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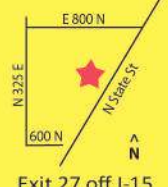


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frigid temps
to save three
stranded snowmobilers near
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compete April 3

STORY IN LIFE



State Employment Skills winner Katelyn Green with Cedar FFA Advisor McKayla Plewe.

Cedar FFA Member Headed to Nationals

by McKayla Plewe

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Katelyn Green, a dedicated member of the Cedar FFA Chapter, has been named the winner of the prestigious Utah FFA State Employment Skills Leadership Development Event (LDE). This competition, held annually at the area and state level, challenges high school students to demonstrate their ability to perform in various

real-world job-related activities.

The Employment Skills LDE simulates a comprehensive hiring process, mirroring the steps employers take when considering job applicants. Contestants like Green must showcase a wide range of skills and abilities to navigate through each stage. First, students submit a professional cover letter and resume, highlighting their qualifications and experience.

The competition intensifies during the face-to-face interview portion, where students are asked to present themselves professionally, answer questions on the spot, and respond to situational challenges. Beyond the interview, participants are also tasked with engaging in networking activities, such as delivering an elevator pitch, attending a meal function, or even participating in a trade show event. Finally, students receive a simulated telephone job offer, where they must negotiate their terms to secure the position.

Throughout the event, partic-

ipants like Katelyn use a variety of leadership skills to excel, including active listening, problem-solving, decision-making, and refining their written and oral communication abilities. The event not only prepares students for future job opportunities but also equips them with vital skills that are applicable in both career settings and everyday life.

As a result of her victory, Green will now represent Utah FFA at the upcoming National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this October. She will compete at the national level against other state winners from across the country, showcasing her skills in a broader, more competitive environment.

The Employment Skills LDE is an essential part of the FFA's mission to build leadership, character, and career success in students. By participating in events like this, members like Katelyn Green are gaining valuable insights into what it takes to succeed in today's competitive job market, setting them up for future success in their careers.

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Cedar City financial manager accused of embezzling \$165,000 through forged checks

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City woman is facing multiple felony charges after allegedly writing unauthorized business checks to her husband and depositing them into the couple's joint bank account.

Carolyn Rae Orton, 53, was arrested March 14 and booked into the Iron County Jail on suspicion of 10 counts of theft of more than \$5,000, each a second-degree felony. She was released later that evening after posting \$10,000 bail.

According to court documents filed in 5th District Court in support of the arrest, the investigation began when the Cedar City Police Department received a report from a local business about large sums

of money missing from its account. The business name is not listed in the affidavit.

The company's owner told police that Orton, the business's financial manager, had issued multiple checks without authorization, all made out to her husband, Mark Orton. A review of the account revealed 13 such checks totaling more than \$165,000. The checks had reportedly been cashed at State Bank of Southern Utah between December 2022 and March 2024.

In each case, the checks were deposited into the couple's joint personal account. Detectives wrote in the affidavit that the company owner confirmed there were no legitimate reasons for the payments and that none had been approved.

Police obtained copies of the checks in question, along with

bank documentation showing the deposits into the Ortons' account. Each check reportedly ranged from \$6,000 to nearly \$15,000.

When interviewed by investigators, Orton was read her Miranda rights and agreed to speak.

"She admitted to being in trouble and admitted to creating the checks, forging her husband's name and depositing it in their personal account," the affidavit states.

A search of Utah court records shows no prior criminal history for Orton.

The investigation remains active, and police noted that further charges are expected as they continue reviewing financial records tied to the case.

If convicted on all charges, Orton could face up to 15 years in prison for each count.

Rescuers brave frigid temps to save three stranded snowmobilers near Cedar Breaks

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three men stranded in deep snow near Cedar Breaks National Monument were rescued Wednesday night after one of their snowmobiles became stuck during a ride to Brian Head.

At approximately 8 p.m. on March 19, Iron County dispatch received a call from one of the snowmobilers who reported that his machine was stuck and his two friends had left to get help. He told authorities he was cold and not prepared for the elements.

Iron County Search and Rescue's snow team responded, and four members began searching the area off State Route 14. The caller and one of his friends were located together. Both were cold but not in immediate danger, according to Iron County Sheriff Lt. Shawn Peterson.

"The third individual had left the group to go back to the truck and get help because they couldn't get the snowmobile unstuck," said Lt. Shawn Peterson with the Iron County Sheriff's Office. "He ended up getting turned around in the snow and was missing when our team arrived."

A third man had attempted to return to their truck to get help but became disoriented in the snow and was missing

when rescuers arrived. After an extensive search, he was located approximately one mile from the other two. He was suffering from hypothermia and required emergency medical care.

Rescuers transported him in a tracked vehicle to a staging area, where an ambulance was waiting. He was then taken to Cedar City Hospital and admitted for treatment.

