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STORY IN SPORTS

Over 1,000 fish and wildlife illegally killed in Utah in 2024

From Faith Heaton Jolley

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY — A total of 1,007 wild animals and fish were illegally killed and investigated by Utah Division of Law Enforcement conservation officers in Utah in 2024, a slight decrease from the number illegally killed in 2023.

Some of the animals illegally killed included:

- 216 deer, 12 of which were classified as “trophy” animals
- 140 elk, 20 of which were classified as “trophy” animals
- Seven moose
- Four bison

- Five bears
- 12 cougars
- Three bald eagles
- 371 fish

The remaining illegally killed wildlife included small game mammals, waterfowl, raptors, and a variety of other wildlife species.

Here’s a look at the number of animals illegally killed in Utah over the past few years:

- 2023: 1,056 wild animals
- 2022: 1,283 wild animals
- 2021: 1,153 animals
- 2020: 1,079 animals
- 2019: 1,065 animals

A total of 6,436 violations were detected in 2024, and of those, 1,474 citations were issued. Officers contacted more than 32,000 people in 2024.

Last

year, individuals were most often cited for fishing or hunting without a valid license.

In 2024, 46 people had their hunting or fishing privileges suspended in Utah, compared to:

- 46 suspensions in 2023
- 66 suspensions in 2022
- 54 suspensions in 2021
- 35 suspensions in 2020
- 84 suspensions in 2019

Utah is a member state of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. License suspensions in Utah are recognized in all the other states in the U.S., except Hawaii.

“Each animal that is illegally killed in Utah is one less animal for legal hunters, wildlife enthusiasts and everyday residents to enjoy,” Utah Division of Law Enforcement Lt. Casey Mickelsen said. “Poachers steal these precious resources from the law-abiding citizens of our State and hurt our ability to enjoy Utah’s wildlife.”

There are currently five K-9 officers in the DWR that help investigate a variety of wildlife cases. They locate wildlife that were illegally killed, find discarded or hidden evidence and assist with many other tasks. In 2024, DWR’s K-9 officers helped investigate 120 cases throughout the state.

Here are the various ways you can report illegal or suspicious wildlife activities:

- Call the Utah Turn-in-a-Poacher hotline at 800-662-3337. (The UTiP hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is the quickest way to report a wildlife violation.)
- Use the UTDWR Law Enforcement app.
- Text officers at 847411.
- Report online through the DWR website.

The text option was implemented in 2021, and last year, 1,649 tips were either texted to officers through the app or called in through the hotline, many of which resulted in successful investigations and prosecutions of wildlife-related crimes.

“Our officers each patrol roughly 2,000 square miles and can’t be everywhere at once,” Mickelsen said. “We rely heavily on help from the public to catch wildlife violators, and many of our ‘biggest’ cases each year come from tips received from the public. We want to thank those folks that assist us everyday in doing our jobs more effectively by reporting wildlife violations to us. We wouldn’t be as successful in our jobs without you. Please keep your eyes and ears open and report any suspicious wildlife-related activity. Working together, we can enforce wildlife laws to maintain healthy populations, and to also keep those recreating outdoors safe.”

Not all wildlife violations are committed intentionally. To learn about common illegal hunting and fishing mistakes, visit the DWR website.

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Paroled Utah Man Commits New Crime Within Days, Remains Free of Parole Custody

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Utah man with a history of criminal activity dating back nearly two decades was released on parole in December 2024 after serving time in the Utah State Prison.

Five days later, he was arrested for new misdemeanor charges in Iron County.

Despite the new charges, the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole declined to revoke his parole.

Jeffrey Thomas Weber, 47, has a criminal record stretching back to 2006, including multiple felonies and time in the Utah State Prison. His most recent release on parole was short-lived.

Weber was arrested on December 9, 2024, after police responded to reports of a pedestrian walking in the middle of the road and obstructing traffic.

According to court records, Weber was observed jaywalking diagonally through an intersection, causing cars to stop. When police made contact with him, they noted signs of intoxication and erratic behavior.

The arresting officer reported that Weber “displayed paranoid behavior, repeatedly walked in circles, and fidgeted with his fingers.” When questioned, Weber admitted to using methamphetamine the previous night or earlier that morning. Officers determined that his behavior posed a danger to himself and others.

“Due to him walking out into traffic multiple times, even after being told not to, he posed a danger to himself and those around him driving on the road,” the affidavit stated. “Based on his physical symptoms and statements about recent meth use, he showed

signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance to the degree of endangering others.”

A subsequent search of Weber's home, conducted in conjunction with his parole officer, revealed methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in the room he occupies at his mother's house. Officers located a straw with residue and a white crystalline substance on a dresser, which tested positive for methamphetamine using a field test.

As a result, Weber was charged with possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor, possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B misdemeanor, and two infractions including intoxication and failing to yield as a pedestrian.

A History of Criminal Activity

Weber's criminal record shows multiple

convictions for drug-related offenses, robbery and assault. He has spent significant time in and out of prison, with his most recent release occurring on December 4, 2024.

The new charges and alleged parole violation would typically prompt an immediate return to prison while awaiting trial. However, the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole opted not to reincarcerate Weber, a decision that has raised concerns among local officials and community members.

“If a parolee commits new crimes 5 days after being released, I think they should go immediately back to prison,”

said Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson. “It's a concern that they refused to take him. But we will do our job and prosecute him on the new offenses.”

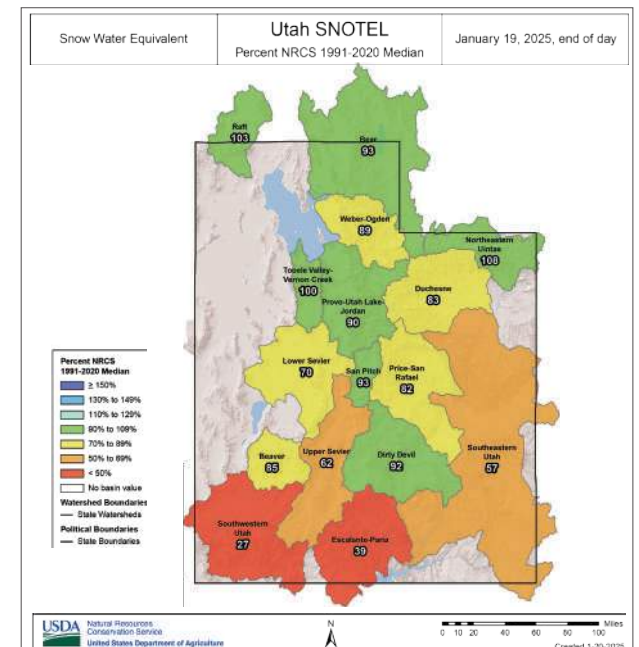
petency evaluation, despite having already entered a plea deal in the case.

The request, filed by his attorney, comes months after the defendant, Joab A. Rubio, was previously deemed competent to stand trial.

Rubio, 48, was arrested on Sept. 28, 2023, on multiple first and second-degree felony charges, including rape of a child, sodomy on a child and sexual abuse of a child, all first and second-degree felonies.

Earlier this year, Rubio reached a plea agreement with the state where he pleaded guilty sodomy of a child, a first-degree felony. The other charges were dismissed as part of the deal. At

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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

CALM WEATHER TO FINISH OFF THE WORK WEEK WITH TEMPERATURES IN THE 40S FOR DAYTIME HIGHS. OVER THE WEEKEND, CLOUD COVER WILL INCREASE AS A WEAK STORM PASSES THROUGH NORTHERN UTAH WITH LITTLE CHANCE OF SNOW IN IRON COUNTY.

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Defendant Requests New Competency Hearing After Plea Deal in Serious Criminal Case

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man charged with serious crimes involving a minor is seeking a new com-

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Last Friday, Iron County suffered a shocking loss. For reasons still not clear four men decided to take the life of a young woman, KayLee Dutton, at only 17

years old. These seemingly random acts of violence that strike communities, especially small ones like our own, take a toll on all of us. It's difficult to understand how something like this can happen in our corner of the world, but I often find that occurrences like this have a habit of bringing people together.

We would like to offer our sincerest condolences and prayers to Kaylee's family and friends at this difficult time. I know our community will rally around her family. Please read Tracie Sullivan's article starting on page 8 to learn more about the details of the case and a GoFundMe setup for the Dutton Family. We'd also like to acknowledge the second victim, whose identity remains undisclosed, a speedy recovery from her injuries and peace in the days and weeks that follow from bearing witness to such an act.

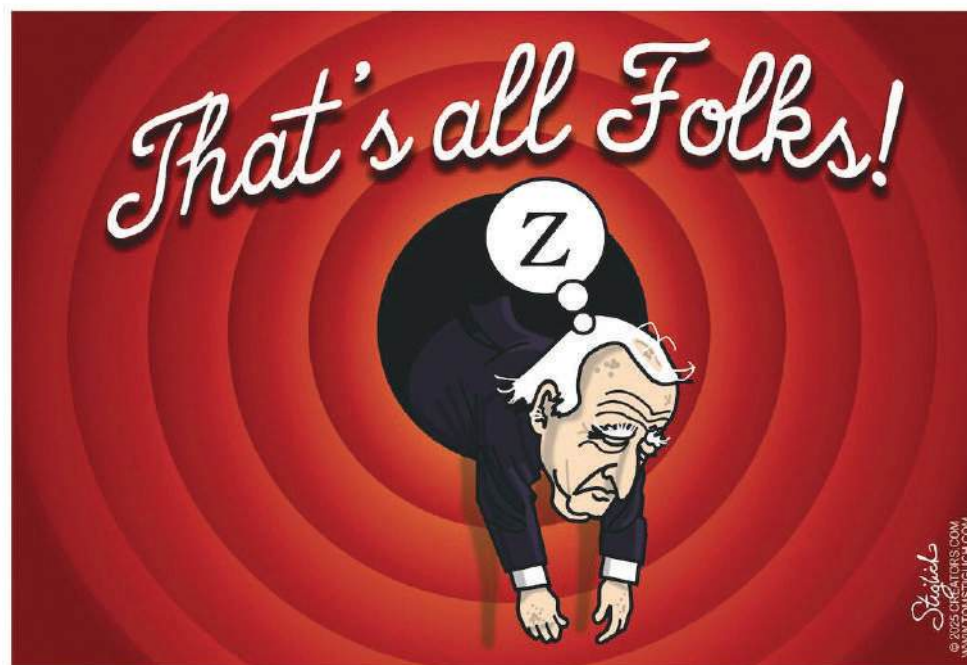
Thank you to our local law enforcement for keeping our community informed and updated as information unfolded in this case. We wish them the best of luck in gathering data in their case. If you have any information about this case you are urged to contact the Iron County Sheriff's Office at 435-867-7500.

