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Board considers policy regulating fundraising, donations to schools

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education of the Iron County School District is considering a new policy for fundraising, donations, gifts and sponsorships.

In an earlier work meeting, Business Administrator Todd Hess explained that the policy needed to be rewritten as there are more people wanting to make donations to schools. The district wants to ensure that the donations can be accepted and are used responsibly.

"This provides for a lot better procedures in relation to fundraising by our schools and school groups," he said.

Hess reviewed each portion of the policy with the board and said it now covers sponsorships, gifts, donations and fundraisers.

"Safeguarding public funds is one of our key goals with this policy," he added.

Hess said there are many considerations in fundraising including how the funds are spent and whether they are distributed equitably. He also explained how donations become the property of the school district, so getting permissions ahead of time is important to ensure funding isn't wasted on materials that cannot be used.

Monetary donations are preferred over in-kind donations, Hess said. However, either will be accepted. One way cash donations cannot be used, however, is to compensate an employee above and beyond their contract.

Under the new policy, all fundraising activities would require approval. The district will be using a new platform to streamline those approvals and allow for better management of fundraising. Currently, there are a variety of paper forms being used. Any requests for fundraisers would need to be submitted 20 days prior to the activity to give the principal or assistant principal, and a district administrator time to review the request.

The policy allows student groups (such as sports) to have one community solicitation fundraiser and one youth camp per year.

Prohibited would be fundraisers for national organizations, raffles and lotteries — because they are illegal in Utah — and magazine sales.

The new policy also prohibits

offering incentives or prizes to individual students for highest fundraising amounts or meeting a certain goal. However, a change in the draft policy would allow incentives for a class or group.

Board members expressed concerns about some of the other limitations listed in the policy, including no door-to-door sales. The draft policy reviewed by the board on first reading Tuesday added door-to-door sales to allowed activities if the child was accompanied by an adult.

"I'm thinking of the groups who do these things and the impact it might have on the way they've fundraised before," Board member Megen Ralphs said.

Hess explained that many of the prohibited activities are embedded in school fees legislation, including restrictions on the disciplining of a student for not participating in a fundraiser.

For the first reading of the policy, Hess said administrators did go through previous comments received from employees and parents. Those were considered as changes were made.

The Board of Education is scheduled to vote on the policy during its meeting on Feb. 25.

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Iron County Inmate Faces New Charges While Awaiting Transfer to Prison

by Tracie Sullivan FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A man with a history of violent offenses is facing new charges after allegedly attacking deputies and damaging jail property just days before sentencing for a similar attack seven months earlier.

Turner Esteban Simons, 18, was charged on Jan. 11, 2025, with damaging jail property, assaulting a deputy, and propelling substances at officers following a disturbance inside the Iron County Jail. The incident marked the second time in less than a year he has been accused of assaulting correctional staff while incarcerated.

According to court documents, deputies at the jail responded to a fire suppression system activation in one of the housing areas. Upon arrival, they discovered a flooded cell occupied solely by Simons and located a makeshift tool made from broken nail clippers, which authorities believe he used to tamper with the sprinkler system.

Simons was then relocated to a booking cell, where he became physically and verbally aggressive toward jail staff, allegedly punching a deputy in the face and spitting on three others. One officer required medical treatment at Cedar City Hospital due to possible exposure to communicable diseases.

Simons now faces one count of damaging a jail facility, one count of assault by a prisoner, both third-degree felonies and three class A misdemeanors for propelling a substance at a correctional officer.

The new charges add to Simons' record, which includes a lengthy juvenile record and charges filed in July 2024, said Iron County Deputy Attorney Trajan Evans.

July 2024 Assault on Detention Staff

Simons' first set of adult charges stem from a violent attack on three staff members at the Southwest Utah Youth Center on July 18, 2024 — the day he turned 18. He was still housed at the secure care facility, where he had been placed for offenses committed as a minor.

While his juvenile record is not publicly accessible, Evans confirmed that Simons has a lengthy history of offenses as a minor.

According to court documents, Simons and 20-year-old Daniel Martinez conspired to assault multiple staff members inside the facility. The attack was captured on surveillance footage, and reports indicate that the two punched and kicked three staff members, threw objects at them, and targeted one victim with a kick to the head.

One staff member suffered significant head trauma, while another bled heavily from facial injuries before being transported "Throughout their interaction with officers, the individuals have made several statements about not caring what happens or what charges they face," the affidavit states.

Following his arrest, Simons was charged with three counts of assault with substantial bodily injury, class A misdemeanors and three counts of assault by a prisoner, third-degree felonies.

Prison Sentencing and New Jail Incident

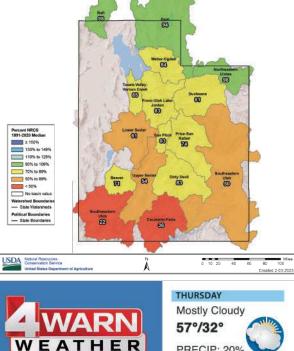
On Jan. 21, 2025, Simons was convicted of aggravated assault by a prisoner, a second-degree felony, and assault by a prisoner, a third-degree felony.

He was sentenced to consecutive prison terms of up to 15 years for the aggravated assault charge and up to five years for the second assault charge. The court ordered that his sentences run consecutively to any other cases currently being served. This means Simons must serve each sentence back-to-back rather than at the same time, extending his total time in prison.

Simons has since been transported to the Utah State Prison to begin serving time for the 2024 charges, but he will still face prosecution for the latest offenses committed at the Iron County Jail.

to the hospital for treatment. Authorities

said Simons and Martinez expressed little concern for the consequences.



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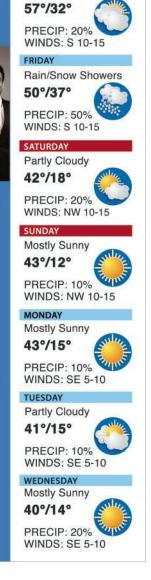
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FROM THE EDITOR



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SCHMUTZ COPY EDITOR February, Iron County Today readers! We've finally made it through January—the month that always seems to last forever. February brings the promise of spring on the horizon (no matter what

Punxsutawney Phil says), and plenty of exciting things happening in

our community. This week, we're thrilled to introduce a new member of our team—**please join us in welcoming our newest Sales Representative, Kim Madrid!** Kim brings an impressive 27 years of experience in newspaper sales and is eager to connect with the wonderful businesses and people of Iron County. Her expertise and enthusiasm will be an incredible asset to our publication, and we're excited for the opportunities she'll help create for local businesses.

Originally from Southern California, Kim and her husband recently chose Cedar City as their home for retirement, drawn to the beauty and charm of Southern Utah. Since moving here, she has embraced our community's traditions and is eager to work alongside local business owners to help them share their stories, promote their events, and grow their reach through our newspaper. She and Craig are your go-to advertising experts, ready to help you promote upcoming events, special sales, and all the amazing things happening in our area. Their contact information can be found to the right of this page—reach out and let them help you spread the word!

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WORD OF THE WEEK

ADROIT [a·droit] Adjective having or showing skill, cleverness, or resourcefulness in handling situations



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Founders and Presidents

PART I

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

founder is one who establishes something whether a country, a business, or a family. Throughout history, a founder has usually referred to a male; however, since the 1960's, women have engaged in more activities in business and politics. So far, only men have been elected president of the United States. In the U.S.A., a president frequently refers to the elected head of the American republic. What is a republic? It refers to a political country organized along the lines of representational government; in other words, where representatives of a nation are elected by the nation's citizens. On Monday, September 17, 1787, Benjamin Franklin responded to Elizabeth

Willing Powel's question of "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" "A republic, if you can keep it", Benjamin Franklin replied. It is interesting that while women are usually at least 50% of the population of the United States, there has never been a female U.S. president, although a few females have unsuccessfully tried to run for election as president.

Today, the United States government is the longest established democratic republic in the history of the world with one of the first written national constitutions. The U.S. Constitution with the Bill of Rights is the oldest and the shortest of world-wide documents establishing governments, with the original

QUOTE <u>OF THE WEEK</u>

"There is no great genius without a touch of madness." - Seneca



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Constitution on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Why is it important to know these historical facts? "Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation

away from extinction. It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. And those in world history who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again," President Ronald Reagan (January 5, 1967).

In this series we will explore what the founders of our American Republic and later U.S. presidents believed and whether we as current American citizens support their beliefs:

1) Benjamin Franklin: "Whoever would overthrow the Liberty of a Nation must begin by subduing Freedom of Speech"; 2) John Jay: "We have only to be faithful to our Great Leader. They who march under the Banner of Emanuel have God with them and consequently have nothing to fear";

3) Daniel Webster: "Our fathers were brought hither by their high veneration for the Christian religion. They journeyed by its light and labored in its hope. They sought to diffuse its influence through all their institutions, civil, political, or literary;

4) Benjamin Rush on the signing of the Declaration of Independence: "Do you recollect the pensive and awful silence which pervaded the house when we were called up, one after another, to the table to subscribe to what was believed by many to be our own death warrants?";

5) Samuel Adams: "We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom alone men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting sun may His kingdom come";

6) Patrick Henry: "Virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone that renders us invincible. These are the tactics we should study. If we lose these, we are conquered, fallen indeed";

7) Thomas Jefferson: "Our right to life, liberty, the use of our faculties, the pursuit of happiness...We do not claim these under the charters of kings or legislators, but under the King of kings";

8) John Adams: "We have no government armed with Power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a Whale goes through a Net";

9) George Washington: "It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor."

So, from 1776 to 2025 have circumstances changed so much that we don't need to believe what gave the Founders of the American Republic the courage to confront despotism? Love of God and love of our Country's principles--bring it on.

Iron County Pair Charged in Felony Case Involving First-Degree Offenses

by Tracie Sullivan

An Iron County man and woman

have been charged with multiple felonies following an investigation into allegations of serious crimes against a minor.

Kacey D. Zufelt, 34, of Cedar City, was arrested on Jan. 23, 2025, on two counts of Rape, a first-degree felony, and one count of aggravated sexual abuse of a child, also a first-degree felony.

According to court documents filed in 5th District Court, the Iron County Sheriff's Office launched an investigation in April 2024 after receiving a report regarding suspected abuse.

The investigation included interviews conducted at the Weber County Children's Justice Center, where the minor involved provided statements regarding the alleged offenses.

In addition to the first-degree felony charges, Zufelt was charged in December 2024 with obstruction of justice, a second-degree felony, a month before his January arrest.

Prosecutors allege that before June 1, 2024, Zufelt acted with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, prosecution, or conviction of an individual in a case involving a first-degree felony.

"When the Sheriff's Office went to extract data from the devices, it was discovered that the phones had been erased and factory-reset only days prior to the devices being seized. One phone also had been tampered with by having the cover taken off the SIM card slot. The cover is deformed as if an object was used to force the cover open," the affidavit states.

Shayla Vanderpool, 40, of Cedar City, has also been charged in connection with the case and faces one count of obstructing justice, a second-degree felony.

Since Vanderpool was issued a summons rather than being arrested, details of her involvement remain unclear. However, under Utah criminal code 76-8-306, obstruction of justice occurs when an individual knowingly hinders an investigation by concealing information, destroying evidence, providing false information, or assisting a suspect in avoiding law enforcement.

In Utah, obstruction of justice is a second-degree felony when the underlying offense is a capital or first-degree felony, as is the case here.Prosecutors have not disclosed the specific actions leading to her charge.



RON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Iron County School Board

from Iron County Today Staff

The Iron School County Board meeting began with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The board excused member Tiffany, who was absent.

During recognitions, Roy Matthews was announced as the recipient of the Utah Music Educators Association's Outstanding District Administrator of the Year award for 2023-24.

During public comment, a representative from Real Impact Cedar asked about the district's book auditing process, including library reviews and content evaluation. The board offered to provide details via email.