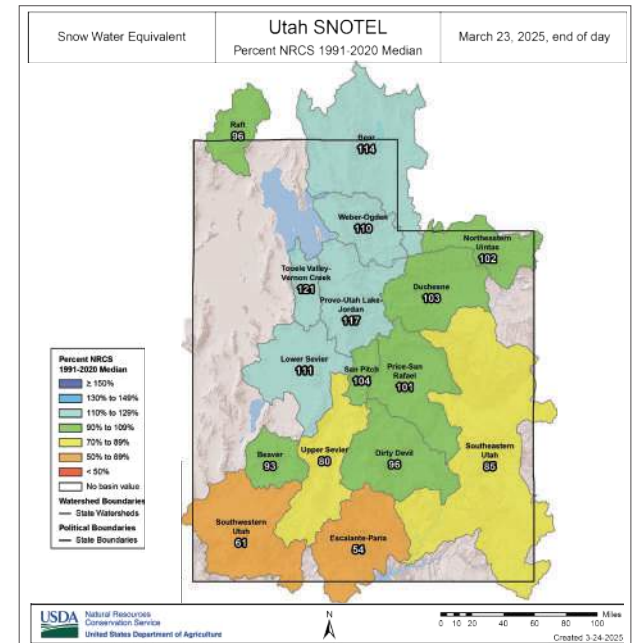
The men had reportedly been snowmobiling from SR-14 to Brian Head to get pizza when they got stuck. Peterson said they were stranded for approximately four hours before help arrived.

"The temperature was down to 13 degrees by the time the rescue wrapped up," he said.

All three men survived, with only one requiring hospitalization.

Peterson said the incident is one of several recent callouts for Search and Rescue volunteers, who have faced a busy season responding to emergencies in difficult winter conditions.

"They're constantly being called out — especially this time of year with the weather and the runaways from local group homes," he said. "They're volunteers, but they give their time, energy, and personal resources to respond whenever they're needed."



4WARN WEATHER



IRON COUNTY FORECAST

WARM & BREEZY WEATHER IS EXPECTED TO WRAP UP THE WORK WEEK.

OUR WEATHER MAY BECOME MORE ACTIVE AGAIN AS WE MOVE INTO THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

Check your local forecast anytime at:
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THURSDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY
72°/43°

PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: SW 20-30

FRIDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY
63°/40°

PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: S 10-20

SATURDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY
56°/32°

PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: NW 5-15

SUNDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY
61°/31°

PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: NW 5-10

MONDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY
62°/35°

PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: W 5-10

TUESDAY

FEW SHOWERS
62°/35°

PRECIP: 30%
WINDS: W 5-10

WEDNESDAY

SHOWERS
67°/37°

PRECIP: 50%
WINDS: NW 5-10

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Spring has officially arrived! With the Spring Equinox behind us and April just beginning, we are stepping into longer days, warmer weather, and the undeniable sense of renewal that this season brings. Whether

you've already noticed the first blooms of the season or are still waiting for winter's chill to fully fade, there's something refreshing about this time of year that awakens the senses and lifts the spirit.

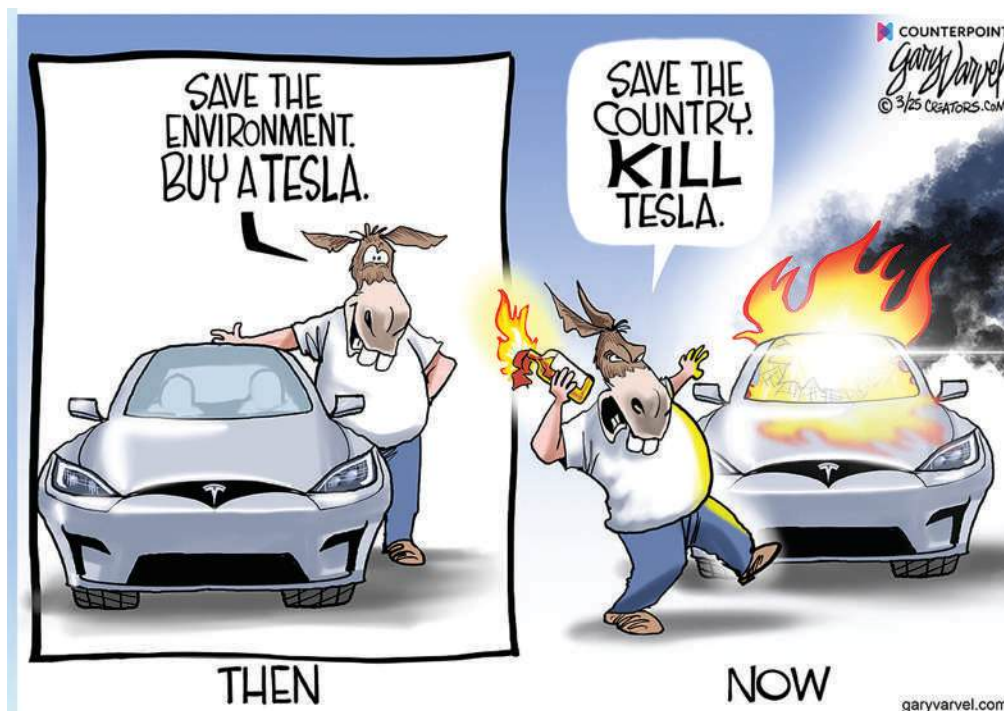
April always feels like a turning point—a time to shake off the cold, clean out the old, and embrace new beginnings. It's a season of growth, renewal, and fresh possibilities, whether that means planting a garden, enjoying more time outdoors, or simply taking a moment to appreciate the beauty of nature returning to life. The crisp morning air, the smell of fresh rain, and the sight of trees budding with new leaves remind us that change is constant—and often, it's beautiful.