WORD OF THE WEEK

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noun

the expression or repetition of conventional or trite opinions or sentiments especially: the insincere use of pious words



Why Now and Why California

by **Edy Meredith**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

We all need to be ready for the unimaginable. If it can happen in California, it could also happen here in Cedar City. In this high elevation desert, water is always a concern. The main differences are our approximately 6,000 feet elevation and Iron County has a much smaller population. However, we still need to be ready with a wildfire "Go Bag". See the following checklist for what that "Go Bag" should include: 1) a 3-day supply of non-perishable food and 3 gallons of water per person; 2) a map with at least 2 evacuation routes; 3) necessary prescriptions or medications; 4) a change of clothes & extra eyeglasses/contact lenses; 5) extra car keys, credit cards, cash, or traveler's checks; 6) a first aid kit & sanitation supplies; 7) a flashlight & battery-powered radio with extra batteries; 8) copies of important documents

(birth certificates, passports, etc.); 9) pet food & water. Always have sturdy shoes and a flashlight near your bed, ready for sudden night evacuations. If that list isn't comprehensive enough, please add the following: valuables that are easy to carry, family photos and irreplaceable items, personal computer and computer data on hard drives, and chargers for cell phones and laptops. For more information, visit www.ready.gov. Always be prepared and remember that human life is more valuable than any possession. Don't let worry about physical possessions rule your life.

Why has this firestorm happened? Many ideas are floating around including the following: 1) Joe Biden's open policy that may have allowed Chinese and/or Russian spy infiltration, 2) mentally disturbed individuals who have admitted to "liking the smell of burning leaves" and have now been arrested for starting small

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Summer friends will melt away like summer snows, but winter friends are friends forever."

-George R.R. Martin

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fires in the last few days, 3) a very dry season over the last year preceded by a very wet season that left foliage drying throughout southern California, 4) teenagers exploding fireworks in a local canyon, and 5) Los Angeles cutting the Fire Department funding. While this last statement has been contested, it is true that the L.A. budget submitted by Mayor Karen Bass in April did seek \$23 million in cuts from the Fire Department on reduced equipment purchases and included a major boost in pay for the city's 3,300 firefighters over four years. Money is always a concern but should not overrule concern for community safety. More questions remain, such as the mayor not being in the U.S. when the fire started, empty reservoirs and broken hydrants that would not work.

As of Thursday, January 16th, 25 people are documented as having died in the fires according to Los Angeles Sheriff Robert Luna while 82,400 are under mandatory evacuation orders with an additional 90,400 under evacuation warning alert. This number of deaths is expected to rise as the fire subsides and cadaver dogs with their handlers search for human remains in the firestorm debris. "The price of liberty and life is eternal vigilance" is a well-known saying that we all need to remember. Mutual aid by Mexico, Canada, and U.S. states (including Utah) is helping. Private donations can be made to secure, vetted, and approved sources at the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority as follows: lahsa.org/news?article=1014-resources-to-support-those-during-the-l-a-fires.

Be a "good Samaritan" (Luke 10:25-37) who helped those he did not know and help your California neighbors.

Why Pete Hegseth — Trump's embattled defense secretary pick — is now closer to being confirmed

"Our military is in need of a change agent who will challenge the status quo," Sen. John Curtis, Utah's newest U.S. senator, said in a statement Wednesday evening.

by Jeff Parrott

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Pete Hegseth, President-elect Donald Trump's embattled nominee to helm the Department of Defense, has the backing of brand new Utah Republican Sen. John Curtis.

Long speculated as a potential GOP holdout, Curtis said Wednesday that he takes the U.S. Senate's role seriously in vetting presidential nominees and that he'd "spent significant time reviewing President Trump's nominees, including his Defense Secretary pick Pete Hegseth."

"While there are actions from his past that give me pause," the new senator said, "I carefully weighed these concerns against his qualifications, leadership style, and commitment to bolstering the world's most respected military. I am confident Mr. Hegseth shares my vision of ensuring our armed services are prepared to meet the evolving challenges of the 21st century."

Whether Hegseth will be confirmed by the narrowly divided Senate has been in question since Trump announced the nomination of the U.S. Army veteran and Fox News host to lead the Pentagon in November.

Hegseth has been accused of sexual assault, although he denies the allegations. Over the last two months, many GOP senators have indicated that allegation, along with other issues raised about Hegseth — including his reported alcohol use and mismanagement of funds at a nonprofit serving veterans, according to The New Yorker — will not stop them from voting to confirm him. Among them is the senior member of Utah's federal delegation, Sen. Mike Lee.

In a post to his personal X account last month, Lee wrote he was, "Looking forward to 'the people's Pentagon' being restored under [Hegseth's] leadership as Secretary of Defense."

Until Wednesday evening, Curtis has been more conservative in his comments about Trump's Cabinet nominees. The freshman senator and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives said he wanted to evaluate each pick for himself and that he expects the president-elect's more controversial nominees may "resolve themselves."



(Kenny Holston | The New York Times) Pete Hegseth, President-elect Donald Trump's pick to lead the Pentagon, speaks during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee at the Capitol in Washington on Tuesday morning, Jan. 14, 2025. Freshman Sen. John Curtis, R-Utah, said Wednesday evening that he would support Hegseth's nomination.

At the Senate Armed Services Committee's confirmation hearing of Hegseth on Tuesday, supportive members of Congress and the nominee dismissed allegations of misconduct as "anonymous smears."

Republican committee member Sen. Joni Ernst, an Iowa National Guard veteran who was also speculated to be a potential holdout, said in a statement after Tuesday's confirmation hearing that she was endorsing Hegseth.

"Our next commander in chief selected Pete Hegseth to serve in this role, and after our conversations, hearing from Iowans, and doing my job as a United States Senator, I will support President Trump's pick for Secretary of Defense," she said.

The full Senate, which includes 53 Republicans, will vote at a yet-to-be-determined time on Hegseth's nomination. With Ernst and Curtis now solidly in the "yea" camp, Hegseth's confirmation appears likely.

In his own endorsement of Hegseth, Curtis said, "Our military is (in) need of a change agent who will challenge the status quo, demand transparency and accountability, and ensure our allies and strategic partners have confidence in America's commitment and capability to stand for freedom," Curtis said Wednesday.

"My role in the Senate's process is to ensure the President has a Cabinet that will help him succeed and serve the nation effectively," he added. "After careful consideration, I have decided to vote in favor of Pete Hegseth's nomination to be Secretary of Defense."

Protecting Utah's Children from Exploitation in the Digital Age

from Aundrea Petersen

UTAH SENATE

Salt Lake City – Sen. McKell, Sen. Cullimore and Rep. Teuscher issued the following statement addressing the dangers of social media platforms and Utah's efforts to safeguard children:

"Recent revelations about TikTok's practices should alarm every parent and policymaker. The platform knowingly allowed minors to access its livestream feature despite ineffective age restrictions, creating an

environment ripe for exploitation. Internal investigations revealed that children were being sexually exploited through transactions involving virtual currency—transactions from which TikTok allegedly profits significantly. This is more than corporate negligence; it is a system that monetizes harm to children.

"Utah has not stood idly by while social media companies exploit children and prioritize profits over safety. We took decisive action to combat this crisis. With skyrocketing rates of youth anxiety, depression and self-harm tied to social media use, our

children's mental health and safety are at stake.

"Utah's response is comprehensive: legislation, litigation and education. Our groundbreaking laws strengthen data privacy and set limits on harmful digital behaviors, empowering parents and holding tech companies accountable. In the courts, we are challenging these platforms to ensure they protect children rather than profit from their exploitation. And through education initiatives like socialharms.utah.gov, we are equipping families with the tools to safeguard their children's mental health and well-being.

"This continues to be a back-and-forth issue at the national level, but here in Utah, we refuse to let it be that way. Every social media company must step up, take responsibility and prioritize protecting our youth."

"Protecting children online requires the combined strength of parents, educators, community leaders and policymakers. Together, we will continue to hold social media companies accountable and create a safer future for our children."

"Utah has long been a leader in defending families, and other states are following our model. This isn't just about policy; it's a shared responsibility."

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Tragic Shooting Incident in Cedar City: Four Arrested in Connection with 17-Year-Old Girl's Death



by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Four suspects have been arrested following the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old girl in Cedar City on January 17. The incident, described by authorities as an unprovoked act of violence, unfolded after authorities responded to reports of gunfire near Midvalley Road and 4300 West.

Deputies responding to the scene around 11 p.m. discovered the victim, 17-year-old KayLee Joan Dutton, in a red pickup truck that had veered off the road and crashed through a fence.

Later, it was learned that the truck had been pursued for several miles by a black Chevrolet Silverado before shots were fired. The teenager, suffering from gunshot wounds, was transported to Cedar City Hospital, where she was pronounced dead shortly after

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arrival.

A juvenile passenger in the vehicle, whose identity has not been released, sustained injuries during the incident that were initially unclear. Sheriff Ken Carpenter later revealed during a Sunday press conference that shrapnel from the gunfire was found embedded in the passenger's knee.

Investigation Leads to Arrests

Following the shooting, investigators focused their attention on a townhome complex off Lund Highway, where a vehicle matching the suspect's description was located.

Deputies observed a man leaving the complex and approaching the truck, believed to be the registered owner. He was detained for questioning, along with two roommates who were at the scene. A fourth suspect was located later at his workplace.

During interviews, Michael E. Hess-Witucki, 23, allegedly admitted to driving the vehicle, while Ethan A. Galloway, 23, confessed to being the shooter.

Two additional suspects, Aldric S. Felipe, 21, and Matthew D. Sorber-Petrie, 22, acknowledged providing material support.

Details of the Incident

Court documents filed in 5th District Court in support of the arrests state that Hess-Witucki and Galloway told police they believed the victim's red pickup truck had been stalking them.

Acting on this misperception, the suspects pursued the vehicle after seeing it in their complex. Investigators, however, said the victim and her passenger had no prior connection to the suspects and were in the area for unrelated reasons. The affidavit further noted that there was no evidence to

support the suspects' claims.

The suspects' vehicle caught up to the victim's at approximately 10:40 p.m., and Galloway fired 12 rounds into the truck. The victim, struck multiple times, lost control of her vehicle, which came to rest 100 feet off the road.

Carpenter confirmed during the press conference that a .223-caliber firearm was used in the shooting. Shell casings recovered at the scene matched the ammunition found at the suspects' residence. Additional firearms seized from the home included:

- Two AR-15 platforms
- A shotgun
- A .308 rifle
- A .22 revolver.

Witnesses and surveillance footage corroborated the events leading up to the shooting. Additionally, the investigation revealed efforts by the suspects to obstruct justice, including removing spent shell casings from their vehicle and hiding them in a container at the residence.

