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STORY IN NEWS

Cedar City Man Arrested for Alleged Burglary, Protective Order Violation

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man is facing multiple

charges after allegedly violating a protective order, forcing his way into a home, and threatening officers with a knife.

Cornelio Ranger Begaye, 27, was arrested on Jan. 15, 2025, and charged with burglary of a dwelling, a second-degree felony and several misdemeanors including violation of a protective order, threat of violence and domestic violence in the presence of a child.

According to court documents filed in 5th District Court, officers responded to a report of a protective order violation at approximately 12:32 a.m. Upon arrival, police spoke with two victims,

one of whom had an active protective order against Begaye.

The women told police that Begaye arrived at their residence, protected under the order. When the second victim told him to leave, he allegedly threatened her, saying he would "break her neck." The victims then went inside and locked the door, at which point Begaye allegedly kicked it in, damaging the frame before running inside and searching through a drawer of kitchen knives.

One of the victims fled the home, and Begaye allegedly chased her across the street before fleeing himself when police were called.

Officers immediately began searching for Begaye and were able to contact him by phone. During the call, Begaye reportedly confirmed he had a knife and stated he would "rush officers with it." He also claimed to see officers searching for him and said he wanted to be shot.

"The offender continued to make threats stating that he sees [sic] the officers looking for him and he would rush one with a knife to get shot," the affidavit states.

Begaye initially refused to provide his location but later showed a landmark during a video call, which helped officers locate him. When police arrived, he refused to follow commands and repeatedly rifled through his pockets before officers used force to take him into custody.

During questioning, Begaye reportedly told police he was too intoxicated to remember the incident. Officers noted a strong odor of alcohol coming from him.

The probable cause statement indicates that a child was inside the home at the time of the incident.

Authorities also noted that this was the second time Begaye had allegedly possessed a knife and made threats. The first incident led to the protective order he is accused of violating.

"The victim states she and her son are in grave danger if Cornelio is released on bail," court documents state.

Due to concerns for the victim's safety and the fact that Begaye was living in a vehicle and could leave the area, officers requested that he be held without bail.

He remains in the Iron County Jail, pending further court proceedings.

Utah's Immigration Debate: Legislative Action and Law Enforcement Response

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As federal immigration policies tighten under President Donald

Trump's administration, Utah lawmakers are advancing bills to address undocumented immigration, while law enforcement agencies — including those in Iron County — assess their role in enforcement efforts.

State Legislative Efforts

Utah lawmakers have introduced multiple bills addressing various aspects of immigration, from firearm restrictions to increased penalties for certain crimes committed by undocumented individuals.

Among them is House Bill 183 (HB183), which would prohibit migrants seeking asylum or temporary protected status from possessing firearms. Republican Rep. Trevor Lee, who is sponsoring the bill, has pointed to concerns over the presence of international criminal organizations such as Tren de Aragua, a Venezuelan gang suspected of operating in the state.

Another proposal aims to increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities, expand penalties for fentanyl trafficking, and enhance enforcement against undocumented individuals committing felonies after unlawful reentry.

Gov. Spencer Cox has voiced support for efforts

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to crack down on criminal activity tied to undocumented immigration while maintaining that Utah should remain a welcoming state for law-abiding immigrants. Cox has also reaffirmed his backing of the Utah Compact, a set of immigration principles that discourage policies separating families and emphasize the importance of integrating immigrants into the economy.

Federal Policies and Local Impact

While lawmakers debate policies, Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter has been communicating with federal authorities regarding immigration enforcement.

A representative from the U.S. Marshals Service reached out to Carpenter recently to discuss whether the county jail could house individuals in federal custody, but Carpenter said his facility will only accept detainees facing criminal charges beyond unlawful entry.

“If there’s somebody that has entered the U.S. illegally and they’ve committed criminal offenses that warrant an arrest, then yeah, we’ll take them and we’ll hold them,” Carpenter said. “But we’re not going to jail someone solely for being here illegally.”

Carpenter clarified that his office will house detainees for the U.S. Marshals Service but not for ICE, citing financial and logistical constraints. He explained that most Utah sheriff’s offices do not participate in ICE detention programs because of stringent federal regulations. These requirements — such as extensive facility inspections, dedicated

office space, and additional staffing — place a heavy financial burden on county jails, with

little to no federal funding to offset costs.

Carpenter pointed to a case in another Utah county where the sheriff initially agreed to house ICE detainees but later reversed course after facing excessive federal oversight. ICE required extensive facility inspections, designated office space, and additional resources, making the arrangement unsustainable for the local jail.

“It’s just not feasible for us,” he said. “We don’t have the resources to meet ICE’s demands, and they’re not providing funding to help us comply.”

As ICE faces difficulty securing detention space, federal authorities have been working through the courts to place certain undocumented immigrants with criminal records under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Marshals, allowing them to be housed in county jails under federal custody.

Federal authorities have sought to place these individuals under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Marshals, allowing them to be housed in county jails under federal custody instead of relying on ICE detainers. This process helps bypass some of the restrictions that have made it challenging for ICE to secure space in local facilities.

“The only way we’re accepting them is if they’ve got criminal charges against them,” Carpenter said. “So they’ve got to have more than just illegal entry. There has to be a probable cause statement for an arrest.”

An Uncertain Future

The number of undocumented individuals in Iron County remains uncertain, but Carpenter estimates there are only a few hundred. He noted that most work in agriculture and have lived in the area for decades without encountering legal trouble.

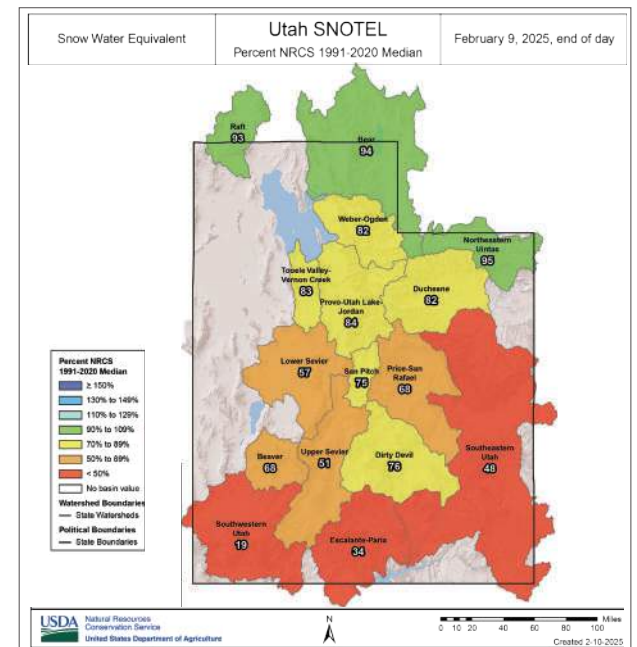
“A lot of them have been here a long time, 20 years or more,” he said. “They haven’t committed any crimes, they haven’t been a problem for us, and they’re just trying to improve their lives.”

Carpenter acknowledged that local law enforcement agencies across Utah are still navigating through all the issues, as the stepped-up deportation efforts under the Trump administration are relatively new. He said more guidance from the Utah Attorney General’s Office may be needed as local officials determine how to handle detention requests in the months ahead.

“We’re going to need further clarification as we move forward,” he said.

Additionally, the Iron County Attorney’s Office has indicated a willingness to work with federal partners on enforcement efforts. The office has said it will place detainers on undocumented individuals who are arrested for crimes, ensuring they remain in custody while federal agencies decide how to proceed with deportation efforts.

“We’ve always put federal detainers on them and we will continue to do so,” Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson said. “ICE hasn’t been picking them up the last few years but I expect that will change now.”



IRON COUNTY FORECAST

WINTER RETURNS TO THE REGION TO WRAP UP THIS WEEK. SNOW DEVELOPS THURSDAY, WITH A RAIN AND SNOW MIX CONTINUING INTO OUR FRIDAY. THINGS DRY OUT FOR THE WEEKEND AS ABOVE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES RETURN TO THE AREA.

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Snow 43°/16° PRECIP: 80% WINDS: SW 15-25
FRIDAY
Rain/Snow 43°/31° PRECIP: 90% WINDS: SW 10-20
SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy 46°/22° PRECIP: 20% WINDS: NW 10-20
SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy 53°/23° PRECIP: 15% WINDS: W 10-15
MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy 56°/29° PRECIP: 20% WINDS: SW 5-10
TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny 47°/27° PRECIP: 5% WINDS: NW 5-10
WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny 50°/23° PRECIP: 5% WINDS: NW 10-15

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

As we look ahead, two occasions stand out on the calendar—Valentine’s Day and Presidents Day. While I love celebrating holidays and embracing the festive spirit throughout

the year, I must admit these two have never been at the top of my list when it comes to personal traditions.

Perhaps I’m a bit cynical, but every year I find myself wondering whether venturing out for a Valentine’s date night is worth the inevitable crowds. While many love to dress up and enjoy a romantic evening out, I tend to lean toward a cozy night in, using the occasion as the perfect excuse to curl up with my husband and rewatch *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Then there’s Presidents Day—a day meant to honor the legacies of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It holds historical significance, yet for many, it’s simply a welcome three-day weekend. It certainly has the potential to be a deeply patriotic holiday, but if I’m being honest, I’ve rarely given it much thought beyond appreciating the extra time off.

However, as the mother of a curious toddler who is beginning to notice the passage of time and the significance of special days, I find myself rethinking how I approach these holidays. Maybe it’s time to start new traditions—baking heart-shaped cookies together for Valentine’s Day, reading about great American leaders in honor of Presidents Day, or finding ways to make these moments more meaningful.

So, I turn to you, dear readers—what are your favorite traditions for celebrating this time of year? Do you have a creative way of making Valentine’s Day special beyond chocolates and flowers? Do you use Presidents Day as an opportunity to reflect on history, or is it simply a well-earned day to relax? I’d love to hear your ideas and perhaps borrow a few for my own family traditions!



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We are all illegal immigrants unless we are Native American people indigenous to this land

Mormons (Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) began the invasion of Iron County, UT, in 1850-51. Under the leadership of George A. Smith, 120 men, 30 women, and 18 children were sent by Brigham Young to develop iron ore deposits that had been discovered by Parley P. Pratt during a scouting expedition in 1849. While largely unsuccessful at the time, this did not stop the continuing arrival of large numbers of Mormon settlers to southwestern Utah. Both Cedar City and Johnson’s Fort (later renamed Enoch) were founded in 1851. Over the next decade, seven more Mormon settlements were established in southwestern Utah, culminating with the “Cotton Mission” in 1861 in which Brigham Young sent 309 families to the

St. George area to determine if cotton could be grown there.

Please note that the first “Treaty with Southern Paiutes” at Spanish Fork Indian Farm on 8 June 1865 (and the “Articles of Agreement” at Pinto Creek near Old Iron Town on 18 September 1865 that were stipulated to be part of the Treaty at Spanish Fork earlier that year) were recorded well after settlement by primarily Euro-American settlers was well underway. The 1865 Treaty specifically required local indigenous peoples to “surrender and relinquish to the United States all possessory right of occupancy...to all the lands heretofore claimed and occupied by them within the Territory of Utah.” The 1865 Treaty

WORD OF THE WEEK

IMBROGLIO

[im-bro-glio]

Noun

An acutely painful or embarrassing misunderstanding



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was never ratified by the Senate, but these original inhabitants summarily lost all rights to any lands in Utah anyway, as Euro-American settlers continued to come to southwestern Utah and to create settlements on the best lands for farming and ranching.

The U.S. government broke every treaty it ever made, including those ratified by the Senate and signed by the U.S. President. So I ask you, what honest right do we descendants of Euro-American immigrants (Mormon or not) have to be here? All of our property ownership is tainted by massive disregard for the rights of those who were here before us. Some will say that the land was “empty” and open to development, but every piece of this land was used by Native Americans—some of it by different tribes during different seasons, for different purposes.