Spring also brings a renewed sense of community. Warmer weather encourages us to get outside, reconnect with neighbors, and take part in local events and activities. From farmers' markets to outdoor concerts and family-friendly festivities, there's no shortage of ways to celebrate this vibrant time of year. It's a perfect opportunity to explore new places, create fresh memories, and find joy in the simple pleasures of spring. What are your favorite spring traditions? Do you have a go-to local hike, family activity, or unique way to embrace the season? Maybe you have gardening tips, spring recipes, or favorite spots to see wildflowers in bloom. Whatever it is, we'd love for you to share your stories with us.

WORD OF THE WEEK

LIMINAL
[lim-inal]
adjective

Occupying a position at, or on both sides of, a boundary or threshold



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When Women Prosper, Families Thrive

PART III

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It has been just over 100 years since women got the right to vote in federal elections even though our American Republic was established in 1776, a length of time of about 250 years. Women were disenfranchised for longer than we can imagine. Currently, there are 26 women serving in the U.S. Senate with 2 of them African Americans. (Go the following website for more detailed information and a timeline of women's participation in American politics: cawp.rutger.edu. CAWP stands for Center for American Women and Politics.)

Throughout history

there have been many women who were leaders. One that I didn't know about until recently was Boudica, a British queen who led a failed uprising against the conquering Roman Empire in about 60 A.D. She is considered a British national heroine and a symbol of the struggle for justice and independence. Please read about her on Wikipedia. In her revolt, Tacitus, a Roman historian, reports that many Roman settlements were destroyed. Boudica's forces were peasants and countrymen. While Boudica and her British followers lost the battle to professional Roman soldiers, the crisis caused Nero to consider withdrawing all of his Roman imperial forces from Britain.

Suffragettes (women seeking the right to vote through organized protest) and women political leaders we should remember are numerous which you can check out on Wikipedia and on the National Park Service website about Women's History including a list of Utah suffragists on Wikipedia. Please also consider reading about the following women leaders:

- 1) Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of FDR, changed the way first ladies were regarded for the work she did during and after her husband died in the U.S.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."

- Laura Ingalls Wilder

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WOMEN PROSPER

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presidential office. Among her many volunteer works, she was the first Chair of the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women and the first United States Representative to the United Nations on Human Rights.

- 2) Jane Addams was an American settlement activist, reformer, social worker, sociologist, public administrator, and in 1889 co-founder of Hull House in Chicago providing social services to poor immigrant families.
- 3) Susan B. Anthony was a suffragist, abolitionist, and activist for women's rights.
- 4) Septima Poinsette Clark, an educator and civil rights activist who worked to register African American voters.
- 5) Wilhelmina Kekelaokalaninui Dowsett was a suffragist in Hawaii.
- 6) Dolores Huerta, a labor organizer and co-founder of the National Farm Workers Association who worked to

register agricultural workers to vote.

I highly recommend the following book by Elaine Weiss, an award-winning journalist, author, and public speaker: "Spell Freedom: The Underground Schools That Built the Civil Rights Movement". The book is about the summer of 1954, when educator Septima Clark and small businessman Esau Jenkins travelled to rural Tennessee's Highlander Folk School, an interracial training center for social change founded by Myles Horton, a white southerner with roots in the labor movement. The trio united behind a shared mission to prepare Black southerners to pass the daunting Jim Crow era voter registration literacy tests that were designed to disenfranchise them. Weiss has written many other books that I also recommend including "Fruits of Victory: The Woman's Land Army of the Great War", and "The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote". Women have a lot of valuable guidance to offer our society. I just ran across the work of Dr. Pamela Prince Pyle who has spent more than three decades caring for people both in the United States and Rwanda where in that journey, she has had a front-row seat as many people have left their earthly bodies to transition to their heavenly homes. We will glean from her wisdom in our article next week as she recalls divine and supernatural moments when patients cross over into eternity—wisdom gleaned from actual experience.

southern utah university

Southern Utah University Celebrates Legacy and Future with 2025 Founders Week

by Brooke Heath

SUU COMMUNICATIONS

Southern Utah University is proud to announce its annual Founders Week celebration, scheduled for March 24th through March 29th. This week-long tribute honors the institution's storied past and looks forward to its promising future, celebrating the visionary individuals who shaped SUU's enduring legacy.

Founders Week serves as a poignant reminder of the heroism and selflessness that established SUU, reinforcing the significant value of higher education. The 2025 celebration will feature diverse events, paying homage to the steadfast founders and those who have continued to build upon their vision.

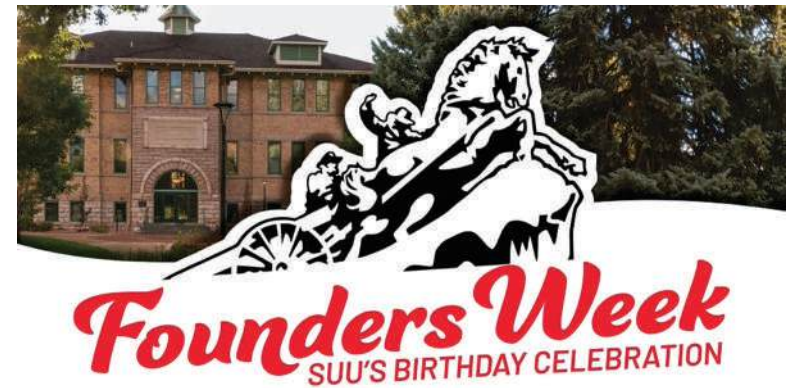
The 2025 Founders Week events include:

Tuesday, March 25

- Howard R. Driggs Memorial Lecture
 - 11:30 a.m. in the Gilbert Great Hall, Hunter Alumni Center.
 - Featuring Dr. Kurt Graham, president of the Adams Presidential Center.
- Library Therapy Dogs
 - 2 p.m. to 4p.m. at the library
- Catch Carter Carillon scavenger hunt continues.

