to reach out as we navigate the critical decisions ahead.

It is an honor to represent you.

Sincerely,

Evan

SESSION PRIORITIES

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- Positioning Utah as the new energy frontier
- Investing in students and supporting teachers
- Ensuring a steady and sustainable supply of water
- Making life more affordable through fiscally responsible tax cuts
- Advancing technology and innovation for a brighter future
- Boosting the economy, fostering business opportunities and creating jobs
- Keeping the American Dream attainable with affordable housing
- Building and maintaining resilient infra

structure and transportation

- Protecting public lands for future generations
- Empowering families, uplifting communities and preserving a high quality of life

“Each step we take paves the way for opportunity, creating a path where families, businesses and communities can thrive,” said Senate Majority Leader Kirk Cullimore. “This progress is rooted in thoughtful investments, forward-thinking policies and a steadfast dedication to preserving Utah’s values while unlocking its future potential.”


Utah is proud to be the most affordable state in the nation, and preserving this distinction remains a top priority for the Senate Majority. This session, the

focus will be on advancing policies that strengthen energy, transportation, education, water management and economic growth to keep costs low. By promoting a strong economy, dependable resources and forward-thinking solutions, we're committed to ensuring that Utahns continue to enjoy a high quality of life.

For 17 consecutive years, Utah has ranked #1 in economic outlook, a testament to strategic policy making and a business-friendly environment. The state continues to shine as the second-best for education and has earned top marks as the best-managed state, the best state to live in and the best state in the nation.

Learn more about the Senate Majority's priorities for the 2025 General Session at <https://senate.utah.gov/issues/>.

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So Many Pianos Per Capita in Cedar City

by Sara Penny

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Growing up in Cedar City most of my friends played an instrument or sang in the choir. There were pianos in many homes and an emphasis on the value of musical training. There were many notable teachers. I was fortunate to have violin lessons with Mr. Halversen and piano lessons from Loa Johnson. They both had excellent training and set a high standard of performance. I do remember

a piano recital as a child that seemed to last forever, but that may have been my short attention span. Currently I do a few recitals for my students so the families can enjoy the music for a shorter session.

Dedication and practice can result in unusual accomplishments. The Icelandic pianist Víkingur Ólafsson was recognized as the Instrumentalist of the Year for 2025 by Musical America Worldwide. One of his projects was playing an entire year of concerts playing only the Bach "Goldberg Variations". As a child he played the piano before speaking. His mother was a piano teacher and his father was an

architect who also composed music. The family used an inheritance to buy a Steinway piano for a small Berlin apartment. This family priority of music set a standard for him as a child.

The year of Bach gave him a chance to really explore the music. He found endless opportunities for interpretation in the music. He said he was "never bored with the material", even with 94 concerts. "I challenged myself to not repeat myself," he said as he explored the infinite possibilities of the music. Changing phrasing, tempo, articulation, and feeling made the experience interesting. He had to learn to pace himself to get through the 80 minutes of music and keep up the energy and focus.

The Bach Cello Suites are another marathon opportunity. The first time I heard all six suites in concert was at an American String Teachers Conference in Bolzano, Italy in 1985. I was amazed at the stamina and musicality required for this concert. Pablo Casals and his father rediscovered this amazing music in a music shop in Spain and he popularized them so now every serious cellist and violist learns at least some of the suites.

This past year one of my adult students and I tackled the transcriptions of the cello suites for viola. It took us several months to work through the music, but it was fascinating. We are going to study the Bach violin partitas next. I can't personally memorize that well, so I am super impressed with

the performers who are able to pull off these amazing concerts.

Looking back at my classmates and students who studied music I now see farmers, doctors, engineers, teachers, lawyers, military officers, and builders. Music may not become a source of income, but it is a source of enrichment. It certainly helps someone appreciate what it takes to play well to have had some music training as a child.

We are lucky that there are also opportunities for music for adults in our community with the choirs, community band, and the Orchestra of Southern Utah.

January rehearsals have started for performances that will be coming your way soon. Follow our Cedar City Arts Council Facebook page for updates on local performances. Let us know about your performances so we can help promote them. We do not believe in "secret concerts". The Arts Council works to encourage and share all performances



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FINDING COMMON GROUND

at the Utah Farm & Food Conference



by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The conference in its 9th year was held at the Heritage Center in Cedar City, Utah. The public was invited to join in 3 days of festivities.

Keynote speakers were: Wade Eliason, The American Farmer. Phil LaRocca, "The journey to find Common Ground through Organic Farming," Nicole Masters, "Seeking Common Ground through Regeneration in the Age of Cynicism" Red Acre Center, "What's Happening."

Presentation of the Clinton Ray Miller Food & Agriculture Legacy Award, presented by Tyler Kern.

Keynote: Making It Happen in Utah, each year UFFC chooses one farm and one business or organization who are making it happen in Utah; not an easy task! They shared their story and insights. They shared what they do, why they do it, and what they have learned along the way. Those chosen this year were Madsacks Produce Madison Goodman and Central 9th Market Max Nelson & Noah Kuhns.

Workshops included: Cut Flower Farming, Soil to Soul Awakening, Tree Planting 101, Extra Virgin Oil, Certified Organic, Diversity Farming at Any Scale, Don't Soil the Fun: Measuring Soil Health Made Easy, Biosprays & Beyond, Finding Common Ground: the Farmers's Market, Seed Exchange, Putting the Power of Plants into Practice, Soil CPR, Finding Daily Rhythm, Finding Success with Pastured Poultry, Organic Farmer's Perspective-Certified Organic, Soil the Re generational in Soil Health, Cultivating Elderberries, Stories from the Front Lines of Food Activism, Strengthening, Network and Support for Indigenous Growers, Growing and Designing with Dried Flowers, Planting Seeds of Wonder: Nature School Magic, Adaptation Agriculture, and Want to sell to the Big Boys?

Town Hall- questions were answered about finding out what our lawmakers and what legislation is doing to access, grow, and secure local food with State and Local policymakers. These policymakers are trying to find ways to make it easier for local producers to sell to their customers.

The conference in

its 9th year

The Utah Farm & Food Conference is a gathering for people who care about local food systems, including farmers, ranchers, chefs, activists, and educators. The conference's purpose is to: Discuss challenges and opportunities, Find solutions, Unite and engage in conversations, Learn and grow, and support healthy, robust local food systems.

Thank you to all those who attended the 9th annual Utah Farm & Food Conference and all the volunteers, and anyone who helped to make this gathering possible.

Thank you for sacrificing your time, resources, and commitments to gather on "Common Ground" to build community around our local food system.

"Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous".

Where would we all be without the farmers who grow our food? "Good food is the foundation of genuine happiness". Eat Well, live well. If you ate today, thank a farmer: A reminder that all food comes from somewhere and that all the hard work and effort they put into growing this produce for our local community really does matter. Farmers are essential to our existence, providing food for us every day. They work long hours, sometimes all night, to produce food for our tables. Buy local: Support your local farmers by purchasing produce and goods from farmer's markets, and food stores that sell local produce.

Thank you to the following who provided scholarship funds, enabling more individuals to attend UFFC and helping expand and strengthen our community of Utah producers.

- Scott Phillips- In loving memory of Jyl Shuler
- Hermansen's Mill
- Utah Farm to Fork

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Ace Motel Part II

THE CONTINUING HISTORY OF SOME LOCAL AMERICANA

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

We left off last week talking about the best years of the Ace Motel, but sadly, as time marched on, the writing was on the wall and Highway 91 and the leisurely drive through all those many small towns was overtaken by the 80 MPH Interstate 15 and franchise motels began to spring up and replace the family operated motels like the Ace and many others. The old days were gone, and now, travelers throughout the country make their reservations from their phones through the likes of Expedia and Travelocity, which lead to the gradual extinction of these neon-signed treasures of the past that are part of our history, and eventually, the Trimmers sold the motel in 2018.