Charges Filed

The Iron County Attorney's Office has charged the suspects as follows:

- **Michael E. Hess-Witucki:** One count of murder (1st Degree Felony), 12 counts of felony discharge of a firearm causing serious bodily injury (1st Degree Felony), obstruction of justice (2nd Degree Felony), possession of a controlled substance (Class B Misdemeanor), and possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person (3rd Degree Felony).
- **Ethan A. Galloway:** One count of murder (1st Degree Felony), 12 counts of felony discharge of a firearm causing serious bodily injury (1st Degree Felony), obstruction of justice (2nd Degree Felony), possession of a controlled substance (Class B Misdemeanor), and possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person (3rd Degree Felony).
- **Aldric S. Felipe:** Obstruction of justice (2nd Degree Felony), restricted person firearm transaction (3rd Degree Felony), and possession of a controlled substance Schedule I/II analog (Class A Misdemeanor).
- **Matthew D. Sorber-Petrie:** Obstruction of justice (2nd Degree Felony), restricted

person firearm transaction (3rd Degree Felony), and possession of a controlled substance Schedule I/II analog (Class A Misdemeanor).

Community Support and Ongoing Investigation

Authorities credited the swift resolution of the case to a combination of community cooperation and diligent investigative work. Witnesses came forward with critical information, while surveillance footage from homes and businesses provided key evidence in identifying the suspects.

"The community played a vital role in helping us solve this case. Without their input, this resolution might have taken much longer," Carpenter said during Sunday's press conference.

He also commended the efforts of deputies and investigators, emphasizing the importance of their collaboration with the community.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with additional information is urged to contact the Iron County Sheriff's Office at 435-867-7500 or Cedar Dispatch's non-emergency line at 435-586-9445.

A GoFundMe campaign has been set up to assist the family of KayLee Joan Dutton with funeral expenses and other costs associated with her unexpected loss. Donations can be made at <https://gofund.me/4acdffb1>.

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Iron County
Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Iron County Commission met on January 13, 2025.

Commissioner Cozzens was unanimously appointed as the 2025 Commission Chair. The commission approved minutes from December 9, 2024, and authorized claims from December 9 to January 12, 2025.

The county attorney conducted open meetings law training, covering transparency, closed sessions, notice requirements, minute recordings, emergency meetings, ex parte communication, and conflict of interest guidelines.

During reports, commissioners discussed planning and zoning meetings, a BZI meeting, the Council of Governments, the governor’s inauguration, behavioral health finances, and a railroad crossing project near the jail. The meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m.

The Iron County Commission discussed two main agenda items at their 10:00 AM meeting.

Easement Vacation Request: The commission reviewed a request to vacate easements on a 1.8-acre parcel at 487 East City View Drive in Parowan, Utah. After input from the property owner and Parowan City Manager, the commission directed staff to draft an ordinance to vacate only the City View Drive portion affecting two properties.

Zone Change Proposal: A proposed zone change for 19.22 acres near 4800-4950 North and 2700 West in Cedar City was delayed until February. The delay allows for planning adjustments to ordinance restrictions on R4K zoning, including cluster and separation limits.

Public comments raised concerns about high-density housing’s impact on the rural area, including pollution, traffic, and infrastructure. The commission tabled the item for their February 10 meeting, with the Planning

Commission set to review it on February 6.

The meeting addressed proposed county ordinance 2025-1, focusing on allowing small contractor shops and caretaker dwellings in commercial and industrial zones. A key aspect is expanding the current "expanded home occupation" policy to permit small contractor shops in residential zones (R2, R5, and RA20), which are currently limited to A20 zones.

This change aims to support startup businesses and smaller contractor operations in residential areas. The ordinance includes specific limitations: Vehicle limits by zone, no on-street or front-yard parking, equipment must be screened, work primarily conducted at job sites, all vehicles must be operational. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

During the public hearing, residents raised concerns about: Increased traffic, light pollution, and road maintenance, differences between personal and commercial equipment use, businesses impacting residential neighborhoods, weak enforcement of existing regulations. Some requested delaying the decision for more community feedback.

The Commission handled several personnel matters, beginning with the approval of Michael Edwards as a contracted Justice Court attorney starting January 16, 2025. This was described as a short-term solution to provide immediate relief while the county works to fill a permanent position.

The Commission then approved multiple staffing changes, including:

- A new part-time auditor (Taylor Lawrence)
- A part-time assistant cook for Council on Aging (Malia Larson)
- Two new road maintenance workers (Zachary Ford and Eli Bradshaw)
- A promotion to Master Mechanic (Dean Lane)
- Two new landfill technicians (Shan Dunfey and Nicholas Stones)
- Several promotions within the landfill department (Greg Myers and Cody Christensen)

- Two promotions in Corrections (Ashley Ward and Christopher Carl)
- Approval of bilingual pay for Caitlyn Lacy for Spanish communication with inmates
- A new part-time bailiff (Blake Matthews)

The Commission approved updates to the 2025 per diem and mileage rates to match Utah’s state rates: Employees using personal vehicles when county vehicles are available assume full liability for incidents.

The Commission also reappointed Tyler Allred, David Harris, and Tyler Melling to the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District board. Further board assignments were postponed due to a lengthy agenda.

Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Council meeting was held on January 15, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Several staffing updates were announced: Kenny Simmons, is now Cemetery Sexton. Matt Baker, is the new Water Superintendent. The Police Department introduced three officers: Colby Karns, Trent Price, and Nick Alled.

The Police Department presented life-saving awards: Officer Ben Peterson was honored for reviving an unconscious person on October 21, 2024. Six officers—Corporal Condi and Officers Barrett, Bowler, Hatch, McKarn, and White—were recognized for saving an unconscious driver after a December 7th car accident.

Fire Chief Phillips reported on Cedar City’s assistance with the California fires, noting that Engine 12 and a crew of three were deployed to the Palisades fire, working 24-hour shifts and expected to remain for up to 14 days.

Mayor Green voiced concerns about water infrastructure, requesting a report on well generator backups and portable generator options for power outages. The meeting

addressed housekeeping items, including rearranging the agenda, noting Councilmen Riddle’s excused absence, and briefly discussing the Youth City Council’s Salt Lake City trip and road striping issues on Lund Highway.

The council addressed several items:

- Approved an easement for Nathan. Blocker’s private well on city property for a minimum \$668.91 after correcting a calculation error.
- Approved a zone change to R1 (single dwelling unit) and an amendment to the Trails master plan near 1200 North 3900 West, clarifying that future development could still include higher-density options as outlined in the original plan.
- Airport Manager Tyler reported a \$3,540 refund from a deductive change order for the ARFF apparatus project, with foam costs covered administratively, requiring no council approval.
- The council approved cemetery plot pricing amendments in the Consolidated Fee Schedule. Discussions covered stacked vaults and ashes interment policies, with the parks department to provide more details on plot sales under the new pricing.
- The council prioritized North Watershed well testing: Well #1 first, then Well #6, followed by either Well #2 or #4 based on results. Due to a 6-8 week BLM approval process, they opted to wait despite a drilling contract valid through April 1st.

They also reviewed an ordinance on statues and monuments, adding a 10-year window and clarifying placement authority. While supported by the Historic Preservation Commission, concerns about decommissioning artwork arose. The item was tabled for further discussion on historical significance criteria.

The meeting concluded with a motion to move into 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.

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Utah Water Conditions Update

from Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY (Jan. 16, 2025) – Northern Utah has experienced near-normal precipitation, although much of it has been in the form of rain rather than snow, which could affect water storage for the spring melt. In southern Utah, however, snowpack remains 27-64% of normal for this time of year, continuing dry conditions in that region.

“We’re encouraged to see most reservoirs at or above normal levels for this time of year, even in areas with below-normal snowpack,”

Candice Hasenyager, director of the Division of Water Resources, said.

“The dry soil moisture in southern Utah combined with below-normal snowpack could pose challenges for water availability in certain basins.”

According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s January Report, almost no measurable snow fell in southwestern Utah during December, and the regional snow water equivalent was consequently some of the

lowest of all observations.

Reservoirs are at 77% of capacity, offering some reassurance to water users. This is 20% higher than is typical for this time of year and a testament to the carryover storage from the last two years of above-normal snowpack.

The Colorado Basin River Forecast Center models how much water supply is anticipated based on soil moisture and snowpack. The majority of water supply forecasts fall in the 70-90% of average range. In southern Utah those forecasts are in the 40% of average range.

“Every drop saved today contributes to a more resilient water supply tomorrow,” Hasenyager said. “Runoff efficiency will depend on weather

conditions, but we all have a role to play in protecting this precious resource.”

In Utah, about 95% of our water supply comes from snowpack. Reservoir storage helps us preserve that water for use in dry summer months and drought years. To encourage water conservation among Utahns, the Department of Natural Resources continues to promote initiatives such as the Agricultural Water Optimization Program for farmers and SlowtheFlow.org for residents. These programs aim to educate and incentivize water-saving practices, ensuring Utahns become more drought-resilient and prepare for future conditions. Many indoor water-saving tips are available on the Slow the Flow website.



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BZI, A Leading Construction and Steel Company,

Celebrates 2024 as Another Outstanding Year in Production and Installation Performance, Industry Recognition and Customer Acquisition

BZI commemorates the year with team members, customers, partners and community at its annual January Connect Conference in St. George, Utah

from Kayla McFarland
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

KANARRAVILLE,
UT (January 16, 2024)

– BZI® (bzi.com), a top steel and construction

company nationally recognized for transformative innovations in its industries, celebrated 2024 as another outstanding year in performance, customer acquisition, and industry awards and accolades. BZI expanded its operations into new areas of construction, including data centers, manufacturing facilities for batteries, microchips, electric vehicles, and food and beverage. BZI's safety rating also continues to far exceed industry averages, with an EMR of 0.48. The company commemorated its progress and plans with team members, partners and customers at its annual "Connect Conference" in St. George, Utah earlier this month.

"Our culture of 'Teamwork, Innovation and Action' accomplished through trust, respect and integrity is the driver of our success," said James Barlow, CEO of BZI. "Our accomplishments and industry endorsements are the result of the commitment, ethics and hard work our team members bring to the job every day. We look forward to sharing more significant company advancements and industry innovations in 2025."

BZI partners and fellow industry leaders agree that BZI's performance is impressive and signifies meaningful contributions to the industries the company serves. "As a vendor partner we have been astonished on how rapidly BZI continues to grow. As a result, we have also become more focused on ensuring we are a great partner, and value their contributions to the construction industry," said Joe Calsada, National Accounts, Nucor Insulated Panel Group, who attended the BZI Connect Conference in January. "The construction industry has found it easy to embrace BZI's approach to construction particularly with the ongoing growth of complexity and difficulties when constructing large scale facilities all over the country. Construction is increasingly becoming both costly and time consuming; so being able to provide steel erection methods that alleviate scheduling and budgets is extremely valuable for project owners."