Wednesday, March 26

- Lunch on the Main
 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Old Main, ELC



Plaza, Library Plaza, Centurium, Founders Monument, Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), and the Sharwan Smith Center Rotunda.

- Enjoy food and stories from SUU's founding.
- Catch Carter Carillon Scavenger hunt continues.

Thursday, March 27

- Fossil Find
 - Noon to 1 p.m. at the Svoboda GeoScience Building.
- Center for Hope Open House
 - 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate the fifth anniversary of the center with a tour and light refreshments.
- Catch Carter Carillon scavenger hunt continues.

Friday, March 28

- Donuts & *Back Up the Mountain* Screening
 - 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Sharwan Smith

Student Center Living Room.

- Founders Banquet
 - 6:30 p.m., Gilbert Great Hall, Hunter Alumni Center.
 - Terri Hartley and Lee Byers will receive Distinguished Service Awards.
- Red Friday
- Catch Carter Carillon scavenger hunt continues.

Saturday, March 29

- Day of Service
 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join T-Bird Nation in a day of service to the local community.
- International Prom
 - 9 p.m. to midnight

Founders Week is a cherished tradition, allowing the SUU community to reflect on its rich heritage and celebrate the enduring spirit of its founders. This year's events promise to engage and inspire, fostering a deeper appreciation for the University's remarkable journey.

For more information about Founders Week and its events, please visit the Founder's Week website.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Parowan City Council

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Readers: Please refer to the complete detailed meeting summary posted at ironcountytoday.com.

The first order of business was the public comment period, where a resident brought attention to a significant number of dead fish observed at Meeks Pond, prompting a commitment from the council to investigate the issue.

The bulk of the meeting centered around a presentation by the Southern Utah Veterans Association (SUVA). Chuck Waddell, the organization's founder and president, delivered a compelling personal narrative interwoven with the association's ambitious plan to construct a Veterans Art Center. This \$30 million project, designed to serve veterans, senior citizens, and at-risk youth, aims to combat issues like PTSD and suicide through community engagement and therapeutic arts programs. The presentation included detailed renderings and site plans, showcasing a planned replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and a sizable amphitheater. The SUVA emphasized their pursuit of private funding for the project.

The action items commenced with the formal introduction of new police officer Jed Imlay. The council then approved the Smith PUE easement agreement for the water recharge project, a crucial step in the project's advancement. Two separate motions, both passing unanimously, approved land acquisitions for the bridge project using corridor preservation funds. A zone change request was temporarily tabled pending further review by the

Planning Commission. Subsequent ordinance approvals included updates to regulations on cargo storage containers (Ordinance 2025-05) and revisions to appeal authority procedures (Ordinance 2025-06), both passing unanimously by roll call vote. An ordinance allowing preschools in commercial zones (Ordinance 2025-07) also received unanimous approval. A revised organizational chart prioritizing citizen engagement was adopted without opposition.

The council then debated extending EAP benefits to part-time employees and volunteer firefighters, resulting in a 4-1 vote in favor. A decision regarding a change in fire alarm monitoring services led to a 4-1 vote to temporarily contract with Southern Utah Alarm while seeking additional bids. The addition of a part-time recreation director assistant (Item 20) was approved 4-1, with a 15-hour weekly cap incorporated into the final motion.

The meeting's latter half involved work agenda items, including discussions on a South Central Franchise Agreement and proposed language for transferring burial rights. These discussions involved detailed analysis of legal implications and community impact. The meeting concluded with individual reports from council members, highlighting various community initiatives and events, and a closed session to address personnel matters and real estate strategies.

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>

Cedar City Planning Commission

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The commission addressed zoning and development matters, including zone changes for the Cedar Trails area near the Cedar City Sign on Old Highway 91. A representative from Brown Consulting Engineers proposed aligning zoning with the Cedar Trails RDO master plan, converting areas to R-2 for single-family homes, R-3M for townhomes and apartments, and Central Commercial for businesses. The commission confirmed the changes wouldn't affect previously approved density and unanimously approved the recommendation.

The commission discussed a text amendment to raise the maximum building plate height from 20 to 24 feet. A representative explained that modern home designs with 9-foot ceilings and proper floor trusses often exceed the current limit, requiring costly modifications. The restriction measures from the highest front grade to the top plate. City staff had no objections, and the fire department confirmed they could accommodate the change. After considering a higher limit, the commission unanimously approved the increase to 24 feet.

Jason Ashworth requested a zoning change for his half-acre property at 1600 North Wedgewood Lane from Low Density (LD) to Central Commercial. Surrounded by a 13-acre commercial parcel, a detention center, and R3-zoned apartments, Ashworth argued that residential zoning was impractical.

While he could build a six-unit apartment complex, he proposed a 50x100-foot commercial building for small businesses instead. Nearby residents voiced concerns about road access and noise but were

generally supportive. The Commission acknowledged the property's unique situation and approved a motion to recommend changing both the General Plan designation and zoning to Central Commercial.