And perhaps more to the point of current political madness: Why are we deporting people without criminal records who have done nothing more than our ancestors did: Come to this land seeking safety, sometimes religious freedom, and a chance to build better lives for their children? Legal entry is extremely difficult to obtain due to our very broken immigration system. The statement, “We came here legally, so why can’t they?” betrays immense ignorance about how laws, particularly regarding those indigenous to this hemisphere, have changed since the 1960s.

In addition, indigenous peoples along both our northern and southern borders are being swept up in Immigration raids, even though their ancestors have been here hundreds, if not thousands, of years before the Euro-American invasion. The U.S. border crossed traditional tribal lands on both the northern and southern boundaries of what is now the United States, in total disregard of tribes who lived on both sides of the arbitrary lines drawn.

I’m still hopeful that we will learn to love each other as equals, instead of stirring up dangerous fears, with dreadful consequences, amongst ourselves. May it be so.

Rev. Dr. Bonnie Lynn Mitchell-G

Lofty Sentiments

PART II

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.” The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States states forth the aims of the founders of the United States, but could it be achieved by the sinful men whose lives clearly show that these same founding fathers were also famous slaveholders as well-- not all of them but most of them:

- 1) George Washington was a lifelong enslaver who held hundreds of enslaved people at his Mount Vernon estate. He implemented a system of rotating enslaved people between Mount Vernon and Philadelphia to exploit a loophole in a Pennsylvania law to keep slaves indefinitely. As President, he signed the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793 which made it a crime to help a formerly enslaved person.
- 2) Thomas Jefferson authored the Declaration of Independence, and he also owned hundreds of slaves. He had a complex sexual relationship with one of his slaves, Sally Hemings, who bore his children while Jefferson was married to his wife Martha. Martha passed away after giving birth to 7 children, but Jefferson’s relationship with Sally Hemings was always an open question until the development of DNA science when scientists in 1998-1999 found a match between the Jefferson male line and the Heming’s line bringing clarity to the questions about Jefferson’s moral character.
- 3) James Madison, the author of the Federalist Papers, owned hundreds of enslaved people that he inherited from his father. While his stance on slavery remained ambiguous, he

lived with his slaves on his Montpelier plantation, and he was known for his silence and inaction on slavery. He did not free his slaves when he died. His best-known slave was Paul Jennings who wrote a book about his time living in the White House which can still be purchased today at thrifbooks.com and other used bookdealers on the internet for from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

- 4) James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States, owned many enslaved people while simultaneously, he supported efforts to repatriate freed slaves to Africa. He helped create the American Colonization Society which led to the establishment of Liberia in Africa and its capital, Monrovia is named in his honor.
- 5) Benjamin Franklin actively participated in the slave trade, had two slaves and benefited financially during much of his early life by advertising the buying and selling of slaves in his newspaper, the Pennsylvania Gazette where he also published Quaker antislavery advertisements. However, during his time in London his views about slavery radically changed, and by the 1780’s he was a vocal abolitionist condemning slavery and urging Congress to act. He eventually freed his slaves and became a famous abolitionist when he became the President of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery. He fought for the freedom of slaves until he died at his home on April 17, 1790.

Next week, we will discuss more about other founding fathers and why they found it so difficult to live up to their lofty goals.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Council work meeting on February 5th was led by the Mayor Pro Tem in the Mayor's absence. A Youth Council representative reported on their visit to the Utah State Capitol, where students held mock debates on high-speed rail and housing. The Youth Council also raised over \$1,000 through a Polar Plunge event.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Change Order:

The council discussed a \$600,000 filter unit payment plan for the wastewater treatment plant. Manufacturer Aquaerobics requires 90% upfront over eight months, conflicting with city policy of paying upon delivery. Options considered included direct city purchase or having the contractor cover costs.

Golf Course Fee Increases:

Golf Director proposed raising fees by \$2 for green fees and \$1 for cart fees per nine holes, making 18 holes with a cart \$50—still below regional rates. He emphasized balancing affordability for locals with revenue needs.

Iron West Irrigation Pipe Project:

The council reviewed bids for 24-inch HDPE pipe to connect Highway 56 to new ponds in Iron West. Southwest Plowing Supply had the lowest bid at \$92,683. The city will buy materials, and the developer will handle installation.

Airport Grant Application:

Airport Manager Tyler G reported the final \$1.3 million grant from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for

terminal expansion, requiring a 5% local match.

Test Well Locations:

The council discussed delays in BLM approval due to a presidential order requiring a 60-day wait and consultations. They considered adjusting the drilling sequence to start elsewhere while awaiting approval.

Cedar Canyon Water Master Plan Changes:

Several proposed changes were presented for the ongoing water master plan project, including:

- Analysis of upcoming capital water projects (\$24,900)
- Master plan amendment for the Cross Hollow area
- Chlorination assistance related to a state mandated order
- The changes address immediate needs, particularly regarding chlorination requirements that must be implemented within six months of January 13th, 2024.

Cedar City Planning Commission

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Planning Commission meeting centered on a proposed zoning change for a 160-acre property previously part of the 2009 Cordero development agreement. Caleb Levitt presented a proposal to change the zoning from the discontinued Master Plan Development Zone, reduce planned units from 936 to 880, and rezone areas to R22 and R3M. Residents voiced significant concerns about the proposed changes. The

original Cordero agreement had only a small portion of high-density zoning, while the new proposal would dramatically increase this. Over 980 Cedar City residents signed a petition opposing the plan, highlighting community resistance.

Residents worried about increased traffic on West View Road, potential flood control issues, and the lack of guaranteed green spaces and amenities. The proposed development raised questions about road and sewer infrastructure improvements.

It was noted by a resident in Cedar City about Green Brier, an Arizona-based developer, had just executed a binding agreement to purchase 1,361 acres of the Cordero project.

Community members emphasized preserving the original master-planned community concept. They requested more diverse zoning options and advocated for developers with local investment and interest. Many speakers highlighted the importance of maintaining green spaces and lower density, drawing comparisons to other successful master-planned communities.

The commission extensively deliberated the proposal, with members expressing reservations about piecemeal development and the potential precedent it might set. They voted to table all related items and scheduled a reconsideration for the next meeting on February 18th. In a notable moment, the developer Levitt agreed to potentially modify the development agreement, proposing single-family homes along property borders to address residents' concerns about abrupt density changes.

The meeting concluded with a straightforward road dedication item for West View Drive, involving a city-owned parcel and a utility easement for Rocky Mountain Power. This item was a staff decision requiring no commission vote.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Building a Stronger Future for Utah



REP. REX SHIPP
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 72

Things have begun to amp up as we approach the halfway mark of the 2025 legislative session. Every day this week my colleagues and I have hit the ground running, meeting on the House floor to discuss, debate, and pass legislation that will have a positive impact on Utah's future. We're pushing forward legislation to bolster our energy infrastructure, expand opportunities in higher education, and secure our state's vital water resources. Make

sure you continue to follow along with the process by reading my newsletters, connecting with me on social media, or watching live streams of our meetings at le.utah.gov.

My Initiative to Promote Transparency

As your Representative, I am proud to serve the people of Iron County and District 71. I firmly believe elected officials work for the people that put them in office. Therefore, you, the people, should have more say in the decisions that affect your daily lives. That's why I'm running H.B. 408: School Board Amendments, which ensures voters have a voice on significant local issues.

Advocates for Our Community

I am always grateful to escape from meetings for the chance to meet so many passionate individuals and groups advocating for causes that strengthen our community. Shoutout to the Cedar City Youth Council, Parowan Youth Coalition, SUU students from the Leavitt Center, Canyon Creek Services, and every constituent who stopped by the Capitol to meet with me. Thank you for your dedication and engagement!

Legislative Updates

This week, I presented four important pieces of legislation in different House Committees:

- H.B. 141: Adoption Modifications – This bill has been passed through the House and is now with the Senate to be introduced and assigned a committee.
- H.B. 104: Firearm Safety Amendments – Passed through the House Education Committee and has been placed on the 3rd reading calendar.
- H.B. 240: Urban Farming Amendments – Held In Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee for further deliberation.
- H.B. 153: Hunting Amendments – Passed through the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee to now move to the House floor.

BUDGET SUMMARY

YEAR	STATE OF UTAH	IRON COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	CEDAR CITY	COUNTY POPULATION	INFLATION RATE
2020	\$18,500,000,000	\$64,397,882	\$97,275,145	\$84,121,067	57,286	1.4
2021	\$20,300,000,000	\$68,529,185	\$111,206,179	\$82,661,906	58,672	7.0
2022	\$25,600,000,000	\$80,413,678	\$116,183,977	\$82,219,239	62,508	6.5
2023	\$26,000,000,000	\$78,255,317	\$172,080,787	\$97,198,239	64,211	3.4
2024	\$29,400,000,000	\$67,789,445	\$200,512,950	\$150,125,060	65,765	3.2
2025	TBD	\$132,282,649	\$221,113,931	TBD	TBD	TBD
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	20.57%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

It's an honor to represent you and work on policies that will strengthen our community. As always, I am here to listen and advocate for what matters most to you. Thank you for your continued support!

I would love to hear from you!
Representative Rex Shipp
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Rep. Albrecht's Third Week of Session

Week three consisted of more hard work, passing four bills through the House, and one through the entire legislature that are good for District 70 and Rural Utah.



REP. CARL ALBRECHT
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

As the House of Representatives, we're pushing forward legislation to bolster our energy infrastructure

and secure our state's vital water resources. I'm proud to have passed multiple bills that assist in this mission.

Highlights of the Week

My first bill of the session has officially passed through legislation with **HCR 1: Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water Conservancy District** passing unanimously in the Senate. I'm happy this bill that helps address the water issues of Northern Grand County has been supported through every step of legislation. It will now move on to the Governor for signing.

It was a busy week presenting on the House Floor as **HB 41: Water Policy Amendments**, **HB 47: Public Lands Watering Rights**, **HB 249: Nuclear Power Amendments**, and **HB 253: Agriculture and Food Amendments** were all heard by the House of Representatives where each passed unanimously. I'm proud to have passed these bills that help Utah now, and Utah's future. They will now move on to the Senate for further consideration.

Rep Albrecht Presenting on the Floor

I presented **HB 239: Disaster Funds Revisions** in the House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment committee on Monday. This bill modifies funding to help ensure areas in Rural Utah have the money and support to combat natural disasters, such as flooding, that those communities face. It passed through committee with a unanimous vote.

On Tuesday, I was joined on the hill by North Sevier High School students led by their history and government teacher Rodney Hurd. It was great to have this class see our government in action and experience this

vital process. Caden Johnson, a Senior from North Sevier High School, joined us for the remainder of the week as a shadow intern. Caden is a very ambitious and bright young man. He was very helpful during his time shadowing. It's important to provide students from Rural Utah with these opportunities.

Rep Albrecht with Caden/North Sevier Students

I was recently appointed to the Constitutional Defense Council (CDC) by the Speaker, and we met this Wednesday. We discussed concerns and ways we can preserve our state's rights, particularly in the fight for RS 2477 roads. This council will continue to meet and fight for access to lands in our rural communities.

Our weekly Rural Caucus was held Friday morning. It's always a great opportunity to meet with leaders from Rural Utah to voice their concerns and share victories.

We also presented a citation for Kim and Darlene Robinson from Robinson Transportation in the House and Senate on Wednesday. We're grateful for all they do to serve Rural Utah and the state of Utah.

Rep Albrecht with Robinson Transportation Committees

My two committees, House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment and House Public Utilities and Energy, both met throughout this week and heard some great legislation. I support multi-use of public lands and will celebrate legislation that makes that possible.

