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*Insights from Your State Senator & Representative & more on "Why Utahns will keep changing their clocks twice a year"*



STORY IN NEWS

# Cedar City Youth Council Participates in Community Events

from Cole Stanley

CEDAR CITY YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

**CEDAR CITY, UT** – The new year has already been busy and exciting for the 10 new students in Cedar City's Youth Council. After an eventful trip to the State Capitol as part of Local Officials Day in January, the students plunged into the icy, cold waters at the Lake at the Hills on Saturday, February 1, to raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics to be hosted this summer at Southern Utah University. Many of the students

donned speedos for the plunge and were even able to recruit their advisor, Cedar City Councilman R. Scott Phillips, to take the plunge since they exceeded their fundraising goal and raised \$1,360.00! The event raised thousands of dollars and created lifelong memories for the students.

On February 18, the students assisted Cedar City Events with reviewing 3rd grade essays for the annual Love Where You Live campaign. The Youth Council members marveled at the talent and sentiment the third-grade students shared in their essays. They are looking forward to seeing the finalists be awarded at the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 26.



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## Repeat Offender Arrested Again Weeks After Parole Board Declined to Incarcerate Him

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man with a long criminal history was arrested again this week after police found him acting erratically in the road — weeks after the Utah Parole Board declined to revoke his parole.

Jeffrey Thomas Weber, 47, was taken into custody on Feb. 17 after officers responded to reports of a man blocking traffic and yelling for help.

According to court documents, Weber was standing in the center lane of the roadway when police arrived.

Officers noted that Weber appeared disoriented and was unable to hold a normal conversation. When questioned, he admitted to being on parole and said his parole officer was scheduled to visit his home that day. After being detained and taken to the hospital for medical

clearance, Weber told officers that he had used methamphetamine three days prior.

Hospital staff later asked Weber if he had recently used drugs, and he reportedly admitted to meth use. Following the statement, his parole officer requested a urinalysis and ordered him to be placed on a 72-hour hold — a step that was not taken after his previous arrest.

Weber was booked into the Iron County Jail on a class A misdemeanor charge of possession of a controlled substance and an infraction for disorderly conduct.

Weber's latest arrest comes just over two months after he was released on parole from the Utah State Prison on December 4, 2024. However, within just five days of his release, he was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and public intoxication after police found him wandering in and out of traffic in a nearly identical incident.

At the time police responded to reports of a pedestrian walking in the middle of the road and obstructing traffic. According to the affidavit, Weber was reportedly jaywalking diagonally through an intersection, causing cars to stop.

The arresting officer reported that Weber showed "paranoid behavior" repeatedly walking in circles and fidgeting with his fingers.

Officers conducted a search of his home, where they discovered methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in his room at his mother's house. Despite the new incident that constituted a violation of his parole, the Utah Board of Pardons declined to revoke his parole at the time, allowing him to bail out of jail and remain in the community.

Weber has a criminal record dating back to 2006, including multiple misdemeanors and felonies.

# Why Utahns will keep changing their clocks twice a year

*Utah senators were worried about making Utah a “peculiar” outlier, but the sun hasn’t set on embracing daylight saving.*

by Robert Gehrke

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Utahns may not like it, but they’re going to have to keep moving their clocks back and forth twice a year after the Utah Senate killed a bill that would have stopped Utah from moving clocks forward in the spring.

Stopping the clock shuffle has been a perennial issue on Capitol Hill, and in 2020 the Legislature passed a bill that would adopt permanent daylight savings — keeping clocks an hour ahead — but only if the four other Western states do the same and Congress acts to allow the change.

But Congress hasn’t acted on the issue. Toquerville Republican Rep Joseph Elison’s HB120 would have quit the waiting and kept Utah on standard time. The bill passed the House 52-23 earlier this month.

Members of the Senate Business and Labor Committee weren’t willing to have Utah be

a renegade on the issue, though, and are content to wait on federal action.

“We are a peculiar people,” said Sen. Todd Weiler, R-Woods Cross, “but I don’t know if we want to be extra peculiar with our international airport and surrounding states standing out with a different time zone.”

By a tally of 7-1, the senators voted to essentially kill the bill for this session.

“I don’t think this is going away ... I think it’s going to be coming back over and over until we do something,” Elison said. “Bottom line is we can let this thing die ... and punt the ball to the federal government and hope they take the lead. I’d rather take the lead in Utah, personally.”

Polls have shown that Utahns don’t like springing forward and falling back, but there is disagreement on whether the state should stick with the earlier or later time. And research has shown there are advantages and disadvantages to

either scenario.

Stacy Muhelstein, a mother from Monticello, testified before the committee that the time changes are especially hard on her child who has autism, disrupting sleep schedules and prompting him to act out.

But representatives of the Utah Homebuilders Association, Utah Recreation and Parks Association, Utah Farm Bureau and Utah Golf Alliance all opposed the bill, arguing that sticking with standard time in the summer months would mean construction crews would work in hotter weather, sporting events would need to be shuffled and farm workers would lose a useful hour of daylight.

Sen. Calvin Musselman, R-West Haven, expressed frustration that Congress has not acted to adopt a uniform standard but said, with a new administration in Washington, he is hoping that the federal government will finally settle on a permanent time.

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## Utah Court Denies TikTok’s Motion to Dismiss in the State’s Second Lawsuit Regarding the Live Feature

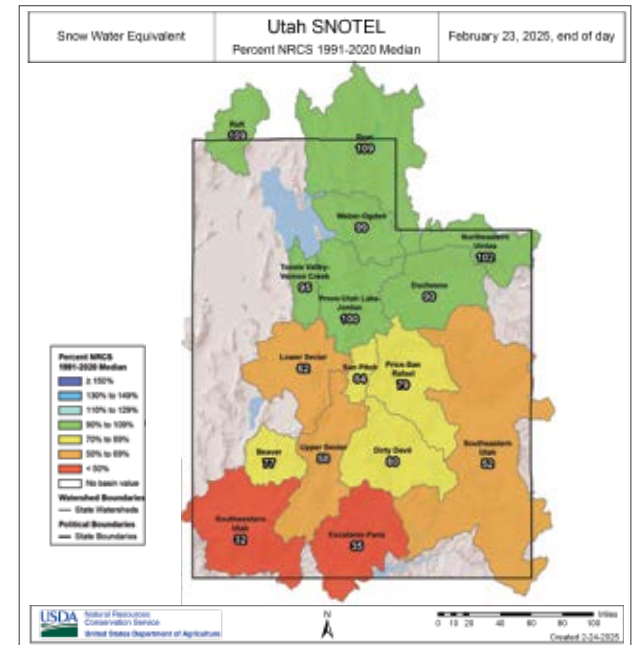
from Hanna Seariac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

SALT LAKE CITY—In a significant legal victory for the state of Utah, Third District Court Judge Coral Sanchez has denied TikTok’s motion to dismiss the state’s lawsuit filed in June 2024. This marks the advancement of Utah’s second lawsuit against TikTok Inc., which alleges that the company has knowingly allowed the sexual exploitation of young people through the TikTok Live feature in exchange for monetary gain. The lawsuit claims that the live streaming feature enables adult users to give TikTok currency to young users in return for sexual solicitation and exploitation, with the company receiving a percentage of each payment.

In October 2023, the state filed its first consumer protection case against TikTok, accusing the company of intentionally designing and implementing addictive features to captivate young users and lead to excessive usage of the app. The Utah Department of Commerce’s Division of Consumer Protection, represented by the Office of the Utah Attorney General, expressed concerns that

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**IRON COUNTY FORECAST**

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SUNDAY	Late Showers	60°/33°	30%	SW 10-15
MONDAY	Rain/Snow	52°/32°	50%	NW 5-10
TUESDAY	Rain/Snow	50°/27°	50%	NW 5-10
WEDNESDAY	Partly Cloudy	50°/26°	20%	NW 5-10

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### FROM THE EDITOR



**CASSI SCHMUTZ**  
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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*I began reading with interest a recent letter to the editor regarding illegal immigrants. What the Euro-American settlers did to the indigenous people in the "Territory of Utah," is another shameful example of what was done to indigenous people in other parts of North America in the so-called name of Manifest Destiny. The Trail of Tears comes to mind as another case for the gross mistreatment indigenous peoples were forced to endure.*

*However, where I disagreed began in the third to last paragraph. As is the case with most persuasive articles, many pertinent facts were omitted in order to make the writer's viewpoint more compelling.*

*For example, we are not deporting people "without criminal records." Entry into the US illegally is a criminal act not justified by a so-called "broken immigration system" as the article asserted. Additionally, coming to the US to "seek safety, sometimes religious freedom and making a better life" may be true for some. But curiously omitted are the gangs, cartels, and other terrorists, as well as the open borders providing a route for funneling fentanyl from China, across the border and into the US and making it the leading cause of death for those between the ages of 18-45. Is fentanyl being brought in by those same folks seeking safety and religious freedom? Are many of us fear-mongers, as the article claims in the last paragraph, or are we merely taking the sugar coating off and exposing a very serious problem? Tell those families who have lost loved ones to MT3 gang members who rape and kill their innocent children, and who take over whole apartment complexes that they are stirring up dangerous fears. The truth is, the fear is legitimate, requiring no stirring; It's the criminals who are dangerous.*

*Sadly, due to the previous administration and their "turning a blind eye" policies over the last 4 years, it will require desperate measures to fix this crisis, like it or not.*

*It is bitterly ironic to think that those who illegally enter our country to "seek safety" dictates that we must give up our's in the name of love and equality.*

*Dave Coan*

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The very word 'secrecy' is repugnant in a free and open society."*

- John F. Kennedy

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Federal employees aren't some far away bureaucrat pushing pencils to make your life harder. They are real people in your community who work real jobs that really benefit you. In rural Utah, the federal government is generally one of the biggest employers. My husband is a federal employee. He works for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Our entire local circle of friends are federal employees. They work for the BLM, the United States Forest Service (USFS), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). I'm an environmental consultant who works on contracts often managed by the BLM, USFS, and/or NRCS.

What do employees at the BLM, USFS, and NRCS do for you? Well, at a basic level they work on vegetation management projects that keep your house from burning down in a wildfire. They

build and maintain trails and roads for running, hiking, biking, and ATV use. They construct new and maintain existing utility infrastructure so you can have electricity, gas, water, and internet. They protect archaeology and paleontology so traces of our past aren't erased. They fund ranching and agricultural infrastructure so your family has food on the table.

At a micro level, employees at the BLM, USFS, and NRCS are your neighbors. They participate in the local economy. Since my husband and I moved to Cedar City three years ago, we have spent \$62k on work from local contractors. We have purchased hundreds of dollars of Christmas gifts from local small businesses. We eat at local restaurants and drink at local bars. If we lose our stable income, that money stops moving through Cedar City. If one of the largest employers in Cedar City (the federal government) makes sweeping cuts to its employees, many of

whom are the financial providers of single income households, the results could be devastating.

On a macro level, employees at the BLM, USFS, and NRCS are your fellow citizens. If wildfires rage in the West, everyone's home insurance premiums increase. If air quality plummets in the West because the whole region is up in flames, everyone's health insurance premiums increase. If hundreds of thousands of experienced individuals start seeking entry level employment in the private sector because that's what's available, students are more likely to leave college at the end of this semester without a job opportunity. Do you like vacationing out West? Bad news—your trips often take place on public land managed by the BLM or the USFS. The parts that don't usually take place in national parks managed by the National Park Service (NPS) which is also a federal agency. Got an electric vehicle? Bad news—the key parts

of your lithium batteries come from mines on BLM land.

Despite the fear mongering that has caused everyone to close their doors to one another, we are all connected. That's the agreement we make when we live in the "United" States. You are not immune from the impacts of the ongoing illegal federal firings.

I don't know how to fix things. Trump won the election. The Democrats lost. This is the result. Trump and Vance ran on the plans they are now enacting. People voted for this because they didn't want to vote for a woman. I hate that. I'm so angry. You can try calling your reps (the federal switchboard number is 202-224-3121). If they don't listen, vote them out.

*Maisie Schwartz*

## Virtue, Freedom, and Long-Suffering

### PART IV

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Will America remain virtuous enough to be free? We've already examined the actions of many of America's founders where love of money enabled them to be slaveholders, benefiting from the labor of other human beings and sometimes using them sexually as well. John Adams, the second president of the United States from 1797 to 1801,

in 1801 responded to two abolitionists who had sent him an anti-slavery pamphlet written by Quaker reformer Warner Mifflin (1745-1798). In the letter, Adams expressed his views on slavery, including his fears about the dangers posed by abolitionists (who at that time were mostly Quakers and considered religious radicals). He wrote of slavery that in his opinion he "was always against it...and always employed freemen both as Domisticks and Labourers, and never in my Life did I own a Slave." He wanted slavery to

be abolished in a gradual way "with much attention paid to morality, religion, and God... looking up to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe and imploring His blessing".