Superintendent Lance Hatch shared two updates: upcoming presentations on child abuse prevention, requesting board members' availability, and the district's transition from Board Docs to Diligent, a platform with improved accessibility, policy formatting, live streaming, and a user-friendly interface.

The board approved several action items:

- Sanctioned an Esports program at Canyon View High School for the 2025-2026 school year
- Approved updates to the board handbook, including the addition of Roberts Rules references and acronym definitions
- Approved the superintendent's contract for July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2027

Several policies were reviewed and discussed:

- Policy 337 (Salary Deductions) was moved to second reading
- Policy 726 (Fund Drives) received extensive discussion regarding changes to fundraising rules, including provisions for group incentives while prohibiting individual prizes

Policies receiving final approval on second reading included:

- Policy 424 (Use of District Vehicles)
- Policy 721 (Library and Supplemental Materials)
- Policy 904 (Advertising Distribution and Posting of Promotional Materials in Schools)

During the fundraising policy discussion, the board stressed the need for clear communication and training. Board member reports will now focus on committee assignments instead of general school visits for more efficient updates.

The budget report showed consistent spending, with 41.7% of the general fund used, matching last year's 41.8%.

Cedar City Council

from Iron County Today Staff

The Council set a budget retreat for March 21, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Council chambers, with water infrastructure discussions in the morning.

Firefighter Chad Barnes highlighted his recent 18-day deployment to the Palisades fire near Los Angeles. His crew fought the destructive blaze, worked 40-hour shifts, protected homes, assisted returning residents, and helped prevent looting.

Accountant Caleb Reese presented the city's audit. He praised strong financial health, effective grant management, and compliance with state rules. Major infrastructure investments totaled \$28 million in government and \$48 million in business-type activities, including water rights.

Councilman Phillips announced the Cedar City Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Utah on February 1, pledging to join if the youth council raises \$1,000. They then reviewed consent agenda items and discussed rezoning near 500 West, 550 West, and 1750 North, considering shifts from industrial to residential use, unit counts, amenities, and infrastructure needs.

The council debated drilling a deep well at Martin's Flat, weighing costs, water quality concerns, and state approval challenges. Past poor results were cited and suggested exploration near Rush Lake and Gap Road instead, though this would require an estimated \$82 million infrastructure investment.

Cedar Canyon's significant drainage and recommendations were highlighted in favor of Martin's Flat. They discussed past failed attempts in the area and whether modern technology could improve success.

Concerned about spending without water rights certainty, the council decided to apply for a state water rights change before drilling and proceed with approved test wells in the north valley.

The discussion stressed the urgency of new water sources and infrastructure issues like chlorination pressure. The meeting ended with plans to gather more data before deciding on Martin's Flat, followed by adjournment and a closed session.

Iron County Commission

from Iron County Today Staff

The Recorder reported increased recordings and a new Survey Finder map, while the Treasurer highlighted \$75-79 million which showed every that was collected and distributed by their office, and over \$3 million in interest earnings.

Potential jail funding challenges were addressed and efforts to resolve wildland firefighting pay issues. A commissioner met with Senator Curtis's Southern Utah director to discuss state funding restrictions. The commissioners praised the Sheriff's Department for swiftly solving a homicide case, making four arrests within hours. County Bee Inspector Blaine Nay inspected 25 bee yards with 73 hives last year, finding no serious bacterial diseases but noting a major threat from parasitic mites. He explained that more than six mites in a half-cup of bees signals a severe infestation. He shared a case in St. George where 23 hives were destroyed due to American foulbrood, a bacterial disease requiring hives to be burned and buried. Nay stressed the importance of European honeybees for pollinating crops like peaches and apples, as native bees cannot. The commissioners reviewed and approved several personnel promotions across different county departments:

- Accident and Safety Review Board
- Bookmobile Library Board
- Boundary Commission members
- Council on Aging board members
- Health Insurance Committee members
 Special Service District Number Three administrative control board
- Enterprise and Iron Conservation District board
- Planning Commission members
- Restaurant Tax Board
- Southwest Behavioral Health Board
- Weed Control board
- Road department.

The Sheriff's Office saw multiple personnel changes, including Robert Stammet moving from Corporal to Sergeant, Zachary Coons advancing from Deputy 3 to Corporal, and Jennifer Barnett being hired as a full-time Corrections nurse.

In the Sheriff's Office Patrol division, Shawn Peterson was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant, transitioning from non-exempt to exempt status. Brandon Kennedy advanced from Corporal to Sergeant, while Tyrell Crofts and Creek Carter were promoted from Deputy 2 to Deputy 3 status.

The commissioners unanimously approved these personnel changes after a brief discussion. A brief mention was made about potential updates to the tourism board membership, with Maria providing additional information via text message.

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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

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<u>UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES</u>

Utah Senate

Friends and neighbors,

We've completed the first two weeks of the 2025 Utah Legislative session. This year's motto is "Powering Utah's Future," focusing on education, family, innovation, energy, affordable housing, and more. It's been a busy two weeks with important bills moving forward.

Highlights of Bills:

S.B. 25 Postretirement Reemployment for Emergency Services Workers: Allows retirees to earn up to \$15,000 or half their average salary, whichever is lower, while keeping retirement benefits.

S.B. 17 Services for Dept. of Defense Civilian Employees: Grants in-state tuition residency and helps children of DoD employees transition into Utah's K-12 education system. S.B. 55 Unauthorized Use of Residential Real Property Amendments: Strengthens protections for property owners by enabling law enforcement to remove squatters more swiftly.

S.B. 62 Space Exploration Committee: Launches work to explore building a spaceport in Utah.

S.B. 96 Advanced Air Mobility Amendments: Paves the way for air taxis to reduce road congestion and prepare for the 2034 Olympics.

S.B. 178 Devices in Public Schools: Shifts the baseline policy to restrict cellphone use during classroom hours unless districts set a different policy. This change maintains flexibility for districts to create tailored policies.

S.B. 47 Sales and Use Tax Remittance Amendments: Removes the rule requiring sellers to pay sales tax if they have more than 200 transactions a year, aligning with national practices for remote sales tax collection. S.B. 71 Social Security Tax Revisions: Eliminates Social Security retirement income tax for about 152,000 Utahns, easing the tax burden on seniors and retirees. S.B. 24 Child Abuse and Torture Amendments:

Enhances penalties for child abusers by elevating child torture from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony with a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years.

These are a few of the many bills moving through the Legislature. Your voice is needed as we do our work. Public participation is vital for developing better policies. Our new webpage includes video tutorials to guide you through navigating the legislative website (le.utah.gov) and making the most of its resources. Check it out here: senate.utah. gov/getting-involved.

Thank you for your continued and strong support as I work hard to represent you at the Utah Legislature. Please reach out anytime at 435-817-5565 or evickers.le.utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Evan

Utah House of Representatives

Building a Stronger Future for Utah

Week two of the 66th Legislature has been an exciting and productive one for Utah, and I'm proud to represent District 71 as we continue working to strengthen our state. We've made great strides to expand career and technical training, reduce regulatory burdens for our workforce, and keep costs low for students and families. I'm committed to ensuring that District 71 and all of Utah remains a wonderful place

committed to passing H.B. 104: Firearm Safety Amendments. This bill focuses on educating our youth to prevent accidental firearm-related deaths by teaching proper firearm handling and safety. It's not about being "pro-gun" or "anti-gun" — it's about acknowledging that improperly stored guns pose a severe danger to our children.

Here is a list of bills I am sponsoring this session

- H.B. 45 First Substitute Irrigation Amendments
- H.B. 104 Firearm Safety in Schools Amendments
- H.B. 141 Adoption Modifications
- H.B. 147 Aquatic Invasive Species Amendments



REP. CARL ALBRECHT UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

- H.B. 153 Hunting Amendments
- H.B. 162 Transportation Funding Amendments
- H.B. 213 Voting Revisions
- H.B. 240 Urban Farming Assessment Amendments
- I would love to hear from you!

Representative Rex Shipp

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Highlights of Week 2

I passed my second Bill through the House of Representatives on Wednesday with HB 72: Electricity Rate Amendments passing unanimously. It will now move to the Senate, making us one step closer to ensuring fair rates for Utah payers.

On Tuesday, HCR 1: Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water **Conservancy District** moved further along the process with my presentation to the Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee. The committee was very responsive to this bill and saw the good it would do for this rural community. It passed the committee unanimously with a favorable recommendation, moving it the Senate body where it will be voted on next.

Tuesday was a busy day as I also presented HB 253: Agriculture and Food Amendments to the House and Human Services Committee. This bill was a combined effort with the Utah Department of Agriculture to make slight changes to law that ensure the state supports our farmers and ranchers. It passed out of committee with a unanimous vote of favorable recommendation.

I presented HB 249: Nuclear Power Amendments to the House Public Utilities and

Energy Standing Committee on Monday. This historic bill is the first piece of legislation is the first nuclear energy bill in Utah's history that also does good for the further develop-ment of energy in Utah. It will establish a Nuclear Energy Consortium whose purpose is to advise State legislation on nuclear energy. As nuclear energy emerges as a future viable option in the field of energy, this bill helps lay the groundwork for the future of Utah's energy. It passed out of committee with a unanimous vote of favorable recommendation.

The Rural Water Association of Utah held a rally on Thursday where I presented my bills concerning water, HB 41: State Water Policy Amendments, HB 47: Public Lands Watering Rights Amendments, HB 174: Water Rights Restricted Account, and HCR 1: Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water Conservancy District. It was great to have the opportunity to discuss these bills with rural water represen-

tatives, and gain their support on these bills. The highlight of the week was being joined on the House Floor by my grandchildren Boone and Emery. Boone gave the opening prayer of the floor time while Emery led the gallery and chamber in the pledge of allegiance.

Committees

We heard and discussed a handful of bills this week in the House Public Utilities and Energy Committee, as well as the committee I Chair, House Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Environment Committee. Some great bills were passed through committee, including HB 212: Advanced Transmission Technologies which will update and improve our transmission of power in this state, especially in rural areas with outdated equipment.

Request for Appropriations

I had two presentations for my requests for appropriations. On Tuesday I presented my Utah Cyber Security RFA to the General Government Appropriations Subcommittee. These appropriations would ensure the state allocates the funds and resources to help businesses and entities in rural Utah communities avoid cyber-attacks. My second RFA presentation was on Wednesday to the Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Environment subcommittee. This request is to allocate money to fees incurred by Kane County in their fight to keep BLM roads open. These funds would go a long way in the fight to give rural Utah access to our public lands.

Your involvement is vital to our process, make your voice heard. Please feel free to attend any public meetings or attend online to listen and testify. Contact me through phone or email; carlalbrecht@le.utah.gov, (435) 979-6578. You can also contact my intern, Joe Boyle; jboyle@le.utah.gov, (385) 420-3096. Thank you for your continued support.

Rep. Albrecht

SEN. EVAN VICKERS

UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Supporting Urban Farming

I'm dedicated to supporting the growth and

Amendments. This bill aims to promote urban

farming and provide tax reductions to urban

farmers, helping them thrive and contribute

for policies that benefit our community and

make District 71 an even better place to live!

to our local economy. I'll always advocate

Supporting Families in Our

Families and children are the heart of our

committed to helping children find stable,

loving homes while reducing the burdens

faced by prospective adoptive parents. I'm

H.B. 141: Adoption Modifications, which

creates exceptions to the pre-placement

recognizes and formalizes long-standing

relationships and living arrangements for

children in need of a stable home. It also

reduces unnecessary hurdles for prospective

parents who were previously married to the child's legal guardian or have lived with the

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3D rendering of the proposed Public Safety Building for Southwest Tech

SOUTHWEST TECH LAUNCHES \$36 MILLION "TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES" CAMPAIGN TO REVOLUTIONIZE EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Paramedic students partnering with Iron County Search & Rescue for training

by Karyn Keanaaina southwest technology college

January 29, 2025 - Cedar City, UT - Southwest Technical College (Southwest Tech) proudly announces the "Transforming Communities"

capital campaign, a visionary \$36 million initiative aimed at enriching Cedar City and the surrounding region. With a focus on constructing a state-of-theart public safety facility, expanding scholarships, and establishing endowments to support program growth, Southwest Tech is poised to enhance student success and strengthen community safety and resilience over the next five years.