Request for Appropriations

I presented my final two request for appropriations (RFA's) to the Economic and Community Development Appropriations Subcommittee on Monday. The first request was to secure funds for the Sevier County Archivist and fifteen mayor appointed historians. It's important to support efforts like these to preserve the history of our rural communities.

My RFA for Central Utah Food Sharing was presented next. These funds would help address families with food shortages in Central Utah counties: Juab, Millard, Piute, Sevier, and Wayne. The funds would go towards a new freezer, a van, computer data program, and more. This program would help address issues and would help these Rural Utah communities.

Rep. Albrecht Presenting RFA for Sevier County

It has been an extremely active week, as my colleagues and I passed 45 bills. With the move to two floor times a day, we plan to keep up this pace and continue to pass legislation that is good for Utah. Your involvement is vital to our process, please 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, or

contact my intern Joe Boyle; jboyle@le.utah.gov, (386) 420-3096.
Thank you for your continued support.



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Hello all,

Week 3 in a Glance

Priority Spotlight: Realigning Higher Education with Utah's Workforce Needs

Right now, Utah faces shortages

in critical fields like healthcare, social work and engineering—industries vital to the strength of our communities and economy. To bridge this gap, our higher education system must adapt to better meet the demands of an ever-changing workforce.

For decades, Utah's universities and colleges have excelled in preparing students for successful careers. Now, we are committed to supporting them in expanding opportunities and aligning education with the state's growing needs.

H.B. 265 Higher Education Strategic Reinvestment would take a proactive approach by directing institutions to develop a strategic reinvestment plan that shifts funding from low-demand areas to the fields most in need of skilled professionals. By prioritizing programs that equip students with in-demand skills, we're preparing them to secure strong, meaningful job opportunities while strengthening Utah's workforce.

Legislative Highlights:

S.B. 67 Local Option Sales Tax Amendments: Enables certain local governments to implement a small sales and use tax to fund emergency services, giving local governing bodies the flexibility to adjust the tax according to their community's needs. Help rural communities with high tourism, where local residents currently shoulder most of the cost of emergency services.

S.B. 95 Truth in Taxation Amendments: Utah's Truth in Taxation law, which passed in the '80s, is intended to prevent money from unnecessarily flowing to the government when property values increase. The Truth in Taxation law prevents automatic tax increases when property values rise. Instead, local governments must notify taxpayers and hold public hearings before approving any rate increases. S.B. 95 reinforces this commitment to transparency, giving Utahns a clear voice in the tax process. It also ensures these hearings comply with the Open and Public Meetings Act, requiring a quorum to be present before decisions can be made.

S.B. 63 Waste Tire Recycling Amendments: Many rural communities in Utah are struggling with waste tire disposal. Counties have accumulated thousands of tires, creating

both environmental and logistical challenges. While there is a private company that can work with counties to manage disposal, there is no backup plan if those agreements fall through. This bill creates a "Plan B" for third through sixth-class counties (a delineation determined by population size) that lack resources to handle tire disposal. It allows these landfills to use shredded tires as landfill cover—a practice that would reduce dust while providing an effective waste management solution. Additionally, the bill adjusts current regulations to allow for larger, 8-inch tire shreds rather than the currently required 2-inch pieces, making the process more feasible. Using existing state funds collected from tire disposal fees, counties would be able to purchase a shredder, which could also serve neighboring counties. This bill ensures that waste tires are disposed of responsibly while supporting our rural communities.

S.B. 33 Water Rights Recording

Amendments: Currently, when transferring a water deed, the grantee (recipient) can sign electronically or by fax, but the grantor (original owner) cannot. This inconsistency adds unnecessary complications to an already complex process. S.B. 33 addresses this issue by allowing both parties to sign electronically or by fax, ensuring a more efficient and accessible system. By modernizing this process, we can reduce paperwork, streamline transactions and make it easier for water rights owners to complete necessary transfers.

S.B. 44 Professional Licensure Background

Checks: Utah has a variety of professional licensing requirements, many of which include background checks and fingerprinting. However, these requirements are inconsistent across different professions, leading to inefficiencies for both professionals and licensing boards. This bill establishes a uniform background check and fingerprinting process across all licensed professions. By creating consistency, we can reduce administrative burdens, improve efficiency and ensure a fair and predictable licensing system for Utah's workforce.

Getting Involved

Public participation is vital to developing better policies for all Utahns, and we want to make it easier for you to follow the issues that matter most to you.

Our new webpage includes helpful 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 support as I represent you at the Utah Legislature. Please reach out anytime with feedback, ideas, or questions. evickers@le.utah.gov, or 435-817-5565.

Sincerely,
Evan

southern utah university

Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games/ Southern Utah University to host 'State Games of America' in 2030 in Salt Lake City

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

SALT LAKE CITY - The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, an outreach department of Southern Utah University, has secured the rights to host the 'State Games of America' in 2030 in Utah's capital city.

The long-time rights holder to Utah's official state games will partner with the National Congress of State Games and Sports Salt Lake to host the biennial national sports competition, which will take place in venues around Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County the last week of July in 2030. The successful bid was announced in a press conference at the Utah State Capitol building, with speakers including Utah Gov. Spencer J. Cox, U.S. Rep. Celeste Maloy, SUU President Mindy Benson, and Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson.

The State Games of America is part of the National Congress of State Games (NCSG), a membership organization of 30 Summer State Games

and 10 Winter State Games organizations. The NCSG is a member of the United States Olympic Committee's Affiliated Organizations Council. The mission of the NCSG is to support State Games member organizations in the promotion of health, fitness and character building through multi-sport competitions and physical activities all across the USA.

As part of the event, approximately 10,000 athletes from around the country will participate in over 40 sports and activities as part of the event. All interested athletes and teams



from Utah are automatically eligible to participate in the event. This will be the first time Utah has hosted the national event, with recent host cities including San Diego and Ames, Iowa at Iowa State University. The event is estimated to bring an economic impact to Salt Lake County of approximately 14,000 hotel room nights.



For more information on the 2025 Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, including registration information and the event calendar, please visit UtahSummerGames.org. For more information on Southern Utah University, visit SUU.edu.

public & health

Alzheimer's awareness educational program Feb. 24 in Cedar City

from Tracy HeavyRunner

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF UTAH

Dr. Kirsten Graham, a licensed psychologist and

assistant professor of psychology at Southern Utah University, will team with Alzheimer's Association of Utah staff to present an information program on Alzheimer's disease on Monday, Feb. 24, at Christ the King Church in Cedar City.

An estimated 38,300 Utahns are among more than seven million Americans living with Alzheimer's, and another 112,000 Utahns serve

as unpaid family caregivers for loved ones living with the disease.

The program at Christ the King Church, 690 S. Cove Dr., Cedar City, will discuss the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's, as well as cognitive testing and diagnosis. Dr. Graham has been conducting cognitive and neuropsychological assessments of older adults since 2015.

"Knowledge is power when it comes to Alzheimer's disease," said Stacie Kulp, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Utah.

For more information on the free program contact Tracy HeavyRunner, program manager for the Alzheimer's Association of Utah, at theavyrunner@alz.org.

"Of the many Utahns living with Alzheimer's, only half of those will ever be diagnosed. Without a diagnosis, they won't know to take advantage of new medications approved by the FDA shown to slow the progression of the disease, or the programs and services provided at no charge by the Alzheimer's Association."

public & health



A rural health hero from Cedar City honored for his impact

for establishing a highly successful Diabetes Clinic that achieved top patient satisfaction scores just six months after opening.

“Garrett is caring in the work he does. He provides exceptional, specialized care for diabetic patients in our area,” said Rachelle Hughes, Marketing and Communications Manager at Intermountain Cedar City Hospital.

About the Impact Award winner:

Garrett Galt
Endocrinology nurse practitioner
Intermountain Cedar City Hospital,
Cedar City, Utah

by Anna West

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Utah
Department
of Health
and Human

Services (DHHS), awarded Garrett Galt with an Impact Award. Galt, a family nurse practitioner at Intermountain Cedar City Hospital, was recognized

Galt and his team opened the Intermountain Cedar City Diabetes Clinic mid 2023. The clinic already received the 2023 Patient Experience Award of Excellence. This award recognizes programs ranked in the top 5% in the nation for patient satisfaction.

About the awards:

Each year, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health presents Impact Awards to honor healthcare workers on National Rural Health Day, celebrated on the third Thursday of November. Governor Spencer Cox has declared November 17-23, 2024, as Utah Rural Health Week to recognize the contributions of rural providers. For more information about rural health in Utah, visit <https://ruralhealth.utah.gov/>.

AARP OFFERS SMART DRIVING CLASSES

by Roland Shepard

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The
American
Association

of Retired Persons is sponsoring a series of safe driving classes designed specifically for older drivers. The classes cover the many changes that occur within ourselves, in roadway design and in the vehicles we drive. They also cover rules of the road, the latest technology, sharing the road with others and what to do when you can no longer drive. The class can also help you to be more comfortable in your vehicle by adjusting seats, mirrors, seatbelts and other items to fit you. CARFIT helps make you a safer driver.

Classes are four hours long and are lead by local volunteers using

materials specially prepared by AARP and other professionals. They cost \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members.

These lessons are designed to make drivers safer and more confident behind the wheel. They can help you save on your car insurance because many insurance companies offer discounts to individuals who have taken the course. These discounts generally last for three years from the date of the class.

The next event will be held on Monday, March 3, at the Iron County Visitors' Center, at 1:00 pm. This class will be lead by Roland Gow (435-592-0658). Please call to make a reservation. Space is limited.

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Sharing Significant Music

by Sara Penny

ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH

Certain melodies conjure the best of a symphony orchestra. The "Immortal Melodies" concert features some of our favorite pieces as well as showcasing two outstanding local musicians. Join the Orchestra of Southern Utah on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 West, in Cedar City. Tickets now available at myosu.org.

The *Moldau* by Smetana takes a journey along a Czech river complete with a wedding dance as the river goes from the mountains of Bohemia to Prague. This symphonic poem tells a story complete with castles and rapids as the river wends its way to the Elbe.

Berceuse and Finale from Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* conjures the magic of the bird who helps the king defeat an evil sorcerer. The famous ballet music is a triumph of good over evil.

Alexander Borodin was a chemist who composed on Sundays. The *Polovtsian Dances* from the opera *Prince Igor* include a melody that became famous in the musical *Kismet*. "Take my hand, I'm a stranger in paradise" was a huge hit in 1953. Energetic dances propel the music forward. David Jordan will be conducting this piece.

Pachelbel's *Canon* is a deceptively simple piece with eight notes repeating under a timeless melody. This arrangement by cellist Pat Pinkston gives the cellists a chance to share the melody. Using the harp for the piano part adds another level of musical magic.



Ben Bradshaw 2025

"We are so excited to be joined by some extremely talented instrumentalists for our February concert including Ben Bradshaw on bassoon and David Torres on trumpet. You won't want to miss this spectacular addition to our season!"

said Music Director and Conductor Carylee Zwang. Dr. Ben Bradshaw has chosen a *Concertino* for

Bassoon. The Finnish composer Bernard Crusell wrote this *Concertino* for bassoon in 1829 "for his son-in-law Franz Preumayr who was considered Sweden's foremost bassoonists at the time." They lived in Stockholm and this virtuosic piece was premiered in 1829. Bradshaw teaches at both SUU and Utah Tech and has played in numerous ensembles across the country.

Kevin McKee wrote *Centennial Horizon* as a commission from Albany trumpeter Catherine Sheridan. "With two contrasting movements (*Aspen Grove* and *Roaring Gunnison*) connected by an interlude (*Alpenglow*), I have attempted to capture

some of the beauty and adventure of what truly is an amazing place: Colorado (the "Centennial State"). Inspired by my late grandmother's love of that state, the first movement is an homage to her," said McKee. David Torres teaches at SUU where he has developed the Thunderbird Marching Band. He is an active performer with touring musicals. Torres served as one of the final trumpet players/conductors for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

The Southern

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Utah String Quartet will provide lobby music by Schubert before the concert.