"Our companies have worked well together on

various projects and have benefited from BZI's unique & innovative practices," added Calsada.

BZI 2024 Growth, Performance and Milestones:

BZI saw production and performance exceed expectations once again across its entire group of companies and affiliates:

• **Field Ops — Steel Erection**

- ◆ 83,036 tons erected steel
- ◆ 19,281,899 sq ft erected steel
- ◆ 43 completed projects

• **Field Ops - Walls**

- ◆ 1,414 installed concrete panels/walls
- ◆ 543,130 sq ft installed IMP walls

• **SteelTech Academy**

- 3,443 Certifications
- 32,583 Student Contact Hours

• **Innovatech LLC**

- Beam Champ® 30 launch
- Trackzilla launch

• **BZI Innovation Park, LLC**

- Highlights about Nautilus One building
- Inc. Best in Business 2024 for Construction

• **RailSync, LLC**

- 236 rail cars delivered
- 20,496 tons of materials handled

• **Team Members**

- 217 new employees onboarded
- 97% team member retention

The company's safety performance continues



to exceed industry averages with its TRIR: 2.37 and EMR: 0.48.

BZI received numerous awards in 2024, highlighting that the industry, its communities, and national organizations endorse the company's performance and approach to business:

- ✓ Inc. Best in Business 2024 for Construction: BZI Innovation Park
- ✓ USA Today's Top Workplaces (second year in a row)
- ✓ Utah Business Fast 50 (#12 ranking)
- ✓ Top Workplaces Construction Industry Award
- ✓ Salt Lake City Tribune Top Workplaces for two years (#5 ranking in 2024)
- ✓ One Utah Summit "Rural Rockstar" Award presented by Utah Governor Cox
- ✓ Best Employer by Cedar City Chamber
- ✓ Cedar City Best CEO 2024
- ✓ Trade Partner in Safety Excellence (Layton Construction)

For more information about BZI, visit bzi.com, email office@bzi.com, or call 888.509.2280.

CRIMINAL CASE

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that time he was set to proceed toward sentencing.

Following the plea deal, Rubio's attorney

requested a competency hearing, which later found him fit to face legal proceedings. He was scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 14, but is now asking for another competency evaluation.

Iron County Prosecutor Chad Dotson said Rubio's new attorney is reviewing the case.

Court documents indicate that Rubio's original charges stem from allegations involving a position of trust between him and the alleged victim. Given the nature of the case and out of respect for those involved, specific details of the allegations are not being disclosed.

Investigators, however, cited substantial evidence in the affidavit to support the charges.

If the new attorney requests and receives approval for another competency evaluation, it could postpone further court proceedings, including sentencing.

Competency hearings are designed to assess whether a defendant can understand the charges against them and assist in their defense. Under Utah law, if a defendant is found incompetent, they may be referred to a treatment facility until they are deemed fit to proceed.

CRISIS TEAM

AVAILABLE FOR TRAGIC DEATH OF FORMER STUDENT

from Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

We are shocked and saddened by the news of the sudden and tragic death of one of our former students. Our thoughts and condolences are with her family and friends. This is an incredibly difficult time for everyone in our community as more is learned about Friday night's events.

On Tuesday [January 21st], when students return to school, additional school counselors and therapists will be available at Parowan High School and Canyon View High School. They will be available throughout the day to give support and comfort to students and staff struggling with this difficult news.

SafeUT is also a good available resource for crisis intervention for students, parents/guardians and educators. Anyone can access those resources through safeut.org or call 833-372-3388.

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FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar Valley Community
Theatre presents Disney's
hit musical comedy,
Freaky Friday!

In a twist of fate, Katherine and Ellie find that they've swapped bodies — and with it, swapped lives. Katherine, an organized, no-nonsense mother, must navigate the chaotic world of high school, while Ellie, a rebellious and impulsive teen, has to deal with her mother's meticulously planned routine. With just 24 hours to solve the mystery of how to reverse the spell, the two must masquerade as

each other, facing challenges they never expected.

Throughout their humorous and enlightening journey, both Katherine and Ellie begin to understand the complexities of each other's worlds. Katherine learns the joys and frustrations of adolescence, while Ellie discovers the pressures of adulthood and parenting. By the end of the day, each will come to appreciate the other in ways they never could have imagined, realizing that the bond between mother and daughter is deeper and more resilient than they thought.

Freaky Friday is a joyous exploration of the transformative power of love and the strength of family. This musical blends hilarious comedy, heartwarming songs, and indelible life lessons into an unforgettable story that will resonate with audiences of all ages.

Organization: Cedar Valley Community Theatre**Title:** Freaky Friday**Book, Music & Lyrics:** Bridget Carpenter, Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey**Location:** Heritage Center Theater, 105 N 100 E, Cedar City**Dates:** Jan 24-Feb 1**Times:** Shows at 7:30pm.**Tickets: General Admission:** \$15. Discount Admission (seniors, students with ID, children 12 and under): \$10. Tickets may be purchased at Heritage Center Box Office or our website www.cvct.online.



FREAKY FRIDAY

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About Cedar Valley Community Theatre

The Cedar Valley Community Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, founded in January 2012. The theatre was organized to bring together people from a variety of backgrounds in the Cedar City area, and to provide a vibrant theatre culture for all community members. The theatre produces two musicals each year in the beautiful Heritage Center Theater. Open auditions are held for each show, and all community members are welcome to audition regardless of their prior experience. Ticket prices are kept low so that shows are affordable and accessible to all.



No More "Secret Concerts" Please

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Audiences matter. Musicians, dancers, and actors work for months to prepare a performance and they want to share it with the audience. That means we have to let patrons know about the performance in advance. The collective energy of an audience is the essential ingredient that enlivens the performance.

The tried and true method is to tell family and friends. Word of mouth is always the most effective method of communication. Don't be shy. Let them know. If they can't attend, at least they have been informed.

As modern life has become a cacophony of distractions it becomes increasingly difficult to capture the attention of the potential audience and connect them with performances. Years ago all we did was put up a few posters, submit a radio public service announcement, and publish an article in the Iron County Record. Now we use this newspaper, social media, email newsletters, and more to connect. In my university public relations classes I learned that many people need to see the information ten times before they click in and get the event on their calendar.

For the Iron County Today Calendar, plan ahead and submit two weeks before the event with a clear description of the basics: who, what, when, where, and how. If you submit a story about how your event went it helps to have a high resolution photo. Up to three people is usually better than a big group so you can see faces clearly. Remember to identify the people in the photo. Submit to news@ironcountytoday.com. Ads in the newspaper can also be very helpful and will need to be purchased if you want to write a story advertising your event. You are invited to submit art event

posters and a brief description for our monthly arts newsletter. Send to cedarcityartscouncil@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for the next month's newsletter. This monthly newsletter is available by email to members of the Cedar

City Arts Council and you can subscribe directly at the bottom of the newsletter pinned to our Facebook page. Concerts, exhibits, plays, and other arts events are in the newsletter so we can avoid the unfortunate comment, "Wow, I heard your performance was great and I am sorry I didn't know about it."

With the changes in social media some people are abandoning the platforms. Instead, please take the time to block and delete what you don't want so your feeds are more suited to what you want to know about and you can skip most of the nonsense.

Sometimes the performers put so much effort into the rehearsals that they forget to publicize the event. You can also post directly to our social media at CedarCityArts so we can share the joy.

For more details on publicity go to my blog at <https://sarapenny.blogspot.com/2020/02/no-more-secret-concerts-how-to-connect.html>. The link is also posted on the Arts Council Facebook page under events.

Overall, remember that people appreciate being notified of concerts. It is their choice whether to attend, but there is no choice if they don't even know about it. All of this work is also a way to let the participants know that their artistic work matters and you appreciate their effort. Everyone likes to be thanked and seeing their photo in the newspaper or on other communications helps motivate performers to achieve a higher level of commitment and work. Please help us to have "No More Secret Concerts". Let your audience know so they can support your efforts.



history

Remember the
USS Pueblo

by Michael Joyner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

U.S.-North Korea relations have been in the news occasionally in recent years. While most Americans are aware of that country's ongoing efforts to develop nuclear weapons, many are not aware that North Korea has been a bully and tested the patience of the United States for decades. U.S. negotiators have focused on de-nuclearization, joint military exercises and the return of the remains of U.S. soldiers from the Korean War. Another item that should be demanded is the return of the USS Pueblo, a non-combatant vessel that was illegally captured by North Korea more than fifty years ago. In January of 1968, the USS Pueblo was sent on an intelligence collection mission off the coast of North Korea. A former WW II supply ship, refurbished and modified for its new purpose, Pueblo would officially serve as an oceanographic research vessel, but its decks were covered with antennae, and a secret room was added, filled with listening gear. The crew of 83 included two civilian oceanographers and two U.S. Marine linguists. The Navy had originally planned to send Pueblo out unarmed in keeping with its oceanographic research cover, and because the ship would be operating in international waters. But in 1967, after another spy ship was attacked during the Six Day War, the Navy ordered large cannons installed on the Pueblo's decks. CDR Lloyd Bucher, Pueblo's commanding officer, thought those guns were too big and heavy and substituted two .50-caliber machine guns. CDR Bucher's superiors directed that the guns be covered with canvas that was often glazed with sheets of ice in the winter. Bucher knew the guns would be useless in an emergency, but because of the peaceful nature of the ship's mission, he and his superiors could not imagine needing them.



AGER 2

USS Pueblo crew
(January 1969)

Pueblo's mission was uneventful until Jan. 21, when two North Korean fishing boats approached, passing within 20 yards. Two days later, a heavily armed submarine chaser arrived and began circling. The sub chaser hoisted a signal flag that said, "Heave to or I will fire," despite the fact that the Pueblo already was stopped. Soon three torpedo boats arrived and the Pueblo was surrounded by hostile vessels with guns manned. Two fighter jets swooped low over the ship. Although the Pueblo was operating legally in international waters, Bucher decided it was time to move farther out to sea. Suddenly machine-guns opened fire and several men, including Bucher, suffered shrapnel wounds. Bucher gave the order to begin destroying documents and equipment. Surrounded by heavily armed

boats, fighter jets overhead, no way to scuttle his ship, and his two guns under iced-over canvas, Bucher decided to follow the North Koreans to shore, moving as slowly as possible. The North Koreans then started firing their cannons. Several men were wounded, and one later died. Because he had been assured that air support would be provided in times of danger, Bucher expected U.S. fighters to swoop down at any moment and blow away his attackers. As time passed, that hope died. Four American aircraft carriers steamed within an hour's flying time, but the Navy never sent any assistance. The Air Force scrambled jets from Okinawa, but they were too far away to help. Bucher ordered the ship to continue to move ahead slowly. Then one of the patrol boats pulled in front and raised a flag ordering Pueblo to stop. Bucher complied, and told the crew to prepare for a boarding party. North Korean troops boarded and demanded at gunpoint that Bucher escort them around the ship.