This transformative campaign begins with a generous \$1.8 million legacy gift from the Hughes Family, dedicated supporters of Southwest Tech's mission to provide high-quality, accessible education. Their A typical day of hands-on training for our Firefighter class



L to R: Bruce Hughes & Brennan Wood

contribution establishes a solid foundation for an effort that promises lasting impact for both the college and the community. "We are deeply grateful to the Hughes family for their unwavering support and belief in our mission,"

said Brennan Wood, President of Southwest Tech. "Their legacy gift will profoundly benefit our institution and the entire community we serve."

Bruce Hughes echoed these sentiments, adding, "I believe in the power of education to change lives. This campaign is not only an investment in Southwest Tech's future but in the safety and prosperity of the entire region. We are honored to support a project that will prepare our future first responders and empower the next generation of leaders."

One of the key features of the "Transforming Communities" campaign is a new public safety facility. Designed to train the next generation of first responders— Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, and Firefighters—this facility will address critical needs in Cedar City and surrounding counties by preparing highly skilled professionals dedicated to community safety. This facility will feature cutting-edge, advanced training environments, including a physical training area, fire tower, simulation labs, and shared study spaces for emergency response scenarios, providing students with essential hands-on experience in a controlled setting. Not only will this facility enhance Southwest Tech's educational mission, it will also contribute directly to the safety and resilience of our community.

Southwest Tech will also be utilizing the funds from this campaign for scholarship endowments and faculty development. "Southwest Tech has always been a leader in quality, affordable education" Scott Leavitt, Vice President of Academics at Southwest Tech states, "our main focus and mission is to ensure financial accessibility for students from all backgrounds, as well as continue to fulfill the needs of the workforce in our region." Since 2015, Southwest Tech has graduated 746 public safety students. These students have gone on to work full-time into the public safety industry, many staying locally or within the State.

"Our public safety programs are vital to the community, and this new facility will ensure our graduates are among the best-trained professionals,"

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added Wood. "By investing in their education, we invest in the safety and future of our community."

Southwest Tech has been a cornerstone of education and workforce development in Cedar City and beyond. This campaign marks a pivotal step in the college's commitment to serving the community through innovative, competency-based education. The new public safety building will serve not only students but also local emergency services, offering critical training and support.

Southwest Tech invites community members, alumni, and local businesses to join this transformative effort. Every contribution builds a safer, stronger future for Cedar City and the surrounding region. If you want more information regarding the "Transforming Communities" campaign, visit www.stech.edu/ foundation.

If you would like to discuss your options for supporting Southwest Tech, please call, text, or email Christy Hugh, Donor Liaison & Foundation Administrator, at 435-590-3131 or christyhugh@stech.edu, OR Nicole Slade, National Donor Liaison at 801-623-7083 or nslade@stech. edu.

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Ways to Strengthen Girls and Women in Iron County

Dr. Susan R. Madsen UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

In the fall of 2023, I enjoyed meeting with leaders and residents in Iron County to brainstorm how to better strengthen the impact of girls and women in your area. My Utah Women & Leadership Project colleague, Deboraĥ Lin, and I collected ideas and strategies from 33 residents that individuals, groups, and organizations can use to address the complex and unique issues that women and girls in Iron County face.

During our conversation, five primary areas of concern emerged: home and family, education, community engagement, business & economics, and culture. Attendees suggested specific ideas within each of these areas, and I thought I would share some of them here (you can read more details in our published report).

Home & Family: In Iron County, parents are recognized as powerful influences on the lives of their daughters. Understanding best practices in parenting and equipping young families to make decisions that are best for them were recommended along with having equity in family relationships and modeling healthy gender roles at home. Daughters should be encouraged to develop passions, interests, and positive attitudes, and learn resilience. Parents need to be involved in their daughters' education and emphasize the importance of graduating from both high school and college, have career discussions at home and tie it to income potential. Daughters should be supported in their decisions and encouraged to pursue their dreams.

Education: Leaders in Iron County highlighted the essential role of schools. This includes providing young women with choice in their education, and opportunities to explore passions and interests while learning skills to develop confidence and a love of education. Girls-only clubs, coding, career fairs, and other girls-only opportunities can help girls excel. In addition, they need to develop soft skills

that will assist them with employment and relationships. Role models and people they can relate to who have been successful, including high school alumni, can help young women understand the possibilities for their futures. Career aptitude and interest assessments and partnerships with industry and mentors can translate interests to employment. Finally, many women need to be aware of financial assistance for continuing their education and obtaining college degrees.

Overall, I believe there is so much potential in Iron County for positive change that can ensure that more girls, women, and their families (including boys and men) can better thrive. Change on a social level can only be achieved when

individuals, organizations, and societies do things differently than they have done before.

In 2023, my team and I launched "A Bolder Way Forward for Utah," a statewide movement to help make sure this happens. This initiative has established coalitions in each county. You can learn more about the Iron County Coalition here or reach out to renownedintegrity@gmail.com to attend a lunch March 3 in

Cedar City to learn more about how you can get involved.

The full report is available at https://www.usu.edu/ uwlp/files/wcid/iron-county. pdf. Thank you to Southern Utah University's Women's Network, Utah State University Extension – Iron County, and Southwest Technical College who were partners for the initial gathering and the report.



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What Do We Mean by "Become California"?

by Casey Anderson

INSIDERS CLUB MEMBER

How many tax increases does it take before we've "become California"? Five? Ten? A hundred? It's a question on the minds of many local residents who worry that Utah, particularly in Iron County, is inching closer to the governance and policies that define California. While interpretations of this idea may vary, the underlying sentiment is clear: we don't want our government to mirror California's.

Some argue that in certain ways, we're already there. For instance, while California is notorious for its high income taxes on the wealthy, Utah and local governments impose nearly double the rate of taxation on business personal property (non-structure property) as a percentage of property taxes. Utah's collection rate stands at 10.76%, compared to California's 5.20%. This disparity is not only embarrassing, but counterproductive. Tax experts widely criticize the business personal property tax for being one of the most harmful to businesses due to its complexity and administrative burden. Yet, this outdated and damaging tax remains in place, fully assessed and collected by counties. Neither the State nor the Federal government has imposed this burden on local employers.

So, how will we know when we've "become California"? The answer lies in the trajectory of our policies and decisions.

Since 2017, local governments in Iron County have enacted 10 new or increased taxes. This number includes cities, towns, the County, and the School District, but excludes other taxpayer-funded districts, which would push the total even higher. That's more than one tax hike per year, on average. And while Iron County voters rejected three additional proposed tax increases, the trend is alarming. Meanwhile, at the state level, leaders like Governor Cox and the Legislature are actively working to reduce taxes and support families and businesses-a commendable effort that should inspire local governments to follow suit. The improvements implemented by the State have unfortunately been dragged down by the decline of our local entities.

If this pattern continues, we're well on our way to becoming the next California. When local leaders claim, "We run a tight ship; there's no fat to cut," it really just signals a lack of effort in identifying efficiencies. There's always room for improvement, even if it's just 1%. To dismiss this possibility is to admit that leadership hasn't looked hard enough.

Under the current trajectory, we could see another 10 tax hikes in Iron County by 2030. At what point do we cross the line and truly "become California"? Many of the decisions being made locally resemble those made in California 20 years ago—a strategy that ultimately failed. It's time for a course correction. Local leaders must adopt a different approach: start cutting taxes now, choose reductions that will most benefit our community and economy, and embrace prudent, limited-government principles. History has shown that when government steps back, people and businesses thrive.

State-Local Tax Burdens by State, Calendar Year 2022



We often hear comparisons between Utah and California, with leaders proudly declaring, "We're better than California." Yet, paradoxically, these same leaders push policies that follow the failed strategies of the Golden State. This inconsistency highlights the need for greater alignment with Utah's strengths and values. Ironically, this really may not even be as strong of a point as they appear to be making. Utah ranks #40 in State and Local Tax Burden, California is #46. Every State that borders Utah is significantly better: Nevada at #18, Idaho at #29, Wyoming at #2, Colorado at #19, Arizona at #15, and New Mexico at #25 ALL rank better than Utah. *In other words, we are closer to the government of California, than any other State that we border, by far.*

It's important to note here that our State Taxes alone actually rank quite well, it's our local taxes that drag us so far down these rankings.

Ronald Reagan once said, "The more the planners plan, the more the plans fail," in his legacy-defining speech, A Time for Choosing. These words ring truer than ever as we witness this flawed approach repeated daily-not by Washington, D.C., but by our own local representatives. Is this the vision our state's pioneers had in mind when they fled the corrupt and tyrannical local jurisdictions of the Midwest in search of freedom on the frontier? We all know and understand that yes, some good decisions are made, but that doesn't mean that we are unable to highlight the bad decisions and well.

Ultimately, the path forward is clear. Local governments must resist the temptation to raise taxes and instead focus on policies that foster growth and opportunity. By learning from California's missteps, we can ensure that Utah can become a beacon of fiscal responsibility and economic vitality. The time to act is now—before we become the very thing we seek to avoid.

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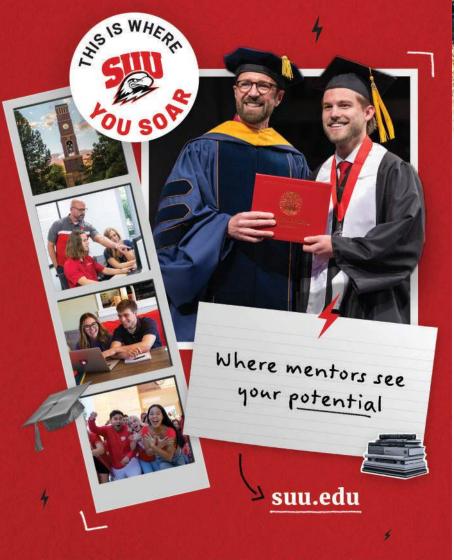
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by May Hunter FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Enoch City celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Enoch Police Department building! The new facility will provide increased space, enhanced security, and improved privacy for both the officers and the public. The new Police Department building will be located just behind the Enoch City Offices.

Enoch is a city in Iron County, Utah, and is located 7 miles northeast of Cedar City in the northeast part of Cedar Valley. Enoch was founded by Joel H. Johnson and was originally known as Johnson's Springs. Joel H. Johnson was the earliest white settler, who came to this area in 1851 with his family. In 1890, the area's name was changed to "Enoch", to avoid confu-

Enoch Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut

sion with another settlement also named Johnson's Springs. Enoch Chief

> Enoch's population is 8,336. Enoch

is the second largest community in Iron County, but still has the feel of a small town. Enoch is a residential town with many amenities, including parks, recreation complexes, several local businesses, and a school.

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Enoch, Utah is a good place to live for those who really enjoy small-town charm, many outdoor activities, and year-round events.

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ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

Shakespeare in the Schools Education Tour: National School Schoo

by Liz Armstrong USF GUEST WRITER Shakespeare in the Schools education tour director Marcella Kearns

loves Shakespeare's histories more than any of his other plays, a sentiment not all theatre-goers agree with. Kearns is keenly aware of this and urges us to reshape our opinions regarding the genre.

"When people think of Shakespeare's history plays, they think, 'Oh, it's going to be a history lesson," Kearns said. "No! It's an epic adventure. We should rename the history genre as the 'epic genre.' Within the histories, you have comedy, tragedy, and adventure."

Henry IV, Part I is one of his most popular histories, but ranks lower in popularity when the tragedies and comedies are thrown into the mix. So why choose it to be the play for the 2025 Shakespeare in the Schools tour?

Education Director and Producer Stewart Shelley is excited to explain.

Everybody knows Hamlet. Everybody knows Romeo and Juliet. Or even if they don't know the story, they know enough to have preconceived notions," Shelley said. "But with Henry IV, we're going into it with a completely blank slate. It's a powerful story for young people to find themselves and see themselves in.