Concert tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Go to myosu.org for ticket purchases. No children under six or babies for the evening concerts please, as these concerts are recorded. Recordings are available on the website and selective past performances are posted on the OSUCedarCity YouTube channel.

"We are excited to bring this unforgettable music to you," said Harold Shirley, OSU President. "Come and enjoy an evening of great symphony orchestra music with us on Feb. 20."



David Torres

Trumpet Artist to Headline SUU Jazz Festival Concert



by Dr. Adam Lambert

SUU DIRECTOR OF BANDS

The SUU Music Department is hosting the 12th annual High School Jazz Festival on Saturday, February 22nd at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Center. A full day of high school jazz performances comes to an exciting conclusion with SUU's Jazz Ensemble One performing alongside Jazz Trumpeter Extraordinaire, Nathan Warner! Mr. Warner has performed with Lady Antebellum, Peter Cetera, Doc

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JAZZ FESTIVAL CONCERT

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Severinsen, Clay Aiken, Lauren Daigle, Alejandro Sanz, Slide Hampton, Jon Faddis, Lou Marini, Patti LuPone, The Four Tops, Kurt Masur, The Temptations, Frederick Fennell, Olivia Newton-John, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Allen Vizzutti, Butch Miles, Kirk Whalum, and Chris Vadala among others. For fifteen years, he resided in Manhattan, where he was in demand as a classical, orchestral, commercial, big band and jazz performer. He has performed on multiple Broadway shows, including *Gypsy*, *Spider-Man*, and *Aladdin*. He has performed for two U.S. presidents.

SUU's Jazz Ensemble One is building a reputation of their own, having recently been invited to perform at the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Show in Anaheim California on the main Yamaha Grand Stage last month. The group submitted a video audition recording and was chosen as the only college



ensemble selected to perform at this year's event. Commenting on his recent experience with the NAMM performance, student Kyle Ohm from San Antonio said, "It was an honor to be selected to perform at NAMM. We showed California how Southern Utah swings." The group has also performed and received awards at the Greeley Jazz Festival (Colorado) and Reno Jazz Festival. The band will feature outstanding student soloists, including Brady Poor from Indiana, Kyle Ohm from Colorado, and Davyn Larm from Herriman Utah.

On February 14th, the band will also be performing the *Valentine Spring Swing Thing* with classic swing tunes from the Big Band era from 7 - 9:30 pm in the Great Hall on the SUU Campus (free).

Exciting things are also happening in the SUU Music Department, including a new Music Center building and concert hall, new Commercial

Music degree, and a new marching band! With 300 music majors, the department has expanded as well with the addition of multiple concert bands and jazz ensembles. Within the past three years we have added three new exceptional faculty members: David Torres, Director of Athletic Bands, Trevor Davis, Director of Woodwinds, and Jed Blodgett, Director of Percussion. Already all three have made a significant positive impact on the quality and direction of the department.

The Jazz Festival Evening Concert - Featuring Nathan Warner and SUU's Jazz Ensemble One is a free concert. The performance is scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Heritage Center Theater.

Outstanding sections from the various high school jazz ensembles that performed early in the day will be announced and awarded at the event. High Schools participating at the festival during the day include: Cedar, Canyon View, Sunrise Mountain (Las Vegas), Copper Hills, Pine View, and Snow Canyon (among others). The program for the evening concert will include a short opening performance by SUU's Jazz Ensemble Two, followed by 6 great tunes from Jazz Ensemble One featuring students, faculty, and our guest artist. Tunes include: Ya Gotta Try, Sammy Nestico, As It Is, by Pat Metheny, and La Fiesta by Chick Corea.

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Creating Order from Chaos

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Putting a puzzle together is about creating order from chaos. Sometimes, an arts project feels like scattered pieces that just won't fit—but when everything locks into place, it can be wonderful.

LuAnne Brown wanted to add a string program at the Escalante Valley Elementary in Beryl. She knew there were smaller instruments in the Dalley Collection at SUU, but they were overly loved and needed repairs.

A mini-grant from the Cedar City Arts Council helped with repairs so there is now an orchestra for the school. Special thanks to Luke and Vicky Heaton for excellent string services at Whittlesticks.

LuAnne explained how important these instruments have become for her students, "We have had some amazing students in our class, both last year and this. One boy comes to mind. He came to our school when he was in third grade. He is part of the Latin American community who are an important part of the valley. When he came to our school, he was behind academically and was extremely quiet. He has blossomed at our school, and he has blossomed in our string program. At first he was unsure about the idea of playing a violin, but then he took off. He took his violin home to practice, and he earned every available ribbon to have tied on his pegs. At the Christmas program, I put him front and center because he could play everything. Several people who attended the concert commented to me about this particular student who was doing so well. Without the Dalley

collection this opportunity would probably not have come to him. I wonder if Mr. Dalley had any idea that his contribution would reach students in such a remote area and give them the opportunity to not only learn about music, but to enjoy a feeling of accomplishment and success."

She also noted that participation

in the string program has helped students with their language skills.

Many puzzle pieces came together to make this music program a reality. The instruments were originally donated to SUU in 1989 by Orien Dailey. He had lived in Summit and taught in Cedar before continuing his career in Wisconsin and later at the



University of Michigan. While in Michigan, he played a key role in establishing the renowned Interlochen Music Camp and early American String Teacher Association workshops.

During a visit to Cedar City to see his niece, Ada Carpenter, Dalley decided to donate his school instrument collection to SUU. This was a blessing for our family, as our two children fell in love with the cello and both switched from violin to cello thanks to access to these instruments.

In 1991, Suzuki Strings Cedar City honored Orien Dailey with a tribute concert during one of his visits. He encouraged local musicians to establish an independent orchestra separate from the university—an effort that led to the creation of the Orchestra of Southern Utah.

He also donated his extensive collection of music scores and parts to SUU's Special Collections, where they are now cataloged and available for use.

Bringing a project like this to life takes many connected pieces, each one essential to the bigger picture.

What community art project are you interested in pursuing? Mini-grants of \$500 are available from the Cedar City Arts Council. Applications are due Feb. 28. The information is in our website at cedarcityartscouncil.org under Support.



Valentine's Day

-A CELEBRATION OF LOVE

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Valentine's Day can be a dividing holiday for a lot of people. But the sweet meaning behind the day of love is something to celebrate and look forward to especially because you really don't have to be in a committed relationship to tell people in your life how much you love and appreciate them. A lot of us don't really have the knack to say "I Love You" the way poets, writers, and public figures do, so it's very important to try your best to share those

thoughtful feelings with maybe siblings, cousins, parents, grandparents, friends and any other people in your life so they truly understand how valued and appreciated they are by you. Sometimes we might feel overwhelmed trying to find the right things to say on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love that originated from a Roman festival and a Christian feast day. It's celebrated annually on February 14. In the 14th and 15th centuries, Valentine's Day started to be associated with romantic love. Then people began sending love poems to their loved ones on February 14. In the Middle Ages, people started exchanging paper cards. Then, finally, in the 19th century, the Industrial Revolution started to mass produce Valentine's Day cards.

Everyone loves a good love story, but the history of Valentine's Day is a

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calendar

WED, FEB 12

OPEN SWING NIGHT (8PM) JOIN THE SUU BALLROOM

Dance Company for a night of fun! Learn from our team members how to dance the styles of triple swing and nightclub two-step, then stay afterwards to practice and have fun with others around you! Located at SUU PE Building, Room 303. For more information contact ballroomdance@suu.edu.

THURS, FEB 13

SUU FACULTY LECTURE (11:30AM) GRACE A. TANNER

Distinguished Faculty Lecture Crystal Koenig at Gilbert Heart Hall. From bedtime for Bonzo to Chimp Crazy: Primates in Entertainment Media.

ICSUU INTERN. FILM FESTIVAL (5:30PM) @ THE SUU

Sharwan Smith Theater - ST 161D (351 W University Blvd, Cedar City). All films are subtitled, FREE, and open to the public! Organized by International Cinema and Southern Utah University (ICSUU), with support from the Department of Languages and Philosophy. For information and a list of films visit suu.edu/hss/languages/film-festivals/. Held February 18, 20, 24, 25 & 27.

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.

3-COURSE EXQUISITE VALENTINE'S DINNER (7PM) AT

the Courtyard by Marriott (1294 S Interstate Dr, Cedar City), tickets are \$50 - \$70. Celebrate Valentine's Day with an exceptional three-course dinner, prepared by renowned Chef Kevin Jerrold-Jones. Thoughtfully paired with the perfect IJG wine, each course will take you to a place where love blossoms, over candlelight and fine cuisine, to make unforgettable moments. Tickets are available for purchase online— simply select an entrée for each guest, and let the chef take care of the rest! For parties of three or more, please include a note when purchasing so we can arrange a suitable table for your group.

SAT, FEB 15

ADULT ART ADVENTURE (5-6:30PM) 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 ELDER SISTER (7PM)

Acoustic Music Association presents a special performance by Eldersister indie folk band featuring Americana songbird Kaitlin Sevy. Event will take place at Park Place Eatery 23 West Center Street. Event is free with a suggested donation of \$5 at the door.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET (7:30PM) FESTIVAL

City Farmers Market is held every Saturday at 100 West Center Street (Cedar City), admission is FREE. Shop locally produced and grown fruit, vegetables, cheese, jam, bread, eggs, honey, farm products, hand crafted items, and more. For information email festivalcityfarmersmarket@gmail.com

MON, FEB 17

President's Day

TUES, FEB 18

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

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10-11AM) PAM AND CATHERINE

will continue their beginning level Family History classes at 10 AM at the Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E in Cedar City). Their class will introduce people to Ancestry.com and the Family Search website. Subjects discussed will be the Ancestry catalog, Family Search catalog and Family Search Historical Images. Pam and Catherine are experienced teachers and professional Genealogists. They can help you get started and answer any questions. All classes are free!

WED, FEB 19

STATE OF THE CITIES ECONOMIC REVIEW BREAKFAST

(8-9:30PM) Join us for our Annual State of the Cities Economic Review Breakfast as we hear from our local representatives from Cedar City, Brian Head, Parowan, and Enoch. @ Courtyard by Marriott 1294 S Interstate Dr., Cedar City, UT 84720. Register here: https://www.chamberorganizer.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=513096&org_id=CEDR.

THURS, FEB 20

THE "IMMORTAL MELODIES" CONCERT (7:30PM)

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

Ward Wilson - Executive Director of RealistRevolt 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.

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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

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Caregivers

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

Celebrate Recovery 12-Step

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

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

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

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widows Ministry

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Boy Scout Troop 1848

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or cedarbreaksmodela@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.cedarcitycommunityband.org by calling 435-590-2513.

Cub Scout Pack 1848

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

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

Iron County Moms For America

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

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

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

Parkrun

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

Parowan Pickleball

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

PB&J Therapy Groups

These two groups teach skills for different areas of life by utilizing recreational activities and engaging in other forms of expressing emotions. INFO: 435-267-4212.
College: forms.gle/SmGytcFvQ1tS2pB7
Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

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

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

celebrations

Happy Birthday



Jeri Lee Harrell turns 90 years old on February 20, 2025! Jeri Lee was raised in Stone Creek, VA and is a true coal miner's daughter. If you know Jeri Lee, you've probably heard her proudly break out into the beginning of Loretta Lynn's hit song, Coal Miner's Daughter.

Jeri Lee returned to her small-town roots when she and her late husband Doug moved to Parowan in 1989. They were co-Pastors of Parowan United Methodist Congregation—Jeri Lee officially retired in August 2022. Jeri Lee truly loves Parowan and often speaks of how wonderful everyone is in her little town.