After the capture, the North Koreans broke down almost every man on the ship during the first weeks of captivity. They ignored the Geneva Convention and treated the crew as criminals. The men held out as long as they could against beatings and other torture. Eventually, the efforts of their captors wore the men down, and they signed confessions. In December, after almost a year of captivity, the crew were released and taken to San Diego.

The USS Pueblo was the first Navy ship in more

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USS Pueblo
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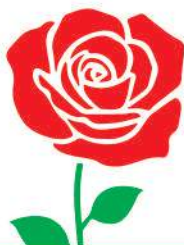


The Come, Follow Me statue is placed in the northwest quadrant of Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 16, 2024.



MAN seeking a FEMALE relationship.

I'm Dennis, a 73 year old man, on a heartfelt search for a lasting connection filled with trust, companionship, and love with a special woman. I hope to find a life partner and a best friend, someone with whom I can share the remainder of my years. Life is meant to be lived to the fullest, hand in hand with someone you truly care about. If you're interested in embarking on this journey with me, take the courage to drop me a message to know about you at oceandeeep158@gmail.com. I'm open to connecting with someone between the ages of 56 and 78, though I truly believe age is just a number.



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Temple Square Renovation Update: January 2025

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

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Salt Lake Temple renovation project recently hit another milestone with the completion of vertical coring. This monumental three-year process (the most extensive single activity on-site to date) entailed drilling 46 holes through its granite-like (quartz monzonite) stone walls, from the tops of each corner of its six towers to the new upper foundations over which the sacred structure now rests. Hollow, diamond-edged drill bits were attached to hollow drill rods five feet long and about two and a half inches in diameter. The

drill rods were threaded and connected to form what are called drill strings. Through innovative engineering, the holes were kept within a parameter of three-eighths of an inch of the entire average cored depth of 150 feet. Four drills were placed by crane at the top of the temple towers to perform this feat. This process cut more than two and half miles of stone cores. The holes were reamed and now house bundles of post-tension cables, part of the temple's seismic upgrade base isolation system. The steel cables are attached to reinforced steel structures in the towers and roof, threaded through the temple exterior walls and attached to its new foundation,

Vertical coring, a crucial phase of the seismic upgrade, is complete and new Come, Follow Me statue has been placed

then tightened to half a million pounds. The tension compresses the historic structure to withstand high-magnitude earthquakes. The seismic work will continue through the first quarter with continued tensioning of seismic systems in the historic temple. In this quarter, most of the underground reinforced concrete structures for the addition around the sacred structure will be completed. Visitors may now see a new statue installed on Temple Square. The Come, Follow Me statue, located north of the Tabernacle, now joins the First Vision statue, which was added in November 2024. Created

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TEMPLE SQUARE

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by Ben Hammond, the two personages with Christ are His disciples of whom He is calling to abandon their pursuits as fishermen and follow Him.

More sculptures depicting the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the restored gospel will be placed around Temple Square in 2025 and 2026.

Finish work is underway in the basement level of the expanded north addition.

Crews are also beginning to wrap up construction in the two baptistries, baptism chapel, celestial rooms and sealing rooms. The underground addition to the temple has an additional 100,000 square feet. The temple will have two baptistries instead of one and 22 sealing rooms (where marriages occur), up from 13. It will also have five instruction rooms with increased seating space.

At the west entry pavilion on North Temple Street, stone cladding work is being installed. Much of Temple Square is open to the public. Patrons can view the construction progress on the Salt Lake Temple from the Main Street Plaza and Conference Center. Surrounding buildings on Temple Square remain open such as the Conference Center, Church History Museum, Tabernacle, Church History Library and Family Search Library. For more information on building hours, visit TempleSquare.org.

Finish work being done inside a sealing room in the north addition of the Salt Lake Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday, December 16, 2024.



calendar

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.

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 24

FREAKY FRIDAY THE MUSICAL (7:30PM) PRESENTED BY THE
Cedar Valley Community Theater on Jan. 24, 25, 27, 30, 30 & Feb. 1 @ Heritage Center Theater, 105 N 100 E, Cedar City. \$15. Discount Admission (seniors, students with ID, children 12 and under): \$10. Tickets may be purchased at Heritage Center Box Office or our website www.cvct.online.

IRON COUNTY YETI HOCKEY GAME (6:45PM) ICE HOCKEY HOME
Game (Beat Cancer Night) held at KJ's Ice Barn (2550 E Pinnacle Way, Enoch). Tickets are \$10. KJ's Ice Barn is pleased to partner with the Brave Ribbon Foundation raising awareness and supporting local families that are battling cancer.

AQUATIC CENTER CLOSED - CEDAR CITY SWIM MEET WILL BE
held in the Cedar City Aquatic Center (2090 W Royal Hunte Dr, Cedar City). The Aquatic Center will be closed all day Friday, January 24th.

SAT, JAN 25

IRON COUNTY YETI HOCKEY GAME (2PM) ICE HOCKEY HOME
Game (SUI vs Riverton) held at KJ's Ice Barn (2550 E Pinnacle Way, Enoch). Tickets are FREE. Everyone is invited to come and cheer on the local high school hockey kids!
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MON, JAN 27

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM) @ CEDAR CITY
Library, 303 N 100 E. Come learn and do easy Ancient Judeo-Christian Dances. No cost. Info @ (702)460-2317."

CREATIVE AGING WORKSHOP (1PM) AN EIGHT WEEK COURSE TO
develop creativity for those 55+. Beginning Monday, January 27 Johnson Arts Center, 59 N 100 W. No cost, funded by Utah Division of Arts and Museums. Entitled "The Art of Making Music and Motion". Info at (702)460-2317.

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 herea: https://www.chamberorganizer.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=487639&org_id=CEDR.

THURS, JAN 30

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 herea: 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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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.

Want your event on our calendar?

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

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

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

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Tris Colman (802) 268-4287.

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

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

Elks Lodge #1556

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

Lion's Club

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

Marine Corps League

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

Rotary Club

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

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

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

Red Creek Group • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)
Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

1st Wed, 7 pm • Parowan Seminary building, Main & 300 N, Parowan
Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

Caregivers

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

Celebrate Recovery 12-Step

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm
Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

It Works - How and Why • Thurs, 7:30-8:30 pm
Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm
Candle Light Mtg • Sat, 9:30 pm (Sm rm)
Women Only • Sun, 11 am
Dopeless Hope Fiends • Sun, 8 pm • Mtg Hall, 1067 S Main, Cedar (877) 865-5890

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

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

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

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widows Ministry

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Boy Scout Troop 1848

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

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

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

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

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

Cedar City ESL

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

Cedar City Toastmasters

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

Cedar City Unitarian Universalists

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

Cedar Professionals

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

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Community Band

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

Cub Scout Pack 1848

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

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

Iron County Moms For America

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

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

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

Parkrun

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

Parowan Pickleball

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

PB&J Therapy Groups

These two groups teach skills for different areas of life by utilizing recreational activities and engaging in other forms of expressing emotions. INFO: 435-267-4212.
College: forms.gle/SmGytCfVq1tS2pB7
Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

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

TOPS–Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

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.

Eleen Davenport Robinson



Eleen Davenport Robinson, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother, was born January 19, 1931, in Parowan, Utah, to Thomas and Pearl Davenport. She passed away four days before her 94th birthday on January 15, 2025, at her home in Parowan, surrounded by her family.

Except for a short time after she was married, Eleen spent her entire life growing up and raising her own family in Parowan. She married her high school sweetheart, Clair Dahl

Robinson (Tuffy), on August 5, 1949, in the Logan, Utah, LDS temple. They were blessed with seven children. Clair passed away December 14, 1989. Eleen devoted the rest of her life to her home, her garden, and, most importantly, to her family of 32 grandchildren, 105 great grandchildren, and 19 great-great grandchildren.

Eleen was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She had a strong testimony of her Savior, Jesus Christ, and exemplified that to her children. During her life she served in various callings.

Gardening was Eleen's passion. She spent many hours working in her yard. You could find her there early in the mornings and late in the evenings. Following the paths in her garden led you to many different, beautiful flowers and trees. It always smelled like spring. Eleen cared for her yard and garden until close to her death.

Later in her life she enjoyed traveling with her sisters. They traveled the world from Europe, Asia, Middle East, and South America.

Eleen is survived by five of her children: Jerry Robinson (Sherry), Kathy Adams (Eugene), Larry Robinson (Kristen), Thomas Robinson (Lucille), and Sharron Tullis (Russell) all of Parowan, Utah; son-in-law, Wayne Rowley, Paragonah, Utah, and daughter-in-law, Angie Robinson, Page, Arizona; 29 grandchildren, 105 great grandchildren, and 18 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clair Dahl Robinson; her parents, Thomas and Pearl Davenport; her brother, Claud Davenport; her sisters, Alda Clark, Greta Wood, and Betty Davenport; daughter, Nancy Rowley, and son Douglas Robinson; three grandsons, Lance Robinson, Kyle Adams, and Jace Tullis; and one great-great granddaughter, Evelyn Lorange.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 11:00 am in the Parowan Stake Center (90 S. Main, Parowan, Utah). Viewing will be held Wednesday evening from 6:00- 8:00 pm at the Stake Center and the morning of the funeral from 9:00-10:30 am. Interment will be in the Parowan City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the funeral service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

history



Pueblo at
Pyongyang
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USS PUEBLO

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than a century to be captured by a foreign power. Notwithstanding the orders to keep the guns under wraps, the Navy was not pleased that the ship had been surrendered without firing a shot. Bucher knew he had some explaining to do, but believed the Pueblo couldn't possibly have fought back against the North Korean ships, and had followed the only course of action that could have saved the lives of the crew.

In January of 1969, the Navy convened a Court of Inquiry, which recommended that Bucher be court-martialed, and that two of his superiors also be charged. Navy Secretary John Chafee considered all the charges and dropped them. "They have suffered enough," Chafee said, in dismissing the charges.

The Pueblo incident soon faded from the public's memory, lost in the anti-Vietnam war turbulence of the late '60s and early '70s. The USS Pueblo has never been taken off the Navy's roster of active ships. It still is assigned to the 7th Fleet.

The USS Pueblo remained in Wonson harbor for several years until the North Koreans salvaged it and towed it to Pyongyang, where it became a war trophy and a tourist attraction. Visitors to the ship say it is well-preserved, but its battle scars remain. Pueblo veterans, and many others, are incensed that the Navy didn't recapture it during its slow journey around the South Korean peninsula. It is time to bring the USS Pueblo home.