As a child my family also traveled many 2-lane highways in a station wagon, and we too stayed at many similar motels, and I remember signs in the lobby such as “Butch Cassidy stayed here”. Well neither Butch nor Babe Ruth stayed at the Ace, but while researching this story I did discover that during the late 50’s that both future LDS President Gordon B Hinkley and French movie actress Bridget Bardot were among the wide spectrum of guests at the Ace during its heyday.

This old motel from a bygone era is still standing, rather than deteriorating like so many of that time, but happily, JoAnn Jensen is the new proprietor and has given the old place a new life. Over the years, she has managed collectables stores in other locations around Parowan and has

now consolidated her various store fronts into a thrifters paradise that’s fun to explore, which she calls The Rusty Bucket. You won’t find any celebrities or deer hunters in the motel these days, but lots of treasures for sale in each room of the Ace, in addition to a parking lot full of tools, antique neon signs, furniture and miscellaneous items you didn’t know you needed but probably can’t live without now. One of the highlights is JoAnn’s on-going special sale that she calls “Fill-A-Bag for \$5.00”. Wild Bills once offered “gas and goodies”, but this has now evolved into “gadgets and goodies” at the Rusty Bucket, and there are plenty of them.

I first met JoAnn a year or so ago when we were trying to find a couple of letters missing from our Scrabble game,

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THURS, JAN 16

FIDDLERS CANYON ELEM. CHINESE NIGHT (5:30-7PM) Our annual Chinese Night will be at our school. Students and their families can participate in traditional Chinese New Year activities, interested parents of current kindergartners and 1st graders can learn more about the Chinese dual immersion program, and everyone can enjoy fun cultural performances by students and teachers. We can't wait for you to join us!

MISS IRON COUNTY BLANKET DRIVE (JAN 16-31)

The Miss Iron County Royalty is hosting a blanket drive to support the Iron County Care and Share. They are collecting new or gently used blankets from January 13-31, 2025. Help us provide warmth and comfort to individuals and families in need this winter. Drop-off Locations: Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 N 300 W, Cedar City. 2nd East, 686 Canyon Ranch Dr, Cedar City. Ignite Dance Studio, 599 N 800 W #1, Cedar City.

FRI, JAN 17

MENTALIST JAMES LUX (6PM) AN EVENING

with Mentalist James Lux at The Sunflower Magic Shop (56 E Center St, Parowan), admission is \$15. Those that can read our book can read our mind. Truth or lie. How we see ourselves. How we see others. Thoughts we keep deep in our conscience. We all tell the world more than we know. Come spend an evening with Mentalist James Lux and see what story you tell.

SAT, JAN 18

LYNDY BUTLER CONCERT (7PM) IRON COUNTY

Acoustic Music Association presents Americana troubadour Lyndy Butler and her band in concert at Park Place Eatery, 26 W Center St, Cedar City. \$ 5 suggested donation helps support live music in Cedar City.

MON, JAN 20

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - No School
Inauguration Day

TUES, JAN 21

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (1-2PM)

Music & Art Workshops. At The LIGHTHOUSE Art & Learning Center (between Sweet Basil & Subway restaurants). Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151

WED, JAN 22

RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE (10AM)

Statewide Equipment Ribbon Cutting @ 2191 W. 200 S. Parowan, UT.

FIDDLERS CANYON PTA MEETING (3:40PM)

Mark your calendars for our next PTA meeting. We will be discussing budget items and planning activities and volunteer opportunities for the rest of the year.

THURS, JAN 23

SUU APEX LECTURE (11:30AM-12:30PM)

Presents Faculty Distinguished Lecture held in the SUU - Gilbert Great Hall (405 W University Blvd, Cedar City). Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information visit suu.edu/apex.

WED, JAN 29

INDOOR GOLF CHALLENGE NETWORKING EVENT

(11AM-1PM) D&D Variety presents the Birdy Blitz Cedar Classic @ Birdie's Golf Lounge - 580 S Main St. Indoor Golf Challenge
9 holes / Lunch & Daily Challenge. Register here: https://www.chamberorganizer.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=487639&org_id=CEDR.

FRI, JAN 31

RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL CALL FOR ENTRIES

- The call for entries for the 19th Annual Red Rock Film Festival is open. The Festival considers entries of all genres from shorts to full-length features, and is held in 'Festival City, USA' in Southern Utah. It is an artist's retreat for film, cuisine, parties, and workshops with approachable professional people. Final judges include industry professionals from distributors, award winning filmmakers and Oscar nominees.
To enter a short or a feature: <https://filmfreeway.com/RedRockFilmFestival>
To enter a trailer: <https://filmfreeway.com/UtahFilmMarket>

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excited to see what creative projects your students think up!

QUILTS OF VALOR NATIONAL SEW-IN DAY

(10AM-3PM) @ the Cedar City Visitors Center, 581 N. Main St. We will have quilt displays, making of the blocks for the veterans quilts, many patriotic items for sale to benefit our group efforts and meeting the group members. This is also an opportunity to see what we do and join our group to support our local veterans.

history



ACE MOTEL

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and, sure enough, Joann has a big drawer full of those letters. She discovers many of her treasures at estate and storage acquisitions, and auctions and is also appreciative of donations from local residents.

If you never got your kicks on Route 66, you can still have some fun on Old Highway 91. Most of the old road signs for Highway 91 are gone, but if you head up the Interstate from Cedar City and exit at Summit, exit 71, you will find yourself on a slow drive along Old Highway 91, which also parallels the Old Spanish Trail at this point. You are now taking a drive back in time slowly traveling through the tiny town of Summit, following Old 91 through the farmlands and eventually crossing the bridge into Parowan at 30 miles per hour and spotting that big red arrow as travelers did years ago. JoAnn also has a message board out by the street and under the big red arrow that will bring a chuckle and smile to your face. Allow yourself some time to explore the Rusty Bucket at Ace Corner, 82 N. Main Street, it truly is a destination for thrifters, it is definitely a Bizarre Bazaar! The Rusty Bucket celebrated its 5th anniversary last October. Follow The Rusty Bucket on Facebook and Instagram for pop-up sales and upcoming events, you never know what you'll find there. The Winter hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday, 11:00am to 5:00pm, and in the summertime, Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm

In conclusion, and as a reward for my research of the Ace, I believe I can now claim with some certainty that never in the history of the written word

have President Gordon B Hinkley and Bridget Bardot been mentioned in the same sentence.

Come see for yourself, it's a fun way to spend a day in Iron County, and, if you have time, try some of our restaurants in Parowan, and then maybe turn west on 400 North/Gap Road, and return home through the Parowan Gap as the sun sets.



obituaries

Valeene Roberts - Antimony, Utah



Valeene Mae Sawyer Roberts was born to David George and Mayall Huntington Sawyer on March 11, 1947. She was raised in Hatch with her three brothers: Kerry, Kurt and Kent. She loved being surrounded by all her grandparents, aunts, uncles and

cousins. She graduated from Panguitch High School.

After attending LDS Business College, she met and married Don Woodmancy. They moved to Hawaii where her two oldest children, Tracy and David, were born. They later divorced.

Valeene moved back to Panguitch to be close to her parents. Her mom and dad tended her kids while she worked, cementing a lifelong bond. Valeene met Ken G. Roberts through some mutual friends. They married in Hatch on December 7, 1974. They moved to Antimony where they lived the rest of their lives. They had 4 children: Kena Sue, Riley K., Amberly Ann, and Gannon Garth.

Valeene passed away on January 7, 2025 in St. George due to complications from a fall. Special thanks to the staff at IHC for such tender and competent care, for the Life Flight Crew and for all professional and personal care.