The Planning Commission discussed an ordinance amendment on tandem parking for tiny homes, proposing to allow tandem parking for detached units under 750 sq. ft., with one space per bedroom. Currently, developments with over four units require 1.3 spaces per bedroom when using tandem parking.

The Commission debated parking adequacy, guest overflow concerns, and broader impacts. They recommended approval with modifications: applying the rule to detached units, allowing tandem or parallel parking (excluding garages), and requiring two guest spaces per unit. The developer clarified that the project would feature 25'x25' pitched-roof structures, though the ordinance was not project-specific.

The commission reviewed a road vacation request to reduce a 66-foot road at 400 East and 325 South to 45 feet for a personal residence. Concerns included the 10-inch water line requiring an easement, fire truck access, fairness of the vacation process, and potential impact on neighboring properties.

Neighbors expressed concerns about access and fairness, with one requesting equal opportunity to purchase vacated road frontage. Another owner had previously invested in plans for the area but had no objections as long as there were no multiple homes accessing the road.

The commission debated the request, considering fairness, future developments, and maintenance responsibilities. After initial motions failed, the decision was tabled 4-1 for more information and to ask adjacent property owners if they wanted their road portion vacated.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Police Chief Adams updated traffic safety at North Elementary and detailed the new License Plate Reader (LPR) system, emphasizing its focus on vehicle data, 30-day retention, and access controls.

Citizen Adam Han raised privacy concerns about LPR cameras, suggesting more transparency and a civilian oversight board. The council acknowledged the concerns while highlighting crime prevention benefits.

The Council discussed a deferral agreement for roadway improvements on West View Drive related to the 4B Ranch Phase 5 development. The developer explained that a new ordinance required extending road improvements half a mile east of the current phase.

The agreement proposed adding a deceleration lane at Phase 5 while deferring full improvements (curb, gutter, sidewalk) until either development occurs on the frontage property or the city widens the road. Staff emphasized that West View is planned as a five-lane arterial with a 100-foot right-of-way. The developer cited grade challenges in the northern section, proposing a shorter improvement stretch, while staff pushed for extending it further.

A neighboring development is already installing road improvements, and the city owns land for a future fire station nearby. The Council discussed whether fire station construction could trigger additional roadwork obligations.

Legal concerns were raised about enforcing deferral agreements as ownership changes, with suggestions to place liens on Phase 5 lots to ensure compliance. The Council also debated whether partial improvements would create traffic issues and if coordination with county plans was preferable. No final decision was made, with further discussion planned next week.

The Council discussed water infrastructure challenges in the 3900 West area, focusing on a needed waterline connection for the Magnolia Field subdivision and surrounding developments. The primary concern was creating a redundant connection to address fire flow deficiencies.

An engineering report estimated the cost of a waterline crossing Highway 56 at \$800,000, including boring under the highway and railroad, inspection fees, high material costs, and a pressure reducing valve (PRV). Alternative connections, such as linking to the Iron

County Water Conservancy District or Port 15, were considered but deemed more expensive. Engineering standards require ductile iron pipe downstream of PRVs due to pressure concerns.

A local developer noted surges in the existing PRV on Lund Highway, affecting sprinkler systems. He advocated for a looped water system and suggested sharing costs among all beneficiaries, not just new developers.

The Council discussed implementing a reimbursement fee of \$1,000 per residential unit for future developments, with collection tied to building permits or upfront payments for new phases.

The Fire Chief reported that fire flow in some areas falls below the 1,500 GPM requirement but is not an immediate emergency, though additional connections would further reduce it. The discussion will continue Friday with engineering consultants to determine the best solution.

The Council reviewed amendments to the Cedar City Personnel Policy.

The first removes the outdated "regular part-time" classification, now replaced by part-time or full-time status.

The second updates timekeeping, replacing physical clocks with a digital system and rounding hours to the quarter-hour, easing payroll management as staff grew from 40 to 500.

The third introduces a "holiday bank," allowing employees working holidays to bank eight hours, with up to 16 hours carried over for 90 days after the fiscal year.

Iron County School Board Meeting

Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The board's first agenda item was a training session on "School AI," a new tool to support teachers and students. The superintendent explained that while it doesn't provide curriculum, it offers instructional aids like teacher assistants, personalized learning, and AI-powered lesson planning, with safeguards to ensure appropriate use.

Board members tested its interactive features, such as analyzing Patrick Henry's speech, noting its ability to personalize responses, engage students, and provide feedback. Teachers retain full control to align content with Utah standards.

The district invested about \$15,000 in implementation, and discussions covered

AI's role in grading, content sharing, and policy compliance.

The board discussed internet content filtering for school devices. The IT administrator outlined the district's system, which blocks inappropriate content, logs student web activity, and enforces Google Safe Search. Commonly blocked sites include YouTube, Snapchat, and Facebook. School-issued devices remain filtered both on and off campus.

A board member suggested forming a content committee to track filtering breaches. The superintendent noted the existing "Parent Community Concern and Suggestion Form," though some board members were unaware of it. This form allows anonymous reporting, with about three submissions weekly.

The board emphasized improving reporting pathways while maintaining governance boundaries. They agreed to:

- Better inform students, parents, and teachers about reporting procedures.
- Make the reporting form more visible and user-friendly.
- Review filtering data biannually (November and April).

Board members will test the form and report on communication and website improvements at the next work meeting.