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Official Church Statement

Church Reaffirms Immigration Principles: Love, Law and Family Unity

from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Newsroom

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has reiterated principles and communicated guidelines to local leaders in the United States regarding immigration issues.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, the following principles guide the Church's approach:

1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints obeys the law.
2. We follow Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors. The Savior taught that the meaning of "neighbor" includes all of God's children.
3. We seek to provide basic food and

clothing, as our capacity allows, to those in need, regardless of their immigration status. We are especially concerned about keeping families together.

The guidance closely follows statements made previously on these issues, which are available on the Church website.

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) has created guidelines to help local leaders comply with federal laws that criminalize harboring, transporting, or encouraging undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States. OGC also carefully tracks legal developments to ensure local outreach and area-initiated humanitarian activities are appropriate. Local leaders should be in contact with the Office of General Counsel for further information.

obituaries

Kent Heaton Stapley



Kent Heaton Stapley was born in Kanab Utah, on April 13, 1934. He was the oldest son of Blaine Stapley and Edna Heaton Stapley lifelong residents of Cedar City, Utah. He is survived by his sister Marilyn Hawley and preceded in death by his brother Ronald Blaine Stapley

He married Bonnie Jean Steiner on December 18, 1953, and they were sealed in the St George Temple. Their six children survive him; David (Lisa) Salt Lake City, Utah; Brad (Lorri) St George, Utah; Jelene Gillies (Chad); Henderson, Nevada; Todd (Lynette) Cedar City, Utah; Kenneth (Paula) Cedar City, Utah; Kelly (Deborah) St

George, Utah. Twenty-Five Grandchildren, 37 Great Grandchildren and one Great Great Grandchild.

Kent Heaton Stapley spent his childhood attending school in Cedar City and many of his summers on his grandfather's ranch in Moccasin, Arizona. He genuinely loved his summers on the Arizona Strip where he learned to be a cowboy like his grandfather and uncle Fred. He acquired a lifelong love for livestock and was noted for his flowers, shrubs, and landscape. The red sand of Moccasin, the Arizona Strip, and the "shiny rocks of moonshine," continued to call to him through his entire adult life. He returned as often as he could to enjoy the unique heaven on earth that shaped his formable life.

He was an entrepreneur before it became a well-known profession. He was successful in farming, raising livestock, horses, starting and running businesses, including local subdivisions in Cedar City, Utah where he raised his family. Later in life he became an accomplished watercolor artist and authored several books.

Kent took immense pride in his horses and was always working to improve and produce beautiful appaloosa horses. Several of his horses won first prize in horse shows across the west and mid-west. He ventured into the horse racing world with a champion quarter horse winning local races. He often could be seen riding one of his favorite horses bareback to check on the other livestock and horses.

Kent built several beautiful homes where his children, grandchildren, family, and friends gathered to enjoy each other's company. Each home was landscaped with unique trees, shrubs and flowers that brought beauty to the eye and gave solitude to one's life.

He was a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Serving in leadership capacities that included Bishop (twice), Stake President, and Mission President Counselor. With his eternal sweetheart Bonnie, they together served three missions to the Philippines, Mongolia, and Southeast Asia (India, Thailand, Cambodia, Hong Kong, and several other countries). Regardless of the culture or race, those who interacted with him and his wife Bonnie became endeared to them and often lifelong friends (including Dong Mei Yang).

Kent Heaton Stapley passed away at his home in Winchester Hill, St George Utah on February 1, 2025, with his loving wife by his side.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 11 am in the Winchester Hills Chapel (5338 Winchester Dr, St George, UT 94770). Viewings will be held on Friday February 7 from 5 pm to 7 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary, Cedar City UT. And at the Winchester Hills Chapel prior to the funeral from 9am to 10:30 am. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery. To view the livestream of the funeral service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Christina Dearden



Christina Dearden, 48, passed away peacefully in her home in Paragonah on February 1, 2025. She was born on February 2, 1976, in St. George, Utah to Thomas Carl and Rhea Nelson Dearden. She spent her childhood growing up in Garrison, Utah on the family's ranch and attended high school in Delta, Utah.

Chris had a great thirst for knowledge and an amazing work ethic. Following graduation, she attended Southern Utah University where she began working on what would become a double-major in Music and Psychology. In 1997 she stepped away from school for 18 months to serve a full-time mission for the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Japan-Kobe Mission. She loved the people of Japan and found great joy in being able to share her testimony with the people there. Following her mission, she returned to SUU where she finished her majors. In time she would add a third degree in Nursing as well as her Paramedic license. During these years she spent her summers working for the National Park Service at Great Basin and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and Cedar Breaks National Monument.

Chris loved serving and helping others. This reflected in her employment with Turn-About Ranch, the LDS Hospital Psych Ward, and Intermountain Health Care in both St. George and Cedar City. She worked as the Charge Nurse at the ICU in the St. George Hospital. She also volunteered for EMS in Garfield County and worked as a Paramedic with Iron County Ambulance and provided home-health for patients. Chris was very active in the church and held various callings throughout her life. She looked for ways to help in her community such as helping the less fortunate and the elderly. She had a great love for her family and friends and was always looking for ways to serve and help them. She was good at listening and giving advice.

From growing up on the ranch in Garrison, Chris developed a great love for animals, especially horses and dogs. Chris loved the outdoors and the beauty of the world. She loved to travel and see new places, enjoyed camping with her family, and loved to go hiking. She hiked the Grand Canyon at least 4 times with family and friends. She also enjoyed biking, roping, hunting, gardening, and reading. A woman of many skills and talents, she was always busy with the things she loved. She loved all her nieces and nephews and found joy in playing games with them. She was very witty and loved to make everyone laugh.

Chris loved to work and was a very skilled craftswoman. During her life she remodeled three different houses and was known to have amazing skill at laying tile, and for her beautiful finish work. If there was something she wanted to make and didn't know how to do it, she would figure it out and the result was always impressive and appeared professional.

She is survived by her parents, Tom and Rhea Dearden, Panguitch, Utah; siblings: Michael (Veronica) Dearden, Richfield, Utah; Leann (Jason) Pratt, Cedar City, Utah; and Dayna (Jason) Porter, Duchesne, Utah; 12 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Paragonah ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (79 North Main Street, Paragonah, Utah). Viewing will be held prior to the service at 9:30 AM. Interment will be in the Paragonah City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at www.mortuary.org.

Jack Lyn Witherspoon



It is with deep sadness that we remember the life of Jack Lyn Witherspoon, fondly known as Jackie, born on August 28, 1947, in Kemmerer, WY. A loving and resilient soul, Jackie was a beacon of light who brought joy and laughter to all who were privileged to know her. She was a courageous individual, never afraid to face her many physical challenges head-on, and always

emerging victorious, with her tremendous spirit. Despite her many challenges, her sense of humor was contagious, brightening the day for everyone in her life.

Jackie worked at Danville Services, a day program where she learned life skills and developed many friendships. She enjoyed art which brought enjoyment to her life. Her paintings and drawings showed her creative spirit and her love for life's simple beauties.

Jackie's faith was a cornerstone of her life, attending St. Jude's Episcopal Church weekly, and praying every night, always including her beloved family and friends in her prayers. Her devotion was a testament to her deeply held belief in the power of faith and love. Jackie will always be remembered for her loving nature, her courage, her resilience, and her wonderful sense of humor.

She leaves behind her sister and brother-in-law, Jill and Jerry Taylor, and her brother Jim Witherspoon, who will carry her memory in their hearts. She now rests peacefully with her parents, Robert and Genevieve Witherspoon, who preceded her in death.

The memorial service will be held on Saturday, 15 Feb 2025 at 11:00am MST at Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, 70 West 200 North, Cedar City, Utah. We invite you to join us for food and memories following the service. In the words of the Episcopal prayer, "May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

In lieu of flowers, please remember TURN Community Services. TURN is an amazing not-for-profit organization. They provided superior care and service to Jackie for over 42 years. We are forever in their debt. Address for donations is TURN Community Services 423 West 800 South, A-200, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Or: <https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/turn-community-services/turn-giving> We invite you to share your memories of Jackie and upload photos to her memorial page, celebrating her life and the joy she brought to all of us.

Services under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral 435-865-9000. You may share condolences on her memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

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bit different from the romance version of the holiday. While February 14 is mostly celebrated with Valentine's Day gifts, and romantic dinners, a few of us are familiar with the holiday's true origins. We all remember making Valentine's Day crafts at school or getting cute Valentine's Day candy to share with our classmates, but just how did all these traditions even get started? Much like Christmas, the religious part of Valentine's Day is overshadowed by the more commercial part of the holiday. As it turns out, the histories of both holidays share a surprising similarity. Valentine's Day is celebrated and has changed over time. St. Valentine's Day is an annual festival to celebrate romantic love, friendship and admiration. Every year on 14 February people celebrate this day by sending messages of love and affection to partners, family and friends. Valentines' Day is named after Saint Valentine, a Catholic priest who lived in Rome in the 3rd Century. There are so many stories that grew into the legend we know today. It is widely believed that chocolates have a positive impact on a person's mood, so on Valentine's Day, giving chocolate is a very popular way to express ones love and admiration. Flowers, especially red roses, also symbolize love, passion, and deep affection, and are perfect to say "I love you" on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is all about love. "Happy Valentine's Day To The World!" -Spread the love and wish everyone a joyful day celebrating in all its forms! "Whether you're celebrating with a partner, friends, or family-cherish the love around you this Valentine's Day."

"HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!"



schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

South Elementary



Third Graders at South Elementary had a blast during their "Third Grade Thrills" activity this month. Part of the Utah state science standards for third grade include learning about 'Force and Motion'. What better way to learn than to create Roller Coasters and see the force of motion work in real life! Students experimented by using foam tubing to create tracks that had twists, turns, and loops. Students then used marbles to see if their coaster track would work. It was definitely a fantastic way for students to put their knowledge of science to work!

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary would like to thank all of the parents/guardians who took the time to come to the school and visit with their child's teacher during SEP week. We appreciate the support from parents as we help students become successful students and citizens. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for providing sandwiches and snacks for the teachers who stayed late to meet with parents.

February is Kindness month. With the help of the school counselor, Mrs. Arnell, students will be creating cards to share with the five schools in California that have partially or completely burned in recent fires.

Students will also be participating in the "The Great Kindness Challenge," joining over 20 million students in 41 thousand schools worldwide to share kind acts with others. Students are learning that making the world a better place can start with how they treat each other today.

We are looking forward to the 5th grade Patriot Program on February 13. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

A reminder that no school will be held on Monday, February 17, 2025 because of President's Day.

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

We are in the middle of our annual Share the Love food drive benefiting Iron County Care and Share. Keep those donations coming in through Friday, February 14. The grade level with the most non-perishable food items donated will get a party!

There will be no school on Monday, February 17, in honor of President's Day.

Mark your calendars for Dr. Seuss Week March 3-7 and spring picture day on March 6. More information will be coming home soon, so keep an eye on your child's homework folder and follow Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA on Facebook for updates, news, and school highlights.

Canyon View Middle School



The CVMS 8th grade students had a great time at their STEM

Field Trip to SUU, SWATC, and Red Peaks Gym. The students explored future educational opportunities, tour facilities, and learn about entrepreneurship. It was a wonderful day!

North Elementary

North Elementary has been busy meeting with all our students and their families for SEPs. We want to thank our parents for attending and making their student(s) a priority. We always enjoy celebrating the successes of our students! We also appreciate the support of Barb Lewis and our many volunteers during our Book Fair this week. They keep late hours to make sure all families are able to have an opportunity to attend during SEP week.



We opened our doors to another successful Grandparent Breakfast! Thank you to our wonderful PTA for working so hard to make this event so well attended. Students were excited to show off their grandparents in their classrooms, and also have an opportunity to go to the book fair.

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are gearing up for another spelling bee this year! Classrooms have been working hard to study and prepare for who will be advancing to our school spelling bee which will take place on February 25.