Henry IV: An Origin Story

A coming of age story is perfect to bring to primarily middle and high school students across the Intermountain West, as each student is experiencing their very own coming of age story. But there's another layer.

"It's also an origin story, which is so popular now," Kearns said. "I think that will speak so beautifully to the young people we are visiting." The 75-minute condensed version of Part I tells of King Henry IV and his son Prince Hal, and how the prince is faced with growing up and preparing to assume the throne. It ends with the battle

between Prince Hal and his rival Hotspur.

"That really hearkens to a lot of these students, who are at the very edge of this high school experience and are at the jumping off point for adulting," Kearns continued.

In this particular production, Kearns is exploring how both Prince Hal and Hotspur react to the circumstances they're given.

"One of them is constantly learning, while the other makes some choices that lead him in the wrong direction. One of them wins and one of them doesn't. But in this play, as an [origin story] no one in this play is a villain," Kearns said. "Everyone is just making choices about what they think is right based on what they think is most important."

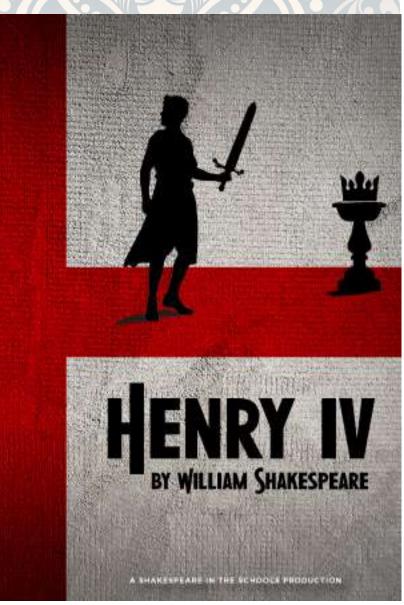
Exploring Generational Influence and Morality

Kearns noted that in this production, they're exploring the expectations the older generation has for the younger generation and how the younger generation has surprised the older generation.

"What we're also learning

something this particular

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bringing forward." For actor Anna Rock, this theme was imperative to share.

company is naturally

Tt's important to share with young audiences a story that features teenage characters and their struggle to stand up for what they believe in while reckoning with responsibility, honor, and expectations from their elders," Rock said.

The other major questions Kearns is leaning into are: "How do you define your moral compass?" and "What do you do with the circumstances you've been put in and what's been given to you?"

"Shakespeare was an invisible playwright; he

offers up everybody's opinions and gives them validity," Kearns said. "These histories in particular are so beautiful because they give us a chance to swim in the questions rather than think we have fixed answers of how everybody should be."

Simplifying the Production

Shelley noted that the tour will be different from years' past because they are bringing the production of Shakespeare's work back to its roots.

Over the years, the tour has grown more complex, including a lighting and sound system, backdrops, and large amounts of "spectacle to support the story."

"This summer, I had discussions with theatre teachers at our Tech for Teachers camp, and I just kept hearing over and over again: 'We can't do that

> at our school, we don't have the equipment," Shelley said.

From those discussions, Shelley wanted to simplify the tour.

"We can build this tour in a way that is story-centric and character focused, in a way that's just as exciting and important and visceral for students watching the production without [the equipment]," Shelley said.

Kearns agreed, telling Shelley she really could do *Henry IV* with only an "apple crate."

Shelley and Kearns wanted to show that any school can do the play with just the actors and minimal needs.

"There will be very simple costume changes," Kearns explained.

The seven actors play a myriad of characters and will make small changes in their physical appearance, so they will focus on transforming themselves vocally and stylistically.

Another change is that the tour is using only actor-generated sound, as opposed to the pre-recorded sound used in previous years.

"We are going back to the roots of theatre and storytelling as a whole, rather than trying to supplement with other things," Shelley said.

Kearns' Journey with the Festival

The director's first experience with the Festival was as an educator.

"I brought my own group of students to the [Shakespeare] competition," Kearns said. "Being able to come here and see the work and passion of young people from so many places reinforced my desire to work here."

Kearns actually directed the Festival's former education director, Katherine Norman, years prior.

"She liked my approach [as a director]. She proposed the tour to me without knowing I had just worked on *Henry IV* for the first time," Kearns said.

For Kearns, it felt kismet, and as an educator, the tour is especially important.

"We see such a cross section of humanity in this play," Kearns said. "All of these characters are deeply human and flawed, and this play has a way of speaking to young people and the expectations that are put upon them. I hope they can thread the needle and think of how they should live their lives given whatever is put in their laps."

The Public Performance

There will be a free public performance in Cedar City, UT, on Friday, February 7 in the Southern Utah University Auditorium Theatre at 7:30 pm.

"It's an opportunity to welcome our community into this experience and share that the tour is integral to educating our future audience members," Shelley said.

Shelley added that the tour is not possible without incredible sponsorships, which primarily comes from the Utah Legislature through the Professional Outreach Programs in the Schools (POPS).

"We also have a grant from Arts Midwest that makes it possible for us to go out of state and capture more of the Intermountain West," Shelley said.

Other sponsors include Ally Bank, The Guild of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, and Orem Care, with special thanks to Southern Utah University.

Finally, Shelley would like to thank the Festival production team.

"What they do is Herculean," Shelley said. "It's not an easy thing to do, and they all do it with a smile on their face and excitement and enthusiasm to teach the rising generation of theatre artists and patrons."

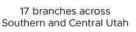


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So Many Seeds to Choose Fre

by Samuel Wells CCAC BOARD MEMBER

The seed catalogues are starting

to arrive in the mail and even though it is still winter and months from our growing season, it is a lot of fun paging through all the possibilities. It is also one of the surest ways to succumb to a full-blown case of spring fever. That said, there are a few things I have learned through the years that might be helpful to some of our readers before they spend too much money on all the tempting offerings.

First, there are very few catalogue options that are perfect fits for Iron County. Most seed companies sell varieties that are adapted to very different climates. So be careful, the pictures you see advertised might look a lot different from the plants that come up in your garden later in the year. Our climate is difficult. Ecologists call our region a cold desert. The weather often warms up early because of the southern winds coming from the Mojave Desert and then turns cold. Non-native plants start waking up only to be frozen by a late May frost coming in from the north. The local wisdom (in case you are new to our area) is to avoid transplanting summer crops until

after the snow has disappeared from Cedar Mountain. Another concern is that our

sandy soils are not always friendly to non-native plants (and most of what you see in catalogues are non-native plants). With an organic content of less than 1%, our soils need to be prepared with a lot of organic matter and possibly other amendments. I start gathering fallen leaves in the fall to add to my compost pile of kitchen scraps. This becomes lovely black soil when the planting season starts in the spring. Maybe my most import-

ant advice is to plant several varieties of the vegetables and flowers you want. Then save the seeds from the plants that do the best and use them the following year.

Eventually this produces varieties that are just right for your garden. Using a mix like this maximizes the likelihood that some of the genetic diversity will work. This is a process called artificial selection and we have been doing it for thousands of years. Almost all the plants that we eat were first developed this way before the era of big industry (it is also true of the animals we breed). Joseph Lofthouse calls this landrace gardening in his short book by the same name.

There is, of course, a downside to this method: many of the plants will not do well. It is, after all, a process of trial and error.

If you haven't visited the USU extension office in town (right next to the Cedar City Visitor Center at 585 N Main Street) you might want to make a visit. They have a lot of good advice for gardeners of every level. And be brave. If your planting efforts have not paid off in the past, don't give up. It is possible to grow a great garden in Iron County.

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WHY IS IT SO COLD??

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by May Hunter

ooking outside, it's a beautiful day, the sky is blue, and the sun is shining, but why is it so cold? The coldest average temperatures of the whole season are in January and February in the northern hemisphere. Winter is cold because the Earth's tilt causes the northern hemisphere to be at an angle away from the sun during these months, and so the sun's rays hit the Earth at a more oblique angle, causing less direct sunlight and less heat energy to the surface. During winter, the days are shorter and the nights are longer, so there is less amount of sunlight that gets to the Earth. We often ask, "why is it cold when the Earth is closest to the Sun?" It's because the Earth's orbit is not a perfect circle. It is a bit lop-sided. During part of the year, Earth is closer to the Sun than at other times. But, in the Northern Hemisphere, we are having winter when Earth is closest to the Sun and summer

when it is farthest away!

Utah's sunlight during the winter months doesn't help our bodies produce the sunshine vitamin. Unfortunately, because Utah is situated in the northern hemisphere, UVB rays cannot reach the state. We're in these northern hemisphere states where we're getting the cold winters, and we're above the 37th parallel. The UV rays do not reach us adequately in the wintertime. Because Utah's winters are so cold, even if a bit of UVB made it to our state, usually we are cold and we are inside so we are not getting any anyway. So in the winter months, it's important to take vitamin D supplements or simply eat foods that contain it. Foods like: fatty fish, eggs, fortified foods, Cod Liver Oil. In the winter, the sun is not strong enough to produce vitamin D in your body. If you do go out in the sun, you'll have to spend almost two hours in the sun at noon to produce enough vitamin D.

How to survive winter even if you really, really don't like it? Wind that makes your face feel like sandpaper, snow that makes it hard to drive and walk in, how long it takes you to get dressed because of layers, and to top it off-you don't like being stuck inside?

Invest in good warm clothes and boots, find a winter activity you like, cook up some warm, comforting recipes, spend time with someone who actually likes winter and the cold, bundle up, and take a walk in the crisp, cold air.

If happiness is a choice, why aren't you choosing it? The next few months are just going to be cold. Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't. Spend more time with family and friends.

Winter forms our character and brings out our best - Tom Allen.

Remember,

No Winter Lasts Forever; No Spring Skips Its Turn" - Hal Borland

COMMUNITY + PERSONAL INTEREST IN IRON COUNTY

calendar

WED, FEB 5

OPEN DANCE AUDITIONS (9-10:30AM)

John Mead Dance Company is hosting open dance audition for two productions to be held in May and October. Both auditions will be held at the SUU Multipurpose Center in MC116. All dancers, 16 years to adult, both SUU and non-SUU are welcome to attend! Please bring a copy of your bio, photo, and schedule of availability to the audition. For more information contact: info@johnmeaddanceco.com.

THURS, FEB 6

APEX PRESENTS SIBUSISO VILANE

(11:30AM-12:30PM) - South African Adventurer 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.

CONTRACTORS CORNER MEET & MINGLE

(5-6:30) This is a Contractors Only networking event. A light dinner will be served! Located at Southwest Tech -Chamber Lobby 510 w 800 s Cedar City. Contact April Marcial @ 435-586-4484 for more information. Don't forget to register!

GREASE THE MUSICAL (7PM)

The musical Grease opens with the Cedar City Children's Musical Theater with performances through Feb. 10 at 150 East Altamira Ave. Tickets available online at www.CCCMT.org or at the door.

PRETTY IN PINK EXHIBITION SALE

(5-7PM) Kolob Gallery presents "Pretty in Pink" exhibition sale. There will be beautiful, affordable art by local artists to give to a special someone or to bright a room in your house for Valentine's Day!

HISTORY BOOK CLUB (6PM) AT MAIN

Street Books. Most titles are available well in advance at Main Street Books. All are welcome to join! This month's book: 1920: The Year of the Six Presidents By David Pietrusza.

FRI, FEB 7

SPRING SHOW "EYE OF THE TIGER"

(7-9PM) SUU Commercial Music Program: Spring Show "Eye of the Tiger" held at 7:00 PM in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Admission is FREE and open to everyone. Led by Dr. McKay Tebbs, "Eye of the Tiger" will showcase original songs by students in SUU's Commercial Music program, as well as covers of popular songs. This is sure to be a fun night for the whole family!