John Adams was also the first to deliver the first-ever-in-person presidential address upon handing over the presidency to Thomas Jefferson. He spoke the following: "I congratulate the people of the United States on the assembling of Congress at the permanent seat of their government, and I congratulate you, gentlemen, on the prospect of a residence not to be changed. Although there is cause to apprehend that accommodations are now not so complete as might be wished, may this territory be the residence of virtue and happiness...with piety and virtue, magnanimity, with

constancy and self-government so that here and throughout our country may simple manners, pure morals, and true religion flourish forever!", on June 21, 1776, while serving in the Second Continental Congress which would soon pass the Declaration of Independence. We might ask the question, if we weren't free citizens would we be sufficiently patient, waiting with self-restraint, to be set free by those who held us in bondage? I don't think so.

Despite our human quality of impatience when we want to experience results we so dearly desire, the Great Creator was evidently behind the American Revolution against the British as the following incidents demonstrate:

❶ After the Battle of Monongahela, George

**"But by the All-Powerful Dispensation of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation: for I had four bullets pass through my coat and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!"**

❷ When the British blockaded Boston's

Washington wrote from Fort Cumberland to his younger brother, John Augustine Washington on July 18, 1755:

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### VIRTUE

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harbor, Thomas Jefferson drafted a resolution for a Day of Fasting and prayer to be held on July 1, 1774, leading to the forming of the Continental Congress, and eventually to Independence.

③ Benjamin Franklin declared:

**“In the beginning of the Contest with Great Britain...we had daily prayer asking for Divine protection...All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending Providence in our favor.”**

John Adams sent the following in a letter to his cousin Abdiel Adams: “Statemen, my dear sir, may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand...The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue, and it cannot be inspired into our people in a greater measure than they have it now; they may change their rules and forms of government, but they will not obtain a lasting liberty. They will only exchange tyrants and tyrannies.” In our next article, we will look at surveys as to whom the American public today most respects of all past U.S. presidents.

## southern utah university

# Southern Utah University Community & Workforce Development Welcomes New Executive Director

by Brooke Heath

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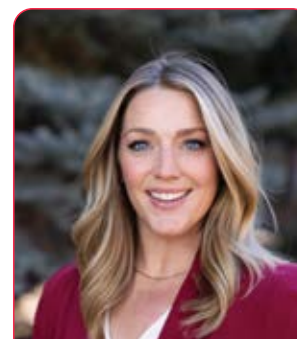
EDAR CITY,

Utah – The Southern Utah University (SUU) Community & Workforce Development (CWD) department is pleased to announce the appointment of Melinda Pfundstein as its new executive director. With a distinguished background in leadership, business, and community development, Pfundstein is poised to lead CWD into its next phase of growth and impact.

Launched in 2019, SUU Community & Workforce Development offers short-term, skills-focused courses that provide alternative credentials such as certificates and digital badges. CWD is

also home to the SUU Leadership Institute. These programs are designed to meet the evolving needs of industry partners and empower adult learners with immediate skills for career advancement and credits that may apply toward future degrees.

As executive director, Pfundstein will oversee strategic initiatives that engage SUU with regional partners and align government, industry, and non-profit organizations in developing responsive professional education programming. Primary initiatives include guiding the SUU Leadership Institute and FutureReady Utah. Launched in 2023, FutureReady Utah is a regional workforce investment initiative that brings together 11 counties, Tribal Lands, two economic development districts, and three higher education institutions (SUU, Snow College, and Utah Tech University) to build a responsive workforce education ecosystem and guide local residents toward living-wage jobs through short-term skills



**Melinda Pfundstein,**  
SUU Community &  
Workforce Development  
(CWD) department  
executive director.

programming.

*“We are thrilled to welcome Melinda to her new role and look forward to the impact she will make,” said Melynda Thorpe, assistant vice president for the Office of Workforce and Educational Opportunity at SUU. “She brings a wealth of professional experience and passion for her local community that position her to make invaluable and inspiring contributions to the lives of emerging civic and workplace leaders.”*

Previously, Pfundstein co-founded and served as executive director of StateraArts, where she expanded its reach to 36 countries, led four national conferences, and a groundbreaking national mentorship program. A certified professional coach, she has a proven track record in executive consulting, transformational leadership, and strengths-based development. Her career includes more than 25 years with the Utah Shakespeare Festival, and she is a certified Change Leader through Utah Arts and Museums. She holds a Master’s in Arts Administration from SUU and previously served on the faculty of the university’s theatre arts department. She is an active leader in the community, serving on the Board of Trustees for Southwest Technical College and as Board President of Canyon Creek Services. She champions creativity, community impact, and meaningful connections in all circles of contribution.

“Assuming the role of executive director of Community and Workforce Development has been an incredible privilege,” said Pfundstein. “Every day, I get to do the work I love—creating real solutions, building meaningful partnerships, and helping people connect with their greater purpose through education. The impact is immediate, the mission is inspiring, and the team I have the honor of working alongside is deeply talented, driven, and committed to making a difference. I couldn’t be more excited for what’s ahead.”

For more information about SUU Community & Workforce Development and its programs, visit [SUU.edu/CWD/](http://SUU.edu/CWD/).

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## IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

### Cedar City Planning Commission

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The first item was a public hearing for an amended plat at 1104 East Sagewood Lane to combine two lots into one in the Ashdown Forest area. The existing home would remain, and the other would be open space. Staff had no concerns, and utility easements would be maintained. No vote was taken as it was a staff decision item.

The second item was a public hearing for a zone change at 366 South Dewey Avenue but was tabled due to improper notice. During the public comment period, a speaker opposed the SHD (Student Housing Development) zone, calling it "destructive" and expressing concerns about its impact on neighborhoods.

The discussion focused on items 4-9 of the Cordo development, with the main issue being the developer's request to exit the original 2009 agreement, which had a 25-year term. This raised concerns about dismantling the agreement, infrastructure planning, and the need for coordination with other property owners. The commission preferred a unified plan before moving forward, especially with nearby developers, and emphasized that negotiations should not take place in public meetings.

The commission and city staff expressed concerns about allowing the developer to exit without coordinating with other property owners, particularly those of the 1,361-acre and 500-acre parcels. They preferred the developer work with all property owners, especially the 1,361-acre owners already in the development process, to make the proposal more viable.

Several residents raised concerns about high-density housing (especially R3M zoning), traffic impacts, water availability amid the drought, maintaining Cedar City's character, and property values for adjacent homeowners. The commission discussed the need for gradual transitions in housing densities near single-family homes and emphasized preserving the benefits from the original agreement, such as infrastructure improvements.

City staff clarified that while R3M zoning allows up to 24 units per acre, this density is rarely reached in practice. The proposed unit count would be around 880, similar to the original agreement but with a different layout.

The commission voted to table the items until April 1st, allowing the developer time to collaborate with other property owners and city staff on a more comprehensive plan.

### Iron County School Board Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

An overview of the School Land Trust program explained that each school's Community Council includes the principal, elected parents (the majority), and staff. A video detailed Utah's trust lands system, managing 7.8 million acres to generate revenue. Since 1994, permanent funds have grown from \$50 million to over \$3.2 billion, with public schools receiving about 95% of

annual distributions.

The board reviewed trust land amendments from several schools:

Enoch Elementary allocated its \$36,950.45 carryover to books, science resources, and professional development.

Cedar Middle School used its \$30,000 carryover to hire four academic aids for large sixth-grade classes, with any leftover funds for math textbooks.

Launch High School allocated \$4,000 to audio and visual technology for project-based learning.

Iron Springs Elementary will present its amendment at the next meeting.

The board discussed hiring challenges that led to carryovers, though Cedar Middle School recently found qualified candidates. To avoid future amendments, schools must now include backup spending plans for personnel funds. The board will vote on the amendments at the next meeting.

The board discussed internet content filtering after two 9-year-olds at South Elementary accessed inappropriate content on Amazon via school Chromebooks, prompting a review of district filtering policies.

The IT department outlined current security measures, including a top-rated Palo Alto firewall and encrypted site filtering. Filtering varies by grade level, with stricter controls for students on probation or by parent request. In response to the incident, the district blocked all shopping and auction sites, as Amazon's content couldn't be fully controlled.

The board considered improvements, such

as a content review committee and better reporting channels. They debated switching from a "blacklist" to a stricter "whitelist" system. Parents must sign an Acceptable Use Agreement and can request restricted access for their children.

The board requested data on filtering incidents and software costs, agreeing to continue refining online safety measures.

The board reviewed policy updates. Policies 724 (Student Fees) and 725 (Fee Waiver Regulations) required annual review, with no changes recommended unless new legislation passes.

Policy 729 on student out-of-state travel was revised to include Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) like FFA and FBLA. Updates raised student subsidies from \$300 to \$500, set a 1:10 chaperone ratio with at least four students for district supervision, prohibited Airbnb lodging, and addressed graduated seniors in national competitions. Districts can combine student groups to meet supervision requirements.

Policy 835 was updated to shift alternative placement decisions from the board to district administration and clarify that IEP teams handle placements for students with IEPs.

Policy 856 now aligns with Utah's updated code, allowing schools to stock albuterol for students with asthma. A district grant will fund albuterol purchases to assist students without their inhalers in emergencies.

## 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
<b>ANNUAL INCREASE</b>	11.78%	20.57%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

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

## IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

### Cedar City Council

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Mayor noted a council member's absence. He then discussed Cedar City's sister city in South Korea, mentioning a May 26th celebration and interest from residents in attending, clarifying that it would not be city-funded.

A council member raised concerns about vehicles accumulating for sale on 600 South near a church property. They also announced that the "Love Where You Live" essay contest received several hundred entries, with winners to be presented at next week's meeting and displayed in windows.

The meeting moved to staff reports, where the police chief announced promotions. An officer with six years of service was promoted to Corporal and will join detectives, while a Sergeant received a promotion after serving in Cedar City and Parowan. Both were joined by their families for the badge-pinning ceremony. Council members then briefly discussed mental health training for law enforcement, expressing support for the department's focus on mental health response.

A resident from Old Sorrel Town Homes thanked the mayor, council, staff, and public works for their quick response to concerns about motorized vehicles on walking trails.

The council reviewed a variance request for road standards in Phase 3 of the Estates at South Mountain due to steep terrain. The proposal replaces the original road plan with a 26-foot-wide through street.

Council members debated concerns over granting road variances but agreed the topography justified the change. They discussed preventing driveways from backing onto the narrow road and considered signs, painted curbs, or both for no-parking enforcement.

The council also briefly discussed a separate item regarding the dedication of city property for a road and public utility easement in the area of 1800 South Westview Drive. This was related to a potential future fire station location and would accommodate Rocky Mountain Power's need to redo facilities in the area. The dedication would include additional right-of-way width and a 20-foot public utility easement along the property.

The first four items were moved to action for the next meeting, while the utility easement item was placed on the consent agenda.

The Council discussed terminating a

wastewater treatment plant effluent lease with Clark Land and Livestock and a landscape maintenance agreement with UDOT.

The city plans to upgrade wastewater to Type 1 effluent for park irrigation but must give two growing seasons' notice to end the lease. Concerns were raised about lacking funding and infrastructure for the transition. A \$1 million grant for water optimization could help with winter water storage and groundwater preservation while supporting the Clarks' sheep operation.

A representative of the Clark family questioned ending the lease without firm plans. The Council agreed termination was premature and moved the item to next week's action agenda.

### Parowan City Council

from Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

#### Public Hearing: City Manager/Attorney Compensation:

Public comment was heard regarding proposed compensation increases for the City Manager and City Attorney. Susan Seppé expressed concern about the affordability of the proposed increases. Alma Adams and Mike Adams spoke in support of the increases, citing City Manager Jessen's contributions to the city. Written comments were also read into the record, both for and against the increases. Council members clarified that the City Manager did not request the raise and that the increase for the City Attorney was comparable to previous total compensation for that position.

#### Recognition of Parowan High School Swim Team:

The council recognized Ty and Sydney Laufer for their achievements at the state



swim meet. Ty, a sophomore, placed 6th in the 100-yard butterfly and 1st in the 500-yard freestyle. Sydney, a junior, placed 1st in the

100-yard butterfly and 2nd in the 200-yard individual medley, and was named Swimmer of the Year.