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Gateway Academy

by Gabriel Ogburn-Patino & Amy Thorpe

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Gateway Greats Lego Robotics Team just completed the southern Utah qualifiers with First LEGO League on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Career Tech High School in St. George. The event

qualified teams for the state competition at Weber State later this spring. Nine teams from southern Utah qualified to participate and many earned awards and recognitions including our local 4H team in Cedar City. Gateway has participated the last three years in this event.

Gabo Ogburn-Patino, a seventh grader at Gateway Preparatory Academy, is Gateway's most senior robotics engineer. In his own words, Gabo shares why he chose and has continued to participate in this after school program for several years.

"I have been on the Gateway LEGO Robotics team for three years now. I have been interested in LEGO Robotics since 4th grade after I did a one day robotics class. I have also loved coding and engineering for a long time because I like to create new things.

At the start of the year, we each work on our own code and robot, but when the competition gets closer, we all work together on one robot and share our codes. My favorite competition was probably last year's. That year, I feel like we were all working together really well. Everyone chose one robot pretty early on, and then we all focused on it.

Some interpersonal skills that I have learned from LEGO Robotics are that we all need to cooperate and work as a team. I

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~ Cedar Garden Villa Apartments ~
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CEDAR CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY
 364 South 100 East, Cedar City, UT 84720
 Phone (435)586-8462 | Fax (435)865-9397 | 9 AM – 5 PM
 Applications are also available online at
www.cedarcityhousingauthority.com Click the application tab

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schools

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

Buzzing News!

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Get ready for something spectacular! Canyon View is buzzing with excitement as we introduce our brand-new winter guard team! This amazing group is taking the spotlight, leaving everyone in awe. Winter guard is like color guard but with a twist—the focus is entirely on the guard itself, spinning flags, rifles, and blades, all while dancing and keeping perfect rhythm.

To kick off this thrilling season, they're hitting the court with electrifying performances at the basketball halftime shows on January 21st and January 31st! Don't miss out on the chance to see this incredible talent in action. Come out and support Canyon View's winter guard—let's make some noise for this fantastic new club! Get ready to flip out!

Beaver Battles

Canyon View just had an amazing time at Beaver Battles in speech and debate! The incredibly talented team brought home some fantastic achievements, with Alivia Windzenreid snagging 5th place in Congress and Charity Herring shining brightly with 5th place in Dramatic Interpretation. Way to go, team!

Fin-tastic News

Canyon View has some fantastic news! Canyon Views swim team had their senior night on January 10th. The whole event was exhilarating. Student government had the opportunity to gift all the seniors with candy leighs and flowers. Student government also lifted the whole team with little goody bags. To top off the whole event, Canyon View became victorious, with overall for men Canyon View won, for girls Canyon View got 2nd, and overall Canyon View came on top! Here's some honorable mentions to Soleil Grimshaws winning all her events, Ryker Poulos winning Boys 100 Yard Backstroke, Kurt Morgan winning Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke and Sean Cannon winning Boys 500 Yard Freestyle. Good job Canyon View!

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Iron Springs Elementary



Iron Springs Elementary PTA held the annual Dudes and Donuts last week. Students brought their favorite Dude to school with them before school to enjoy a Donut and Milk while reading a book. It's always such a fun morning!

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary would like to thank our awesome art

teacher, Hailey Derrick. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and is part of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (BTS Arts) at our school. The BTS Arts program provides arts-integrated instruction to elementary students, effectively increasing student performance in every subject. The BTS Mission Statement is, "To provide every Utah elementary school student high quality arts learning and arts integration experiences." Mrs. Derrick collaborates with grade-level teachers to plan, create and deliver lessons that can be integrated into core standards in subject areas such as science, social studies, math, and language arts.

The students look forward to her art lessons and projects each week. We appreciate you, Mrs. Derrick!



SEP week will be held February 3-7, 2025. School will dismiss at 2:30 pm M-Th and at 1:30 pm on Friday

in order for teachers to meet with guardians about student progress. Please watch for more specific information on SEP conference times and dates from your child's teacher.

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary



Our Science Fair is coming up on Friday, January 31. We can't wait to see all the amazing projects and experiments our students create!

SEP Week is coming February 3-7. Be on the lookout for conference signups from your child's teacher. School will let out at 2:30 Monday through Thursday and at 1:30 on Friday.



Mark your calendars for our annual Share the Love food drive February 10-14.

Students can drop off non-perishable items that will be donated to Iron County Care and Share. The grade level with the most donations will win a big prize! We love being able to have fun and serve our community at the same time.



The halls of Fiddlers Elementary were full of excitement as families gathered for the annual Chinese Night. Students ran from activity to activity. The fun included

writing "Lucky" in Chinese, making a Zodiac sack puppet, coloring a clothespin dragon, practicing chopstick skills by moving pom poms into a cup, cutting lanterns and more. Chinese immersion students entertained family members with their songs. Parents from throughout the community were also invited to come learn more about the immersion program.

Canyon View Middle School



CVMS had a great time at the school-wide assembly last week competing in "house games" where one house will eventually be crowned the winner at the end of the quarter. After the competition ended, the student body gathered together with the faculty for a giant dance party.

South Elementary

South Elementary recently hosted a successful STEAM Night, where students and families enjoyed activities such as animal interactions, robot programming, boat building, and more. We extend our thanks to Southern Utah University (SUU) and our community partners for their support in making this event a memorable experience for all.



GATEWAY ACADEMY

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what new challenges are on the board and then seeing what new robots we make to solve these challenges."

Gabo has been our team leader this year. He has helped peers when their code wasn't working, problem solved tricky missions with others and built the robot we used at our qualifier. As a young person he has demonstrated leadership, problem solving and patience. Next year he has already accepted the opportunity to be our team captain.

plan to be on the LEGO Robotics team next year because it is always fun to see

sports

SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

Cedar celebrates first boys hoop champs

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

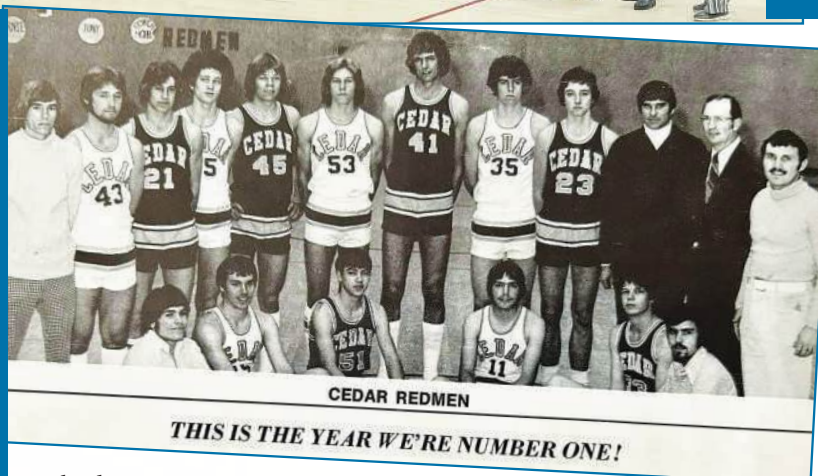
When the Cedar boys basketball team won its first state title a half-century ago, “Saturday Night Live” was still seven months away from its debut on NBC and the Golden State Warriors won the first of five NBA championships with a four-game sweep of the Washington Bullets (Wizards).

On Jan. 17, several members from Cedar High’s first state champions gathered at the school to reunite, reminisce, and swap stories of the good times that were had and celebrated by all involved. The players, along with assistant coach Joe Hillock, were honored at halftime of the Reds’ home game against the Dixie Flyers.

During the 1975 season, its last in the 2A ranks, Cedar was undefeated against all Utah teams, but lost two games on the road against a pair of schools from Las Vegas. They beat the Dixie Flyers twice in the regular season and got to hold the championship trophy by beating their southern rival a third time, 74-61 in the final played at the Marriott Center in Provo.

“We knew everyone could play. Offensively, we were just really, really tough,” said Steve Hair, one of the key players on the roster. “We liked to run and could get up and down the court.” The team also

Team photo of the Cedar High School Redmen, who captured the Class 2A basketball championship on March 8, 1975. **Front row, L-R:** manager Arnie Graff, Robert Shirts (15), Lindy Davis (51), Ray Meyers (11), Joe Burns (33) and Tony Stephenson. **Back row, L-R:** assistant coach Joe Hillock, Lee Holmes (43), Brad Blackner (21), Steve Hair (25), Scott Burns (45), Kim Nielson (53), Coby Leavitt (41), EJ Corry (35), Mike Hair (23, head coach Dick Hobbs, principal Gerald Hawley and assistant coach Dave Sargent. Archival image from 1975 state 2A basketball tournament program.



had characters under the late Dick Hobbs. Hair related how the approach was simple and challenging.

“Coach Hobbs just let us play,” Hair said. “When we won the state championship, we just rolled. We were tough.”

Like most of the players, Hair is retired and lives in the Chicago suburb of Hoffman Estates, Ill. He related how “broadcasters used to comment on my hair from time to time,” a kind of nod to the family name and the budding reddish-brown Afro he wore for a couple years that held after high school.

Brad Blackner, older brother of Canyon View boys basketball coach Kim Blackner, credited team camaraderie for much of Cedar’s success in the 1975 championship season.

“We all had the same personalities. We hung out

Cedar High school HOF 1975 basketball team: Coach Dick Hobbs - Deceased - Represented by his daughter, Heather. Coach Joe Hillock. #21 Brad Blackner, #33 Joe Burns, #45 Scott Burns (Not Pictured), #35 EJ Corry, #51 Lindy Davis, #23 Mike Hair - Deceased - Represented by his wife, Michelle. #25 Steve Hair, #43 Lee Holmes, #41 Coby Leavitt (Not Pictured), #11 Ray Meyers, #53 Kim Nielson, #15 Robert Shirts.

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together, we grew up together, and played ball outside in the streets,” Blackner said. “Can you imagine if we had a 3-point line? We could have averaged 90 points a game, easily.”

Blackner added a story of how he and

his teammates would crawl through a window at one of the LDS Church buildings before an outdoor court was eventually built.

“We’d get there at 8 o’clock in the morning, play all day, take a break for lunch and be back in the afternoon. It was love of the game,” Blackner said. “It was a walk to the church off 1000 West for me, Steve and Mike Hair.”

Joe Hillock is on his 14th season as head coach of the boys basketball team at Beaver, but he began as an assistant under Hobbs in Cedar’s first championship season.

“They needed an assistant, and Dr. (Steve) Lunt said Hobbs didn’t have any,” Hillock recalled. “I was in my last year (of college) and went over to see him, and he said ‘if Dr. Lunt sent you over, I’m gonna hire you.’ I probably made pennies, but I worked with these guys all through the fall because a lot of them didn’t play football. Hobbs was easy to work with. He’s a good guy and let me have a lot of input.”

Hillock credited Hobbs for shaping his own coaching style.