USF: HENRY IV PERFORMANCE (7:30PM)

Utah Shakespeare Festival: Shakespeare in the Schools Education Tour - Henry IV will have a public performance in the SUU - Auditorium Theater (S 300 W, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Everyone in the community is invited to experience the tour and see in person how integral the tour is to educating future audience members. This is not a history lesson it is an epic adventure with comedy, tragedy, and adventure!

VALENTINE DANCE NIGHT (6:30-8PM)

at the Cedar City Aquatic Center -Multipurpose room 1. \$40 per couple. Semi-formal dress. 60 minute dance lesson - Bachata 30 minute open dance. Contact datenightdancing@gmail.com for more information. Celebrate Valentines Day early with us! Get dressed up and take your sweetheart out dancing.

SAT. FEB 8

DC PUB: LIVE MUSIC (7PM) FEATURING

Runaway Fire will be held at DC Pub & Grill (650 S Main St, Cedar City). Fun for the whole family!

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET

(10AM-1PM) Festival City Farmers Market is held every Saturday at 100 West Center Street (Cedar City), admission is FREE. The Festival City Farmers Market offers a bounty of local farmers and backyard gardeners who grow organically yearround. Come and support local farmers by buying fresh and local year-round. Shop locally produced and grown fruit, vegetables, cheese, jam, bread, eggs, honey, farm products, handcrafted items, and more. For information email festivalcityfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

OPEN DANCE AUDITIONS (10AM-12PM)

John Mead Dance Company is hosting open dance audition for two productions to be held in May and October. Both auditions will be held at the SUU Multipurpose Center in MC116. All dancers, 16 years to adult, both SUU and non-SUU are welcome to attend! Please bring a copy of your bio, photo, and schedule of availability to the audition. For more information contact: info@johnmeaddanceco.com.

MON, FEB 10

SUU ANNUAL FACULTY RECITAL

(7:30-9PM) SUU Department of Music: Annual Faculty Recital - "Abendmusik", in the SUU Music Building - Thorley Recital Hall (432 W 200 S, MU 208, Cedar City). This recital features the talents of several full-time and adjunct faculty members whose talents demonstrate the wide breadth of expertise within the department. The recital is FREE and open to all.

THURS, FEB 13

CHAMBER LUNCHEON (12-1PM) JOIN US

FOR our monthly luncheon where we will hear from 15 Different Businesses in Cedar at the Courtyard by Marriott 1294 S Interstate Dr. Cedar City. Contact April Marcial @ 435-586-4484 for more information. Don't forget to register!

FRI, FEB 14

Valentine's Day

COUPLES CANDLE LIGHT CHOCOLATE

YOGA (7-8PM) Spirit Wellness, 1615 N. Main Street, Cedar City, Utah. Free to Members, \$8 Drop in fee. Info @(435)867-5582.

THE SECRET GARDEN (FEB. 14, 15, 20, 21,

& 22) SUU's Department of Theatre, Dance,

and Arts Administration presents The Secret Garden. Tickets are available at the Utah Shakespeare Festival Box Office and can be purchased online at bard.org/tdaa, by phone at (435) 586-7878, or in-person a half-hour before each performance.

VALENTINE'S SPRING SWING THING

(7PM) SUU's Department of Music is delighted to announce the much-anticipated Valentine's Spring Swing Thing, featuring the SUU Jazz Ensemble One. Located in the Gilbert Great Hall of the R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center on SUU's Campus. Admission is free of charge, but donations are warmly welcomed to support the SUU Music Department.

SAT, FEB 15

ADULT ART ADVENTURE (5-6:30PM)

Adult Art Adventure: Rediscover your joy through art at the Johnson Art Center, 59 North 100 West. \$15 per ticket. Limited seating available! First come, first served. Start with an inspiring presentation by Hanna, owner of Prussian Bleu Studio, then enjoy an hour of hands-on creativity to rediscover your own happiness through painting. Zero experience ENCOURAGED.

ICAMA PRESENTS ELDERSISTER (6:30PM)

Doors open at 6:30 pm and show starts at 7pm. Iron County Acoustic Music Association presents a special performance by Eldersister indie folk band. Event will take place at Park Place Eatery 23 West Center Street. Event is free with a suggested donation of \$5 at the door.

MON, FEB 17

President's Day

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. life

<u>ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES</u>

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 (805) 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

 Mistics • M = F, 6 print

 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 • Sonrise 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@sonrisehurch. 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-ofmotion 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 Cedu). 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

City. Classic Cars & Trucks, Customs, Your pride and joy. A free small Custard for each car entry, provided by Culvers! 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.,11:00am @ 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.edarcitycommunityband.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/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7 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

Questions: Jane 435-233-8366.

Senior Yoga Classes

Anzalone (702) 232-0063.

StrongBoard Classes

Sewing Group

703 W 600 S

reserve your spot.

Tai Chi For Health

required. Space limited.

586-3233 (am mtg)

Wellness Place

upcoming-classes

Youth Group

Wellness Wednesdays

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

303 N 100 E. (435) 586-6661

Water Aerobics Class

1st Tues, 7 pm • Cedar City Library

TOPS-Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Tues, Thurs, 9 am • SUU pool, 2-56 N 600

Intensive cardio, full body muscle toning. Any

fitness level. All ages. \$3/class, including pool

592-5308. Classes: thewellnessplacecc.com/

Wed Noon-1 pm • Create Better Health. ZOOM

Mtg ID: 841 6308 8990, PW: health, Info: Kristi

Sharp (435) 986-2564, ksharp@swuhealth.org

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@

sonrisehurch net sonrisechurch net

W., Fun, up-tempo workout to music.

admission. (435) 327-2091 (no text)

583 S Main Suite #5, Cedar City. (435)

Wed • Weigh-in 9 am, mtg 9:30 am., Cedar City

Library, 303 N 100 E. Lose weight affordably •

project, or just socialize. Beginners welcome!

Mon, 10-11 am & Wed, 1-2 pm • Cedar City

Wed 9-2:30 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489

supplies. No fees. All abilities welcome. Annie

2nd Sat, 9 am, Cedar High School wood shop,

M-W-Fri, 9 am • IFS Studio, 2390 UT-56 #9,

Cedar City. Improve core strength, balance,

limited to 8. Call (661) 436-0259 to register/

Wed & Fri, 9:30-10:30 am • Cedar Senior Center,

Helps coordination, balance, flexibility. Maria

Bailey, 435-673-3548 x103. Pre-registration not

489 E 200 S. FREE low-impact, health for Seniors.

stability. All fitness levels welcome. Class size

E 200 S). Bring machine, cord, projects,

Southern Utah Woodturners

Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Easy to do.

Please bring own mat. (435) 586-0832

obituaries

Regina Mary Lister



Regina Mary Lister was born on August 13, 1944, to George and Mary Jane Vandenberghe in Cedar City, Utah. She passed away on January 27, 2025, at the age of 80, due to complications from Dementia/Alzheimer's disease, in Cedar City,

Regina grew up on her parents' farm on Vandenberghe Lane, where she helped care for sheep, cows, turkeys, and tended to crops like hay, corn, and wheat. She also helped with the family garden. Her childhood was filled with adventure as she and her siblings worked together on the farm, enjoyed hunting rabbits at night, and played baseball and softball. They often ventured into the sagebrush behind the house to hunt for arrowheads and slept under the stars during warm summer nights. Regina loved farm life, milking cows and goats, and raising dogie lambs. She was an active participant in 4-H, belonging to the Lucky Clovers club. One

for 4-H activities, where her group always won first place in the skit competitions. Regina raised livestock, sewed, and cooked for 4-H. She was proud to graduate as a Cedar Redman.

Regina married James Terry in 1962, in Cedar City, Utah. They were married for 14 years and had four children together. During their marriage, Regina moved to Southern California to raise her family. Later, she married Sam McCormick, and they lived in Huntington Beach, California, before relocating to Cedar City in 1983, where they built a home in Hamilton Fort. After their divorce, she married Sherel Lister, and they enjoyed many years together, with Regina often spending time on Summit Mountain helping Sherel with his herd of sheep.

Summit Mountain always held a special place in her heart. Regina worked as a home health nurse for Maree Prince for many years, until she injured her back while lifting a patient. She then spent many enjoyable years working at The Market Grill, where she loved chatting with customers and managing the staff, including many of her grandchildren. Regina retired from working when her daughter, Jodi Oliver, was diagnosed with ALS, so she could spend more time with her in California. Regina was a devoted Utah Jazz fan. She had a deep love for country music, with Loretta Lynn being her favorite artist. She was thrilled to meet Loretta at her ranch in Tennessee as

an official fan club member. Regina also had a vast collection of Mickey Mouse memorabilia and loved visiting Disneyland. One of her dogs, whom she named Mickey was a special companion, and she had many other beloved dogs throughout her life. Her latest dog, Buddy, was her constant companion in her later years.

Buddy, was her constant companion in her later years. Regina was heartbroken when her daughter, Jodi Oliver, passed away almost 10 years ago. She never fully worked through her grief and often expressed a longing to be reunited with Jodi and her grandson Blake. Mom, we find comfort knowing that you are now in the loving arms of Jodi and Blake. Jodi, you can take it from here. Regina is survived by her children: Deanne Twitchell (Jeff) of Cedar City, Leanne Reed (Steve) of Logandale, NV, Curtis Terry (Cheryl) of Cedar City, and Wayne Oliver (Jodi) of Westminster, CA. She is also survived by her siblings: Bill Vandenberghe (Maxiene) of St. George, Madeleine Shelley (Keith) of Murray, UT, Marsha Snow of Cedar City, UT, Judy Jenson (David) of St. George, UT, and Lee Roy Stephensen, a close cousin from Delta, UT. Additionally, Regina is survived by 10 grandchildren, their spouses and 10 great-grandchil-dren. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Vandenberghe; her sister, Margaret Elizabeth Vandenberghe; her daughter, Jodi Oliver; and her grandson, Blake Oliver. The family extends a heartfelt thanks to Jenn Parry and the staff at All Seasons Care Center. We would like to especially thank Maree Prince for the compassionate care given to Regina throughout the years. A special thanks is also extended to Ethan Bunker for his care

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at the end of her life and for guiding the family through difficult decisions. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 11:00 am and viewing proceeding the Funeral from 9:30-10:30 am at The Lobby Event Center (Old Jolley's), 52 North Main, Cedar City, Utah. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 31st, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at The Lobby Event Center, Cedar City. Interment will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary where she will be buried next to her parents and her daughter's and grandson's ashes will be placed in with her. To view a livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.



Arlene Partner Warren Adams

Arlene Partner Warren Adams, 89, of Parowan, Utah, passed away peacefully at her home on January 30, 2025, surrounded by her children. Arlene was born on March 10, 1935, to Cyril and Della Partner in Cedar City, Utah. She grew up in Paragonah, Utah, until her marriage to her sweetheart, Joseph Donald Warren. They eloped on November 17, 1951, to Pioche, Nevada, before Donald left to serve in the U.S. Air Force.

Arlene was a successful businesswoman in Parowan for fifty years. Her business journey began in 1966 with the Parowan Café, which she operated until 1970. After Donald's passing in 1969, she sold the Café. In 1971, she remarried to Frank Adams on September 11,1971. Together they opened FADS Napa Auto Parts in 1976. Arlene was a mentor and first employer to many, including her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and numerous Parowan High School students. After fifty years of service, Arlene sold FADS

Susann Owen of Enoch, Utah; Jackie Smith of Parowan, Utah; Elliott (Rhonda) Warren of Parowan, Utah; Lucille (Tom) Robinson of Parowan, Utah; and David Warren of Parowan, Utah. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren, as well as her siblings,

Leland and Max Partner of Paragonah, Utah. She was preceded in death by our daddy Joseph Donald Warren, her second husband Frank Adams, her sons-in-law Keith Owen, and Randy Smith, two great-grandsons, two great-granddaughters, her parents Cyril and Della Partner, and her sister Emma Gene.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Parowan 1st, 2nd, and 5th Ward Building (59 South 100 West). A viewing will be held on Friday, February 7, from 6:00-7:00 PM, as well as a viewing prior to the funeral on Saturday, February 8, from 9:00-10:30 AM at the same location. Interment will take place at the Parowan City Cemetery under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral and Cremation.