Valeene is survived by her husband, Ken G. Roberts; children: Tracy (Renato) Matheson, Dave (Stephanie) Roberts, Kena (Ryan) Toone, Riley (Crystal) Roberts, Amberly (Jerrod) Mallinger and Gannon (Kambri) Roberts; 32 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; brothers: Kerry, Kurt, and Kent Sawyer; and many extended family member

She is preceded in death by her parents, May and David Sawyer; Ken's parents, Garth and Ilene Roberts; a stillborn son, Ken; and a daughter-in-law, April; brother, Kim Sawyer.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 in the Antimony Ward Chapel at 11:00 am. Viewing at the church from 9:00-10:30. Burial will be held at the Widtsoe Cemetery. Funeral Directors: Magleby Mortuary, Richfield, Salina and Manti. Full obituary and online guestbook at www.maglebymortuary.com.

Mark Mortensen



Mark W. Mortensen, 66, of Chandler, Arizona, passed away peacefully at home on Christmas morning, December 25, 2024, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born on June 1, 1958, Mark was the son of the late Larry and Joyce Mortensen. He grew up in Cedar City, Utah alongside his siblings: Mel, Marie, and Sam (Stacy) Mortensen. Mark was known for his deep sense of integrity and dependability and also his funny and sarcastic wit.



Mark spent nearly 47 wonderful years married to his devoted wife, Terri. Together, they built a beautiful life and family with their son Ryan. Mark was the proud grandpa to four grandchildren: Luke, Maksim, Axel, and Layla. Who each held a special place in his heart.

Just this fall, Mark was able to attend Ryan's wedding to Jennifer Son. A welcome addition to the family, who would always make Mark's face light up. Family gatherings were a blessing and happened frequently.

An adventurous spirit, Mark loved the thrill of motocross, water skiing, snow skiing, and camping. Whether exploring the outdoors or seeking new challenges, he approached life with passion and enthusiasm.

Mark worked for many years as a semiconductor manufacturing technician, where his skill, precision, and dedication earned him the respect of his colleagues. His professionalism and work ethic were a testament to the values he upheld in all areas of his life.

Mark's legacy is one of kindness, strength, and unwavering reliability. He was always there for his loved ones, and his memory will continue to inspire those who knew him. Mark will be deeply missed by his wife, son, grandchildren, extended family, and friends, but his spirit will live on in the many lives he touched.

The family will have a celebration of life later this spring. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Mark's honor to the Alzheimer's Association.

Stanley Dalton Morgan



Stanley Dalton Morgan, 55 passed away Tuesday January 7, 2025 in Parowan, Utah. Stan was born October 3, 1969 in Anaheim, California to Karrolyn M. Dalton and Robert L. Morgan.

Stan is the fourth of five children. He spent his early childhood growing up in Parowan and then all over northern Utah. He loved the outdoors and had fun getting into innocent trouble with friends, always a big tease and jokester. He attended, El Modena high school in Orange, California. He always loved sports and was very athletic all throughout junior high and high school with his main sport being wrestling. He took state in his weight division almost every year of high school. He earned his Eagle Scout award. He loved to play tennis, pool, ping pong, pickleball, chess and bowling-anything competitive! He loved going to the movies or watching movies at home and could quote many, many movie lines! He had quite the collection of DVDs. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Peoria, Illinois, where he met many lifelong friends. He attended Rick's college after his mission and traveled all over the United States, selling photo packages in Walmart and then worked as a salesman and photographer trainer for CirclePix. He loved to travel and meet new people. He was very friendly and outgoing and made friends everywhere he went. He met the love of his life, Lito while living in Salt Lake City. She was from Thailand, and after she went back, he was able to go visit her. Although they

never married, they have stayed in touch over the years. He never had any children of his own however, he loved children, teasing, laughing, playing and would have been such a good father. His nieces and nephews remember all the fun times playing with Uncle Stan. In his more recent years, he enjoyed taking care of elderly friends and family, and was full of service and compassion toward them at the end of their lives. He had been a caregiver for our mother before she passed away and now for our father the last two years and they have been very close. Stan was so happy to get to spend time with our dad taking care of his every need. He also worked around town for dear friends, Janice & Marty Legant, Tom & Edna Beam and Robert & Barbara Widhelm, helping them in their homes and yards with whatever they needed. They became very close. Many dear friends & ward members in Parowan took care of Stan & dad as well over the years, including the Halterman's & Robinson's. Stan loved to serve and help others. He had a strong testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ and remained faithful to the end.

He is survived by: his father, Robert L. Morgan, brother, David L. Morgan, sister, Melody Morgan Mitchell (Joe), brother, Robert A. Morgan (Mia) and sister, Lisa M. Morgan Davis (Robert) as well as eight nieces and nephews and six great nieces and nephews.

Stan was preceded in death by his mother, Karrolyn Monetta Dalton Morgan, grandfather Edward C. Morgan, grandparents John S. Dalton Jr. & Leona Williams Dalton, grandparents Irene Tomsik Chamberlain & Ralph Chamberlain.

We know that Stan was lovingly welcomed to his heavenly home with outstretched arms by our Mother, grandparents, uncles and cousin Lance and we will miss him deeply until we are reunited again.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 18th at 11 a.m. at the Parowan 3rd Ward LDS chapel, 90 South Main Street Parowan, Ut. A viewing will be held prior to at 10 a.m.

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obituaries

John Kent Hill



"John Kent "Jack" Hill, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on December 19, 2024, in St. George, UT, following complications from open-heart surgery due to severe arterial sclerosis. He was 89 years old.

Born on January 27, 1935, in Helper, Utah, Jack was the son of Orson Hyde Hill and Emma

Eleanor Johnson Hill. He graduated from Carbon High School in 1953, then attended the College of Eastern Utah before proudly serving as a corpsman in the United States Marine Corps. After his service, Jack pursued higher education at Utah State University, where in 1962 he met and married the spirited and generous of love his life, Mary Carolyn Clark (They were later sealed in the LDS St. George Temple). Shortly after their marriage, the couple moved to Mary's hometown of Cedar City, Utah, where Jack earned a degree from the College of Southern Utah.

Jack's career in education began in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he taught for several years. From the classroom, his expertise ultimately led him to the position of Director of KLVX Channel 10, the PBS station in Clark County. While in Las Vegas he dedicated much of his professional life to designing and enhancing educational programming. Jack retired from Clark County with distinction, but his passion for education continued. In 1993, Jack and Mary returned to Cedar City, where Jack became the Director of Distance Education at Southern Utah University, also serving as an Adjunct Professor of Education. He served in this role for approximately 15 years, helping countless students access educational opportunities.

Jack was a life-long member of the LDS Church, having descended from faithful LDS Pioneer Saints. He had a deep and abiding testimony of his Savior Jesus Christ and of the Plan of Salvation.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Orson and Emma Hill, his wife, Mary Carolyn Clark Hill, and his son, John Kyle Hill. He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Hill, daughter-in-law Tanya Hill, and several grandchildren.

In honor of Jack's life, a brief funeral service will be held on January 25, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the LDS Cedar City West Stake Center, located at 755 S. 1100 W, Cedar City, UT. The service will be followed by a celebration of Jack's life to commemorate what would have been his 90th birthday on January 27. Come prepared to share a fun story!

In lieu of sending flowers to the service or family, Jack would want you to send flowers to someone you love. Additionally, funeral attendees are encouraged to bring a new children's book to donate to Cedar City North Elementary School, where Jack had volunteered to read for the past two years.