#### Action Meeting

##### City Manager and City Attorney Contract Approval:

The council discussed and approved the proposed contract for the City Manager, including a salary increase to \$125,000 and a city vehicle. Council Member Downey expressed reservations about the city vehicle. The council approved a compensation increase for the City Attorney to \$4,250 per month with prosecutorial duties, or \$3,500 without.

##### Interlocal Agreement with Iron County on Justice Court

The council discussed and approved the proposed interlocal agreement with Iron County to transfer Justice Court operations. The agreement would save the city money by shifting costs to the county, and allow the Court Clerk to transition to the building department. The agreement would last for one year, renewable with 90 days' notice, and the city would receive 25% of fines collected.

##### Decision on Utilities Communication Platforms

The council discussed the choice between Outify and Yopify for a new utilities' communication platform. Both platforms offer text notifications for outages, snow removal, and other city updates. Yopify was chosen due to its current mapping capabilities and competitive pricing.

##### Location of New Wayfinding Sign on Center and Main Street Intersection

The council approved the placement of a wayfinding sign at Center and Main, contingent on UDOT approval (which was later confirmed to have been granted). The sign will provide mileage information to nearby attractions. The council also discussed the possibility of additional wayfinding signs.

#### Work Meeting (items discussed, but no vote was taken)

##### Discussion on Cemetery Fence

The council discussed options for the cemetery fence, including completing the wrought iron fence and adding expanded metal to the chain link fence to reduce debris blowing into neighboring yards. A resident offered to pay half the cost of the expanded metal. The council agreed to add the item to the next meeting agenda. Consider Final Language for Floodplain Code Update

Extensive discussion about the required updates to the floodplain code to maintain compliance with FEMA and the National Flood Insurance Program. Key points included: Minimum compliance standards adopted, Retention of the 1986 regulatory map, Inclusion of "best available data" clause for commercial development and subdivisions and Impact of the updated code on residents and businesses.

##### South Central Franchise Agreement Discussion

Discussion regarding a new franchise agreement with South Central Communications, now primarily a broadband provider. Key points included: Proposed franchise fee of 3.5% and benefits of South Central's fiber-to-the-home infrastructure.

#### Reports, Updates, Old Business Follow Up

##### Recreation Programs:

Anna Carlson provided updates on various recreation programs, including: Successful implementation of referees in youth basketball. Increased participation in pickleball. New laser tag program. Adult softball league expansion. Future use of the new high school facilities.

##### Public Works:

Aldo Biasi provided a comprehensive update on Public Works activities, including: Number of work orders completed, blue stake requests, graves dug, water leaks repaired, and manholes located. Updates on water distribution and treatment, sewer collection and treatment, street maintenance, flood control, fleet maintenance, commercial projects, parks, and cemetery projects. Discussion of new equipment for pothole repair.

Council members, the Mayor and City Manager gave updates on various board meetings, the water recharge project walkthrough, and a County Commission meeting update, including zone changes. Discussions also included overhaul of the City's website and poo improvements. Old Rock church Days is planned for this year with purchased pavers being planned for the front walk of the building.

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

## UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### Highlights of Week 5

On Tuesday, I presented **HB 253: Agriculture and Food Amendments** to the Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee. This bill is a clean-up bill for the Department of Agriculture that makes several changes to make agriculture in our state better. A few of these highlight changes being clarifying the purpose of different acts underneath the department, changing funding to make it more accessible to the needs of the department, and changing regulations to make it easier for the department to attract veterinarians to the state. Agriculture is the backbone of Rural Utah, so it is always a pleasure to run bills like this that support that industry in our state. It passed out of committee unanimously and passed the Senate, so it is now on to the Governor to sign.

Tuesday was an active day as I also presented **HB 239: Disaster Funds Revisions** to the Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Committee. It passed unanimously, making us one step closer to securing the funding needed for natural disaster prevention funds for rural communities. It didn't end there, as my bill **HJR 3: Joint Resolution Regarding State Prisoner Placement in Iron County Correctional Facility** was also heard on the House Floor. This resolution would secure funding for needed upgrades to the Iron County Correctional Facility and it passed unanimously.

### House Floor

My bill **HB 174: Water Rights Restricted Account** was heard by the Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee on Wednesday. **HB 174** gives the Division of Water Rights the ability to use funds in the Water Rights Restricted Account for legal fees. This would better equip the division to fight legal battles that face them, giving more freedom, and better equipping the division to navigate the growing water challenges in our growing state.

I once again had the opportunity to meet with the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah (WSLC). My presentation of **HB 249: Nuclear Power Amendments** was followed with important questions and good conversations. Input is vital to our process, so hearing from groups like this help ensure our legislation is the best

it can be for Utah.

### Women's State Legislative Council Leadership

The Red Acre Center hosted an event at the Capitol on Wednesday to promote legislation that helps protect small rural and urban farmers. I was given the opportunity to come introduce myself and present my bills concerning agriculture. It was great to meet with these people and help promote agriculture in Utah.

On Thursday, we were joined on the hill by a large number of students from the University of Utah and Utah State University who created research projects that they have been working on. Allie Perkins, a student from the U of U, did her fieldwork on Utah aspen trees changing their pathogen defenses in response



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UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70



SEN. EVAN VICKERS  
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

to drought in the mountains of District 70. Her findings were fascinating, and this type of work being done in District 70 is great for the area and Rural Utah.

Our annual Rural Caucus was another great meeting. We heard several great presentations, including information on Utah's plans to celebrate our Nation's 250-year Anniversary. We were also joined by a large group of bright FFA students.

Friday was Utah Farm Bureau Day on the hill. I had the opportunity to meet with their group and discuss some of my bills. Farm Bureau does great work for this state, and I am happy to continue my good working relationship with them. I was able to recognize them on the House Floor.

A few of my fellow Representatives and I had the opportunity to hear a presentation from Dixie High School FFA concerning wild horse controversies in our state. Hearing the passion these future leaders had for the subject was inspiring and encouraging. We were given

the chance to ask them questions on the subject to challenge the students, and the expertise they showed was impressive. Programs like these create our future leaders and leadership skills.

### Committee

With the change to hold committee meetings in the morning as well as the afternoon, we've seen an increase in the amount of bills heard. We've heard many bills that are good for Utah in both the House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment which I chair, and House Public Utilities and Energy which I am a member of. Some of the bills we have passed through secure our energy future, access more funding for critical mineral mining, and even strengthen state sovereignty.

setting the foundation for greater agency accountability to supporting our students and educators, we're working hard to ensure Utah continues to be the best state in the nation.

You can continue to follow along with the process, either in person or online at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov). If you have questions or would like to share your thoughts, reach out. I would love to hear from you.

### Spotlight on my Bill - HB 162

I am pleased to sponsor HB162 – Transportation Funding Amendments, a bill designed to improve the allocation and use of transportation funds in Utah. This legislation aims to ensure that funds are utilized effectively for their intended purposes, enhancing the quality and safety of our transportation infrastructure.

HB162 amends provisions related to the allowed uses of certain local option sales and use taxes for public safety purposes. By clarifying these provisions, the bill ensures that funds are directed appropriately, promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public resources.

By strengthening the management of transportation funds, HB162 will contribute to safer roads, reduced congestion, and improved infrastructure, benefiting all Utahns. I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues to pass this important bill and enhance our state's transportation system.

### Utah's Budget: Balanced, Responsible, and Accountable

As your representative, I take seriously the responsibility of ensuring your tax dollars are used wisely. Utah's Constitution requires us to pass a balanced budget, meaning we cannot spend more than we bring in—no deficit spending, no kicking the can down the road. This commitment to fiscal responsibility has made Utah one of the best-managed states in the nation.

Utah's economic strength continues to shine, earning the top spot as the best state overall for two years in a row and maintaining the best economic outlook for 17 consecutive years. This success is a testament to Utah's fiscally responsible policies and strategic planning. The state's economy remains robust, with

We are entering our final two weeks of the session, and there is still lots of work to be done. Your involvement is vital to this process. Please make your voice heard and feel free to attend any public meetings or attend online to listen and testify.

Contact me through phone or email; [carlalbrecht@le.utah.gov](mailto:carlalbrecht@le.utah.gov), (435) 979-6578, or contact my intern Joe Boyle; [jboyle@le.utah.gov](mailto:jboyle@le.utah.gov), (386) 420-3096.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rep. Carl Albrecht

### Working for Utah

Over the last week, we have made significant strides for our state. From

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wages rising and retail sales on the up. Over the past four years, the Legislature has reduced taxes by over \$1.3 billion while investing in crucial areas like education, water, and energy.

### *Utah's Agriculture*

This past week, I had the privilege of attending a lunch hosted by Red Acre Center, a

remarkable agricultural producer right here in Cedar City. This event provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with local Utah urban farmers and agriculture advocates, gaining first hand insight into the challenges and successes of those who help sustain our communities.

The timing of this lunch was especially meaningful, as it coincided with an exciting milestone for HB 240 – Urban Farming, which successfully passed the House floor and is now headed to a Senate committee for further consideration. My bill is designed to promote urban agriculture, encourage sustainability, enhance food security, and strengthen local food systems. By fostering more opportunities for urban farming, we can empower communities, improve access to fresh, locally grown food, and create a more resilient agricultural network across Utah.

As HB 240 moves forward in the legislative process, I remain committed to supporting policies that benefit both rural and urban agriculture. I appreciate the valuable conversations I had with local producers at Red Acre Center and look forward to continuing these discussions as we work to ensure a strong future for agriculture in our state.

### *Highlight My Bills Progress*

HB 104 Firearm Safety in Schools Amendments - This bill would help secure a safe future for our children. This week it was introduced into the Senate body and is waiting to be assigned to a Senate committee.

HB 141 Adoption Modifications - This bill promotes stability for children by creating exceptions to the requirements of a pre-placement adoptive evaluation under certain circumstances. This bill was signed by the Senate president and is now being returned to the House to be signed by the speaker.

HB 147 Aquatic Invasive Species Amendments - This bill simplifies requirements for owners of non-motorized vessels and inflatable motorboats. This bill has been passed on the House floor and is now waiting to be assigned to a Senate Committee.

HB 153 Hunting Amendments - This bill will increase the maximum number of individuals providing services, eligible for compensation. Ensuring safety for hunters in remote areas and ensuring that meat from hunts don't spoil due to a lack of help. This bill is waiting to be assigned to a Senate Committee.

### *Educating the Future*

This week, the House passed HB381 Civics Education Amendments. This bill bolsters civics education by adding a social studies graduation requirement, requiring specific civics-related instruction, and removing outdated testing mandates. By focusing on comprehensive civics education, we strive to prepare students for active and informed participation in our democratic processes.

I would love to hear from you!

*Rep. Rex Shipp*

*Rshipp@le.utah.gov*

As we are entering the final weeks of the 2025 General Session, here are some highlights from Week 5.

### *Strengthening Utah's EMS Systems*

Access to reliable emergency medical services (EMS) is essential, particularly in our rural area. S.B. 209 strengthens funding, training and oversight to ensure that emergency care is available to all Utahns. It designates 911 ambulance services as essential, doubles the rural ambulance grant and enhances training standards. Additionally, the bill establishes the Emergency Medical Services Critical Needs Account to

support struggling providers. These updates will ensure our EMS system remains effective and ready to save lives.

### *Protecting Utah's Newborns*

Utah's Newborn Safe Haven Law provides parents in crisis with a safe way to anonymously surrender their newborn at any hospital. S.B. 57 extends the surrender period from 30 days to 90 days to better protect vulnerable infants.

Hospitals remain the sole Safe Haven locations due to staffing limitations at rural fire stations. This law has already saved dozens of lives, and expanding the timeframe will further prevent unsafe abandonments.

### *Improving Records Process*

Currently, the volunteer committee overseeing the appeals process for public records requests has the authority to issue subpoenas, impose fines and make legally binding decisions—similar to a judge—without the legal training typically necessary for such authority.

While well-intentioned, the volunteer committee has issued inconsistent decisions, experienced a sharp increase in appeals, and are accumulating a growing backlog. For example, in 2022, only 1 out of 48 appeals were heard within 73 days. In 2023, the average time to receive an appeal decision was 156 days.

Continuing to rely on a volunteer committee without the necessary legal expertise or bandwidth is impractical and unfair. S.B. 277 addresses this by implementing audit recommendations and appointing a full-time director to oversee appeals, ensuring they are handled promptly, consistently and in compliance with the law. It also increases training for government agencies to improve initial records requests, ensuring more information is released upfront. Importantly, it preserves the public's right to request government records and file appeals and does not impose fees for submitting appeals.