Please remember Kindness Week will be February 10-14, and a flyer is posted on our site.

schools

Chinese New Year with Gateway Preparatory Academy



by Kelsey Lindquist

TEACHER/UPPER ELEMENTARY

At Gateway Preparatory Academy in Enoch, Utah, Mrs. Lindquist's 4th and 5th-grade students recently explored the traditions of Chinese New Year. They read several articles to learn about the history, customs, and significance of the holiday, including the Chinese zodiac and the ways families celebrate with food, decorations, and symbolic acts like giving red envelopes for good luck. To bring their learning to life, the students also watched a video that showcased the exciting dragon dances and parades that are central to the celebrations.

After learning about the Year of the Snake, the students created their own snake crafts, inspired by the Chinese zodiac. This hands-on activity allowed them to express their creativity while reinforcing the cultural traditions they had studied. It was a fun and meaningful experience that helped deepen their understanding of Chinese New Year and encouraged an appreciation for global celebrations.



VERSE OF THE WEEK

2 NEPHI 11:5

“And also my soul delighteth in the covenants of the Lord which he hath made to our fathers; yea, my soul delighteth in his grace, and in his justice, and power, and mercy in the great and eternal plan of deliverance from death.”

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

What a Success

On January 28th, Canyon View hosted an inspiring unified basketball game! Even though Canyon View didn't claim victory, the event was a success. Unified sports bring together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities, showcasing the true spirit of inclusivity. Fellow Falcons showed immense support, filling the stands with their cheers and enthusiasm. So many students came to represent their team and cheer on their peers. The joy on the faces of the unified sports team was evident as they soaked in the crowd's encouragement. After speaking with fellow student body member Louis Rodriguez Jr., it was clear how passionate and excited he is about basketball and the anticipation for the next game! There's never been a prouder moment to be a Falcon!

Better than IKEA



Kurt Morgan posing with his desk

Woods is one of the incredible clubs at Canyon View, where amazing work often goes unnoticed, but not this time! On January 30th, Kurt Morgan showcased his masterpiece, and you could see the joy on his face—he was smiling from ear to ear!

Kurt poured roughly 175 hours into crafting his stunning, self-made desk, and it speaks for itself! Kurt Morgan's desk

outshines any desk from IKEA! With its exquisite finished wood and multiple drawers, you can truly see the passion and hard work he invested. Every free period he had, he spent honing his skills and perfecting this project.

But that's not all! Mr. Sorenson dropped a thrilling surprise on Kurt Morgan: he's earning a merit diploma in woods! You can only imagine his excitement—it's an understatement to say he was ecstatic! This is a moment to remember!

4-peat champs

On January 31st, the Canyon View Talons soared to victory, claiming the state championship for the fourth consecutive year! Huge congratulations to the Talons—your dedication and hard work truly shine! Let's celebrate this incredible achievement!

sports

SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

CV boys beat Richfield, share region title

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

When they finished a tough Region 12 road game at Carbon last week, Canyon View head coach Kim Blackner was interrupted in his post-game conversation. Once the team saw what happened after the Richfield Wildcats lost to Delta, it opened the door for CV to grab a piece of the

Wildcats, 55-42 on Feb. 7 to extend their winning streak to seven games. Sanders finished with 24 points and Attig added 14 as CV finished 12-2 in Region 12 and 19-4 overall and earned a share of the region title.

Falcons head coach Kim Blackner wasn't happy after seeing his team survive a 58-54 win over Carbon on Wednesday, but the mood quickly changed.

"Obviously, we survived at Carbon. I love our guys, we got in a really good match, closed it out and won," Blackner said. "In the locker room, one of my assistant coaches came in and said 'you have to watch this.' We gathered around as a team to watch the finish of the Delta-Richfield game, and in that moment, we knew we were going to have a chance."

CV came out on fire early, building a 10-0 lead before Richfield (12-2, 17-5) got on the board on the first of four 3-pointers from Griffin Wayman halfway through the first quarter. Neither team set the scoreboard on fire in the second,

but two more 3-pointers from Wayman helped the Wildcats stay close. The Falcons led 16-11 at the break, and Blackner knew Richfield would continue the challenge.

"We knew Richfield was gonna come in and make shots," Blackner said. "We fought for 32 minutes, and look at what happened."

Richfield took their first lead at

19-18 with 5:41 to play in the third on a Hudson Spell layup and Wayman hit three free throws for a 22-20 edge, but Sanders scored five straight points as part of a 14-3 run that closed the third quarter

and put the Falcons up, 34-25.

"We knew coming in we could hang with them," said Sanders, who scored 20 of his 24 points after halftime. "We knew they would make runs the whole time, but if we stayed solid and stayed positive, we would come out of it."

Sanders put an exclamation point on the win with a 3-pointer that beat the shot clock buzzer with less than 3 minutes left and put the Falcons up 49-37. Attig finished up the scoring with a free throw in the final seconds, and the celebration officially began.



"Felps' whole thing was he wasn't leaving here without a



From left, Ty Attig, Asher Slack (33) and Bubba Ludlow (0) celebrate with their teammates after Canyon View earned a share of the Region 12 title Feb. 7 with a 55-42 victory over Richfield.





Felps Sanders goes up for a shot between two Richfield defenders in Canyon View's 55-42 win over the Wildcats on Feb. 7.

		Canyon View 55
		Richfield 42
Richfield 5 6 14 17 - 42 Canyon View 14 2 18 21 - 55		
Richfield - Yardley 5, Wayman 19, Curtis 3, Reitz 3, Fautin 8, Spell 4. Totals 16 3-7 42. 3-pointers - Yardley 1, Wayman 4, Curtis 1, Reitz 1.		
Canyon View - Ludlow 9, Attig 14, F. Sanders 24, Hallows 4, J. Sanders 4. Totals 20 10-14 55. 3-pointers - Ludlow 1, Attig 1, F. Sanders 3.		

region championship.

Thanks to a hot start and clutch shooting from seniors Felps Sanders and Ty Attig, the Falcons took advantage of the opportunity and beat the

WEDNESDAY 		Pine View 41
		Cedar 39
Cedar 9 8 8 14 - 39 Pine View 8 10 11 12 - 41		
Cedar - Tippets 4, Kelling 5, Greene 5, Payne 2, Davis 23. Totals 18 2-6 39. 3-pointers - Kelling 1.		
Pine View - Moore 5, Papa 4, Schmitt 9, Ranson 2, Odjegba 7, Williams 13, Warner 1. Totals 15 9-13 41. 3-pointers - Williams 2		

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

- The NBA world delivered a trade to remember when what Dallas Mavericks center was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers for forward Anthony Davis on Feb. 2?
- Also hot from the NBA trade deadline, the Miami Heat were finally able to unload Jimmy Butler in what ended up as one piece of a four-team deal. Where did Butler land? (hint: this team lost to the Utah Jazz on Feb. 5)
- Fresh off winning the national title, Ohio State rewarded head coach Ryan Day with a new 7-year deal at \$12.5 million per that puts him on track to be the second-highest paid coach in Division I. According to ESPN.com, what Georgia head coach ranks No. 1?
- Where did the PGA Tour hold its tournament during Super Bowl Week?
- What two-time Super Bowl winning quarterback of the New York Giants is up for nomination to the 2025 class of the Pro Football Hall of Fame? His brother was inducted to the Hall in 2021 and also won two Super Bowls, but with different teams.
- Within one, how many more goals does Washington Capitals center Alex Ovechkin need to become the NHL's all-time leading goal scorer as of Feb. 6? (the team plays two more games before the Four Nations tournament break)
- After Ovechkin, what Pittsburgh Penguins forward has the second-most career goals among active players with 609?
- What former Ohio State offensive coordinator resigned to join Pete Carroll in the same role with the Las Vegas Raiders?
- What New York Mets first baseman returned to the only team he's played for with a two-year, \$54 million deal?

- Who is the defending champion at the Daytona 500?
- Who is the defending NASCAR Cup Series champion? He won his third title in 2024.
- Where is this year's NCAA Men's Final Four being played?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- The New England Patriots won Super Bowl XXXVIII over the Carolina Panthers and Super Bowl XXXIX over the Philadelphia Eagles.
- False. Super Bowls LI (New England over Atlanta, 34-28) and LVIII (Kansas City over San Francisco, 25-22) were decided in OT.
- Buffalo Bills.
- Belichick was head coach of the New England Patriots for nine Super Bowls.
- Jacoby Jones.
- Detroit Lions and Cleveland Browns. The Lions won its last NFL title in 1957, and the Browns won its last AFL title in 1964.
- Timmy Smith of the Washington Redskins (Commanders) in their win over the Denver Broncos.
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- Three. The Patriots lost twice to the New York Giants (XLII and XLVI) and once to the Philadelphia Eagles (LII).
- Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers are 2-1 in the games with wins in Super Bowl X and XIII.
- The San Francisco 49ers scored 55 points in its Super Bowl XXIV win over the Broncos.
- True. The Miami Dolphins (Super Bowl VI) and Los Angeles Rams (Super Bowl LII) were held to a field goal, the closest to being shut out.

Hate this Super Bowl? Alternatives were out there



As these words reach your hands, Super Bowl LIX, the one where the Kansas City Chiefs probably won in some outrageous fashion over the Philadelphia Eagles on Feb. 9, will have already been played. The cynical among us may have threatened to boycott watching the big game for way too many reasons to count, not the least of which may have involved the game officials.

You know them, right? Wear black-and-white striped shirts, throw yellow penalty flags on the field every so often, and cause a lot of weeping and wailing among fans when the calls go against the team they're rooting for.

I don't have a crystal ball, but I have seen many accounts where conspiracy theories are accusing – with little to no evidence – that the NFL was setting everything up so the Chiefs could pull off a three-peat as champion, something that's never happened in the Super Bowl era.

It pains me to say this, but through the AFC Championship game, 12 of KC's 17 wins were by eight points or less. That's a single score, and that's a big deal. But through all the griping and blame directed at the officiating, here's a novel thought.

Chiefs opponents need to play better. Convert third downs more often. Find open receivers more. Stay out of the shotgun formation on fourth-and-1. If you can't make more plays on offense, how do you expect to dethrone a team like the Chiefs?

KC has Mr. All World in Patrick Mahomes, the quarterback who's never played in anything short of an AFC Championship game in his seven-year career.

Travis Kelce is no slouch at the tight end position, either. Not only is he dating Taylor Swift, he's making the big catches when he's supposed to. Kelce leads the team with 823 receiving yards on 97 catches. Rookie Xavier Worthy is a distant second with 59 catches and 638. The Chiefs don't have a 2,000-yard

rusher like Saquon Barkley, but Kareem Hunt has led the ground game with 728 yards and seven TDs.

Knowing these numbers were produced, it seems to boggle the mind when searching for what's made Kansas City so reviled by the rest of the NFL fan base.

If you managed to suffer through the second Chiefs-Eagles Super Bowl (Bore?) in the last three seasons, good on you. If you avoided the TV altogether, there were other alternatives you may have missed out on. There were three NBA games, all played well before kick-off and highlighted by the Philadelphia 76ers at Milwaukee to face the Bucks on ABC (Channel 4 locally).

CBS had the final round of the WM Phoenix Open at TPC Scottsdale, and that's always a favorite not only for the low scores, but for the sheer volume of super-enthusiastic humans who show up and populate that course to the gills every year.

NBC had...wait for it...skiing and figure skating. Yikes.

And for good measure, the Utah Hockey Club gave us an alternate choice when they faced the Washington Capitals on Super Bowl Sunday. The Caps have a pretty good player in Alexander Ovechkin, who's within 17 goals of breaking Wayne Gretzky's record for goals scored in his NHL career as of Feb. 8.