The board reviewed key items, starting with an RFP for internal audit services. Lacking funds for a full-time auditor, the district seeks a firm to fulfill this state-required role. Five proposals were received, with a committee set to evaluate them before considering costs.

They also discussed an RFP for a retirement leave policy consultant to balance tier one and tier two systems. Only one proposal was submitted, but administration was confident in the candidate's qualifications.

The board reviewed the annual Title IX report on sports participation and funding at Canyon View, Cedar, and Parowan high schools. The report showed gender equity, though Parowan High has fewer sports due to its size and facility limits.

The board introduced "JBridge," a program connecting students with seniors, inspired by intergenerational research and a volunteer's impact. The district will cover background checks and provide lunches for participants.

The board reviewed policy updates, requiring a parent/guardian for home instruction (706, 708), retiring policy 723 on student incentives, and revising policy 735 on School Community Councils to align with state code. It was suggested to clarify the chair's role and ensure spending compliance.

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Senator Vickers 2025 Legislative Overview



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Friends and Neighbors, It was a powerful and productive 2025 legislative session, and I am grateful to give you an overview of the work accomplished. Power was a top priority

for now and the future, and we as a Legislature are embracing the next chapter in energy by investing in nuclear power. These investments will help secure long-term energy independence, protect ratepayers and establish a resilient, sustainable power grid.

For the second time, we directly increased teacher salaries by providing a direct salary increase of \$1,446 to teachers and a \$1,000 bonus for education support staff, in addition to a 4% WPU (the Weighted Pupil Unit; a formula used to fund education) funding increase to ensure students and educators have the support they need.

We passed legislation to improve firefighter health and safety, providing medical support, cancer screenings and essential training for those protecting our communities.

For the fifth consecutive year, we are reducing taxes across the state. This year's cuts are designed to benefit Utahns at every stage of life.

- Lowering the income tax rate to 4.5%, promoting upward mobility for all Utahns.
- Eliminating social security tax for households earning up to \$90,000, strengthening financial security for Utah's retirees.
- Expanding the child tax credit by two years to help young families thrive.
- Encouraging businesses to invest in the future of Utah's children by providing tax credits for businesses that build and operate a childcare facility for their employees.

New Rankings Demonstrate Utah's High Quality of Life

- Utah ranks 8th in the nation in **Highway Performance and Cost-Effectiveness**, with best-in-class infrastructure and smart investments.
- "Utah ranks as the **least federally-dependent red state**, according to WalletHub. The study ranked all 50 states based on their economic dependency on the federal government, based on federal aid and tax returns received."

Tackling the Issues That Matter Most to You

In my pre-session survey, water and affordable housing were identified as top priorities. I want to highlight some of the key pieces of legislation we passed to deliver real solutions on those critical issues. Additionally, we took steps to strengthen our election process and increase the Social Security Tax credit. These efforts reflect

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our commitment to addressing the issues that matter most to you.

Affordable Housing

Owning a home is a key part of the American Dream, but rising costs, interest rates and population growth have made it increasingly difficult for many Utahns. During this session, we took action to make homeownership more attainable by investing \$20 million in the First-Time Home Buyer Program, providing up to \$20,000 in assistance for down payments, closing costs or interest-rate buy-downs. In addition, we passed key legislation to promote affordability and support Utah's growing housing needs.

S.B. 181 *Housing Affordability Amendments* removes garage requirements for affordable, single-family homes while maintaining on-site parking standards. By lowering construction costs, this bill helps reduce home prices and expand affordable housing options.

S.B. 262 *Housing Affordability Modifications* expands infrastructure funding for new developments and creates a new state-run loan structure to help first-time buyers. This innovative program allows borrowers to repay a portion of their loan using home appreciation instead of traditional interest, keeping monthly payments lower.

S.B. 23 *First Home Investment Zone Amendments* clarifies owner-occupancy requirements in First Home Investment Zones, ensuring these zones effectively meet housing demands and create more opportunities for first-time buyers.

Strengthening Utah's Election Process

As the 2025 General Session began, several election bills received significant public attention, including H.B. 300 *Amendments to Election Law*. Many constituents reached out with a clear message: *Don't make it harder to vote*. This aligned with my pre-session survey, where 65% of the 1,500 respondents expressed confidence in Utah's election process, though 53% supported increasing voter verification.

With Utah achieving an impressive 85% voter turnout in the last election, our goal remains clear: *Make it easy to vote and hard to cheat*. H.B. 300 S4 does this, with balancing security with accessibility.

Key provisions of H.B. 300 S4 include:

- Preserving Utah's vote-by-mail system
- Requiring voters to include the last four digits of their driver's license, state ID or Social Security number on mail-in ballots starting in 2026
- Phasing out ballots without ID numbers by 2029 unless valid ID is shown
- Ensuring timely results by requiring ballots to be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Night
- Requiring voters to opt in every eight years to continue receiving a mail-in ballot, with multiple easy ways to do so
- Enhancing communication between voters and election officials via text messaging
- Strengthening the lieutenant governor's ability to investigate voter registration roll inaccuracies

These updates reinforce trust in our elections while maintaining accessibility. By balancing voter confidence with ease of participating, H.B. 300 S4 ensures our elections remain fair, efficient and widely trusted.