### *Strengthening Retail Incentive Reforms*

Before 2022, cities competed aggressively to attract large retailers like Costco, offering excessive tax incentives that diverted valuable tax revenue. In 2022, we passed legislation to curb this "race to the bottom," restricting "retail facility incentives" to narrow circumstances. However, unclear provisions in the law made some cities hesitant to engage with retailers.

S.B. 280 addresses these issues by clarifying that a city can build normal public infrastructure like roads and water lines without violating the statute. Additionally, it provides a safe harbor, presuming local government compliance if no concerns are flagged within six months. These updates ensure fairness, promote responsible development and give local governments the clarity to work effectively with retailers.

### *Tackling Waste Tire Disposal*

I'm happy to say that S.B. 63 passed unanimously in the Senate and will soon make its way through the House. This bill tackles a very real challenge faced by many rural communities of the proper disposal of waste tires. It creates a "Plan B" for when private companies are unable to manage tire disposal. I'm confident this bill will promote responsible waste management and help keep our communities clean and safe.

Thank you for your continued, strong support as I represent our area as your senator at the Utah Legislature. Please reach out anytime at [evickers@le.utah.gov](mailto:evickers@le.utah.gov) or 435-817-5565.

*Sen. Vickers*



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# Iron County Man Faces New Felony Charges After Weapons, Drug Investigation

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man already on federal probation is facing a slew of new felony charges after authorities say they discovered drugs, weapons, and ammunition in his possession during two separate arrests within days of each other.

Jeremiah Nathan Cameron, 49, was first taken into custody on Feb. 2 after an Iron County sheriff's deputy pulled him over for a traffic violation.

According to court documents, Cameron was driving with a broken

taillight, an obstructed license plate, and a malfunctioning brake light when officers stopped him on Midvalley Road.

Upon making contact, deputies observed an open container of alcohol inside

the vehicle and noted that Cameron appeared impaired. He allegedly admitted to having a suspended driver's license and was also found to be an alcohol-restricted driver with an ignition interlock requirement.

A search of the vehicle uncovered a large bag of suspected marijuana, methamphetamine, needles, rolling papers, and eight fixed-blade knives of varying sizes, the affidavit states. Cameron was placed under arrest and upon searching him before being booked into the Iron County Jail, officers reportedly found a live 9mm round concealed in his pants. Deputies

also found \$311 in cash on Cameron.

Court documents show authorities had previously received information implicating Cameron in drug distribution. Given the amount of suspected marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and cash, investigators alleged that Cameron was in possession of the drugs with intent to distribute.

Cameron was booked into jail on multiple charges, including second-degree felony possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person, driving under the influence, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The following day, while in custody, Cameron made a series of phone calls that led authorities to secure search warrants for a storage unit and a GMC Denali belonging to the suspect. According to the affidavit filed in 5th District Court in support of his charges, Cameron had made calls repeatedly urging someone to remove items from his unit as soon as possible.

"During the jail phone calls,

Jeremiah stated multiple times that the firearm was in the vehicle, prior to our locating it, showing he had knowledge of it being there," court documents state.

Upon searching the vehicle, investigators reportedly discovered a 9mm handgun wedged between the driver's seat and center console. A second search warrant for Cameron's storage unit resulted in the discovery of several knives, including a large Ulu-style blade, as well as drug paraphernalia with residue.

Authorities noted in the affidavit that Cameron is a "10-time convicted felon" with a history of violent offenses. They also referenced previous threats he allegedly made about getting into a "shootout with law enforcement."

Due to Cameron's criminal history and his ongoing federal probation, possession of the weapons led to additional weapons-related charges. Officers also requested he be held without an opportunity for bail.

His next court appearance is scheduled on March 11.

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TikTok's practices resemble "digital nicotine," promoting unhealthy engagement among young people in Utah.

"Protecting Utah children from exploitation and the harms that TikTok knowingly inflicts upon them is one of my highest priorities as attorney general. I am grateful for the court's decision that allows Utah's lawsuit against TikTok to move forward, helping us protect young people from sexual exploitation. This decision will help me in my fight to protect and defend Utah children," said Attorney General Derek Brown.

The second lawsuit was filed following a thorough investigation by the Division, which revealed significant dangers to children on TikTok. These dangers are not only due to the platform's addictive algorithm but also stem from an open-door policy that allows criminals to target users, especially minors, through the TikTok LIVE feature. The court ruling permits Utah's second complaint and trial to move forward, reinforcing the state's stance against TikTok's alleged misconduct.

Margaret Woolley Busse, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce, expressed her determination to protect Utah's youth, stating, "We are thrilled with the court's ruling, which is a crucial step forward in our battle against TikTok's egregious practices that target and harm our kids. We thank Judge Sanchez for her careful examination of the merits of the State's suit and ruling that the case should move forward."

As both suits against TikTok move forward, the Division and OAG remain vigilant in their efforts to safeguard the welfare of Utah's children and to halt TikTok's predatory conduct.

## Iron County School District Board Brief

by *Shauna Lund*

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Iron County School District has one of the most robust programs of content filtering on student computers, members of the Board of Education learned Tuesday night.

Board Member Tyrel Eddy asked to discuss internet access on student Chromebooks after he was made aware of graphic images on Amazon that were viewed by two elementary-aged students. Specifically, he said, he wanted to know what filtering programs were being used and how they were being used. He also asked for a report of how many times such material is accessed.

Instructional Technology Director Troy Lunt said there are many pieces to keeping the network and student computers secure. The district uses a Palo Alto firewall, which is one of the highest rated in the nation, to keep adult content off student computers. The district also uses content filters — many of those are provided by the state. For instance, when the devices are at home, Content Keeper, helps filter inappropriate content.

"We are part of a group that meets regularly to say 'how are we doing everything we can to take care of security and inappropriate or appropriate access to content,'" Lunt said.

The Amazon access occurred because "shopping" content was not on the list of website types that should be blocked. Once it was brought to the district's attention, those were blocked.

As the district blocks certain content, it must also consider the different levels of students. There are filtering levels specific to each age group — elementary, middle and high school.

Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch agreed that access to inappropriate content should never happen in school or on a school device. He commended the technology department for the hard work they do behind the scenes, especially as the target is constantly changing. He said the district will continue to look at ways to protect children while they are using technology.

"This is a point of pride for us, that we protect kids online ... we have the top of the line (filtering)," Hatch said. "We want to do it right and we want to do it in a way that works for everybody."

Other board members said they also recognized parent responsibility in teaching students to use technology appropriately. Board Member Megen Ralphs admitted to not reading the Responsible Use agreement carefully as she signed it every year for her student.

Hatch said more information will be gathered and brought back to the board.

# The Little Roy & Lizzy Long Show

by **Marty Warburton**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

When you are casually reading through this week's copy of Iron County Today and you spot the above headline that reads "The Little Roy & Lizzy Long Show" what visual pops into your head? *Who is Little Roy and is he really little, or is it the show that is little? Is Lizzy's name actually Elizabeth? What kind of "show" is this and what is it doing in Cedar City? Is this show both little and long? Should this headline properly read: "Lizzy & Roy's Little Long Show"?*

Now consider that this show is a presentation of Cedar City Music Arts. Suddenly, it all makes sense. The Little Roy Lewis & Lizzy Long Show will be the fourth of six presentations in their 95th annual season. CCMA has continually brought world class professional musicians to Southern Utah since 1929. On Tuesday, March 4th. the tradition, well, the tradition will March Forth with Roy & Lizzy.

The Little Roy & Lizzy Long Show brings their style of pure American music and showmanship to Cedar City, Utah from the great state of Georgia. Good music, all the way from one land of red dirt to another. Their highly polished performances recall the early days of the Grand Ol' Opry, Variety Shows, Slap-Stick Comedy and even Vaudeville. Their quick fire arsenal of musical genres includes Country, Gospel, Folk,

Bluegrass, Old Tyme and yes, even a taste of Rock n Roll.

Roy McArthur "Little Roy" Lewis, Jr. a member of Georgia's legendary Lewis Family, the "First Family of Bluegrass Gospel," is famed for his powerful instrumental work and brash onstage persona. Starting as a banjoist before he reached his teens, Little Roy spent more than 50 years with the tirelessly touring group, who were inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of

Fame in 2005 and the Bluegrass Hall of Fame in 2006. USA Today once called Little Roy "a banjo master, truly a picker's picker," but as dozens of recordings and countless stage shows attest, he is also a masterful guitarist and autoharp player, an accomplished harmony singer and an entertaining lead vocalist whose comedic impulses never overshadow his musicianship. Roy Lewis, now a spry 83 years old, is a living—and energetic—link to the earliest days of bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music, Little Roy, Banjo, Guitar & "Crazy", is beloved by colleagues and audiences alike.

Elizabeth "Lizzy" Long was born on a farm in Lincolnton, Georgia. Starting out on the piano at an early age, she soon took up the fiddle, guitar, autoharp, bass, banjo, and mandolin, all of



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# Challenge of Learning Something New

by Russell Wrangle

CCAC MINI-GRANT RECIPIENT

Remember that feeling of making something with your own hands? The joy of seeing an idea take shape in real time? There's something deeply satisfying about working with clay—feeling its texture, shaping it with your fingers, and watching it respond to your touch. If you've ever been curious about ceramics, or if it's been years since you last sat at a wheel, now is the perfect time to begin again.

You'll be amazed at how quickly your skills return, and if you're a beginner, you'll be surprised by how naturally you adapt. Clay has a way of teaching patience and persistence, and our studio is the perfect environment to explore, learn, and grow.

Our next 7-week session starts in March. Whether you're starting from scratch or refining your craft, our welcoming community will support you every step of the way. We provide everything you need—materials, guidance, and encouragement. All you have to do is show up, let go of expectations, and embrace the process.



curiosity. Instead of dreading mistakes, you start learning from them. Because in ceramics, every piece—successful or not—teaches you something.

You recognize what you don't know, and that's the real breakthrough. Once you see the gaps, you can fill them. Once you embrace the process, you move beyond technique and into something deeper—creativity, expression, and the pure joy of making.

## Join Us in March

This is what we offer in our 7-week session: a space to learn, to create, and to connect—not just with clay, but with yourself. You'll leave not only with pieces you've made but with a deeper appreciation for patience, craftsmanship, and the beauty of imperfection.

So if you're ready to get your hands dirty, embrace the challenge, and come out the other side with something real—join us. Classes start in March, and we can't wait to welcome you into the studio at 173 N. 100 West in Cedar City. More information at 435-619-4419.

A Cedar City Arts Council mini-grant and numerous local sponsors have helped equip the studio with pottery wheels.

## The Challenge of Learning Something New

Here's the thing about learning ceramics: at first, it feels impossible. The wheel spins, the clay wobbles, and your hands struggle to find control. It's awkward. It's frustrating. The wheel doesn't care about your intentions—it only responds to your touch, and at first, your touch is uncertain.

But then, something shifts. Instead of fighting the motion of the wheel, you start moving with it. Your hands adjust, your muscles remember, your brain begins to rewire, and suddenly, you're learning and the chaos transforms into

rhythm. You stop wrestling with the clay and start collaborating with it.

And that's when the magic happens.

## Growth Through the Process

At the start, everyone struggles. But week after week, you gain control. You learn to center, to shape, to pull up the walls of a vessel. Your confidence builds. The same hands that once fumbled now move with intention, coaxing the clay into form.

By week five, something even more powerful happens: you stop fearing failure. Instead of frustration, you feel



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which she has been known to take a turn on in a single Little Roy & Lizzy Show set.

The first person

to graduate from Glenville State College's 4-year bluegrass music program—the nation's first—Lizzy has played with Mac Wiseman, Jim and Jesse, The Lewis Family, Earl Scruggs and more, while releasing two well-received albums of her own—Blueberry Pie (2015), which debuted at #2 on Billboard's bluegrass chart, and 2020's Dreaming Again. Her song, "God Is There," co-written with Rhonda Vincent, earned a Dove Bluegrass Song of the Year award in 2015.

For the past dozen years, these two gifted musicians and entertainers have performed together as The Little Roy & Lizzy Show, releasing 5 popular albums and winning four Bluegrass Recorded Song of the Year Dove Awards while touring extensively across North America with a tight ensemble that now includes Holger Oleson (bass), Hunter Berry (Fiddle) and Matthew Songmaker (Mandolin).