Through all the stories – or lack thereof – that questioned why fans would even bother with this particular Super Bowl, we can safely say that despite all the bluster and banging of online keyboards everywhere, it likely made little to no dent in the final ratings.

In fact, there was a significant increase in viewers over the last two Super Bowls won by the Chiefs of more than 7 percent. Super Bowl LVII – which aired on Fox – had 115.1 million viewers, and SB LVIII – which aired on CBS – had 123.7 million.

I'm not Nostradamus, but the bottom line is clear. People love their NFL football, no matter how much influence the keyboard warriors think they may have.

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PREP SCOREBOARD - WINTER STANDINGS

SCORES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

02/3 Pine View 41, Desert Hills 39

02/5 Pine View 41, Cedar 39
Dixie 58, Snow Canyon 35
Hurricane 59, Crimson Cliffs 55

02/7 Hurricane 61, Snow Canyon 54
Dixie 59, Desert Hills 58, OT
Crimson Cliffs 58, Pine View 48

02/12 P4A state playoffs, first round
Cedar at Timpanogos
Logan at Sky View
Mountain Crest at Uintah
Bear River at West Field
Mountain View at Desert Hills
Snow Canyon at Pine View
Jordan at Hillcrest
Stansbury at Murray

02/15 4A state playoffs, second round
Teams TBD

Region 12

02/5 Canyon View 58, Carbon 54
Delta 47, Richfield 43, OT
Juab 74, Manti 66
Emery 57, North Sanpete 52

02/7 Canyon View 55, Richfield 42
Carbon 59, North Sanpete 58
Juab 64, Emery 58
Delta 68, Manti 60

02/12 3A playoffs, first round
Summit Academy at North Sanpete
Providence Hall at Ben Lomond

02/15 3A playoffs, second round
Providence Hall-Ben Lomond winner at Canyon View
Summit Academy-North Sanpete winner at Morgan
Manti at South Summit
Ogden at Juab
Emery at Am. Heritage
Delta at Judge Memorial
Carbon at Richfield
Grantsville at Union

Region 18

02/5 Kanab 92, Water Canyon 31

Enterprise 75, Millard 53
South Sevier 71, Beaver 47

02/7 South Sevier 53, Parowan 43
Kanab 82, Millard 63
Enterprise 61, Beaver 58

02/12 2A state playoffs, first round
Duchesne at Parowan
Maeser Prep at Beaver
Intermountain Christian at Waterford
Millard at North Sevier
Gunnison at Grand
Water Canyon at APA West Valley
Salt Lake Academy at Merit Prep
St. Joseph at San Juan
Freedom Prep at Draper APA
UMA Hill Field at Rockwell
UMA Camp Williams at Enterprise

02/15 2A state playoffs, second round
Teams TBD

Girls Basketball

Region 9

02/3 Dixie 49, Crimson Cliffs 40
02/4 Cedar 52, Pine View 42
Snow Canyon 68, Dixie 46
Hurricane 58, Crimson Cliffs 46

02/6 Snow Canyon 74, Hurricane 35
Dixie 49, Desert Hills 38
Crimson Cliffs 48, Pine View 46

02/11 4A state playoffs, first round
Hurricane at Jordan
Murray at Dixie
Stansbury at Uintah
Orem at Mountain View
Timpanogos at Green Canyon
Bear River at Mountain Crest
Crimson Cliffs at Pine View
West Field at Tooele

02/14 4A playoffs, second round
Orem-Mountain View winner at Cedar
Other games TBD

Region 12

02/14 Canyon View 64, Carbon 51
Manti 44, Juab 41
Emery 67, North Sanpete 27
Richfield 49, Delta 36

02/6 Canyon View 57, Richfield 43
Manti 52, Delta 35
Emery 55, Juab 47
North Sanpete 52, Carbon 48, OT

02/11 3A state playoffs, first round
Delta at Summit Academy
Providence Hall at Juan Diego
Ben Lomond at Carbon

02/14 3A state playoffs, second round
Providence Hall-Juan Diego winner at Canyon View
Delta-Summit Academy winner at Grantsville
Ben Lomond-Carbon winner at Morgan
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02/15 2A state playoffs, second round
Teams TBD

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (7)	10-2	16-7
Dixie (4)	8-4	16-7
Hurricane (6)	8-4	14-8
Pine View (10)	8-4	15-8

Desert Hills (15) 5-7 11-12
Snow Canyon (23) 2-10 5-18
Cedar (24) 1-11 3-20

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	12-2	19-4
Richfield (3)	12-2	17-5
Juab (5)	10-4	17-6
Emery (9)	8-6	11-12
Manti (13)	5-8	7-13
Delta (10)	4-9	11-10
Carbon (14)	2-12	5-18
North Sanpete (16)	2-12	3-16

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (1)	12-0	19-4
South Sevier (2)	10-2	19-4
Enterprise (6)	7-5	13-11
Parowan (15)	6-6	9-14
Beaver (14)	4-8	10-11
Millard (21)	3-9	5-16
Water Canyon (24)	0-12	3-14

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	12-0	23-0
Cedar (8)	8-4	13-8
Desert Hills (7)	7-5	12-8
Dixie (12)	6-6	13-10
Pine View (14)	4-8	12-11
Crimson Cliffs (19)	3-9	5-15
Hurricane (20)	2-10	5-18

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	12-2	18-5
Emery (5)	10-4	13-10
Richfield (6)	9-5	13-11
Juab (7)	9-5	13-8
Manti (10)	8-6	12-10
North Sanpete (13)	4-10	7-16
Carbon (14)	4-10	6-17
Delta (17)	0-14	3-17

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	11-1	21-2
South Sevier (3)	11-1	20-3
Beaver (6)	8-4	15-7
Enterprise (11)	6-6	11-11
Millard (17)	4-8	6-14
Water Canyon (16)	2-10	7-12
Parowan (24)	0-12	0-22

Flippin' Birds raise banner, dominate home opener

by Spencer Rodak

STADIUM SPORTZZ

CEDAR CITY, Utah – Opening the home portion of its 2025 schedule against conference foe Sacramento State, the SUU gymnastics team cruised to a 196.150-192.725 win on Friday night.

First rotation

Southern Utah began the dual meet on the vault, securing a score of 48.700. Ellie Cacciola got things underway with a 9.775 before Mackenzie Kelly followed with a 9.650. Mia Hampton and Trista Goodman each added scores of 9.725, which Brinlee Christensen answered with 9.775. Niya Randolph finished the rotation with a 9.700, giving the T-birds an early advantage.

Second rotation

The T-birds moved to the uneven bars for their second rotation, totaling a score of 49.100. Christensen led off with a 9.850, which was followed by scores of 9.775 and 9.800 via Isabella Neff and Hampton, respectively. A 9.850 from Goodman and 9.825 from Randolph capped the rotation, increasing the SUU advantage at the halfway point of the meet.

Third rotation

SUU moved to the beam next, notching a score of 49.050. A fall from Elliot Bringham meant an 8.975 score to begin the rotation, but her Flippin' Birds teammates picked her up and got things back on track. Christensen answered with a 9.775, while Randolph then secured a 9.750. Cacciola (9.850) and Rylee Miller (9.875) followed with the two best scores of the rotation, and Maria Ferguson ended with a 9.800.



Final rotation

Southern Utah saved its best rotation for last Friday night, scoring 49.300 on the floor. Hampton started with a 9.875 before Alyssa Fernandez countered with 9.850. Christensen then added a 9.850 of her own, which Randolph followed with a 9.825. Cacciola was next, tying the high floor score of 9.875 before Taylor Gull ended the round with a 9.850.

Once all the scores were totaled, the Thunderbirds celebrated a 196.150-192.725 victory.

More accolades for the Flippin' Birds

Earlier in the week, a trio of SUU gymnasts received weekly accolades from the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

Sophomore Brinlee Christensen claimed her first MPSF Gymnast of the Week after winning her first all-around title in the tri-meet victory over BYU and UC Davis. Christensen scored 9.625 on beam before

recording scores of 9.825 (floor), 9.700 (vault), and 9.800 (bars).

Senior Taylor Gull earned the Specialist of the Week title with a 9.900 performance on the floor exercise, helping SUU achieve the highest floor score of the meet at 49.250.

Freshman Mia Hampton took home Freshman of the Week honors for the third time this season. She competed in three events at the tri-meet, scoring 9.900 on the floor, 9.775 on vault, and 9.825 on bars to secure the weekly awards sweep for the T-birds.

A special night

The Flippin' Birds began the night celebrating before the meet was even underway, as a banner was unveiled honoring the 2024 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championship-winning squad at the America First Event Center.

For the second straight home opener, fans of SUU gymnastics got to see a title being celebrated, as the team also hung a banner before its 2024 home opener in honor of the 2023 Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference triumph.

The Southern Utah gymnastics team remains the standard bearer for Thunderbird athletics, having won three conference titles while notching six Top-25 finishes and securing 19 NCAA Regionals appearances.

Falcons beat Dinos, clinch region title

by Tom Zulewski

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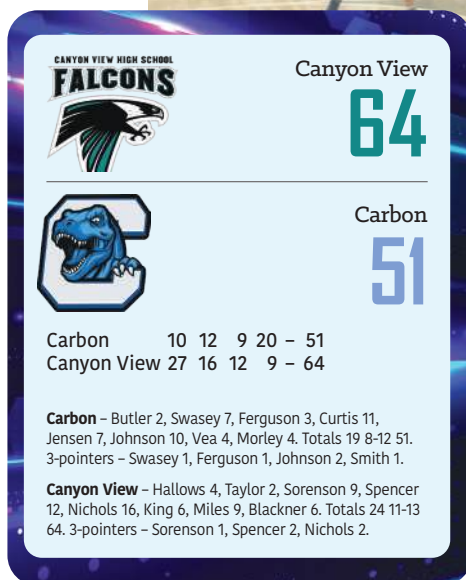
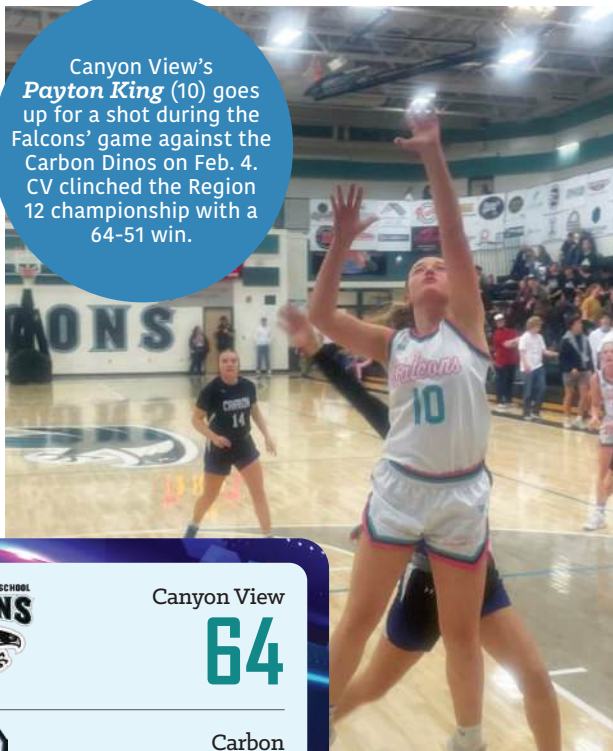
Knowing what was at stake when her team was getting ready to face the Carbon Dinos, Canyon View girls basketball coach Jaycee Barnhurst admitted she didn't want to hand out t-shirts to her team that identified them as region champions right away.

After a strong first-quarter start, the Falcons left no doubt they were ready to finish the job and earn their first Region 12 title.

Maya Nichols scored a game-high 16 points, and Canyon View raced out to a big first-half lead as they rolled to a 64-51 victory over the Dinos on Feb. 4 to give the five Falcon seniors a Senior Night to remember. When the Manti Templars held on to beat the Juab Wasps, 44-41, Canyon View clinched the region all to themselves with one regular-season game to play.