Jack's legacy of love, kindness, and education will continue to inspire all who knew him. The sparkle in his eyes, his jokes and taffy will be deeply missed, but lovingly remembered. To leave on-line condolences to the family, please visit, www.mortuary.org.

faith

Our Hearts Go Out to All Affected by Fires in Southern California



The Palisades fire burns near homes in the Pacific Palisades on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Photo by Hans Gutknecht/MediaNews Group/ Los Angeles Daily News via Getty Images.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IS MOBILIZING ITS RESOURCES TO ASSIST

Elder Mark A. Bragg, North America West Area President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, issued the following statement:

Our hearts go out to all affected by the fires that continue to cause destruction in Southern California. As one who grew up and has deep roots in the area, I have a great love for the community. Our prayers are with those who have lost their homes and are displaced and for the first responders. We mourn with those who have experienced loss and ask for the Savior's comforting spirit to be with them. We also express gratitude for the acts of faith and work sustaining those affected by this crisis.

At this time, the Church is mobilizing its resources. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer and make themselves available to assist those in need. The Church is committed to helping during this emergency and throughout the aftermath.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

MATTHEW 6:25

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Iron County School District



Iron County School District welcomes its two newest Board of Education members. Tyrell Eddy, representing District 3, and John Taylor, representing District 1, took the oath of office in a special meeting Monday.

The board also elected to continue with Ben Johnson as Board President and Michelle Tullis as Board Vice President. The first board work meeting of the year will be held Jan. 21 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Three Peaks Elementary

As 2025 begins and we revisit and set new goals, the faculty and staff at Three Peaks Elementary are fully committed to teach and help each student learn to their full potential. Our school's mission statement is:



We will work collaboratively to create a safe and stimulating learning environment where students are presented opportunities to excel in their learning. We will support and extend learning and relationships to ensure each student has the opportunity to develop college and career readiness skills. Our vision statement is: We will create an outstanding educational environment in which students are engaged in meaningful learning experiences that result in academic excellence, demonstrate personal



responsibility, and show respect and kindness for others.

We would like to express gratitude to the parents for supporting and helping us with these goals.

On January 6, the staff and faculty met together to review middle of the year math and reading data and discussed ways to adjust Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction and pacing based on the results of the data. We also had professional development on this year's focus of the evidence-based instructional strategy of explicit instruction. We discussed how to identify students needing reading intervention, the keys to explicit instruction, and how to improve Tier 1 instruction. Thank you to our literacy coach, LeAnn Roberts, and our assistant principal, Linda Sahagun, for helping with the planning and delivery of these training sessions.

MLK Holiday will be observed and no school will be held on Monday, January 20, 2025.

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

Our annual Chinese Night will be Thursday, January 16, from 5:30-7 pm at our school. Students and their families can participate in traditional Chinese New Year activities, interested parents of current kindergartners and 1st graders can learn more about the Chinese dual immersion program, and everyone can enjoy fun cultural performances by students and teachers. We can't wait for you to join us!

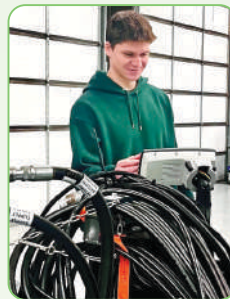
There will be no school on Monday, January 20, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mark your calendars for our next PTA meeting, held on Wednesday, January 22, at 3:40 pm. We will be discussing budget items and planning activities and volunteer opportunities for the rest of the year.

The science fair will be Friday, January 31. We are so excited to see what creative projects your students think up!

Launch High School

Students at Launch High School learned about applying the Project Design Process to real business situations when they visited Staheli West this past week. They



saw the human centered design steps that they practice every quarter come to life as they toured

the assembly floor and heard about founder Dave Staheli's innovations in hay baling equipment design. Staheli encouraged LHS students to "look for opportunities to Innovate, Improve, and Impress all the time. You never know where it might lead you," he said, referring to the school motto.

Students learned about each step of the Staheli design process, from idea, to prototyping, to supply chain and inventory, to operations systems, to marketing and distribution, comparing each step to their experiences at Launch. "Testing is a critical part of what we do," explained business partner Mike Staheli. "It's as important for us to get feedback on our machines as it is for students and teachers to get feedback about their practices and progress in the classroom."

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Sterling Scholar

Exciting News from Canyon View!

Canyon View is thrilled to announce the Canyon View Sterling Scholars! Each of these talented individuals has excelled in their respective fields, showcasing their remarkable skills and dedication.



- Generals: Elora Dobrinski
- Agriculture Science: Madyson Byrd
- Business and Marketing: Seth Morris
- Computer Technology: Joshua Phong
- Dance: Adelyn Young
- English: Delaney Richards
- Family and Consumer Science: Adelaide Yorgason
- Mathematics: Randall Dexter
- Music: Aliyah Hathaway
- Science: Jeremy Gunter
- Skilled and Technical Education: Emily Templin
- Social Science: Charlotte Pulica
- Visual Arts: Ayda Ramsay
- World Language: Madsen Bergstrom

A huge congratulations to all the remarkable Sterling Scholars! Your hard work and talent have truly shone through!

Boys Wrestling

Canyon View's wrestling tri-duel on January 9th was absolutely electrifying! The energy in the gym was off the charts as Canyon View clinched victory with an impressive score of 56-19 against Richfield! Fans were on their feet, cheering passionately for the incredible performances. The camaraderie among the wrestlers was remarkable, with each athlete lifting one another up. It was a thrilling night of competition, showcasing the true spirit of Canyon View!

Girl's Basketball

On January 7th, Canyon View faced off against Delta in an electrifying girls basketball showdown, and they truly dominated with an astounding score of 76-25! The Canyon View basketball team showcased incredible teamwork, and their skills shone brightly throughout the game. Each player lifted one another, working together seamlessly to secure an impressive victory. It was a night to remember as they rose to the top in spectacular fashion!

Thunderbirds Bring the Heat, Ground Aggies in Electric Road Win

from Regan Hunsaker

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

LOGAN, Utah — The Flippin' Birds traveled to Logan on Friday to take on Utah State. The Thunderbirds battled the whole meet and prevailed 195.000-194.075. Southern Utah will square off with the Aggies two more times during the regular season, once at the Best of Utah meet on January 20 and once when Utah State makes the trip to Cedar City on February 10.

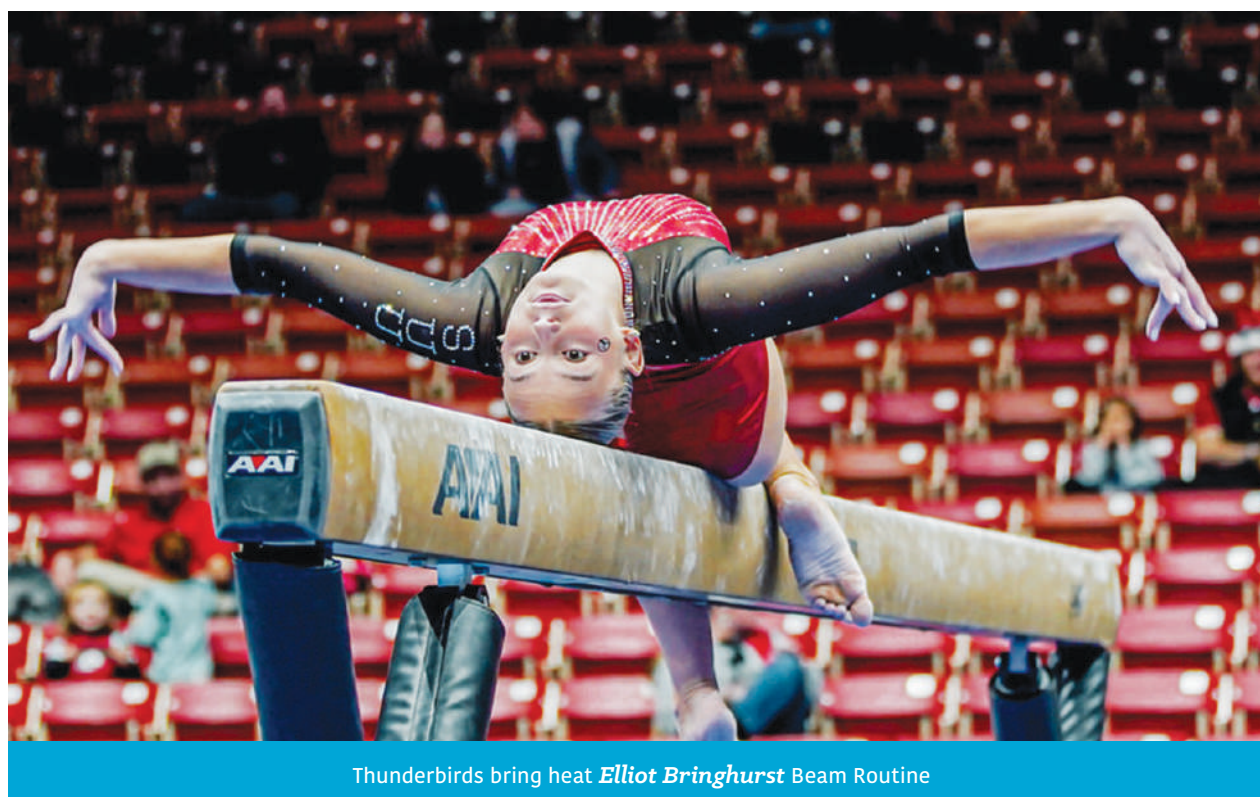
Sophomore Niya Randolph took home the top spot in the all-around with a score of 39.125, while Sophomore Brinlee Christensen finished second in the all-around with a 38.325. The T-Birds also grabbed the top spot on the beam when Sophomore Elliot Bringhurst scored a massive 9.925, and Senior Ellie Cacciola was not far behind her with a 9.900. Cacciola was also the first-place finisher on the vault with a 9.850.