Raymond A. Green



Raymond A Green, age 88, passed away on January 25, 2025, in Cedar City Utah. He was born on September 16, 1936, in Union City, Indiana to Byron and Minnie Green. He married Janet Green August 6, 1955 in La Crescenta, California. They were blessed with 3 beautiful Daughters.

Raymond had many achievements both in professional and civic service. He had a successful 36-year career in Telecommunications and went on to be a Consultant for international communication projects. He was City Councilman for both Cupertino, CA and Cedar City, UT as well as active in many other civic organizations that supported his community. He enjoyed many outdoor adventures such as camping with his family,

fishing and hiking with his dogs. He loved his wife Janet (aka Frit) and was lost when she passed in 2023. He loved his girls and was always there to support their activities and celebrate their accomplishments. He was proud the is survived by his daughters Michele (Stan) Griffith, Pam (JC) Rangel, 7 grandchildren and 34 great

arandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Janet, his daughter Barbara Milne, and brothers Byron Jr., Darrell, Loris and sister Marcelle Ringelman.

Funeral services will be held at Noon on Saturday, February 1st at Southern Utah Mortuary 190 North 300 West Cedar City Utah. Interment will be in the Cedar 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.



obituaries

Bernus (Bernie) Lee Reber



Bernus (Bernie) Lee Reber, 84, of Cedar City, Utah, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2025, at his childhood home in Santa Clara, in the same room where he was born. Bernie was the ninth child and

youngest of Leo F. and Tessie Reber. He attended school in Santa Clara and St. George until his sophomore year when he moved to Cedar City. He graduated from Cedar High School in 1958 and later joined the Utah Army National Guard in 1962.

Guard in 1962. While in Cedar City, he met and fell in love with Linda Hunter. After returning from Basic Training in Fort Ord, California, he proposed to Linda and on April 11, 1964, they were married. They were later sealed for time and all eternity in the St. George Temple on February 26, 1974. Bernie and his brother Paul started Reber Brothers Painting in 1966

Bernie and his brother Paul started Reber Brothers Painting in 1966. Bernie was a master painter and built the business into one of the most respected painting companies in Southern Utah.

Bernie served in many capacities in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints. He served in the Stake High Council, was a Counselor in the

Bishopric, and later became the Bishop of the Cedar 14th Ward. Bernie had a deep love for the outdoors and could often be

found hunting or fishing with his family, most often with his eldest son, Bruce-somehow always convincing Bruce to handle the messy parts.

When he wasn't in the mountains, he was in his garden, tending to plants with a green thumb that went up to his elbow, which he inherited from his father. Bernie loved dogs and those who knew him well, knew he preferred the company of a dog to that of most people.

Bernie was known for his honesty, integrity, and boundless generosity—almost to a fault. Despite always giving to others, he still built a highly successful business.

Bernie and Linda raised a loving family in Cedar City. Their children are Becky (Wes) Peterson of Cedar City, Bruce (Lara) Reber of Cedar City, Jason (Jodi) Reber of Woods Cross, and Brittany (Ryan) McMichael of St. George. He was a proud grandfather to 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, all of whom adored him.

Above all, Bernie was a devoted husband, treasuring all 61 years with Linda. He was the epitome of a loving father and grandfather, always putting his family's needs before his own. Nothing brought him more joy than spending time with them.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters; one brother; his grandson, Jared Reber; and his brother-in-law, Keven Hunter. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, Becky, Bruce, Jason, and Brittany; his sisters, Jeannine Harris and Ruth Esplin of Washington County; sister-in-law Sharon Batt, brother-in-law Michael Hunter; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Dixon Allen Tiffany



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Dixon Allen Tiffany, affectionately known as "Tiff," who departed this world peacefully in his sleep on January 28, 2025, in St. George, Utah. Born on October 7, 1950, in Payson, Utah, to Ralph Blaine Tiffany and Laura Inga Thorvaldson, Dixon spent his formative years in West Valley City, cultivating deep bonds with his three brothers and three sisters. A proud graduate of Granger High School, he pursued higher education at both the University of Utah and Utah State University, reflecting his lifelong commitment to learning. On November 28, 1989, Dixon married the love of his life,

RoseMary Bradshaw of Milford, Utah. Their love story was further blessed when they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on November 27, 2004.

A man of profound faith, Dixon was a dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Throughout his life, he served in many church callings, culminating in his role as the Branch President of the Pioneer Park Branch in Cedar City, Utah, where he served and loved the residents deeply. Together with RoseMary, he also served a senior couple mission in the Federated States of Micronesia on the island of Chuuk (Truk), where he learned to love the beautiful island people.

Professionally, Dixon devoted 37 years to the Union Pacific Railroad, where he was respected for his unwavering work ethic and integrity. Beyond his career, he was a beacon of wisdom, humor, and kindness. His ever-present dad jokes and readiness to lend a helping hand endeared him to all who knew him. Dixon's zest for life was evident in his many passions. He found joy in exploring the great outdoors with RoseMary, whether hiking, four-wheeling in his cherished FJ Cruiser, river rafting, stargazing, or searching for unique cacti. An avid gardener, he nurtured life in his backyard, much like he did in his relationships. An enthusiastic reader and a devoted fan of The Beatles, Dixon also enjoyed the thrill of the stock market and was a connoisseur of fine foods, always eager to discover the world's culinary delights.

Dixon was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Annette Lynn Tiffany (Olsen); his granddaughter, Ivy Brooke Olsen; two brothers; and three sisters. He is survived by his beloved wife, RoseMary; their two sons, Brian Weston Tiffany (Amanda) and Brady River Tiffany; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; his older brother, R. Larry Tiffany (Joan); and numerous nieces and nephews. To Dixon, family was life's greatest blessing, and he dedicated himself wholeheartedly to their happiness and well-being.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Cedar Valley Funeral Home, located at 2086 N Main St., Cedar City, UT 84721. On Friday, February 7, 2025, family and friends are invited to a viewing from 10:30 to 11:30 AM, followed by funeral services at 12:00 PM, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2015 North Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah.

Dixon's legacy is one of unwavering faith, boundless love, and a spirit that inspired all who had the privilege of knowing him. His kindness, adventurous spirit, and dedication to family and faith have left an indelible mark on the hearts of many. As we bid farewell, we celebrate a life well-lived and find comfort in the countless memories he leaves behind.

Funeral Services have been entrusted to Cedar Valley Funeral (435)865-9000. Online condolences can be sent to his memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com

John Howard Bishop



John Howard Bishop 59, passed away at his home surrounded by those whom he loved on January 30th, 2025, after a long 12-year battle fighting bone cancer. John was born on April 14, 1965 to Robert John Bishop and Lucille Hunter in Cedar City, Utah. He grew up in Cedar City, where he spent his whole life. John graduated from Cedar High School in 1983. After graduation he started working in

ation he started working in construction, where he learned a trade that would take him through the rest of his life. In his early years in construction, he and his friend Larry Naegle traveled to Las Vegas and worked there during the week and would come home on the weekends. He worked hard all week and played on the weekends. He believed you should work hard and play even harder.

In 1994 he started his own business as a General Contractor under the name "Bishop Construction". He took great pride in his building and built some beautiful homes throughout southern Utah.

In his free time, he enjoyed spending time up on Kanarra Mountain (God's Country). He said it brought him peace being up there. If you couldn't find him that's where he'd be.

He loved fast cars and had a few of his own. He would take whoever was willing, for a ride, and of course he'd put the pedal to the metal just to get a squill out of whoever was in the passenger seat.

He was always joking around with his siblings, as well as his nieces and nephews. He had a big heart, but most didn't know it because he always played the tough guy.

John was always the first one to offer his help, and the last to ask for it.

John is survived by his sisters Heidi (Mike) Stephenson; Emillie (Chris) Chisholm; his brother Jack (Carrie) Holt; nieces and nephews Lexie (Keaton) Jensen; Shayley Stephenson; Flynn (Angie) Stephenson; Danzi (Mason) Hoisington; Rykker Holt; Corbin Stephenson; great nephews Bentley Chisholm and Ridge Jensen; and great nieces River Jensen and Harper Hoisington. He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Intermountain Cancer Center - Cedar City, as well as St. George for helping John with his fight. And a special thanks to Carrie Holt for her tender care in his final days.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025 @ 11 am at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 W., Cedar City, UT.) A viewing will be held prior to the funeral from 9:00-10:45 am at the Mortuary.

Interment will be in the Cedar 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.

Want to submit an obituary?

There is a charge of \$100 for obituaries to be published. Submissions can be made online at ironcountytoday.com, emailed to news@ironcountytoday.com or brought in typed/digitized format to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City. A single submission may be up to 600 words and may include up to two photos. Submitted obituaries over 600 words will be charged an additional 10¢ per word. The deadline for submissions is Monday at 11 am for Thursday's publication.

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Helen "Christine" Houchen Winterrose



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Christine Winterrose, our beloved wife, mother, arandmother. sister, friend, and community member, who left us on January 28, 2025, at the age of

91. She was born in Parowan, Utah on November 13, 1933, and made her home in Cedar City with her wonderful husband, Richard A. Winterrose,

whom she married on October 9, 1954. Christine was a gifted singer, known for her beautiful voice, which brought joy and solace to all who heard it for more than 50 years. Her voice, often heard at weddings, performances of Handel's Messiah, operas, church services, and funerals, filled the hearts of listeners with the same warmth and beauty that she brought to everything she did.

Christine was a woman of remarkable strength, intelligence, and faith. She graduated from Wasatch Academy and SUU; and was a member of the Cedar City Community Presbyterian Church, where she served as organist, choir director, soloist, and Elder. Throughout her long life, she exhibited resilience in the face of challenges, always carrying herself with dignity and grace. She had a keen mind, a sharp wit, and an unwavering sense of justice, always striving to help others and make the world around her a better place. She left an indelible mark on the hearts of those fortunate enough to call her a friend.

Christine is survived by her three daugh-ters and their spouses: Jill and Russell Allen, Robin and Rick Parker, Angela and Keith Van Scoyk, and her son-in-law Jon Greenwell. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren who deeply loved and enjoyed her so much; 20 great-grandchildren; and sisters Jerilee (Bill) Malley and Linda (Rex) Ahlstrom. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard A. Winterrose; her parents, Claude Houchen and Lucille Peters; and her brother, Michael J. Houchen.

Christine's caring and grace continue in death as she donated her body to the University of Utah Department of Neurobiology to further the education and research of many medical professionals. A celebration of life will be held in the

spring when the vibrant blooms of flowers mirror the beauty, warmth, and joy that Christine brought into the lives of all who knew her.

And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. (Écclesiastes 12:7).

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RON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary welcomed the Canyon View Middle School band and orchestra teachers and students on Thursday, January 30, 2025. They talked to the fifth

grade students about music classes available to them when they register for 6th grade, did a live demonstration of the instruments, and let the students try out the different instruments. Students were able to play at least one instrument from each instrument family and keep track of their choices on a stamp card.

Thank you to the music directors, Teresa Redd and Lauralyn Anderson, and Carylee Zwang, Aaron Combs, and Derrick Matthews for providing this opportunity for our students and introducing them to opportunities that they may take advantage of as they move on to middle school. We appreciate the time and planning it took for the teachers and students to visit Three Peaks Elementary.

We are looking forward to the 5th grade Patriot Program on February 13, 2025. Call Three Peaks Elementary for details of program performances.

South Elementary



and accomplished over the last 100 days. We love our South Elementary Family!



It was the

Hundredth Day

of School last

milestone was a wonderful

opportunity for

students and

teachers to

reflect on all

they learned

Friday. This

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary



First graders in Mrs. Hallows and Ms. Gao's classes had a big day on January 29. They got to see CCCMT's production of The Jungle Book and then celebrated Chinese Lunar New Year by learning to use chopsticks!