You have to hear it to believe it, and you can't hear it unless you see it, and you can't see it unless you are there. So be there! Tuesday, March 4th Doors at 6:30—Show begins 7:30.

All events are held at The Heritage Center Theater, 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, Utah. For Advance Tickets Call the Box Office at 435-865-2882 or [Cedarcitymusicarts.org](http://Cedarcitymusicarts.org).







Creighton Law -  
3rd place

# Young Writers Shine in Cedar City's Annual "Love Where You Live" Writing Competition

from  
**Gabbie Costello**

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Cedar City Events partnered with the Iron County School District (ICSD) third-grade classes for their annual "Love Where You Live" writing competition, highlighting Cedar City through the eyes of young writers. Each year, the competition continues to grow, and essay submissions rise, with nearly 270 submitted this year from 20 different third-grade classes across the District.

On Thursday, February 20, Cedar City Events Director Brandon Burk and the school Assistant Principals surprised the winning students and their teachers with an in-person visit, inviting them to read the essays aloud to their classmates and school officials. The winning students will reread them in front of the Cedar City Council on Wednesday, February 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The students and their teachers will also be awarded a cash prize at the city council meeting sponsored by the Cedar City Rotary Club.

The 2025 winners are:

- 1st Place – Maya Salgado from Iron Springs Elementary will receive \$150, and her teacher, Mr. Urbanek,

will receive \$300 for the classroom.

- 2nd Place – Mellie Francom from Iron Springs Elementary will receive \$100, and her teacher, Mrs. Prince, will receive \$200 for the classroom.

- 3rd Place – Creighton Low from Fiddlers Elementary will receive \$50, and his teacher, Mrs. Atwood, will receive \$100 for the classroom.

**"I'm always so impressed with how much heart these young students put into this project," said Cedar City Events Director Brandon Burk. "It brings me so much joy to read their infectious essays, and each one reminds me why I love living here too."**

Each year, a committee gathers to read the heart-warming essays, and this year's committee comprised of community members, city staff, and Cedar City Youth Council members. The Youth Council, who also attend schools in Iron County School District, was especially eager to participate in the program, appreciating the simplicity of many essays and marveling at the complexity of others. The Youth Council has proudly decorated and displayed the winning essays at

the City Offices to make it extra special for the winning students at the City Council meeting.

ICSD officials shared how the partnership with Cedar City Events has made a positive impact on the schools. "The students are always so excited to write essays about their favorite things and anxiously await to see if they won," said Shauna Lund, ICSD

Communications Director & Foundation Coordinator. "We can only imagine how difficult it is to choose only three from many great entries. We are grateful to Cedar City for involving some of its youngest citizens in this celebration of this city we all love so much!"

Many students featured their favorite restaurants, parks, and community events, and first-place winner Maya Salgado shared how moving to Cedar City four years ago made an impact on her. She playfully wrote, "We get to be WILD ANIMALS [in Cedar City]! We're free here. I can walk to my friend's house, I can explore the fields in my

neighborhood, and I can play at the park any time."

All are invited to attend the City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 26, at 5:30 p.m. at 10 N. Main Street to hear the essays be read aloud. Following the meeting, a replay can be found on the Cedar City YouTube channel. The award-winning essays, along

with a few honorable mentions, can be read on the City website at [www.cedarcityut.gov/love](http://www.cedarcityut.gov/love). Cedar City Events would like to thank the Cedar City Rotary Club for their generous donation to fund this program, along with the red lights in Historic Downtown, highlighting the community's love of living in Cedar City.

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# Henry's Place Camp & Retreat Center receives \$25,000 donation

by *Hillary Smoot*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Henry's Place, a 501(c)3 organization founded in honor of fallen LVMPD Sgt. Henry Prendes, recently received a \$25,000 donation from the Hirschi Companies as part of their ongoing "Helping Hands" charity giving initiative. This generous donation will provide fully sponsored camp experiences for 25 local at-risk youth this Summer at Henry's Place Retreat Center in Cedar City, UT.

Pictured Left to Right: Logan Philippi, Brayden Hirschi, Brandon Marchant, Danielle Schena, Billy Purcell, Dara Spatafore, Henry's Place Hospitality Director (with new camp dog, Sheriff), Armando Galaviz, Tony Spatafore, Henry's Place Camp Director, Chad Hirschi, CEO, Hirschi, Crystal Hirschi, Executive Vice President, Hirschi, Valerie O'Donnell, Henry's Place Ambassador of Donor Relations, Mike Scott, Dawn Prendes, Henry's Place Founder, Garrett Tucker, Wes Pettus, Riley Bevell, and Lucas Smith.

## ABOUT HENRY'S PLACE

Henry's Place was founded in 2006 in memory of Sergeant Henry Prendes of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, who dedicated his life to protecting others and dreamed of a brighter future for at-risk youth. Today, that vision continues through a Christ-centered camp that provides high-quality, no-cost experiences designed to inspire hope, build confidence, and introduce young people to the life-changing love of Jesus. Through leadership training, outdoor adventure, and faith-based mentorship, Henry's Place equips youth with the tools to grow in character, community, and faith. For more information, or to make a donation, visit <https://henrysplace.org/>.

## history

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Last week, on February 20th, was the 135th birthday

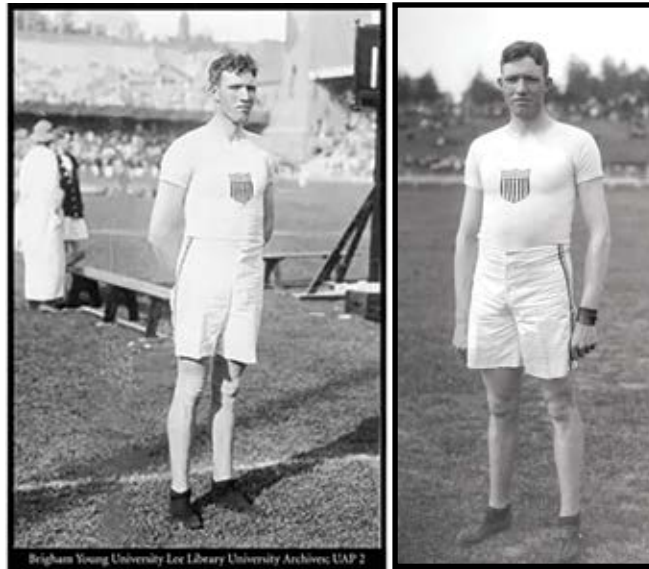
of an Iron County athlete who doesn't get much attention these days. I first became aware of him during the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics held in 2002, when his picture and accomplishments were on billboards along Interstate 15 during the Games. His name is Alma Richards and he has the distinction of being the first Utah athlete to win a gold medal.

You have to go way back to Stockholm, Sweden during the 1912 Summer Olympics to know of Alma Richards. Not only was he the first Utahn to win a gold medal, he was born and grew up here in Parowan. Born in 1890, by the time Alma was 14 he became bored of school and declared he wanted to "be free" so he quit school and went to work on a local farm to fulfill that dream. During his years as a farm-hand he could run like the wind chasing jackrabbits and jump over fences with the greatest of ease. After several years went by, he encountered a teacher from Michigan who convinced him that returning to school was his only real chance of success and genuine freedom. He did return to school in 1908, first at the Murdock Academy in Beaver and then Brigham Young Prep School in Provo, where he excelled and took first in several State track meets. Next, while a student at BYU, his superior athletic abilities became obvious to his coaches. Those coaches told him that with some dedicated training he could likely compete in the Olympic trials in 1911 which were held in Chicago, so he set his sights on qualifying for the upcoming 1912 Olympic Games soon to be held in Stockholm. All that came to fruition and he found himself on a ship bound for Europe.

He was only entered in the high jump, where he was recognized for his gangly style of almost hurdling over the bar. On the day of his event, it came down to him and a jumper from Germany as the only two remaining in the competition, and the bar was set to 6' 3.3" which Alma cleared easily on his first attempt and set a new Olympic record, but the German fellow failed on all three of his attempts which assured Alma of the win. He came out of nowhere and became the first Utahn to win a gold medal!

Alma Richards was an unknown athlete that day, but the most well-known competitor there was Jim Thorpe who excelled in the challenging Decathlon event, which consisted of 10 track and field events that took place over 2 days. Thorpe easily won

# Old Gold in Iron County A Story of Alma Richards



the grueling event and was presented his gold medal by King Gustav, the monarch of Sweden, who said to Thorpe: "Sir, you are the greatest athlete in the world", to which Thorpe replied: "Thanks, King"

Before they returned to the United States, King Gustav was so impressed by Thorpe and Richards that he invited the two of them to his Palace for an afternoon and further praised their accomplishments.

Alma was set to return back to the States, but during that long boat trip to Stockholm, he and Thorpe had become good friends and Thorpe convinced Alma to join him at track meets all over Europe and to also take part in the Decathlon. During that era, Jim Thorpe was said to be the best athlete in the world, but during that Summer, they competed in several Decathlons across the Continent and Alma beat Jim every time in head-to-

head competition.

After that successful Summer abroad, BYU graduate Alma continued to excel. He served in the US Army from 1916 through 1919 where he continued to compete in Armed Forces track meets, prompting General John L. Pershing, to make the comment, "Lieutenant Richards, you are the greatest athlete in the armed forces." On through 1932 he won 55 track and field competitions and in 1947 he was named Utah Athlete of the 20th Century. When his athletic days were winding down, he then earned a law degree from the University of Southern California, but chose to become a teacher himself so he could change other young people's lives. He even taught briefly at Parowan High School and also taught in Southern California for 30 more years, passing away in 1963, in Long Beach California. His wishes were followed and he now rests in peace in the cemetery in his home town of Parowan. Alma Richards never had his picture on a Wheaties box, but, since his passing, he has been inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame, Helms Hall of Fame, Brigham Young University Hall of Fame, and the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Much of my interest in Alma is because I also was a high-jumper in my high school days, but now, my aching knees keep me from hurling myself over a high jump bar these days. As I began to write this story, I came across a plaque dedicated to Alma which is within sight of the high-jump pit at the Parowan High School athletic field, which, in 2001 was rededicated as the Alma Richards Stadium. The plaque and monument were constructed as part of an Eagle Scout project in 2001, by a young man named Joe Zaleski. Joe's parents Liz and Tom are long time residents of Parowan with whom I am friends and whom I contacted for details about Alma. The plaque was created at the time of the Salt Lake City Olympics and all three Zaleski's were involved in its creation. They were also able to convince the Olympic Committee to route the running of the Olympic Torch right up Main Street in Parowan and past the former Richards home, where young Boy Scout Joe proudly displayed the plaque for everyone to see.

During the writing of this story, I also learned that a movie, due to be released this April, called "Raising the Bar", and produced by well-known filmmaker T.C. Christiansen will be shown in selected theatres. Mr. Christiansen is well known in

## ALMA RICHARDS

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the LDS community for his heartwarming and uplifting style of movie making featuring true life stories.

Not all of our readers may be as interested in this story

as we are, but the Zaleski family and I are trying

to keep the Olympic flame burning so that Alma Richards remains prominent in Iron County, and beyond. Come April, treat yourself to a great story and a great movie.

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### THURS, FEB 27

**AUTHOR MEET & GREET (6-9PM) THE Stardust Effect** author meet and greet event by Bookdom Apothecary located on 1579 North Main Street. Come meet our small town local Author K.W. Gardner. Pickup "The Stardust Effect" in store today!

**MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET (FEB 27, 28 & March 1 @ 7PM)** American Crossroads Theatre presents Million Dollar Quartet. Million Dollar Quartet will play at the Heritage Center Theater in Cedar City. Tickets for both the Winter performances of Million Dollar Quartet and the Summer Season are on sale now. For performance times and ticket information, go to ACTPlayers.com or call 435-267-0194.

**IRON COUNTY MOMS FOR AMERICA (7PM)** at 2321 W Cove View Dr, Cedar City. Call or text Kami Merrill for info 435-592-4152.

**SUU OPUS CHAMP CHOIR & STRING ENSEMBLE (7:30PM)** Presents Johann Sebastian Bach's Magnificat at Christ the King Catholic Church (690 Cove Dr, Cedar City). Admission is free and open to all.

**SUU POLYNESIAN SHOW (6PM) IN** the SUU Auditorium Theater (S 300 W, Cedar City). Tickets are \$10 for General Admission, \$5 for Children under 12 yrs, and \$7 for students with ID. For tickets venmo @CedarCityPISA. Come and experience the cultures of Fiji, Hawaii, Tonga, Samoa, Tahiti, and Aotearoa. The money raised will be used to sponsor scholarships for Polynesian students to come and study at SUU.