Head Coach Scotty Bauman said "This was a great battle from start to finish. Rivalries like this put out some of the most competitive routines in the country. I am very proud of our athletes for pushing themselves and each other to compete at the highest level to help us earn a road win."

Meet Recap

Bars (48.350)

The Thunderbirds started on the bars with Sophomore Brinlee Christensen leading off the rotation, scoring a 9.875. Senior Isabella Neff came next with a 9.850 before Freshman Mia Hampton took an unfortunate fall, scoring 8.975. Junior Trista Goodman



Thunderbirds bring heat *Elliot Bringhurst* Beam Routine

continued to be a force in the lineup with a routine that scored 9.800. Sophomore Niya Randolph scored a 9.850, and Sophomore Maria Ferguson wrapped up the rotation with an 8.875 to bring the T-Birds total to 48.350.

Vault (48.950)

The Flippin' Birds moved to the vault for the second rotation. Senior Ellie Cacciola was first with a solid vault that scored 9.850. Sophomore Mackenzie Kelly followed that up with a 9.775 score before Hampton bounced back with a 9.700. Goodman was up next, soaring to a 9.700 of her own. Randolph added a 9.825 vault and sophomore Brinlee Christensen anchored the rotation with a 9.800. Southern Utah was trailing Utah State by a quarter of a tenth at the midway point of the meet.

Floor (48.725)

Transitioning to the floor for the third rotation, Hampton initiated the scoring with an outstanding

9.800. Christensen followed that up with an impressive routine, earning a 9.700 before Cacciola popped off with a 9.775. Senior Taylor Gull scored a 9.750 with her electric routine, and then it was Randolph's turn, tallying a 9.700. Sophomore Alyssa Fernandez was next, wrapping up the scoring for SUU with a 9.700. The Flippin' Birds were 0.075 points behind the Aggies heading into the final rotation.

Beam (48.975)

Sophomore Elliot Bringhurst started the final rotation for Southern Utah with an incredible 9.925. Fernandez and Randolph came next, scoring 9.725 and 9.750, respectively. Cacciola posted an impressive 9.900 before Christensen had her first stumble of the season with an 8.950. The final routine for Southern Utah came from sophomore Rylee Miller, who scored a timely 9.675, giving the Flippin' Birds a 195.00-194.075 victory.

Next up

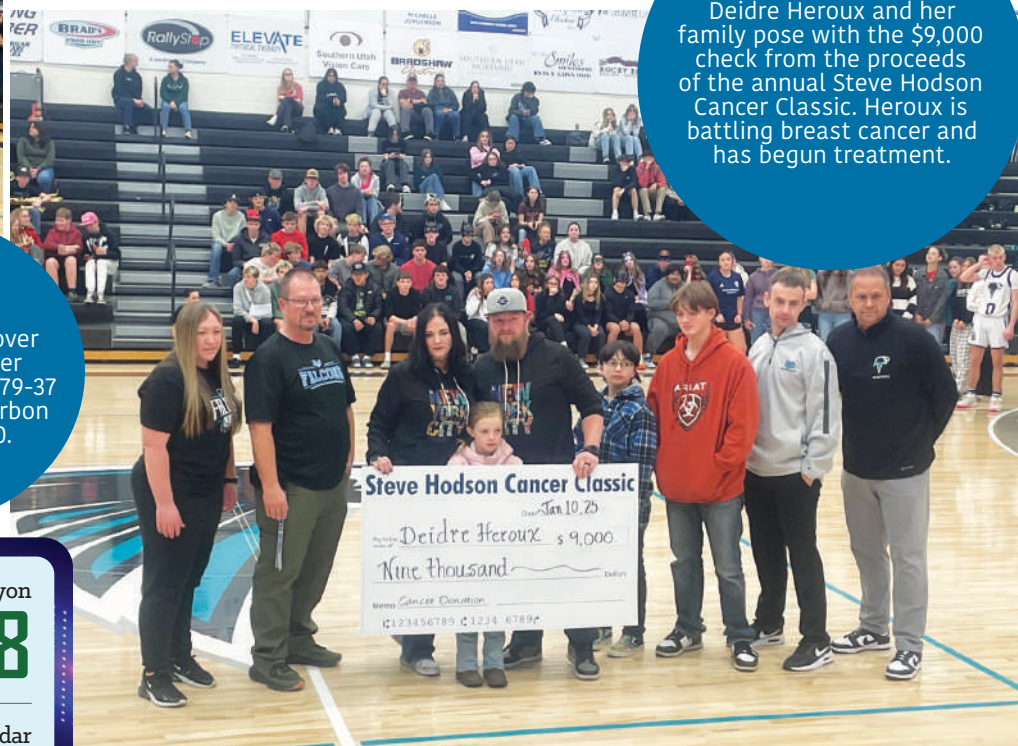
The Flippin' Birds continue a tough road stretch to start the season as they head to Provo for a matchup with the BYU Cougars on Friday, January 17, in the Marriot Center before heading to the Best of Utah meet on Monday, January 20, where they will take on the University of Utah, BYU, and Utah State.

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Canyon View's **Ty Attig** shoots over a Carbon defender during the Falcons' 79-37 victory over the Carbon Dinos on Jan. 10.



Deidre Heroux and her family pose with the \$9,000 check from the proceeds of the annual Steve Hodson Cancer Classic. Heroux is battling breast cancer and has begun treatment.

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

In the early going of its Jan. 10 home game at the Nest, the Canyon

View Falcons found themselves in a minor shootout with the Carbon Dinos. Once Ty Attig got started, CV recovered quickly and ran away to earn another victory.



Attig scored 21 of his game-high 27 points in the first half, and Canyon View clamped down on defense over the final three quarters to cruise to a 79-37 rout over Carbon for their fourth straight win. The Falcons improved to 5-1 in Region 12 and 12-3 overall.

"We played too loose at the start. The focus wasn't dialed in on the things we wanted to do, but I like the way we stuck it out," CV head coach Kim Blackner said. "We were late on our closeouts and left the shooters open. It was, more or less, communication and understanding who you were guarding. Once we figured that out, we got good."