Our Share the Love food drive benefiting Iron County Care and Share is coming up February 10-14. Students can donate nonperishable food items (no glass, please) to the bins marked with their grade level by the front entrance. The grade with the most items donated will get a party! Please donate and help a fantastic



nonprofit doing great work in our community. No school

on Monday, February 17 for President's

Day. Check your child's homework folder and follow Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA on Facebook for more announcements, updates, and highlights.

Launch Highschool



Students from Launch High School recently competed in the GAF recycled roofing contest. GAF, "one of the largest residential and commercial roofing

manufacturers in the US" opened the contest for residents of Cedar City, asking individuals and teams to pitch "innovative solutions to repurpose or recycle roofing materials that are not environmentally friendly" in their ZeroWaste initiative.

LHS senior Thomas Daniels won a \$500 prize for his pitch, proposing that leftover roofing materials be chipped and compressed, taken



to larger facilities where they could be safely incinerated, and the kinetic energy be converted and stored for future use.

LHS students Aaron Savage, Ari Schrimshaw, and Bentley Sandefur won a \$500 team prize for their idea to repurpose roofing materials as animal shelters.

North Elementary



We opened our doors for another well attended Dudes and Donuts event! Students and their dudes were able to enjoy a tasty

and visit together before they took a photo at our photobooth. We appreciate the support from our PTA for putting together such a memorable event.

We are so grateful for all the support from SUU and the STEM Center to have such a successful STEM Night! We had lots of fun and engaging sessions like robotics, Animal Ambassadors, and the inflatable planetarium. Parents were able to enter for raffle prizes, and families were able to view all the science fair projects.

Our 5th graders had fun learning about Orchestra and Band opportunities to come in middle school during the recruiting tour this week. Thank you to Mrs. Carrigan and Mr.



We wanted to celebrate our three Region Reflections

contest winners from North! Their entries will advance to the State Competition.



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Gateway Preparatory Academy Celebrates National School Choice Week with Fun and Community

by Amy Gibson ASST. DIRECTOR

At Gateway Preparatory Academy, education is not a one-size-fits-all experience.

We know families deserve the freedom to choose the best learning environment for their children, and National School Choice Week is the perfect time to celebrate that opportunity!

To honor this special week, Gateway students, staff, and families came together for exciting events that showcased the joy of learning and the power of school choice. The kickoff to our week was Cedar Fun Center, where we rented out the venue exclusively for our students and families. Laughter and excitement filled the air as students enjoyed arcade games, laser tag, and time spent with their peers in a space dedicated just for them.

In addition to this fun-filled adventure, we hosted two of our annual traditions: Donuts with Dudes and Muffins with Missus. These events gave students the chance to share a delicious breakfast treat with the important mentors in their lives-fathers, mothers, grandparents, and guardians—strengthening the bond between school and home. Seeing families come together in

support of their children's education was a powerful reminder of why school choice matters.

Why School Choice Matters

School choice is essential because it provides parents and students with alternative pathways to education that best fit their needs, learning styles, and aspirations. At Gateway Preparatory Academy, we are proud to be a public charter school that offers a Montessori-inspired, individualized learning approach—one that fosters independence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.

By allowing families to choose an education that aligns with their values and goals, school choice empowers students to thrive in environments where they feel supported and engaged. It ensures that every child has the opportunity to learn in a way that best suits their abilities and future aspirations.

As we wrap up this year's National School Choice Week, we are grateful to our students, families, and community members who make Gateway Preparatory Academy such a special place. Thank you for celebrating with us and for continuing to champion the power of choice in education!





QUILTS OF VALOR NATIONAL **SEW DAY**

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hes4patriots: group leader, Esmeralda Carter, working on the 2025 block, Log Cabin

by May Hunter FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

is celebrated on the first Saturday of February each year. It's a day when quilters and community members come together to create quilts for veterans and service members.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor is to provide comfort and healing to veterans and service members who have been affected by war.

There were several beautiful quilts on display and teaching moments on how the group makes the "Quilts" for our veterans.

Anyone interested in joining the group to help make quilts for veterans and service members, please email: patches4patriots@ gmail.com.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

HEBREWS 11:1-3 1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION



Reds boys drop pair

by Tom Zulewski IRON COUNTY TODAY Reggie Mackay scored 19 points, and the Snow Canyon Warriors got eight 3-pointers spread among seven different players as they held on to beat the Cedar Reds, 56-49 on Jan. 31 to spoil Senior Night for the Reds at the Wolf Den.

Cedar led 26-24 at the half, but was outscored 20-12 in the third quarter. Joseph Smith added 11 points for the Warriors as they improved to 2-8 in Region 9 play, 5-16 overall.

In its opening game of the week, Cedar fell 63-48 on the road to the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs. The Region 9 leaders built a 31-18 halftime lead and improved to 15-6 overall, 9-1 in region play.

Taylor Davis led the Reds (1-10, 3-19) with 12 points and Jackson Greene added 10 in the loss. Cedar closed the regular season with a road game at Pine View on Wednesday night.

Now Accepting Nominations for the 2025 Hall of Fame Class

by Regan Hunsaker

CEDAR CITY, Utah -

SUU ATHLETICS Southern Utah University Athletics is proud to

announce that nominations are now open for the next class of the SUU Athletics Hall of Fame!

Do you know an outstanding former Thunderbird athlete, coach, staff member, or contributor who has left a lasting impact on SUU Athletics? Now is the time to honor their legacy by submitting a nomination!

Hall of Fame Categories:

- Athletes Must have competed at SUU for at least two seasons, achieved significant athletic and academic success, and been out of eligibility for at least five years.
- **Coaches** Must have had a minimum fiveyear tenure at SUU and made a significant impact on their program. Candidates must be five years removed from their position.
- Athletic Staff SUU graduates or individ uals who have served at least 15 years at SUU with notable contributions to intercollegiate athletics.
- **Teams** Recognized for conference, regional, or national championships, school records, and top national rankings.
- Non-Athlete Contributors & Athlete/ Contributors – Individuals who have provided outstanding support and service to SUU Athletics.

General Considerations for Selection:

- Athletic and academic achievements at SUU
- Longevity and impact on the program
- Championships, records, and awards
- Successes and contributions after leaving SUU
- Integrity, sportsmanship, and commitment to the university's values

The Hall of Fame Class is selected every other year, with a minimum of three and a maximum of ten inductees per cycle.

Nomination Deadline:

All nominations must be submitted by February 28, 2025, to be considered for the upcoming class.

Submit Your Nomination:

To nominate a deserving candidate, please visit https://suutbirds.com/sports/2023/9/19/ hall-of-fame-nomination.aspx for more details.

Join us in celebrating the rich history of SUU Athletics by recognizing those who have shaped its legacy. Nominate today!



by Tom Zulewski IRON COUNTY TODAY

With his team looking at a halftime deficit, Canyon View boys basketball coach Kim

Blackner knew that defensive adjustments were necessary in order to grab control of the game.

Once the defense locked down, the offense did more than enough to earn another Region 12 victory.

Ty Attig scored 18 points and Felps Sanders added 16 as the Falcons pulled away in the second half and beat the Delta Rabbits, 46-35, at the Nest on Jan. 31. CV swept the week and improved to 10-2 in region play, 17-4 overall.

"Delta played great and they dictated the game," Blackner said. "It was more about our focus. We were turning the ball over, throwing it around the gym, missing shots we make 90 percent of the time.



Canyon View's **Ty Attig** goes up for a shot against the Delta Rabbits on Jan. 31 at the Nest. CV won, 46-35 and improved to 17-4 on the season.

Canyon View

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Canyon View - Hallows 2, Sorenson 4, Spencer 3, Nichols 18, King 2, Potter 5, Miles 2, Blackner 5, Vargas 13. Totals 20 10-14 54. 3-pointers - Spencer 1, Nichols 2. Potter 1

Delta – Christiansen 20 Western 8 Eliason 5 Jackson 3 Jacobson 1, Totals 11 10-14 37, 3-pointers - Christiansen 4. Jackson 1.

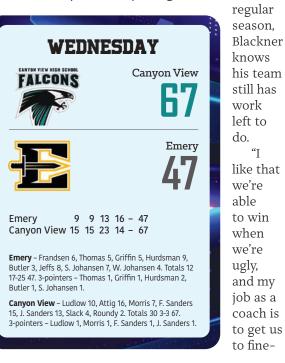
We were the ones that were off, and to fix it, we had to start on the defensive end."

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CV trailed 18-16 at the half, but Sanders scored 7 points in a key 15-3 third-quarter run that turned the game in the Falcons' favor.

"We got a couple of turnovers, got some runouts, transition baskets and pushed the lead to around 10," Blackner said. "We're passing the test, but learning at the same time."

The Falcons led 31-24 after three quarters before Attig added six more points in a 9-3 run that helped put the win away. With only two games left in the



tune some things so we make ourselves better." Blackner said. "We've got guys that are looking down the road a little bit and my

"I



job is to reel them back in. At this stage, we've got to learn how to win hard games, and this was definitely one of them."

In their opening game of the week, Attig led four players in double figures with 16 points, and the Falcons cruised to a 67-47 win over the Emery Spartans on Jan. 29. CV closed the second quarter with an 8-0 run to take a 30-18 lead at the half, then outscored the Spartans 23-13 in the third to take control of the game.

Felps Sanders added 15 points, Jeter Sanders chipped in 13 and Bubba Ludlow helped out with 10 to set the pace for Canyon View. The Falcons made 30 field goals - including four 3-pointers - and made three free throws (3-for-3) in the win.

CV began the final week of the regular season with a road game at Carbon on Wednesday, and they will host Region 12 leader Richfield on Friday for Senior Night starting at 7 p.m.

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CV girls split week, keep region lead

bv Tom Zulewski IRON COUNTY TODAY

aya Nichols scored 18 points. including two 3-pointers, as the Canyon View Falcons beat the Delta Rabbits 54-37 on Jan. 30 to hold on to a onegame lead in the Region 12 standings with two

to play in the regular season.

CV improved to 10-2 in Region 12, 16-5 overall by clamping down on the defensive end. The Falcons held the host Rabbits (0-12, 3-15) to single digits in the first three quarters as they built an 18-point lead before finishing off the win. Bethanee Vargas added 13 points for the Falcons, who enjoyed a nearly 2-to-1 edge in made field goals (20-11). Joslvn Christiansen led all scorers for Delta with 20 points in the loss.

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CV GIRLS

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Canyon View started the week with a tough 59-53 road loss to the Emery Spartans on Jan. 28. Maylee Spencer led the way with 16 points, but the host Spartans got 16 points from Katelyn Nielson and 10 from Skylee Guymon as they improved to 8-4 in region, 11-10 overall.

Both teams made an equal number of field goals (21), but the Spartans were 13-of-19 at the free-throw line to just 5-of-6 for the Falcons. CV started the final week of the regular season Tuesday with a Senior Night home game against the Carbon Dinos, and they finish on the road against the Richfield Wildcats on Thursday. The Falcons need one win to clinch no worse than a share of the Region 12 title.



Cedar's Gabby Gomez dribbles past a trio of Dixie defenders during the Reds' game against the Dixie Flyers on Feb. 1. The Reds won, 67-39.

by Tom Zulewski IRON COUNTY TODAY In its search for a winning finish to a threegame week,

the Cedar Reds got a spark from an unlikely source. When Tylee Nielson got started, the Reds proved hard to stop and rolled to a convincing victory.

Nielson scored 10 of her game-high



9, A. Orton 3, Wistead 1, Je. Bundy 7. Totals 15 4-8 39. 3-pointers – Hollingshead 2, Ja. Bundy 1, Bennett 1, Je. Bundy 1.