“He was a master of not getting too uptight about things,” Hillock said of Hobbs. “Sometimes he was very demanding, but others he was laid back. One time, he had to gut a deer and told me ‘take practice, Joe. I trust you. Most coaches wouldn’t let you do that.’”



Thunderbirds Earn WAC Victory in Seattle U Nailbiter

from Kale Nelson

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah - The Southern Utah University women's basketball team earned their first Western Athletic Conference win of the season, downing Seattle U at home in a 61-57 nailbiter on Jan. 18. The Thunderbirds jump to 3-14 on the season and 1-3 in the WAC, while the Redhawks fall to 3-14 with a 0-4 conference record.

Top T-Birds

- Ava Uhrich scored 15 points, adding six rebounds and a career-high six assists.
- Sinking three triples, Samantha Johnston totaled 12 points and six rebounds.
- Lexi Bull commanded the boards, bringing down nine rebounds and putting up seven points.
- As a team, the Thunderbirds recorded 20 assists on 23 baskets.

Game Recap

First Half

Southern Utah opened the game

rolling, with multiple Lexi Bull buckets and a three from Samantha Johnston pushing the Thunderbirds to a 9-3 lead. Seattle U pieced together a run of their own, stealing the lead, but a late set of first-quarter baskets from Ava Uhrich kept it to a close 20-16 game.

To open the second quarter, the Thunderbirds battled back, with a layup from freshman Denver Anderson eventually taking the lead. Despite four additional points from Uhrich to make for an 11-point first half, the back-and-forth duel ended with the Redhawks ahead 29-28.

Second Half

Daylani Ballena kicked off the half with a three and a diving layup, and the Thunderbirds held the lead through the remainder of the third quarter. Heading into the final quarter, a triple from Sydney Gandy kept SUU in the lead, up 43-42.

Samantha Johnston drained two threes in addition to one from Uhrich, fending off a strong Seattle U comeback attempt. Sydney Gandy's perfection from the free-throw line kept SUU in front, sealing the win at 61-57.



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Thunderbirds Vault to Victory Over Cougars

from Regan Hunsaker
SUU ATHLETICS

PROVO, Utah
—Southern Utah secured another road victory on

Friday, taking down BYU 194.750-193.375. The Thunderbirds took an early lead in the meet and held on to earn the win. The Flippin' Birds will take on the Cougars two more times during the regular season, once at the Best of Utah meet on Monday, January 20, and again at the end of the month when the T-Birds return to Provo for a tri-meet on January 31.

Freshman Mia Hampton got the late add to the beam rotation and put together her first all-around meet of the season, earning the top score with 38.875. Sophomore Niya Randolph was just .025 points behind her at 38.850. Sophomore Mackenzie Kelly took home the top spot in the vault with a 9.825, while Senior Ellie Cacciola grabbed first place on the floor with a 9.875.

Head Coach Scotty Bauman said "We had a solid meet tonight. It is always fun to compete in the Marriot Center, and the crowd really got behind them in the final two rotations. Our athletes did a good job of focusing on finishing their skills, and that helped us get out of here with a win."

Meet Recap

Bars (49.050)

The Thunderbirds started out on the bars with Sophomore Brinlee Christensen leading off the rotation, scoring a 9.650. Senior Isabella Neff came next with a 9.725 before Freshman Mia Hampton amazed the judges, scoring 9.875. Junior Trista Goodman continued to be a force in the lineup with a routine that scored 9.850. Sophomore Niya Randolph scored a 9.775, and Sophomore Maria Ferguson wrapped up the rotation with a 9.825 to bring the T-Birds total to 49.050.

Vault (48.775)

The Flippin' Birds moved to the vault for the second rotation. Senior Ellie Cacciola was first with a solid vault that scored 9.750. Sophomore Mackenzie Kelly followed that up with a crowd-pleasing vault to score 9.825 before Hampton continued with a steady 9.700. Goodman was up next, soaring to a 9.750. Randolph added a 9.750 vault, and sophomore Brinlee Christensen anchored the rotation with a 9.525. Southern Utah was leading the Cougars by almost a point at the midway point of the meet.

Floor (48.600)

Transitioning to the floor for the third rotation, Hampton initiated the scoring with a 9.725. Christensen followed that up with a solid routine, earning a 9.600 before Cacciola popped off with a 9.875. Senior Taylor Gull scored a 9.725 with her electric routine, and then it was Randolph's turn, tallying a 9.625. Sophomore Alyssa

Fernandez was next, wrapping up the scoring for SUU with a 9.700. The Flippin' Birds were

nearly two points in front of BYU heading into the final rotation.

Beam (48.325)

Sophomore Elliot Bringham started the final rotation for Southern Utah by showing off some significant determination, scoring 9.600. Fernandez kicked it up a touch, scoring a 9.700, and Randolph would also match her, scoring 9.700. Cacciola started with a very solid routine but took a tumble, scoring a 9.375 before Hampton stepped in on a late substitution, earning a 9.575. The final routine for Southern Utah came from sophomore Rylee Miller, who scored a team-leading 9.750, giving the Flippin' Birds a 194.750-193.375 victory.



Falcons hold on, edge Hawks

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

When the final

horn sounded at the Nest on Jan. 17, the Canyon View boys basketball team didn't celebrate as much as they had been. After a rough outing in its initial game of the week, the Falcons had just enough in the tank to escape into the win column.

Bubba Ludlow scored nine of his team-high 18 points in the fourth quarter, and CV held off the charge of the North Sanpete Hawks in a 56-50 victory that improved them to 6-2 in Region 12, 13-4 overall.

In the end, there were reasons for concern from head coach Kim Blackner.

"We needed to rebound from Wednesday. That game is over," Blackner said. "The things we preached about (Thursday) night in practice didn't carry over to today. I'm trying to figure out which team showed up tonight."

Canyon View handled North Sanpete by 25 points, 72-47 in the first meeting in Kamas on Dec. 13, but the Hawks were ready for the rematch thanks largely to the 3-point shooting of Ridge Hendry, who drained six threes and finished with 30 points.

The Falcons never trailed in the second half, but Hendry had a highlight when he converted a four-point play as he shot from long distance early in the fourth quarter. After Ludlow drilled a 3-pointer later in the period, Hendry countered with two free throws and a jumper in the lane that trimmed the CV lead to 48-45, but Felps Sanders (15 points) drove for a layup as the Falcons stayed in control.

"We gotta get dialed in. It doesn't matter who we play. Night in, night out, these teams can beat you," Blackner said. "In this league, you gotta show up."

Ty Attig added 12 points for Canyon View in the win.

The Falcons began the week on a rough note as Region 12 leader Richfield pulled away in the second half and posted a 63-47 win behind 23 points from Gage Yardley, 14 from Griffin Wayman and 10 by Jorgen Southwick. The trio combined to make all of the

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Canyon View

56

North Sanpete

50

North Sanpete	12	9	14	15	-	50
Canyon View	14	15	14	13	-	56

North Sanpete - Swapp 5, Sorensen 8, Hendry 30, Schlappi 5, Epps 2. Totals 18 5-10 50. 3-pointers - Sorensen 2, Hendry 6, Schlappi 1.

Canyon View - Ludlow 18, Attig 12, F. Sanders 15, Bealer 2, Hallows 4, J. Sanders 3, Slack 2. Totals 21 9-11 56. 3-pointers - Ludlow 2, Attig 2, J. Sanders 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. What beloved Milwaukee Brewers broadcaster passed away Jan. 16 at age 90? He also has acting credits including the comedy "Mr. Belvedere" that ran for five seasons on ABC (1985-1990) and as the voice of Harry Doyle in the movie "Major League."
2. LIV Golf announced Jan. 16 that what broadcast network will take over the schedule from the CW starting this season?
3. Heading into the Divisional Round of the NFL playoffs, what two teams – one in the NFC, one in the AFC – had the FEWEST regular-season wins (10)?
4. Despite losing its sixth straight playoff game, what Pittsburgh Steelers head coach said he will probably be returning for his 19th season in 2025?
5. What NBA team set a new franchise record when it beat the Brooklyn Nets by 59 points in a 126-67 victory Jan. 15?
6. After his team lost to Ohio State in the CFP semifinals, what Texas quarterback announced his plans to declare for the 2025 NFL Draft on a video posted to social media?
7. True or False: With a 16-2 overall record, the Utah State Aggies are the only Mountain West team ranked in the top 25 (22nd) of the latest AP poll?
8. Elian Pena, a 17-year-old shortstop from the Dominican Republic, agreed to a \$5 million bonus with what NL East team, the largest of the international player signing period?
9. What is the name of the new 3-on-3 league featuring WNBA stars that will begin play this season?
10. Who is the head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers and has a 34-5 record after spending the last three seasons as an assistant with the Golden State Warriors?

11. True or False: Among the nine NFL teams that won at least 15 regular season games, none have won the Super Bowl.
12. What Detroit Lion is the only player still in the playoffs who finished second in the NFL in receptions

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. True.
2. Caesars Superdome in New Orleans.
3. Chicago Bears, New Orleans Saints, Dallas Cowboys, Jacksonville Jaguars, New York Jets and Las Vegas Raiders.
4. Nikola Jokic. As of Jan. 16, Shea Gilgous-Alexander of the Oklahoma City Thunder has taken over the lead at 31.4 ppg. Jokic has slipped to third at 30.6.
5. Sexton hits 90.2 percent of his free throws. As of Jan. 16, the total ranks ninth in the NBA ahead of Grady Dick of the Toronto Raptors (.898).
6. Trae Young.
7. Ohio State and Penn State. The Buckeyes beat Texas, but the Nittany Lions lost to Notre Dame, denying an all-Big Ten national title game that was played Jan. 20.
8. True.
9. Ashton Jeanty.
10. Alexander Ovechkin. As of Jan. 16, Ovechkin had 873 career goals, only 22 away from surpassing Gretzky's record.
11. The Florida Panthers will face the New York Rangers at Loandepot Park in Miami, and the Tampa Bay Lightning will host the Boston Bruins at Raymond James Stadium.
12. True. As of Jan. 16, the Washington Capitals and Winnipeg Jets have passed Vegas with 63 points to the Golden Knights' 61.

You may never grow old with baseball

It was a sad day for baseball fans everywhere when Bob Uecker, beloved radio voice

of the Milwaukee Brewers, passed away last week at age 90. He wasn't much of a player – Uecker had a career average of .200 in five MLB seasons as a backup catcher with four different teams – but he was a really good broadcaster.

Born in Milwaukee, he was hired as the Brewers radio play-by-play voice in 1971 and stayed until the 2024 season. He loved the game, and he had a great sense of humor. Uecker appeared as George Owens for five seasons on the ABC sitcom "Mr. Belvedere" (1985-1990) and played a legendary role that fit him perfectly, radio play-by-play man Harry "Just a Bit Outside" Doyle in the 1989 comedy "Major League" and the two sequels that spawned from it.