Carbon took a 12-10 lead midway through the first quarter on a basket from Max Carlson (12 points), but when Attig hit his second 3-pointer of the period on Canyon View's next possession, the Falcons would never trail again.

CV led 26-19 when the second quarter began and Attig added eight more points to his total as part of a 13-0 run that helped turn the game into a runaway. The Falcons extended the lead to 46-26 at the half and pushed the margin over 35 with six minutes left in the fourth quarter, activating a running clock the rest of the way.

Felps Sanders added 13 points for the

	Snow Canyon	48
	Cedar	41
Cedar	10 8 6 17 - 41	
Snow Canyon	11 8 9 20 - 48	
Cedar - Kee 20, Greene 8, Payne 4, Prisbrey 1, Davis 8. Totals 15 7-10 41. 3-pointers - Kee 2, Greene 2.		
Snow Canyon - Larsen 8, Mackay 8, Kelsch 4, Hamlin 3, Lamoreaux 2, Smith 8, Thompson 15. Totals 16 11-18 48. 3-pointers - Larsen 2, Kelsch 1, Hamlin 1, Thompson 1.		

first quarter. When Ludlow returned in the second, he finished out the Canyon View run with a layup.

In total, 11 different players found their way onto the final stat sheet and seven contributed to the team's nine 3-pointers made.

At halftime, Canyon View presented a check from the Hodson Cancer Classic basketball tournament for \$9,000 to Deidre Heroux. A Cedar City resident, Heroux is battling breast cancer and has begun treatment.

In the Falcons' other game of the week, Felps Sanders had 21 points and Attig added 14 in a 52-44 road win over the Delta Rabbits on Jan. 8. CV led 17-6 after the opening quarter and the lead held fairly steady the rest of the way with the help of eight 3-pointers.

Canyon View played a key road game at



CV boys keep rolling, beat Dinos

Falcons despite picking up his fourth foul in the third quarter. Bubba Ludlow helped out with 9 points after suffering an ankle injury in the

Richfield to finish the first half of Region 12 play Wednesday, and they will return home to host the North Sanpete Hawks on Friday starting at 7 p.m. Across town, the Cedar Reds played a single game last week and came out on the short end of a 48-41 road loss at Snow Canyon on Jan. 8. Hayden Kee led all scorers with 20 points in the low-scoring matchup as the Reds fell to 0-5 in Region 9 and 2-14 overall.

Snow Canyon got 15 points from Isaiah Thompson and led 19-18 at halftime.

Cedar played a home game at the Wolf Den against Hurricane on Monday and will play the Dixie Flyers on Friday night starting at 7 p.m.

	Canyon View	79
	Carbon	37
Carbon	19 7 6 5 - 37	
Canyon View	26 20 13 20 - 79	
Carbon - Carlson 12, Warburton 6, Griffeth 2, C. Mortensen 11, T. Mortensen 6. Totals 16 0-2 37. 3-pointers - Warburton 2, C. Mortensen 3.		
Canyon View - Ludlow 9, Attig 27, Morris 7, F. Sanders 13, Hallows 2, J. Sanders 6, Maine 2, Slack 7, Whittaker 2, Winters 3, Hansen 1. Totals 27 16-23 79. 3-pointers - Ludlow 1, Attig 2, Morris 1, F. Sanders 1, J. Sanders 2, Slack 1, Winters 1.		

PREP SCOREBOARD - WINTER STANDINGS

SCORES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

01/08 Snow Canyon 48, Cedar 41
Crimson Cliffs 48, Desert Hills 41
Pine View 48, Dixie 44

01/10 Dixie 49, Snow Canyon 35
Crimson Cliffs 80, Hurricane 68

Region 12

01/08 Canyon View 52, Delta 44
Emery 62, Carbon 43
North Sanpete 60, Manti 56
Richfield 51, Juab 40

01/10 Canyon View 79, Carbon 37
Richfield 56, Delta 39
Emery 53, North Sanpete 49, OT
Juab 65, Manti 59

Region 18

01/08 Parowan 52, Beaver 48
Kanab 69, Enterprise 50
South Sevier 51, Duchesne 45

01/10 Parowan 57, Gunnison 39
South Sevier 53, Beaver 51
Kanab 89, Water Canyon 20
Enterprise 63, Millard 52

Girls Basketball

Region 9

01/07 Snow Canyon 73, Cedar 40
Dixie 58, Pine View 56
Crimson Cliffs 51, Desert Hills 49

01/09 Cedar 52, Pine View 50
Snow Canyon 71, Dixie 38
Crimson Cliffs 51, Hurricane 41

01/11 Desert Hills 69, Pine View 64, 2 OT

Region 12

01/07 Canyon View 76, Delta 25
Manti 49, North Sanpete 28
Juab 29, Richfield 27
Emery 58, Carbon 38

01/09 Canyon View 62, Carbon 43
Juab 51, Manti 42
Emery 62, North Sanpete 45
Richfield 47, Delta 33

01/11 Carbon 52, Delta 36

Region 18

01/07 Beaver 49, Parowan 10
Kanab 60, Enterprise 43
Millard 60, Water Canyon 35
South Sevier 64, North Sevier 43

01/09 Enterprise 63, Millard 48
Kanab 63, Water Canyon 17
South Sevier 50, Beaver 45

01/11 Beaver 62, Draper APA 42

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Pine View (6)	4-0	11-4
Crimson Cliffs (10)	4-0	10-5
Desert Hills (13)	3-1	9-6
Dixie (5)	2-2	10-5
Hurricane (9)	1-3	7-7
Snow Canyon (21)	1-4	4-12
Cedar (24)	0-5	2-14

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (3)	6-0	11-3
Juab (2)	5-1	12-3
Canyon View (4)	5-1	12-3
Emery (8)	4-2	7-8
North Sanpete (13)	2-4	3-8
Delta (7)	1-5	8-6
Manti (15)	1-5	3-10
Carbon (16)	0-6	3-12

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	5-0	11-3
South Sevier (1)	4-1	13-3
Parowan (14)	2-2	5-10
Beaver (9)	2-3	8-6
Enterprise (6)	2-3	8-8
Millard (20)	1-3	3-9
Water Canyon (16)	0-4	3-6

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	5-0	16-0
Cedar (6)	4-1	9-5
Dixie (5)	2-1	9-5
Crimson Cliffs (16)	2-2	4-8
Desert Hills (12)	1-3	6-6
Hurricane (20)	0-3	3-11
Pine View (13)	0-4	8-7

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	5-1	11-4
Juab (4)	5-1	9-4
Richfield (5)	5-1	9-7
Emery (8)	4-2	7-8
Manti (10)	2-4	6-8
North Sanpete (12)	2-4	5-10
Carbon (15)	1-5	3-12
Delta (14)	0-6	3-9

Region 18

	RE=GION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	5-0	14-1
South Sevier (3)	4-1	13-3
Beaver (6)	3-2	9-4
Enterprise (7)	3-2	7-7
Millard (18)	2-3	4-9
Parowan (21)	0-4	0-14
Water Canyon (13)	0-5	5-7

Falcons soar over Rabbits

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY


The math was simple for Canyon View girls basketball coach Jaycee Barnhurst. Making the extra pass mattered, and the end result left everyone with a feeling of satisfaction.

Maylee Spencer led five players in double figures with 18 points, and the Falcons routed out early on the way to a 76-25 rout over the Delta Rabbits on Jan. 7 at the Nest. CV had a pair of 26-point quarters in the win, including a 26-2 edge after the first.

"I thought we played very good team ball tonight," Barnhurst said. "For the first time this season, I told the kids I wasn't thinking 'gr...make one more pass.' We found the kid that was open at the right time. Teams that can do that consistently find a way to win."