Social Security Tax Relief for Utahns

Eliminating the Social Security tax has been a top concern among my constituents, and in my annual survey, it

was the most requested tax relief measure. This year, I strongly supported a full repeal of the state income tax on Social Security. While we didn't achieve that goal, we made meaningful progress by raising the income cap for exemption from \$75,000 to \$90,000 for couples filing jointly under S.B. 71 *Social Security Tax Revisions*.

Although we had enough revenue to eliminate the tax entirely, doing so would have limited our ability to implement other key tax cuts. Instead, the legislature took a balanced approach - reducing the general income tax, expanding the child tax and increasing the Social Security exemption. While I would have preferred to remove the tax completely, I am grateful for the progress we made and remain committed to further reducing the tax burden for Utahns.

Securing Utah's Water Future: Key Investments and Policy Updates

Reliable water supply is critical to Utah's future. Through strategic investments, conservation efforts and smart policies, we are preparing for long-term sustainability. Over the last few years, we have made significant progress, including:

- Investing over \$1 billion in water conservation and infrastructure.
- Establishing a Water Agent and Water Council to enhance statewide coordination and planning.
- Facilitating the donation of 200,000 acre-feet of water rights annually equivalent to the combined volume of Causey, Echo, Pineview Lost Creek and Rockport reservoirs.

Thanks to strong policies, public conservation efforts and two plentiful water years, we are seeing improvements in our water outlook. This year we passed key legislation to continue building on these efforts.

S.B. 80 *Water Fee Amendments* address Utah's growing need for safe and reliable drinking water by allowing the Department of Environmental Quality to impose a consumption-based fee. With federal funding decreasing and unable to keep pace with the state's growth, this bill creates a pathway for a sustainable funding source while incentivizing water conservation. It ensures a thorough review process, requiring approval through public hearings and the Legislature before any fee is implemented.

H.B. 89 *Water Transfer Amendments* enhances oversight of water share transfers by prohibiting the use of small estate affidavit procedures, which allow an estate handler to collect personal property without a court-appointed representative when the estate is considered "small." Currently, some individuals exploit this process to transfer high-value water shares without proper appraisal or oversight. By requiring all water shares to go through probate—the legal process where a court appoints a representative to oversee estate distribution—this bill prevents misuse, enhances legal clarity and simplifies estate transfers.

H.B. 243 *Agricultural Water Optimization Amendments* gives the Agricultural Water Optimization Committee the ability to use specific funds for research, driving advancements in water conservation techniques and promoting more sustainable agricultural practices.

My Legislation

During this session, I passed 12 bills on a range of issues, from clarifying retail incentives to expanding opportunities for licensed dietitians. I also floor-sponsored 26 House bills. Here are some key pieces of legislation I worked on:

Cutting Red Tape With Water Rights

Water is one of our most valuable resources, especially in our district, where managing water rights is critical for farmers and ranchers. However, the process of transferring a water deed has been unnecessarily complicated. Currently, the grantee (recipient) can sign electronically or by fax, but the grantor (original owner) cannot—creating delays and extra paperwork.

S.B. 33 fixes this by allowing both parties to sign electronically or by fax. For Utahns who rely on water rights for agriculture, business and community development, this modernization will save time, reduce hassle and ensure transactions can move forward smoothly. By cutting red tape, we're making it easier for water rights owners to do what they do best—manage and use this essential resource effectively.

Expanding Opportunities for Future CPAs

A strong economy needs skilled Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), but unnecessary barriers have made it harder for qualified professionals to enter the field. S.B. 15 removes the 150-hour education requirement, allowing candidates with a bachelor's degree in accounting or business to qualify. It also streamlines the process for out-of-state and international CPAs to get licensed in Utah and lets individuals take the CPA exam right after earning their degree. Additionally, it gives the Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL) the authority to enforce fines for unlawful CPA practices, ensuring industry integrity. These changes make licensure more accessible while maintaining high professional standards, strengthening Utah's workforce in the process.

Short-Term Rental Regulation Amendments

H.B. 256 grants municipalities and counties the authority to use short-term rental listings as evidence of ordinance violations if supported by additional information. It allows local governments to request the removal of listings that violate business licensing or zoning requirements and permits municipalities to require short-term rental operators to collect transient room tax. However, the bill prohibits municipalities from regulating short-term rental websites themselves.

Expanding Opportunities for Licensed Dietitians in Utah

S.B. 317 aligns Utah with several other states by allowing licensed dietitians to practice across state lines. This legislation facilitates continuity of care for individuals relocating to Utah, including active military personnel, ensuring they can continue their profession without unnecessary barriers.

Clarifying Retail Incentives to Promote Fair and Responsible Development

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

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ensure fairness, promote responsible development and give local governments the clarity to work effectively with retailers.

Supporting Home-Based Food Businesses with Common-Sense Reforms

Home-based food businesses are a growing part of our local economy. Developed in collaboration with local health departments, S.B. 315 addresses challenges faced by microenterprise kitchens, such as the previous requirement that all food be prepared and served on the same day, which made it difficult to produce items like sourdough bread. This bill extends the preparation and service window to 72 hours while ensuring proper food storage standards are met. These changes empower entrepreneurs to expand their operations and contribute to the economy.

Ensuring Safe and Accessible Medical Cannabis in Utah

S.B. 64 enhances safety and accessibility in Utah's medical cannabis program. This bill strengthens surveillance guidelines, streamlines licensing for pharmacies, and expands telehealth options for patient certification. These updates ensure medical cannabis remains safe, efficient, and accessible for those with chronic pain or serious conditions while preventing misuse.