**TEEN SCIENCE CAFE (6-7:30PM)** Parasites and Disease at Southern Utah University - Bristlecone Hall, Room 121 (S 800 W, Cedar City). Teens from 8th to 12th grade are invited to join the Teen Science Cafe and learn from Julia Craft. 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/](http://suu.edu/hss/languages/film-festivals/).

**CHINESE DUAL LANG IMMERSION PROGRAM (6PM)** There will be an informational meeting about the Chinese Dual Language Immersion program at Fiddlers Elementary. Parents of current kindergartners and 1st graders from any school in the district are welcome to attend and learn more about this unique program.

### FRI, FEB 28

**CCAC ARTISTS' MINI GRANTS DUE - CEDAR CITY** Arts Council Artists' Mini-Grants are awarded semi-annually to individuals, groups, or organizations in the visual, performing, and literary arts to support creative endeavors that will strengthen communication between artists and the community. Typically, 16 to 20 grants are awarded annually.

### SAT, MAR 1

**FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET (10AM-1PM)** 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](mailto:festivalcityfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

### TUES, MAR 4

**REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE (5-7PM)** Final Public Open House @ Festival Hall, 105 North 100 East, Room 1. Please join us for an open house to review and discuss the Airport Master Plan and proposed development

projects aimed to meet short-, mid-, and long- term demand over the next 20 years. For more information visit [CDCMasterPlan.com](http://CDCMasterPlan.com).

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

### WED, MAR 5

**CCAC BOOK CLUB (7PM) @ MAIN** Street Books in Cedar City. This months book is The Land of Little Rain, by Mary Austin (non-fiction). We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.

**FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES (10AM) @** Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Pam and Catherine will explain why State and Federal Census Records are some of the best resources available to Family History Researchers. This is an intermediate class that will strengthen your researching skills. They can help you get started and answer any questions you might have regarding your Family History Research. All classes are free!

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## schools

### IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

#### Escalante Valley Elementary



The 5th Grade students from Escalante Valley Elementary were captivated as they learned about the US Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and Bill of Rights during the Liberty Bus tour. Students generally learn about these patriotic documents through The Give Me Liberty program, but listening to historical events through tour guide David's eyes brought about new meaning. Additionally, students were enlightened with stories and facts about the American Revolution and colonial life.

#### North Elementary

North Elementary students in two 2nd grade classes worked with Arts Integration Coach

Kirsten Anderson to learn about the elements of a story. Students created their own unique hand-built ceramic vessels. Two students were chosen out of 1,000 entries all over America to be displayed at the NCECA Conference in Salt Lake City. The students are; Ashton Coutts and Kenzlee Taylor.

#### Iron Springs Elementary

Can you name all 47 Presidents of the United States of America in order or recite The Gettysburg Address? Fifth graders at Iron Springs Elementary can! They presented their knowledge of the United States of America with parents and students this past week.

#### Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

The school crushed its goal for the annual Share the Love Food Drive! They set a goal to donate at least 2,025 items to Iron County Care & Share, and ended up with 3,054 food and hygiene items donated! Second grade donated the most items with 858 and won a movie party at Cedar Fun Center. Coming in close second was 5th grade with 822 items, and they will get a classroom party.

#### Three Peaks Elementary

The Three Peaks Elementary fifth grade students held their annual Patriot Awards program on February 13, 2025. They recited the Gettysburg Address, memorized the order of US Presidents, recognized United States and Utah symbols, and named all 50 states and capitals.

## Gateway Academy

Amy Gibson

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Hope Week, sponsored by the Hope Squad at



Gateway Preparatory Academy was a meaningful event dedicated to promoting mental health awareness, kindness, and community support. Aligned with the school's values of caring, integrity, and respect, the week fostered a positive and inclusive environment for students.

The Hope Squad is a group of students nominated by peers, trained to recognize signs of distress and

connect classmates with support. They meet regularly with Advisors to learn about mental health and help reduce stigma, while promoting a culture of hope and support throughout their school.

Throughout the week, students participated in activities focused on mental wellness, peer support, and acts of kindness. One of the activities was reading to the younger grades. The Hope Squad led efforts to encourage meaningful connections, reduce stigma around mental health, and remind students that they are never alone.

The week concluded with a special celebration featuring a "Hope Float" event, where students enjoyed root beer floats as a symbol of support and encouragement. This final gathering reinforced the importance of unity and kindness, leaving a lasting impact on the school community.

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## schools

## NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

## Back to Back

Canyon View girls wrestling has done it again, and it's absolutely thrilling – they are back-to-back state champions! This past weekend, from Friday the 14th to Saturday the 15th, the girls hit the mats for the state championship, and wow, did they shine! These talented athletes have poured their hearts and souls into their training all year, and it truly paid off. Not only did Canyon View claim the top spot overall, but four incredible girls also emerged victorious in their individual weight categories! Special shout-outs go to: Tilisia Matakaiongo, Adriana Sierra, Gemma Carter, and Brook Barney, who all earned honorable mentions. What an unforgettable achievement for these phenomenal wrestlers!

## Boys Wrestling

Boys wrestling competed February 13-14 in state wrestling! While they may not have taken home the state title, these boys shone brightly, representing Canyon View with pride. Their hard work, time, and patience were evident as they gave it their all. That dedication is more than enough for Canyon View to celebrate

## Don't mean to Brag!

Get ready to celebrate because Canyon View just added another shiny state title to its impressive collection with the girls wrestling team's incredible victory! Talk about a trophy case that's overflowing this belt is definitely getting heavy! But in all seriousness, we're beyond grateful for this phenomenal year. Canyon View state titles now include volleyball, boys cross country, Canyon View Talons, and of course, girls wrestling! Even though some of the other sports may not have got the top spot, they still showed incredible grit and determination, finishing strong in second place or leaving a lasting mark on their competition. Let's keep the momentum going! Go Canyon View!

## obituaries

## Monty Cornelius Stratton



Monty Cornelius Stratton, born on September 18, 1949, in Cedar City, Utah, was a man who could make even the grumpiest cat crack a smile. He passed away at the age of 75 on February 15, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of laughter and a trail of dad jokes that will echo through the ages.

Monty married his childhood sweetheart, Carla Blackburn, on March 6, 1971. They grew up across the street from each other, developing a crush at the tender ages of 13 and 15. Their love story was like a rom com, minus the Hollywood drama. They were married for 54 years, which is practically a century in marriage years.

Known for his infectious laugh and wicked sense of humor, Monty could light up a room faster than a disco ball. His children often rolled their eyes and said, "Dad has never met a stranger,"

as he chatted up everyone from the grocery checkout clerk to the mailman.

Monty loved building things, and in 1988, he established Monty Stratton Construction. He worked alongside his sons and, at one point, his daughter. His youngest son, Kirby, stuck with him until Monty retired in 2016. The family had the pleasure of living in many of the houses he built, which was great until they realized they were the guinea pigs for his latest construction experiments.

Monty had a plethora of hobbies, including fishing, hunting, collecting coins and marbles, and foraging for pinenuts. In his later years, he developed a passion for growing baby tomatoes, sometimes planting ten plants at a time. He proudly showed them off to everyone, making sure they left with a bag full. He also walked the neighborhood with dog treats in his pocket, handing them out to every dog he saw, regardless of their behavior.

During retirement, Monty decided to become a farmer, quickly finding himself outnumbered by chickens, ducks, and cows. He laid sod for his chickens and planted trees for their shade, treating them like his own children. You could find him almost any afternoon with his chickens, proudly showing off the eggs he collected or the baby chicks that hatched.

Monty's proudest achievement was becoming a husband and father. He loved his wife, children, and grandchildren unconditionally. He is survived by his spouse Carla, his children Tori and Justin Williams, Cody and Kristy Stratton, and Kirby and Mackenzie Stratton, along with their children. He is also survived by his brothers Blaine Culter, Roger Stratton, and Mike Stratton, and his sisters Boni Webster, Dianne Gubler, and Jolynn Holt.

Monty's life was a testament to the power of laughter, love, and a good dad joke. He will be missed, but his humor will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elton and Shirley Stratton

A graveside service will be held at the Cedar City cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary on February 22, 2025 at 2pm, followed by a luncheon to be held at the Nichols Canyon Ward located at 2015 N. Wedgwood Lane, Cedar City, UT 84721.

Online condolences can be sent at [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

## Gerry Dale Causey Sr.



Gerry Dale Causey Sr., born December 9, 1943, in Brawley, CA, USA, passed away on February 20, 2025. An ambitious and charismatic individual, Gerry spent his life dedicated to his craft as a skilled carpenter and the owner of a well-regarded construction business. His entrepreneurial spirit, combined with his loving and generous nature, left a lasting impact on everyone he met.

Gerry spent the majority of his life in various parts of the country, including Las Vegas and Southern California, before settling Iron County for the last 20 years. His hobbies included hunting and fishing, which he loved to share with his family and friends. Gerry's family was the center of his world. He was a devoted father, a caring grandfather, a beloved brother, and a cherished friend. His love for his family was evident in all he did

and his memory will forever be a comforting presence in their lives.

Gerry is survived by his son, Gerry Jr; brothers Albert Causey, Haskell Causey, Emmit Jr, and Jarrod Causey; grandchildren Cameron Causey, Kimmei Causey, Coby Causey, Camila Causey, and Daniel Patrias. He was preceded in death by his father, Emmit Sr; mother, Maddie Causey; brothers L.C. Causey, Leamon Causey, Delton Causey, Darrell Causey, Rex Causey, and George Causey; daughter, Kelly Causey; and granddaughter, Amy Patrias.

We invite you to share your memories of Gerry and upload photos to his memorial page. Your stories and pictures will serve as a reminder of Gerry's ambitious spirit, charismatic personality, and generous heart. We thank you for helping us honor and remember our loved one, Gerry Causey Sr. Online condolences can be sent to Gerry's memorial page at [cedarvalleyfuneral.com](http://cedarvalleyfuneral.com). Gerry's services are entrusted to Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation.

## John Carl Dalton



John Carl Dalton, age 88, passed away February 8, 2025, at Cedar Health and Rehabilitation in Cedar City, Utah.

He was born in Cedar City, Utah on September 12, 1936, to John Lewis and Emma (Bastian) Dalton of Paragonah,

Utah. John was raised in Paragonah and at a young age learned how to be resourceful and independent.

John joined the US Army in 1955 and served two years before being honorably discharged. He attended Southern Utah Branch College and earned a degree in Elementary Education. He taught elementary school in Parowan and Cedar City, Utah for 25 years before retiring from teaching to begin a full-time career as an electrician and construction contractor.

John married Erma Lena (Cornu) Clark on June 16, 1969. Together they raised Erma's three daughters, built a home and ran a construction and apartment rental business. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the St. George Temple. John was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, served in both the 16th ward Bishopric and Cedar West Stake High Council.

John found satisfaction in teaching, building and serving his church. He is remembered for his kindness towards Erma as her health declined.

He is survived by his stepchildren Suzette Cardon and Linda Clark of Cedar City, Utah and Catherine Clark of Montana; his sister Helen Jean Stubbs, his nieces Jeanette (Stubbs) Jeffries, Kimberly (Stubbs) Peterson, Jill (Stubbs) Shirts, and Amber (Stubbs) Burton; his nephews Scott and Cliff Stubbs and Shane and Gene Inglesby; and his brother-in-law Bill Inglesby. He is preceded in death by his wife Erma Lena Dalton, sister Annette Dalton Inglesby, brother-in-law Alan Stubbs and his son-in-law Thomas Bartlie Cardon.

A graveside service will be held on March 1, 2025, at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Visit the mortuary website for more information. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and aides at Cedar Health and Rehabilitation in Cedar City and a special thank you to Ethan and everyone at Sun Tree Home Health and Hospice for the kindness John received under their care.

## obituaries

### Elizabeth Ann Thomas



Elizabeth Ann Thomas was born the first of four daughters to Thomas W Thomas and Hulda Jennette Crane of Circleville, UT, on 22 June 1935 in Provo, UT, at the Crane Maternity Home which was operated by her maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Ann Stevens. Ann passed away peacefully in her home in Cedar City, UT, on 20 February 2025 at the age of 89.

Ann's earliest memories were of learning to read on her Daddy's lap and doing chores alongside her sisters Ruth, Natasha, and later Shani. Her love of reading and being a hard worker were part of her until she died, despite failing eyesight and debilitating arthritis in her later years. Her sisters were her best friends.