Cedar – K. Orton 2, Nielson 17, York 8, Jones 3, Shimada 10, Bishoff 9, Gomez 11, Williams 3, Bromley 2, Foster 2. Totals 25 7-13 67. 3-pointers – Nielson 3, York 2, Bishoff 3, Gomez 2. 17 points in a key second-quarter run, and Cedar finished strong on the way to a 67-39 rout over the Dixie Flyers in a home game played at the Wolf Den on Feb. 1. Cedar improved to 7-4 in Region 9 play and 12-8 overall, and the junior helped key an 18-3 run that turned a 19-16 lead into a 37-19 advantage that ballooned even more after halftime.

Nielson and Mya Bishoff combined to hit six (three each) of Cedar's 10 3-pointers in the win.

"Tylee brings the energy to our team," Cedar coach Corry Nielson said. "She's fast, she's quick, she has long arms and anticipates the passing lanes really well. Once she got started, it got kind of contagious."

Cedar led Dixie 39–23 at the half and built the margin to as much as 32 in the second half. Gabby Gomez added 11 points for the Reds and Annalyse Shimada helped out with 10 off the bench.

The Reds started the week with a 59-41 victory over the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs



<u>Tom's sports trivia</u>

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. Prior to the Kansas City Chiefs, who was the last NFL team to repeat as Super Bowl champions?
- 2. True or Falss: Only one Super Bowl (LVIII) has been decided in overtime.
- 3. Which NFL franchise has appeared in the Super Bowl the most consecutive times (four)?
- 4. How many times did Bill Belichick appear in the Super Bowl as a head coach?
- 5. What Baltimore Ravens wide receiver and kick returner scored the longest touchdown in Super Bowl history, a 108-yard kickoff return in Super Bowl XLVII?
- Name either of the two non-expansion NFL franchises that have NOT appeared in a Super Bowl.
- 7. Who is the only running back to rush for over 200 yards in a Super Bowl (204 in SB XXII)?
- 8. Dwight Smith is the only player in Super Bowl history to return two interceptions for touchdowns in the game. What team did Smith play for when he did the feat in Super Bowl XXXVII?

Patriots are tied with the Pittsburgh Steelers for most Super Bowl wins with six. How many losses do the Patriots have in the Super Bowl?

- What two teams have played against each other in the most Super Bowls (three – X, XIII, XXX)
- **11.** What team holds the record for most points scored in a single Super Bowl?
- **12.** True or False: No Super Bowl has ended in a shutout.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS
1. Derek Jeter
2. Cleveland Indians (Guardians), Milwaukee Brewers, New York Yankees.
3. Houston Astros.
4. New York Jets.
5. 1991. Ironically, the Commanders beat the Lions in that year's NFC Championsnhip.

- 6. True.
- 7. Tennessee, Texas, Penn State
- 8. Green Bsy.
- 9. Tennessee Titans.
- 10. New Orleans Pelicans.
- 11. Walker Kessler
- 12. Mike Tirico.

Canyon View wrestlers sweep divisional titles



t's never easy for any team at any level in any sport to pull off a repeat as a season champion, but the Canyon View girls wrestling team sent a very loud message to the rest of its competitors.

The Falcons will not give up the trophy without a serious fight that lies ahead.

Led by Tilisa Matakaiongo, Canyon View had 10 individual champions and easily won the team title at the 3A Divisional meet held last week at South Summit High. CV finished with 340.5 points, nearly double the total of runner-up Union (195).

Matakaiongo, who was also part of Canyon View's drill team that won its fourth straight 3A state title Jan. 31, completed a very busy weekend and her run to the top seed for the state meet with a pin of North Sanpete's Hannah Perry in 52 seconds.

In the boys' 3A divisional meet also held at South Summit, the Canyon View boys came through with three individual champions, but accumulated eight runner-up finishes to earn the overall team title for the first time with 305 points, 18 ahead of the host Wildcats.

On the 4A side, the Cedar wrestling teams split their work between Dixie High and Mountain View in Orem on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. The boys team produced a single individual champion and finished fifth in the team standings with 221.5 points, well behind Uintah, who easily won the team title with 543.

The Reds girls team also had one individual champion and ended up seventh overall with 133.5 points. Mountain Crest won the girls 4A divisional title with 404.5 points while Uintah finished second with 367.

Here are the final team results

involving Cedar and Canyon View along with the top eight finishers in each weight class who advanced to the state meet at the UCCU Center

on the Utah Valley campus in Orem. The 4A meet happens Feb. 11 and 12, and the 3A

and 12, and the 3A meet will be held Feb. 12 and 13. 3A boys

divisional at South Summit: Team champion: Canyon View – 305 points, finished ahead of South Summit's 287

3A girls divisional at South Summit: Team champion: Canyon View – 340.5 points, finished weil ahead of Union's 195

4A girls divisional at Mountain View in Orem: Cedar girls finish 7th with 133.5 points. Mountain Crest won the team title with 404.5 points, ahead of runner-up Uintah's 367

4A boys divisional at Dixie: Cedar boys finish 5th with 221.5 points. Uintah captured the team title with 543, and Timpanogos was a distant second with 360.

Top 8 finishers – CV boys:

106 – Teagan Griffiths – 2nd. Lost final 15-1 to Evan Centeno of Ben Lomond

113 – Kooper Nowell – 1st. Pinned Kash Atkinson of South Summit in 3:01.

120 – Brayden Spencer – 4th.
126 – Gage Nielson –
2nd. Lost final by pin in 5:31 to
Grady Roybal of Union.
Tucker McCormick – 4th.

132 – Likomi Matakaiongo – 2
nd. Lost final 7-3 to Bryce Pulver of South Summit.
Preston Roesser – 8th.
138 - Cole Cavalieri –
2nd. Lost final by pin in 5:50 to

Kabryn Whiting of Union.

144 - Blake Crawley – 2nd. Lost final by pin in 5:08 to Zane Winter of SS.



The Canyon View boys and girls wrestling teams celebrate after winning their respective team titles at the 3A Divisional meet held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at South Summit High. (Courtesy Canyon View Athletics)

> 150 - Nathan Nicoll -1st. Beat Spartan Stradinger of Union 18-1 (2:34). Madsen Bret Berstrom - 5th. 157 - Alex Crawley -1st. Beat Ryker Jones of Grantsville 12-3. Josiah Barker – 8th 165 - Deegan Davies -2nd. Lost final by pin in 1:33 to Tucker Roybal of Union 175 - Kaden Nowell – 3rd; Brian West - 6th 190 - Trex Nicoll -2nd. Lost final by pin in :39 to Ryker Woodward of S.S. Bridger Bauer - 6th 215 - Jack Ewing - 5th 285 - Tate Killian -2nd. Lost final by pin to Travyn Bogar of S.S. in 5:34. Jaxton Holyoak – 3rd. CV girls

CV gITIS 100 - RaeLynn Kaniho – 1st. Pinned Lana Chan of Juan Diego in 3:43. 105 - Myra Castillo – 2nd. Pinned by Kyrie Meacham of Union in 1:36. 110 - Taylor Whittom – 1st. Pinned Kabree Duncan of Union in 2:32. 115 - Brynlee Lauritzen – 2nd. Pinned by Braydee Winterton of Union in :18. McKenzie Beck – 4th 120 - Taylor Dittmer – 1st. Pinned Natalia Cardenas of JD in :22. Mya Headlee – 4th

Boys Basketball

Region 9

PREP SCOREBOARD - WINTER STANDINGS

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Emery (9)tball01/31 Desert Hills 60, Hurricane 58
02/01 Cedar 67, Dixie 39Juab (5)
Emery (9)
Manti (13)
Delta (11)
North Sanpete (16)

01/28 Emery 59, Canyon View 53

Juab 57. Delta 48

01/30 Canyon View 54, Delta 37

Carbon 60, Emery 54 Juab 40, Richfield 38

Manti 50, North Sanpete 35

01/28 Water Canyon 66, Parowan 45

Kanab 38, Beaver 25

01/30 Beaver 49, Parowan 14

Boys Basketball

Crimson Cliffs (6)

Pine View (10)

Hurricane (9)

Cedar (24)

Region 12

Richfield (2)

Canyon View (3)

Desert Hills (15)

Snow Canyon (23)

Dixie (5)

Region 9

South Sevier 57, Enterprise 43

Millard 61, Water Canyon 32

STANDINGS

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Region 18

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- 01/29 Canyon View 67, Emery 47 Manti 73, Carbon 60 Juab 67, Delta 47 Richfield 63, North Sanpete 42
- 01/31 Canyon View 46, Delta 35 Richfield 45, Juab 37 Emery 55, Carbon 38 Manti 74, North Sanpete 68

Region 18

- 01/29 Parowan 73, Water Canyon 52 Kanab 54, Beaver 42 South Sevier 57, Enterprise 47
- 01/31 Parowan 67, Beaver 40 Millard 76, Water Canyon 66 Kanab 77, Enterprise 56

Girls Basketball

Region 9

- 01/28 Cedar 59, Crimson Cliffs 41 Snow Canyon 58, Pine View 35 Desert Hills 61, Hurricane 33
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REDS

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Gomez led the way in the win with 16

on Jan. 28.

points and Bishoff added 10. Cedar led by one at 25-24 at the half, but held Crimson Cliffs to just 8 points in each of the final two quarters of the game. Gomez had four 3-pointers in the victory and four different players – Bishoff, Shimada, Avery Jones and Jaylin York – added one trey each. Colleen Korella paced Crimson

Cliffs (2-7, 4-13) with 12 points and Zaniyah Brinagh added 11 in the loss.

Cedar's middle game of the busy week was a 66-31 loss to the

Snow Canyon Warriors, who are still unbeaten at 10–0 in Region 9 and 21–0 overall. The Reds were down only 17–12 after the opening quarter, but the Warriors went on a 19–4 tear over the second quarter to take a 36–16 lead at the half.

Nebraska commit Olivia Hamlin led the way for SC – ranked No. 2 in

RANDOM THOUGHTS

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Cedar girls 105 - Berkley Roundy - 7th 115 - Aria Pulsipher - 7th; Abigail Brandt, 8 120 - Victoria Zerkle - 8th. 145 - Taiana Palmer - 2nd. Pinned in 4:34 l Gianna Maakafi of Stansbury. 170 - Mia Pinon - 4th; Carolina Pedro, 7th. 235 - Jerri Togiai - 1st. Pinned Addelynn R of Uintah in :50.	by

Sophia Johnson, 3rd.

the RPI – with 33 points, 9 rebounds and four 3-pointers, while Joey Jensen chipped in 14. Gomez led Cedar with 10 points in the loss.

Cedar finished the regular season with a single game at home against Pine View for Senior Night on Tuesday.

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Parowan (5)

Beaver (15)

Millard (21)

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Girls Basketball

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Richfield (6)

Emery (8)

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Carbon (13)

Delta (17)

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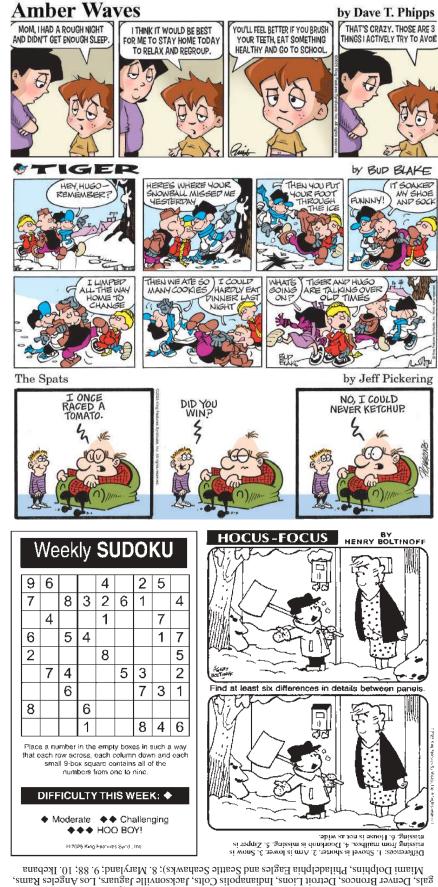


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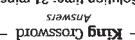
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