When CV added a 26-point third quarter to its offense, the lead ballooned to 70-22 and set the stage for a running clock in the final period.


Emery Miles added 16 points for CV along with 11 each from Maya Nichols and Payton King, as well as 10 from Bethanee Vargas. Spencer scored 13 of her 18 points in the first half as the Falcons built their big lead.



FALCONS

Canyon View

76



Delta

25

Delta 2 9 11 3 - 25
Canyon View 26 18 26 6 - 76

Delta - Jacobson 3, Johnson 11, Christiansen 11. Totals 10 2-4 25. 3-pointers - Jacobson 1, Johnson 1, Christiansen 1.

Canyon View - Hallows 4, Sorenson 2, Spencer 18, Nichols 11, King 11, Miles 16, Blackner 4, Vargas 10. Totals 33 6-8 76. 3-pointers - Spencer 2, Nichols 1, Vargas 1.

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. True or False: The Detroit Lions and Kansas City Chiefs both finished the NFL regular season with 15-2 records.
2. Where is Super Bowl LIX being played Feb. 9?
3. With the regular season complete, six NFL teams are looking for new head coaches. Name any of the teams.
4. It's a close race between three players, but what Denver Nugget leads the NBA in scoring through Jan. 9 at 31.5 points per game?
5. Colin Sexton of the Utah Jazz is in the top 10 in the NBA in free-throw percentage, ranking 10th. What is Sexton's rate of success when he steps to the line?
6. What Atlanta Hawks point guard hit a half-court shot at the buzzer that beat the Jazz at the Delta Center on Jan. 7? This player's shot came after Sexton had tied the game on a 3-pointer with 4 seconds left.
7. What two schools in the semifinals of the College Football Playoff are from the same conference (Big Ten)?
8. True or False: All four schools in the College Football Playoff semifinals have won at least one national title.
9. He was among the finalists for this year's Heisman Trophy, but what Boise State running back has declared for the 2025 NFL Draft?
10. Mike Knuble may not be a household name in NHL history, but he's been a teammate with two different legends whose careers didn't overlap. Wayne Gretzky was one. What Washington Capitals star – who is still active and chasing Gretzky's record of 894 career goals scored – is the other?

11. The NHL announced it will play outdoor games next season in two Florida cities. Name the cities and the venues where the games will be played.
12. True or False: The Vegas Golden Knights have the NHL's best record through games played Jan. 8.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Texas defeated Arizona State, 39-31, in the Peach Bowl played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.
2. Saquon Barkley.
3. The Lions had seven players selected to the Pro Bowl, but safety Kerby Joseph was not among them despite finishing the regular season with an NFL-best 9 interceptions.
4. True.
5. Daniel Gafford.
6. New Orleans Pelicans.
7. Utah State. The Aggies are 14-1 and ranked No. 25 in the AP poll released Jan. 7.
8. Tennessee (men) and UCLA (women).
9. Bryce James committed to Arizona.
10. The St. Louis Blues beat the Chicago Blackhawks, 6-2 in the Winter Classic.
11. Calgary Flames. As of Jan. 8, the Vancouver Canucks tied the Flames and hold the last of the wild card spots in the Western Conference. Utah trails by just four points (45-41).
12. True. Team USA went on to beat Finland, 4-3 in overtime on Jan. 5 to win the gold medal for the second year in a row.

Never quit on your dreams

While I was talking with my wife a couple of weeks ago, she shared something that gave me reason to pause. One of her friends told her story of taking the online Jeopardy Anytime Test – the first big step toward getting on the show – and how she received a big surprise in her email not long after.

Her test score was good enough and she got an email from the show inviting her to take the next step in the process. When she got the word, she chose not to continue for her own reasons, and that is OK. As someone who was very happy to move forward, hearing the news of my wife's friend made me sad.

I've documented on these pages in the past that Jeopardy is not an easy game to play. It takes a belief, a sense of will, and a lot of courage to try for something like this. Once you pass the Anytime Test and the show reaches out to you in an email, you're on your way toward potentially beating insanelly long odds – longer than getting accepted into Harvard, as Ken Jennings has said to studio audiences often in his role as host – and landing on the Alex Trebek Stage.

Let me explain what's involved in getting on Jeopardy. Passing the Anytime Test is the first of three steps in the process. Part 2 is a basic repeat of Part 1 – another 50-clue test, but proctored live over Zoom – and if you can repeat the excellent performance, you could very well be invited to the last stage.

Part 3 involves speaking to the actual excellent humans who are in charge of choosing the players who will be on the show. Once you get there, you get to share a little bit about yourself and play a mock version of the game. No pressure, no math, just choose categories and dollar amounts, then come up with the right responses for the clues to the best of your ability.

And then, the waiting begins. I'm not sure how much it's changed, but when I was chosen to play on Jeopardy, I was told I could be called any time up to 18 months after the final audition. I did the final audition Aug. 21, 2022 and got the text

message from contestant producer John Barra on April 27, 2023. Tape day came May 16, and you know the rest of the story.

I'm sharing all of this to make a point that can be applied anywhere from trying out for Jeopardy to playing in any varsity sport. NHL legend Wayne Gretzky said it best.

"You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take."

From the day I took the Anytime

test for the first time to when I played Jeopardy in front of a live studio audience on the Alex Trebek Stage, a total of 373 days had passed. The

wait was long, frustrating at times, but so very worth it in the end.

And here's the best part. If you're approved to play on Jeopardy, the minimum amount of money they'll give you is \$2,000 for less than a half-hour's worth of work. Even if you don't win one game or many games, just being there and playing the game is the most gratifying part of the whole experience.

But if you don't take the chance, you'll never get to feel the joy. If you're thinking about trying out for Jeopardy and aren't sure you can pull it off, reach out to me. My email is at the end of this column, and I've been there. Nothing is impossible as long as you believe.

A couple of weird statistical highlights from the high-school hoops week that was. From the Region 9 boys, all three winning teams Jan. 8 scored 48 points (Snow Canyon, Crimson Cliffs and Pine View). Two of the three losing teams scored 41 (Cedar, Desert Hills). Only Dixie spoiled the trifecta by scoring 44 in the loss to the Panthers.

One night later, Region 12 girls hoops had a pair of teams score 62 points in its wins – Canyon View over Carbon (62-43) and Emery over North Sanpete (62-45).

Follow Season 39 Jeopardy alumnus Tom Zulewski on Threads @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

RANDOM thoughts

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Reds girls recover, slip by Panthers



by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

After a bad loss on the home floor earlier in the week, the Cedar girls basketball team knew it needed to summon as much courage as it could in order to rebound. With

Gabby Gomez doing work inside, the Reds survived a third-quarter surge and held on for a key road win.

Gomez led the way with 20 points, and Cedar stayed in control to beat the Pine View Panthers, 52-50, on Jan. 9 at the Pit in St. George. The Reds led

most of the way, but had to answer after the host Panthers cut a nine-point halftime lead to 1 thanks to a 17-9 surge in the third quarter.

“Maybe in the past, we wouldn’t have had the courage to fight back, but we decided that wasn’t going to happen tonight,” Cedar head coach Corry Nielsen said. “We’ve led in every game we’ve played, but

Gomez didn’t make a 3-pointer for the Reds in the game, but was able to get inside often and get to the free-throw line, where she finished 8-for-14.

“Teams have to respect her outside shot,” Nielsen said. “She’s gotten good with the up-fake and getting to the basket.”



In addition to Gomez, Jaylin York added 13 points and Mya Bishoff helped out with 10 for Cedar, who improved to 4-1 in Region 9, 9-5 overall. The Reds added a zone to their defensive game plan against the Panthers, and it helped keep them in front throughout the fourth quarter.

“I don’t think I’ve played zone that much in 25 years of coaching. Never,” Nielsen said. “Sometimes, you gotta change things up.”