She had an appreciation for all things beautiful - the perfect birthday card, blooming flowers, classical music, or freshly baked brownies. She was an accomplished singer, baker, and quilter. Most of all, Ann loved people. She found joy in visiting with, meeting, and serving others. She belonged to too many organizations to name, but always spoke fondly of her time ushering for Utah Shakespearean Festival and serving alongside the women of the DUP, New Harmony Camp.

Ann earned a degree in education and spent many years substitute teaching at Cedar High School. She was always thrilled to recognize a former student, and never lost the zeal to learn herself.

Anybody who met Ann will remember her characteristic smile and the twinkle in her eye that made you feel like you were the center of the world. She had a knack for making people feel special, and will forever be cherished by those who knew her.

After graduating from Piute High School, Ann began the nursing program at BYU; however, illness forced her to leave school. She worked the following summer in the lodge at Zion National Park, where she met the cutest girls from Cedar City who convinced her to attend College of Southern Utah, now Southern Utah University, where she met O'Leary "Larry" Jared Jones. They were married in the St. George, UT, temple on 27 August 1955. They made their home in Cedar City where they ran sheep and raised their five children.

Following Larry's passing from Parkinson's Disease, Ann reunited with her high school sweetheart, George Cherrington, and they married on 8 May 2004. Together they served several missions in the Mesa Arizona Humanitarian Center and the Mesa temple. They enjoyed nearly 20 beautiful years together until George passed away last spring. Ann missed him terribly.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, both husbands, daughter Elyce Schmutz (Brad), son-in-law Craig Cherrington, daughter-in-law Merilee Jones (Zane), granddaughter Charla Cherrington, and grandson-in-law Zeke Colburn.

She is survived by her children, Rebecca Orton (Kevin), Cedar City, UT; Selene Corbridge (Kevin), Cedar City, UT; Zane (Michelle), Cedar City, UT; Burke (Janette), Cedar City, UT; Kelly Anderson (Clayton), Lehi, UT; Amy Hone (Kent), American Fork, UT; son-in-law Brad Schmutz (Darla), New Harmony, UT; and daughter-in-law Charlotte Cherrington, Draper, UT, along with 31 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren, and beloved cat companion Precious. They will miss her hilarious sayings and comical expressions, and are grateful she can see again, hear again, and move again.

A viewing will be held Thursday, February 27 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, UT, 84720) from 6 to 8 pm. There will be another viewing, the morning of Friday, February 28 from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meetinghouse (800 S Laurie Ln, Cedar City, UT 84720). Services celebrating her life will follow at 11 am. Ann will then be interred at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Livestream of service can be seen and online condolences can be sent at [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

### Antonita Trebesch



Mom was born on a Tuesday in Hagatna Guam to Maria and Antonio. Her brothers Juan & Tomas and her sisters Brigida, Margaret and Anne welcomed her. Tragically, her mother died shortly after her birth. She was raised by her brothers and sisters (who she was completely and respectfully devoted to) and her maiden aunt.

Antonita grew up on the tiny island of Guam in the south Pacific. She, along with her sisters never learned how to swim! (because good girls didn't go to the beach!) Mom was about 10 when the island was invaded and occupied by the Japanese during the war. She survived many hardships during that time. (hunger, fear, flying bullets and being a witness to the death of a young girl just yards away from her.)

When the war was over, she continued on with school and as she graduated from high school she was awarded a nursing scholarship in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She was very intelligent. She received her RN degree, met and married her husband Russell and had two children; Pete and Linda. About 8 years later she went back to Aberdeen to anesthesia school for 18 months; living in Aberdeen during the week and coming home on the weekends and earned her Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist degree. She was a female pioneer in this field of medicine in the 70's and was highly respected and greatly loved by her colleagues and friends at every hospital she worked at. Mom lived in South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and eventually settled in Provo, Utah.

In 1990 she joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was a faithful member and continued to grow her deep testimony of our Savior. She loved to pray and believed in the power of donated tithing. She and her friend Collen were visiting teacher companions for 30 years. Antonita retired from IHC in 1994. During the next 30 years she survived multiple surgeries; knees, shoulder, back, kidney augmentation. She survived breast cancer when she was 75, had aortic valve replacement surgery when she was 85 and hip surgery at the age of 89.

Mom was a very kind, appreciative, loving, caring and giving woman. She loved her nieces and nephews and became the matriarch of her brothers and sisters' children and would call them often to hear their voices and laugh with them. She had an uncanny historical family memory. You could give her any year and she could tell you who was born that year, if anyone got married or any other trivia. She loved watching football. She would get so excited jumping up and down and out of chairs and calling out the plays that she once broke a rocking chair in her excitement. Mom had a stenographer's pad with every team's players listed along with their jersey numbers and positions they played. Her favorite teams while we lived in North Dakota were the Minnesota Vikings and the Green Bay Packers. While in Utah she would bet with the doctors, choosing the underdog and...WIN; decline her winnings and then later took them after all.

We will ever miss and remember you mom and Auntie Ning, Nana, grandma Toni and friend with deep love, respect, devotion and appreciation; acknowledging your beautiful, loving spirit and your unwavering faith in God. With conviction we rejoice in the very grand reunion we believe in, with those who have gone before you; especially with the mother you were not able to know your whole life. We cannot fathom life without you, so please watch over us and even guide us until we meet again. We will miss your presence in our lives.

The family wishes to publicly thank the numerous staff at the Cedar City Hospital: those on the floor, in the ER and in the ICU for their care of our mom. We also want to thank the staff at Stonehenge; especially Meg B, Nicole D, and Kristine E. during the last two days of mom's stay there.

Services for Antonita will be held on February 28, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Cedar Valley Funeral Chapel. Interment will be at the Mountain View Cemetery in Beaver, Utah. Under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation. To watch the live stream of the service and to leave condolences please go to [cedarvalleyfuneral.com](http://cedarvalleyfuneral.com) and select her memorial page.

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# From Basketball to a Baby: Brown Does It All

from Kale Nelson

SUU ATHLETICS

**CEDAR CITY, Utah -**

Juggling responsibilities is a challenging

component of life for many student-athletes. Classes, homework, and studying must be blended with practices, games, and travel schedules. In addition to the typical difficulty of being a student-athlete, Southern Utah University women's basketball player Jaeden Brown has a unique responsibility that makes her impact on the court even more impressive: being a mother.

Brown's journey to success as a student and mom off the court and an impactful player on the court is unique. It certainly veers from the traditional student-athlete pathway, but it starts in a place that many are familiar with.

## Getting Started

Brown's family has a history of athletics. Her father played football at SUU from 1988 to 1990, and her older sister, Shanae Vaifanua, had a decorated basketball career at Dixie State College from 2008 to 2012.

"I'm a lot younger than all my siblings, but my dad coached all of us. He pushed us hard, which was difficult at times, but he really helped us use sports as a life lesson," Brown said. "It taught us work ethic, and my dad always told us it could get us somewhere if we worked hard enough. I've been blessed as I've tried to do that. Playing sports with my family has been a core childhood memory and something I love."

Brown's passion and persistence paid dividends in high school. After nearly averaging a double-double with 17.6 points and 9.8 rebounds per game in her senior year with Corner Canyon High School, the recruitment process took her to the University

of Wyoming for the 2019-2020 season. In Brown's freshman year with the Cowgirls, she racked up 7.1 PPG while playing an average of only 12.9 minutes. Although she enjoyed her time at Wyoming, Brown proudly decided to pause her career as a basketball player and serve a religious mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

"When I went on my mission, I wasn't sure what it would look like for me if I played when I came home.

I decided I wanted to and wanted to figure out how, so I actually was in the portal, recruiting while I was on my mission," Brown explained. "It was difficult, but I got permission from my mission president so I was calling people, responding to emails and things like that. I had known the staff at UVU previously, and my family is from the Salt Lake area, so I found my home there."

## Battling Injury

Off to a promising beginning as a starting forward for Utah Valley University, Brown averaged 9.3

rebounds and 14.6 PPG while shooting at a clip of 48.7% from the field. She also emerged as a dominant defensive presence, averaging 2.5 steals and 2.4 blocks per game.

"I was just happy that I got to play again. I loved it there, and it was a good

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## 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!

- Dallas Mavericks star Kyrie Irving wants to play for what country in the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles? Hint: He was born in Melbourne.
- As the second half of the NBA season began, two players were scoring more than 30 points per game. Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo is one. What Oklahoma City Thunder player is the other?
- Its opponent is still to be announced, but what AFC West team will play its NFL regular-season opener in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Sept. 5?
- BYU men's basketball beat Kansas by 34 points, 91-57, on Feb. 18. What Jayhawks head coach said "we were awful, and I thought they were great" in describing one of the worst losses the team has suffered during his tenure?
- What Boston Red Sox third baseman staked his claim to the position after the team signed Alex Bregman to a three-year contract last week?
- John Madden's grandson, Jesse Madden, landed his first NFL coaching job last week as an offensive quality control coach with what NFC East team?
- True or False: When the team played against Utah and BYU last week, Kansas never led at any point in either game.
- UConn women's basketball came through with a 29-point blowout win on the road Feb. 16 that ended what team's 71-game home court winning streak?
- How many Big 12 men's basketball teams are ranked in the top 10 as of Feb. 19?

- When the U.S. faced Canada during the 4 Nations Face-Off last week, how many fights happened within the first nine seconds of a 3-1 U.S. victory?.
- The Los Angeles Dodgers made its 22nd appearance in the World Series in 2024. How many championships has the team won?
- What National League team has gone the longest (29 years) without winning a playoff series?

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- Cleveland Cavaliers and Oklahoma City Thunder. Both teams had 44-10 records at the All-Star break.
- Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts.
- Clayton Kershaw.
- Major League Soccer started with 10 teams and debuted 30 years ago. Real Salt Lake was born in 2005.
- True. The Wizards are 9-45 heading into the second half of the NBA season.
- Auburn and Alabama.
- UCLA. The Bruins are no longer undefeated after losing 71-60 to the Trojans on Feb. 13. UCLA is No. 3 and USC is up to No. 4 in the latest rankings.
- Tom Holmoe.
- Saquon Barkley.
- Matt Patricia.
- The Yankees beat the Philadelphia Phillies to win the 2009 World Series.
- Amalie Arena in Tampa on April 4 and April 6.

## Dream season for CV basketball teams

As you read the words contained in this week's column, please keep in mind that both Canyon View basketball teams will have already played in the 3A state basketball tournament at the UCCU Center in Orem. The champions were crowned Feb. 26, and a full story on CV's run will appear in next week's issue. When the Canyon View girls basketball program won its only 3A state title in 2006, head coach Jaycee Barnhurst was 11 years old. She recalled the winning moment she watched in person at the Dee Events Center on the Weber State campus. Brenna Morgan hit a shot, got fouled and converted a 3-point play that beat the Emery Spartans, 38-37 and finished off a 24-1 season. That was

then with the late Steve Hodson on the bench. Now Barnhurst gets to take her shot at winning a second 3A title for the school. The Falcons entered the 2025 state playoffs with an impressive resume, winning the Region 12 title with a 12-2 record by two full games over runner-up Emery. They entered the playoffs as the No. 2 seed and sat at 19-5 overall after beating Juan Diego 64-38 in their second-round game played Feb. 14. CV started its run to the trophy with a third meeting against the No. 7 Juab Wasps on Feb. 24. The teams split the regular-season meetings, each winning on their home court, but the playoffs provide a different focus when a neutral site is involved. Under Barnhurst, the Falcons have made it to the third day of the state tournament the last two seasons, but lost to Richfield in the quarterfinals each time to fall to that point. Canyon View beat Summit Academy to finish fifth a year ago, but the belief and potential are there to not only get past the quarterfinal, but have a seriously good shot at winning the whole thing. On the boys side under third-year head coach Kim Blackner, Canyon View has overcome a lot of obstacles along the way

and comes into the 3A quarterfinals with a 20-4 mark. The Falcons had to overcome a second-round loss to the Union Cougars at home a year ago, and having senior scoring leaders Ty Attig and Felps Sanders at full health has made a difference. Like the girls, CV's boys team won its only state title in 1999 under Hodson when the school was just two years old. This year's Falcon team came into the quarterfinals with a 20-4 record and finished 12-2 in Region 12 play, good for a surprising share of the title with Richfield.