In an ironic twist, Uecker earned the Harry Doyle role more for his appearances in Miller Lite beer commercials than his experience on the radio with the Brewers.

Uecker only got to call one World Series when the Brewers lost in seven games to the St. Louis Cardinals (one of the four teams he played for) in 1982, and his final game in the booth was Game 3 of the National League Wild Card Series against the New York Mets on Oct. 3, 2024.

Among the many awards and honors Uecker received, he was given the Ford C. Frick Award in 2003 by the Baseball Hall of Fame and the Brewers built the Uecker Monument outside American Family Field in 2012 alongside statues of Hank Aaron, Robin Yount and Bud Selig.

And no matter how long the naming rights exist here, finding a way to add Uecker's name to the Brewers' home stadium is the absolutely ideal tribute to the man who had so much

impact on all baseball fans. Uecker had a perfect mix of love of the game and

a sense of humor that gives us more than enough perspective on all the good things in life.

Uecker ended up with the third-longest tenure as broadcaster with a single team behind only Denny Matthews of the Kansas City Royals (1969-present) and the late Vin Scully of the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers (1950-2016).

Among those moving up the longevity list, Eric Nadel is entering his 46th season with the Texas Rangers in 2025. Other than Nadel, we may not hear voices like Uecker again for reasons that would require another column to discuss. Bottom line: baseball on the radio carries a certain magic for fans fortunate enough to hear the voices that can paint the best word pictures possible.

Since we mentioned Scully earlier, it feels like baseball carries a fountain of youth to those who dreamed of playing the game as children with radios under their pillows. Uecker lived till he was 90 and missed his 91st birthday by just 10 days. Ernie Harwell, who called Detroit Tigers games for 42 seasons, lived till he was 92 and passed away in 2010. Scully did what he loved for 67 years and passed away at age 94 in 2022.

Father Time always wins when he comes for all of us, but baseball has a way of keeping us all thinking and feeling young. We can thank voices like Bob Uecker's – and a good working radio – for spreading the joy, no matter how our team performs every season.

Follow proud baseball nerd Tom Zulewski on Threads @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

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SCORES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

01/13 Hurricane 58, Cedar 44

01/15 Hurricane 60, Snow Canyon 58
Dixie 61, Desert Hills 56
Crimson Cliffs 59, Pine View 41

01/17 Dixie 68, Cedar 52
Desert Hills 42, Snow Canyon 35
Hurricane 67, Pine View 51

Region 12

01/15 Richfield 63, Canyon View 47
Carbon 70, North Sanpete 61
Emery 74, Juab 71, Manti 73, Delta 68

01/17 Canyon View 56, North Sanpete 50
Richfield 50, Manti 41
Emery 68, Delta 53
Juab 60, Carbon 56

Region 18

01/14 Parowan 72, Water Canyon 37

01/15 South Sevier 85, Parowan 59
Enterprise 72, Beaver 64
Kanab 81, Millard 61

01/17 Parowan 63, Millard 37
Enterprise 62, Water Canyon 44
Kanab 60, South Sevier 54

Girls Basketball

Region 9

01/14 Snow Canyon 86, Hurricane 29
Desert Hills 63, Dixie 54
Pine View 55, Crimson Cliffs 44

01/16 Dixie 58, Cedar 47
Snow Canyon 56, Desert Hills 25
Pine View 59, Hurricane 46

Region 12

01/14 Canyon View 46, Richfield 26

Carbon 55, North Sanpete 48
Manti 53, Delta 31
Emery 48, Juab 36

01/16 Canyon View 62, North Sanpete 30
Juab 50, Carbon 47
Manti 45, Richfield 39
Emery 45, Delta 31

Region 18

01/13 Water Canyon 55, Parowan 28

01/14 South Sevier 47, Parowan 22
Kanab 76, Millard 43
Beaver 39, Enterprise 30

01/16 Millard 58, Parowan 15
Enterprise 60, Water Canyon 25
South Sevier 59, Kanab 55

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (8)	5-0	11-5
Dixie (5)	4-2	12-5
Pine View (10)	4-2	11-6
Desert Hills (12)	4-2	10-7
Hurricane (7)	4-3	10-7
Snow Canyon (22)	1-6	4-14
Cedar (24)	0-7	2-16

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (2)	8-0	13-3
Canyon View (3)	6-2	13-4
Juab (4)	6-2	13-4
Emery (7)	6-2	9-8
Manti (13)	2-6	4-11
North Sanpete (15)	2-6	3-10
Delta (12)	1-7	8-8
Carbon (14)	1-7	4-13

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (1)	7-0	14-3
South Sevier (3)	5-2	14-4
Enterprise (5)	4-3	10-8
Parowan (14)	4-3	7-11
Millard (20)	2-4	4-11

Beaver (11) 2-4 8-7
Water Canyon (19) 0-7 3-9

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	7-0	18-0
Cedar (8)	4-2	9-6
Dixie (6)	3-2	10-6
Crimson Cliffs (18)	2-3	4-9
Pine View (13)	2-4	10-7
Desert Hills (9)	2-4	7-7
Hurricane (20)	0-5	3-13

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	7-1	13-4
Juab (6)	6-2	10-5
Emery (8)	6-2	9-8
Richfield (7)	5-3	9-9
Manti (9)	4-4	8-8
North Sanpete (13)	2-6	5-12
Carbon (14)	2-6	4-13
Delta (15)	0-8	3-11

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	6-1	15-2
South Sevier (3)	6-1	15-3
Beaver (6)	4-2	10-4
Enterprise (9)	3-3	7-8
Millard (18)	3-4	5-10
Water Canyon (14)	1-6	6-8
Parowan (24)	0-7	0-17

FALCONS

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Wildcats' six 3-pointers as they built a 33-24 halftime lead and added a 15-8 scoring edge in the third quarter.

Sanders led CV with 21 points and Attig had 15 in the loss. The Falcons are on the road for both of their games this week, starting at Manti on Tuesday and finishing at Juab on Thursday starting at 7 p.m.

Across town, the Cedar boys basketball team outscored the visiting Dixie Flyers by 12 over the final three quarters, but couldn't rally from a big first-quarter deficit as Dixie left with a 68-52 win Jan. 17. The Flyers led 32-4 after the opening eight minutes and improved to 4-2 in Region 9, 12-5 overall, while the Reds fell to 0-7 and 2-16.

Hayden Kee led Cedar with 16 points and Taylor Davis added 11 in the loss. Zed Webber led three Dixie players in double figures with 21 points. The Reds played a road game at Hurricane on Wednesday night and will host Desert Hills on Friday starting at 7 p.m.



Canyon View's **Bubba Ludlow** goes up for a shot against North Sanpete on Jan. 17. Ludlow finished with a team-high 18 points as the Falcons beat the Hawks, 56-50.

Falcon girls sweep week, keep region lead

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Clinging to a narrow halftime lead, Canyon

View girls basketball coach Jaycee Barnhurst knew a few defensive adjustments were needed. Once they were made, the Richfield Wildcats couldn't find an answer and the Falcons cruised to a win.

Maylee Spencer had 12 points – all on four 3-pointers – and CV broke the game open after halftime on the way to a 46-26 victory over the Richfield Wildcats on Jan. 14. The Falcons led 22-17 at the break and held the defending 3A champions to just 9 points in the second half.

"When we made the defensive adjustments, I don't think they knew what they needed to do," Barnhurst said.

"We packed the middle in a 2-3 zone, and they couldn't find anything open. It's nice when it works."

Visiting region, 9-9 over the scoreboard quarter until hit a 3-pointer minutes left.

With a full the race for the the second half said her team is in its ability to do the state playoffs

"Our mindset lose a game the Barnhurst said. attack into the

Emery Miles added 10 points for Canyon View as they won their fifth straight game.

Two days later, Miles led four players in double figures with 18 points, and the Falcons went on the road to rout the North Sanpete Hawks, 62-30, on Jan. 16. CV raced out to a 20-6 lead after the opening quarter and didn't let up as they improved to 7-1 in region and 13-4 overall.

Spencer added 15 points, Kambree Potter delivered 11 and Maya Nichols had 10. Spencer and Potter hit three 3-pointers as the Falcons stretched their winning streak to six straight games.

Canyon View was home for both games this week, starting with the Manti Templars on Tuesday and a game against Juab on Thursday night. Both games tipped off at 7 p.m.

The Cedar Reds played a single game last week and fell to the Dixie Flyers,



Maylee Spencer launches a shot during Canyon View's game against the Richfield Wildcats on Jan. 14.

Canyon View

46

Richfield

26

Richfield	7	10	6	3	- 26
Canyon View	11	11	13	11	- 46

Richfield – Barney 3, Bagley 5, Anderson 9, Albrecht 8, White 1. Totals 10 3-4 26. 3-pointers – Barney 1, Bagley 1, Anderson 1.

Canyon View – Sorenson 3, Spencer 12, Nichols 8, King 2, Potter 5, Miles 10, Vargas 6. Totals 16 7-10 46. 3-pointers – Sorenson 1, Spencer 4, Nichols 1, Potter 1.

Richfield (5-3 all) was kept off in the fourth Kinlee Barney with less than 3

one-game lead in Region 12 title as began, Barnhurst starting to believe bigger things as draw closer. now is we don't rest of the year," "Win region, then state tournament."

Dixie

58

Cedar

47

Cedar	7	17	15	8	- 47
Dixie	13	14	15	16	- 58

Cedar – Marriott 2, York 9, Jones 8, Bishoff 2, Gomez 16, Williams 4, Bromley 4, Esplin 2. Totals 14 11-16 47. 3-pointers – York 2, Jones 2, Gomez 4.

Dixie – Hollingshead 13, Stilson 4, Ja. Bundy 12, Bennett 13, Orton 5, Je. Bundy 5, Winters 6. Totals 22 9-17 58. 3-pointers – Hollingshead 2, Ja. Bundy 1, Orton 1, Je. Bundy 1.

58-47, at the Hangar in St. George on Jan. 16. Izzy Hollingshead and Brinlee Bennett led the way with 13 points each for Dixie as they pulled away in the fourth quarter with a 16-8 effort.

Gabby Gomez led Cedar (4-2

Region 9, 9-6 overall) with 16 points,

including four 3-pointers. The Flyers led by as many as eight points in the first half, but Gomez hit two treys in the closing stages of the second quarter to keep the Reds within range at 27-24 heading to the break.

Jaycee Bundy added 12 points, including a team-high six in the fourth quarter as Dixie improved to 3-2 in region, 10-6 overall.

Cedar fell to No. 8 in the RPI rankings and returned home to play Hurricane on Tuesday. They traveled to Desert Hills for a road game against the Thunder on Thursday night in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

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