Reese Gustin led all scorers for Pine View with 22 points and Morley added 15 – all coming in the second half – in the loss.

The Reds started the week with a 73-40 home loss to the undefeated Snow Canyon Warriors on Jan. 7. Nebraska commit Olivia Hamlin and Joey Jensen led the way for SC with 23 points each as they improved to 16-0 on the season, 5-0 in Region 9.

Cedar had its best quarter in the third, putting up 18 points, but Snow Canyon pulled away with a 22-7 edge on the Reds in the fourth. They will return to play Thursday with a road game at Dixie against the Flyers that starts at 7 p.m.

	Cedar		52		
			50		
Cedar	15	14	9	14	52
Pine View	9	11	17	13	50
<p>Cedar – Nielson 3, York 13, Bishoff 10, Gomez 20, Bromley 4, Esplin 2. Totals 14 18-28 52. 3-pointers – Nielson 1, York 2, Bishoff 1, Gomez 2.</p> <p>Pine View – Gustin 22, Harris 3, Fiefla 2, Evans 7, Morley 15, Falaniko 1. Totals 15 16-27 50. 3-pointers – Gustin 3, Harris 1.</p>					

teams keep coming back on us.”

After trailing 29-20 at the break, Pine View rallied behind Casey Morley’s eight third-quarter points and took a short-lived 33-32 lead, but Cedar was able to respond by going 6-for-8 from the free-throw line to move back in front.

FALCONS

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“At this point in the season, a lot of kids had been sick, and with the turnaround for Thursday, it was probably good for the starters to get some rest (in the fourth quarter),” Barnhurst said.

In total, CV made 33 field goals to Delta’s 10.

The Falcons finished the week with a 62-43 road victory at Carbon on Jan. 9. CV led 11-10 after the opening quarter, but closed the first half by outscoring the Dinos 15-4 and finishing off the win with a 21-5 tear in the fourth quarter. Spencer led the way with 19 points while Nichols, Vargas and Miles added 10 apiece.

With their winning streak at four straight, the Falcons improved to 5-1 in Region 12 and 11-4 overall. Canyon View faced region co-leader Richfield at home Tuesday and will travel to face the North Sanpete Hawks on Thursday night in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

Barnhurst isn’t looking too far ahead with the Juab Wasps also figuring in the region title chase.

“The first goal is always to win the game at hand. For us, the next goal is a region championship, and we’ll dream big after that,” she said.

Canyon View’s **Emery Miles** goes up for a shot past a Delta defender during the Falcons’ game against the Rabbits on Jan. 7. Miles scored 16 points in CV’s 76-25 win.



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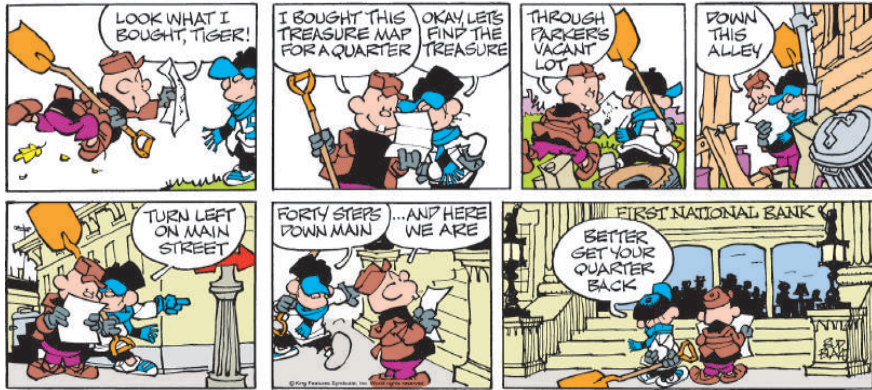
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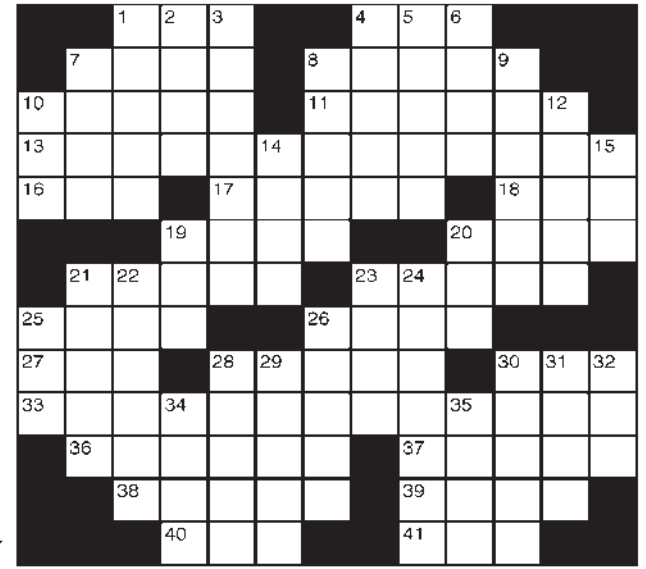
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- 13 Mental agility
- 16 Rds.
- 17 Pitchers
- 18 Stickum
- 19 Unpaid TV ads
- 20 Close
- 21 Revue segments
- 23 Lover's meeting
- 25 Smack a baseball
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Signing need
- 28 "— of One's Own"
- 30 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 33 Burger King, for one
- 36 Kilt pattern
- 37 Lubricated
- 38 Canary snacks



- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky" starter
- 15 Inherited
- 19 Peach center
- 20 Wd. from Roget
- 21 Hard work
- 22 Sunflower State
- 23 Walked (on)
- 24 Date movies, for short
- 25 Beach lotion letters
- 26 Animated figures
- 28 Pursuing
- 29 Highways
- 30 Sasha's sister
- 31 Alliances
- 32 Moreover
- 34 Sloth's home
- 35 Employ

DOWN

- 1 Short skirts
- 2 Grand tale
- 3 Least strong
- 4 Piglike mammal
- 5 Golf clubs
- 6 Beans go-with
- 7 Sulk
- 8 Campfire leftovers
- 9 Hosp. scans
- 10 Triage ctrs.
- 11 Salty expanse
- 12 Mensa stats
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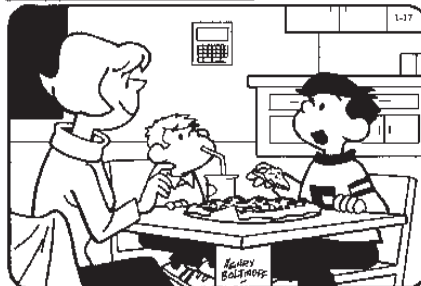
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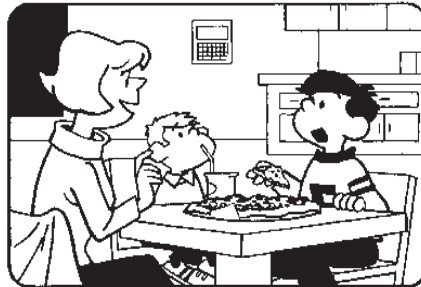
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Answers

King Crossword



1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the smallest continent by area?
2. MOVIES: What is Deadpool's real name in the movie series?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 1 gallon?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the character that Jason Bateman plays in "Ozark"?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the dimple at the bottom of a wine bottle called?
6. U.S. CITIES: Which city also is known as Motown?
7. LITERATURE: The movie "Bridget Jones Diary" is loosely based on which novel?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only big cat that doesn't roar?
9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for fasciculation?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin term "magnum opus" mean?

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Trivia Test Answers:
 1. Australia (Oceania); 2. Wade Wilson; 3. 128; 4. Marty Byrde; 5. Punt; 6. Detroit, Michigan; 7. "Pride and Prejudice"; 8. The cheetah; 9. The cheetah; 10. "Great work"

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