"We talked a lot about what our expect-

Canyon View's **Payton King** (10) goes up for a shot during the Falcons' game against the Carbon Dinos on Feb. 4. CV clinched the Region 12 championship with a 64-51 win.



tations are, and they knew what they had to do today," Barnhurst said. "They were ready for it. We could have pressed all night, but we got the seniors in, played the bench, and there are bigger things in there."

Leading 12-7, CV finished the first quarter with a 15-3 run and built the margin to 27-10, a season high for

an individual period. Payton King had six points and Erin Hallows added four during the surge that gave the Falcons full control of the game.

With the region title secured, Barnhurst credited her players for all the work that brought them to the championship moment.

"These kids have played together for a long time. They're friends, they like each other, and that's the best part," she said. "When you have those, everything else comes. We've been working, we adjust and get better every day, but at the end of the day, they're

CV BOYS

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piece of the net," Blackner said. "He gets us where we want to go, and I thought he was fabulous tonight."

With the win, the Falcons finished as the No. 2 seed in the final RPI. They will open the 3A state playoffs at home Saturday against the play-in winner between Providence Hall and Ben Lomond in a 1 p.m. tipoff.

Canyon View senior **Maya Nichols** cuts down a piece of the net after the Falcons clinched the Region 12 title with a 64-51 win over the Carbon Dinos on Feb. 4.



buddies, and that's a big part of their success."

Canyon View led by as many as 26 points in the second half before Barnhurst emptied the bench. Maylee Spencer added 12 points in the win, including a pair of 3-pointers, while fellow seniors Macey Sorenson and Emery Miles scored 9 points apiece.

The Falcons finished the regular season with a 57-43 road win over the Richfield Wildcats on Feb. 6 behind an 18-4 edge after the first quarter. Five different players had at least 8

points in the win, and Spencer led the way with 10.

When the final RPI rankings came out Feb. 8, CV earned the No. 2 seed with an 18-5 overall record and 12-2 in Region 12 play. The Falcons opened the 3A state playoffs Feb. 14 at home against either Providence Hall or Juan Diego in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

Cedar played a single game last week to close the regular season and beat the Pine View Panthers, 52-42 on Feb. 4 at the Wolf Den.

Cedar finished its regular season Feb. 5 with a tough 41-39 road loss at Pine View to finish the season 1-11 in Region 9 and 3-20 overall. The Reds had the lead in the closing seconds, but the Panthers turned a pair of steals into two baskets that provided the winning margin.

Taylor Davis led all scorers with 23 points for Cedar in the loss.

For the opening round of the 4A playoffs, the Reds earned the No. 24 seed and traveled to face No. 9 Timpanogos on Feb. 12.

THURSDAY



Canyon View

57

Richfield

43

Canyon View 18 11 10 18 - 57
Richfield 4 18 6 15 - 43

Canyon View - Spencer 10, Nichols 9, Miles 9, Potter 8, Hallows 8, King 6, Vargas 5, Sorenson 2. Totals 23 7-10 57. 3-pointers - Nichols 1, Potter 2, Vargas 1.

Richfield - Albrecht 15, Crane 11, Bagley 8, Jones 4, Malcom 3, Barney 2. Totals 14 9-10 43. 3-pointers - Crane 3, Bagley 2, Malcom 1.

Gabby Gomez led the Reds with 20 points and three 3-pointers, while Annalyse Shimada added 13 in her final home game.

In celebration of Senior Night, Cedar led 23-18 at the half and finished the season in second place in Region 9 at 8-4, 13-8 overall. The Reds earned the No. 8 seed in the final RPI and opened the 4A playoffs Feb. 14 with a home game against the winner between Orem and Mountain View in a 7 p.m. tipoff.

CV's Vest signs with Snow College football

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

When he went through his seasons on the Canyon View football team, offensive lineman Sam Vest had every possible test thrown at him to challenge and make him better. Through all the fear, worry and self-doubt, Vest made it through and earned his reward when he signed his letter of intent Feb. 5 to join the football program at Snow College.

For every question Vest had about how he needed to get better, CV head coach Burke Miller said every test he had to do paid off handsomely.

"Here you are, going to play at Snow College and further your education," Miller said. **"That's what I'm most proud of. Snow put out a post today that they sent 10 (players) who got no offers anywhere else to Division I scholarships this year. This is absolutely the right choice for Sam."**

In the big picture, Vest related how all the tests he went through helped get him to the moment of his signing.

"It was a lot of



Canyon View offensive lineman Sam Vest signs his official letter of intent to join the Snow College football program at the school gym on Feb. 5.

mental stuff, like getting over what I thought I needed to do, and doing what I needed to do for the team," Vest said. "Team first, then me. I was worried about stats, but then I realized they don't look at stats, but how I perform in what I do."

Vest credited his mom, Lindsay, for helping to get the word out on him.

"She helped put me out there," Vest said. "I learned how to do what I needed to and do it to the best of my ability."

Among the other schools that looked at Vest was McPherson College in Kansas, where teammates Jaxon Jensen and Traie Buhler signed on in the fall.

"I would have loved to go play with Traie

and Jaxon, but Snow just stuck out," Vest said. "It's closer to home and gave me better opportunities for the future."

Vest will study aerospace engineering at Snow and play offensive tackle for the Badgers, who went 9-2 this past season. Miller said Vest's work ethic will serve him well as he looks toward a chance at landing with a Division I program.

"Sam's a kid that's always responded to what we've done," Miller said. "He's always worked hard and never collapsed in the face of a challenge. He finished the season strong and he's going to the right place. They'll develop his skills, and I think his potential isn't even close to being topped out."



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The following storage units are to be sold in accordance with Utah Code 38-8-4. Each unit will be sold as an entire unit to the highest bidder. Inventory was taken from outside the unit. The unit was sealed and will remain sealed until the auction ends on the above date.

1502- Contents belonging to Kotoni Sekona. 97 N 1150 W Cedar City, UT 84720

- Shovel, weedwacker, duffle bag, rake, hose

1904- Contents belonging to Logan Johnson. 354 N 300 W #15 Cedar City, UT 84721

- Clothes, side table, dresser, boxes

4061- Contents belonging to Katielynn N Williams. 1248 N 6525 W Cedar City, UT 84721

- Tupperware, lid, small hanger, large hanger, a box, child toy

352- Contents belonging to Henry Jessop. 1247 S 96th St Apt 127 Mesa, AZ 85209

- Tv stand, desk, part of wooden bed frame, mattresses

556- Contents belonging to Emily Rick. 4300 W Medicine Man rd Pahrump, Nevada 89048

- Giant beanbag, tie down/ratchet straps, standing lights, children's toys, dog gate, mattress

The above unit will be auctioned through www.storagetreasures.com. If you wish to participate in the auction, you will need to participate online. We will not be taking bids through our office in Cedar City, Utah.

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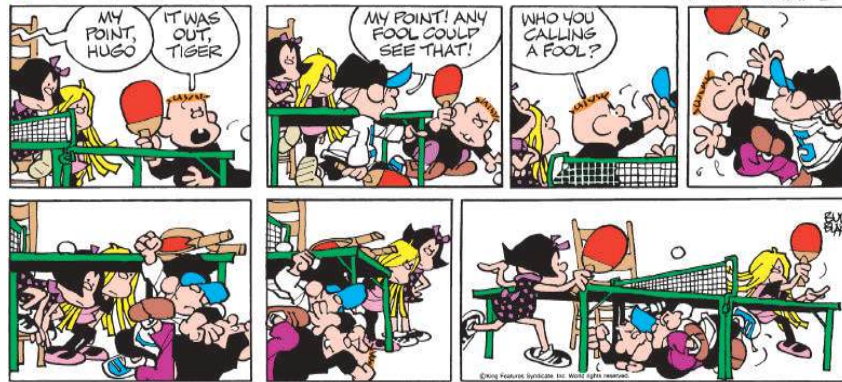
Amber Waves

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by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Spatula is wider. 2. The is different. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Hair is larger. 5. Pancake is added. 6. Cap is larger.

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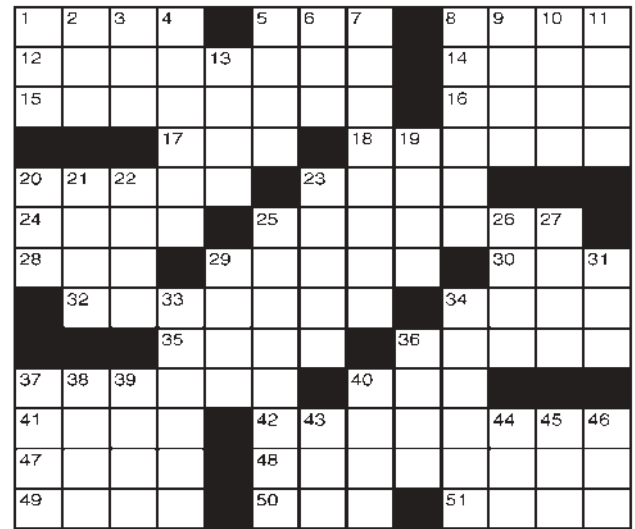
King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Water, in Mexico
- 5 Sprite
- 8 Pedestal
- 12 Like holiday decorations
- 14 Ogled
- 15 D.C. veteran
- 16 Ms. Moore
- 17 Pentagon gp.
- 18 Mild cheese
- 20 Singer Mann
- 23 "— Las Vegas"
- 24 Not that
- 25 Verbal attack
- 28 Yr. parts
- 29 Some latte sizes
- 30 Cut the lawn
- 32 Italian corn-meal recipe
- 34 Race finish
- 35 Raps-callions
- 36 Word list, for short
- 37 Goldberg on "The View"
- 40 — Lingus
- 41 Honker
- 42 Refiner
- 47 Duel tool
- 48 Investigates
- 49 Holler
- 50 "Mayday!"
- 51 Taxpayer IDs

DOWN

- 1 Venomous viper



- 2 Earth (Pref.)
- 3 "Friendly skies" co.
- 4 Stage com-ments
- 5 Oklahoma city
- 6 Fond du —
- 7 Fleet of ships
- 8 Pandemon-ium
- 9 Pro votes
- 10 Big rig
- 11 Tend texts
- 13 Oklahoma tribe
- 19 Currier's part-ner
- 21 Denny's rival
- 22 Japanese soup
- 23 Battery mea-sures
- 25 Primitive flutes
- 26 Apple desk-top
- 27 Club in a Manilow song
- 29 Office part-timer
- 31 Charlotte's creation
- 33 Toy train maker
- 34 Sculpted trunks
- 36 Bridal cover
- 37 Curds' part-ner
- 38 Great expect-ation
- 39 Hurler Hershiser
- 40 Swiss peaks
- 43 Tic-tac-toe loser
- 44 Storefront sign abbr.
- 45 Poetic dusk
- 46 Hot wok sound

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8	6	9	6	7	1	5	2	3	4
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest mountain in Canada?
2. TELEVISION: Who is the host of the long-running reality series "Survivor"?
3. LITERATURE: Which animals represent the Communist Party in "Animal Farm"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state is the birthplace of the singer Elvis?
5. ASTRONOMY: How long does it take the moon to orbit the Earth?
6. MOVIES: What is the score Elle receives on her law school admission test in "Legally Blonde"?
7. AD SLOGANS: Which product's slogan is "Is It In You"?
8. LANGUAGE: What is an eraser called in the United Kingdom?
9. SCIENCE: What are the four primary precious metals?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Valentine's Day arose from which Roman ritual?

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1. Mount Logan; 2. Jeff Probst; 3. Pigs; 4. Rubber; 5. 27; 3 days; 6. 179; 7. Gatorade; 8. A rubber; 9. Gold, silver, platinum and palladium; 10. Lupercalia

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