When Canyon View beat the Wildcats at home in the regular-season finale Feb. 7, it bumped them up to the No. 2 seed in the RPI. CV beat Ben Lomond 85-34 at home in the second-round playoff opener

Feb. 15 and earned a quarterfinal matchup against Judge Memorial. Not only are the Bulldogs seeded 7th, but they came in as the defending 3A champion. The Falcons are well aware how Judge held on down the stretch after blowing big leads in last year's semifinal win over Ogden and in the championship game against South Summit. In a doubly-ironic twist, if CV was able to advance past Judge, they could have faced either a rematch with Richfield or a revenge game against the Cougars, who are seeded sixth. If the Falcons were able to run the table and hold the championship trophy, it would make them the most successful team in school history with 23 wins. Stay tuned. North Side pride is clearly spreading with two more state titles ready for the taking.



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##### Region 12

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RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

#### Boys Basketball

##### Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	12-2	20-4
Richfield (3)	12-2	18-5
Juab (5)	10-4	18-6
Emery (9)	8-6	12-12
Manti (13)	5-8	7-14
Delta (10)	4-9	11-11
Carbon (14)	2-12	5-19
North Sanpete (16)	2-12	4-17

#### Girls Basketball

##### Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	12-2	19-5
Emery (5)	10-4	14-10
Richfield (6)	9-5	14-11
Juab (7)	9-5	14-8
Manti (10)	8-6	12-11
North Sanpete (13)	4-10	7-17
Carbon (14)	4-10	7-18
Delta (17)	0-14	4-18

## BROWN

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married during that period of time."

Unfortunately, her outstanding 2022-2023 season was cut short by injury. After undergoing microfracture knee surgery, Brown endured a grueling six-month recovery process that took even more of a toll mentally than physically. Thankfully, during her time with the Wolverines, she met her husband, Ammon Brown, who supported her through the struggle of returning from injury.

As she returned to full health, Brown entered the transfer portal for a second time. SUU Head Coach Tracy Mason reached out to her and invited her to visit. Loving her small experience with the Thunderbirds, Brown decided a move to Southern Utah could be the way to go. However, a new discovery shifted her plans for the rest of her student-athlete experience.

### Becoming a Mother

"The first time I was in the portal, I was on my mission. The second time I was in the portal, I found out I was pregnant at the same time. Again, I was in this place wondering if I was going to keep playing, if somebody was going to take me, if I wanted to go through that," Brown shared. "I wasn't really sure what to do, but I just called Tracy and told her, 'This is my situation, I didn't know, but I still want to play if you will have me.' She took a chance on me, and now I'm here."

Shortly after realizing motherhood was just around the corner, Brown joined Mason and the Thunderbirds. She spent much of her pregnancy sick but gave birth to her daughter Sky in November of 2023. Prepared once again to return to play — this time as a mom — Brown found another injury hurdle blocking the way of her basketball career.



place for me, but some things just didn't work out," Brown said. "I feel like I learned a lot. I met my husband and got

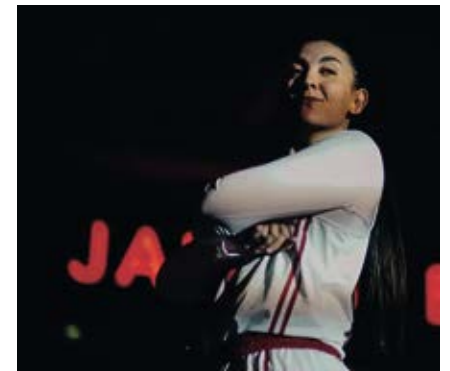
and a family," Brown said. "Throughout my recovery, my husband helped me have faith, recover, and encouraged me to keep trying to play again."

Despite the overwhelming obstacles she faced in returning for another year of collegiate basketball, Brown persevered and was finally cleared to play with the Thunderbirds in the 2024-2025 season.

### A Year to Remember

Although the SUU women's basketball season has had its ups and downs, Brown said this season is unlike any other she's experienced.

"I feel like this year of basketball for me has been the most rewarding. Since I have a family now, it's very



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## Riverhawks beat Reds in 4A quarterfinal

by Tom Zulewski

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For the briefest of moments, Cedar's Mya Bishoff drained a 3-pointer that gave the Reds the lead over Ridgeline. Thanks to Emilee Skinner, it didn't take long for the Riverhawks to grab control and keep the dream of a 4A championship three-peat very much alive.

Skinner scored 17 of her game-high 23 points in the first half, and Ridgeline sailed into the 4A state tournament semifinals with a 52-32 win over Cedar on Feb. 20 at the America First Events Center in Cedar City. The Riverhawks stayed unbeaten on the season at 26-0 and won their 48th straight game.

In spite of the loss that ended Cedar's season with a 14-9 record, head

coach Corry Nielson had plenty of reasons to be thankful for the effort the Reds gave.

"We asked the team to play hard, and they did," Nielson said. "We had open shots, but couldn't put them in. Our game plan worked out as we had hoped. Sometimes the shots go in, sometimes they don't."

After Bishoff hit the first of her two 3-pointers, Skinner got inside for a layup and the Riverhawks raced out to a 16-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. Later in the second, after Jaylin York hit a short jumper, Skinner scored the Riverhawks' final seven points of the half in a 10-0 run that stretched the margin to 32-12 at the break.

Not bad for a player bound for Duke who was dealing with an illness during the week.

"It's been quite the week for her," Ridgeline head coach Ainsli Jenks said of Skinner. "Em goes out there and you can see it. She just wants to be out there with her teammates and wants to work. Those girls trust her and she trusts them."

Cedar outrebounded Ridgeline, 34-29, but committed 19 turnovers. Senior Annalyse Shimada and junior Gabby Gomez scored 10 points apiece to lead the Reds. Like her head coach, Shimada found plenty of good in the effort put forth, including the defensive challenge that came with facing Skinner.

"We kept them in a low-scoring game," Shimada said of Ridgeline. "(Skinner) is a very good player and really smart.

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Annalyse Shimada scores a basket inside over two Ridgeline defenders during Cedar's game against the Riverhawks on Feb. 20. Ridgeline defeated Cedar, 52-32, and Shimada scored 10 points in her final game.

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## RIVERWALKS

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**Ridgeline 52**  
**Cedar 32**

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Ridgeline 16 16 10 10 - 52

**Cedar** - Shimada 10, Gomez 10, Bishoff 6, York 4, Bromley 2. Totals 11 5-7 32. 3-pointers - Shimada 1, Gomez 2, Bishoff 2.

**Ridgeline** - Skinner 23, Mumford 9, Jenks 8, Smith 5, Brown 5, Hess 2. Totals 20 8-20 52. 3-pointers - Skinner 1, Jenks 2, Smith 1.

You've got to stay in front of her, know she's gonna score her points, and help defensively on everyone else. When you hold them down, that helps a lot." Shimada, bound for Division I Lafayette College to play volleyball, came off the basketball floor for the final time with less than two minutes left to hugs from Nielson and the rest of her teammates.

"I don't know how you'll ever replace someone like Annalyse," Nielson said. "She's played point, she's played 2, every position on the floor. What an incredible person, so versatile."

Ridgeline advanced to play 12th-seeded Dixie in the semifinals Feb. 21. The Flyers upset No. 4 Provo 66-63 in overtime to advance. Full results are in the Prep Scoreboard.

## BROWN

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different. I feel like my priorities are kind of different,

but it's been a really special experience to have a family and then come to basketball and have a family here too," Brown explained. "Everyone has been so supportive and patient with me in the process and it's been so fun to have a baby and bring her and my husband around. It's a family thing, on and off the court, and that has meant a lot to me."

With a hectic schedule and a family to care for this time, Brown has significantly adjusted how she manages her time. She works with her husband to ensure that when one of them has work, classes, or practice, the other can be home and take care of Sky.

Brown said, "A lot of people ask me 'How do you do it?' or 'Is it so hard?' and it is, but the support system that we've had has made everything feel way less hard than it should be."

Every time she has to travel with the team, her mom makes the trip to Cedar City as reinforcements while Brown is searching for SUU road wins. In addition, the veteran player shared that her freshman teammates make

the best babysitters when she needs extra help.

"I think the most rewarding part of it will be in a few years when I can look back and say that I did this, and I finished. I'm excited to tell Sky about all the hard things I was able to do as a mom and a student-athlete," Brown shared. "I'm really excited to look back on it and say that I did my best and that she can do that too with whatever she wants to do."

Brown's leadership on the young Thunderbird team has been immeasurable and the story of her resilience will not be forgotten by her SUU family.

"Jaeden has been such an important part of our team on and off the court. She offers such a mature presence, and she's a huge supporter and mentor to her younger teammates," Coach Mason said. "She is so skilled and works so hard. She holds herself to an incredibly high standard, and those are the players you love to coach. Her ability to manage being a mom, a full-time student, and a Division I basketball player has been remarkable to watch. I have so much respect for her and what she's accomplished, and I'm so grateful she decided to play one more year with us."



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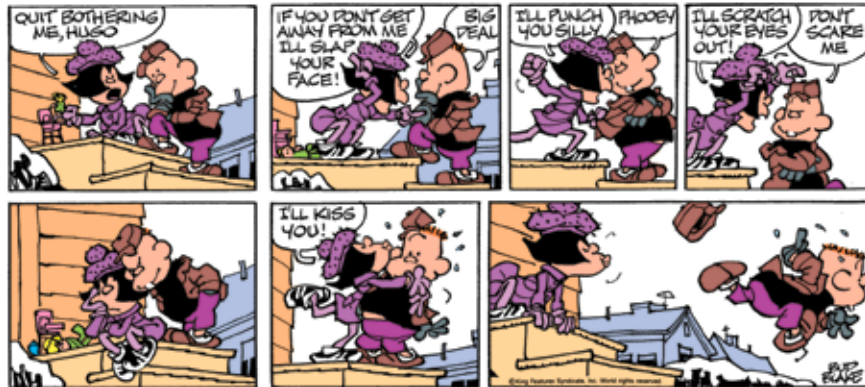
# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Doubtfire or Dalloway
- 4 Pesky insect
- 8 Blaze
- 12 "Alley —"
- 13 Verdi heroine
- 14 Booty
- 15 Sugar suffix
- 16 Some online essays
- 18 Doppler device
- 20 "Diamonds" singer
- 21 Brzezinski of MSNBC
- 24 Group character
- 28 Coin that keeps turning up
- 32 Stitched
- 33 Artist Yoko
- 34 "— luck!"
- 36 Actor Stephen
- 37 Euro fraction
- 39 Pub game
- 41 Cognizant
- 43 "No seats" signs
- 44 Olympics chant
- 46 Loan shark's crime
- 50 Ginsberg and Kerouac, for two
- 55 — Maria

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- 7 Labels
- 8 Parade attractions
- 9 Cyclades island
- 10 Decay
- 11 UFO engineers
- 17 Diner dessert
- 19 Sound booster
- 22 Handle
- 23 Poker payments
- 25 Medal earner
- 26 Actor Clive
- 27 Hitch
- 28 — Raton, Fla.
- 29 From the start
- 30 Lady of Spain
- 31 Belgian river
- 35 Stir up
- 38 "We hold these — to be ..."
- 40 Letter addenda, for short
- 42 Sixth sense
- 45 Top-notch
- 47 Beehive State
- 48 Get up
- 49 Tibetan herd
- 50 "Kapow!"
- 51 Before
- 52 Play segment
- 53 Where Lux. is
- 54 Ring decision

## DOWN

- 1 Heath
- 2 Activist Parks
- 3 Raced
- 4 Angel with a trumpet
- 5 Zero
- 6 Commotion

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# 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. Sign is lower. 2. Log is moved. 3. Ribow patch is longer. 4. Cap is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Jacket is

- 1. "Love, American Style"; 2. Agatha Christie; 3. Chicago, Illinois;
- 4. The Rio Grande; 5. Jupiter; 6. Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado;
- 7. Pollination by the wind; 8. 8.5 pounds; 9. An intense dust storm; 10. 1,000

Trivia Test Answers

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

## Answers

King Crossword



- 1. TELEVISION: The show "Happy Days" is a spinoff of which older sitcom?
- 2. LITERATURE: Which author created the character Hercule Poirot?
- 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where is Barack Obama's presidential library located?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: What river forms part of the border between the United States and Mexico?
- 5. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the strongest gravitational field?
- 6. U.S. STATES: Which four states intersect at the Four Corners monument?
- 7. SCIENCE: What is anemophily?
- 8. MOVIES: How much does an Oscar award trophy weigh?
- 9. WEATHER: What is a haboob?
- 10. MEASUREMENTS: How many millimeters are in a meter?

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