Thank you for your strong support during the 2025 Utah Legislative session. Your continued advocacy, engagement and dedication to the highest ideals in our community make our area of Utah the best in all the world. I will continue to keep you updated as the interim legislative sessions continue through the year. Please reach out anytime with ideas, feedback, or questions, at evickers@le.utah.gov.

CEDAR CITY STAR SEARCH 2025

-Music, Dance, And Much More!

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The 5th annual Cedar City Star Search is a community event hosted by Cedar City Events to showcase local talent in Cedar City and Iron County! 12 finalists performed in front of a live audience and three local celebrity judges for their chance to win \$250 in cash. The audience also voted for the 'Audience Choice Award'. It was an evening of music, dance, and much more. The event was free to the public, but this year they accepted donations for Canyon Creek Services. Canyon Creek Services is a nonprofit organization to help support survivors of domestic violence in Beaver, Iron, and Garfield counties. They are committed to preventing violence through education and community outreach. They rely on community support to continue this vital work and are incredibly grateful to Cedar City Star Search for helping the raise awareness.

This year's Star Search had four categories:

YOUTH DIVISION

Gianna Anuheha Ng
(Division Winner)

TEEN DIVISION

Sophie Heaton
(Division Winner)

ADULT DIVISION

David Lee Williams
(Division Winner)

GROUP DIVISION

Cruise Louthan & Ethan Tempin
(Division Winner)

2025 Local Celebrity Judges:

Garth O. Green,
Cedar City Mayor

Mindy Benson,
Southern Utah University President

Jewly Krause,
Children's Musical Theatre Founder & President

Thank you to this year's sponsor:
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Thank you to "Master Of Ceremonies" Brandon Burk & Tamera Merkle, and all those who made this event a huge success.



LAND FOR SALE NEAR MODENA



Utah Trust Lands Administration is planning to sell 3 parcels of agricultural property at an online auction to be held April 24-29, 2025. Parcel A is 647.89 acres with a starting price of \$356,500. Parcel B is 320 acres with a starting price of \$176,000. Parcel C is 640.88 acres with a starting price of \$352,500. No water rights or agricultural equipment is included with the properties. Financing is available.

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Intermountain Cedar City Hospital Holds Groundbreaking for New Emergency Department

from Brad Gillman

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH



Intermountain Cedar City Hospital hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking to mark the expansion of the hospital's emergency department that will increase access to emergency medicine and enhance care for the growing Southwest Utah community.

The new emergency department will add more emergency rooms, including those dedicated to behavioral health needs.

"We are looking forward to this major milestone for Intermountain Cedar City Hospital and our community as we continue to focus on the growing health needs for this area," said Jamison Robinett, president of Intermountain Cedar City Hospital. "This is our first major expansion since 2006, and we are excited to expand emergency access for the Southwest Utah community."

Intermountain Cedar City Hospital's emergency department treated more than 20,000 patients in 2024. As the Southern Utah community continues to grow, this 5,000-square foot expansion is a needed addition, addressing the growing needs of the community and the millions of tourists and outdoor enthusiasts who

visit nearby national parks and outdoor recreational areas.

"Today's expansion is more than just bricks and mortar. It represents something far greater — it represents a commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of every single person in Iron County and beyond," said Darin Adams, chief of the Cedar City Police Department.

"Whether it's responding to a serious accident, assisting a victim of violence, bringing in someone experiencing a medical crisis, or obtaining a medical clearance — our first responders rely on this hospital. They know that when seconds count, Intermountain Cedar City Hospital delivers," said Adams.

This is the first major expansion for Intermountain Cedar City Hospital since 2006 and is part of the hospital's commitment to provide healthcare close to home for area residents.

As part of the expansion, the emergency department will add nine new rooms, including three additional behavioral rooms, another trauma room, a room with bariatric capabilities, and additional exam rooms.

"We're seeing increased volumes and increased sickness in our hospital, and these additional rooms will allow us to more comfortably care for these patients," said Robinett.

Intermountain Health caregivers attended the event, alongside community members.

Construction has already begun, and the expansion is expected to be completed in early 2026 by Jacobsen Construction.



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Here in Cedar City, Utah, nestled among picturesque landscapes, lies a national treasure of creativity and heritage—Gold River Gallery, is Southern Utah's new premier fine art destination that has not only made waves in the art industry but captures the essence of highly skilled artistic talent, and dedication.

Gold River Gallery stands out from the crowd, not just because of its handcrafted frames that are made in house from start to finish, but because of the exceptional artistry and profound personal commitment of the Humphreys family. With over 35 years of experience in the art world, the gallery has become a testament to preserving artistic traditions and values that are passed down through generations. Their art includes a handmade frame, that can be customized to look exactly how you want it in your home.

"We offer art for everyone, whether you are a seasoned collector or just beginning your art journey. Our

collection is tailored to meet your needs and fit your desired price point. Explore stunning landscapes, many that capture the beauty of our region, breathtaking wildlife, vibrant florals, dynamic mixed media, and captivating Western art. The art we offer is professional quality that will hold its value."

At the heart of this endeavor is Travis Humphreys, a visionary artist and master craftsman, whose journey began as a young boy, mentored by his uncle and esteemed artist Jeffrey H. Craven. Travis's pursuit of excellence led him to Brigham Young University where he graduated with his BFA in illustration. After graduating, he took a job at Allman-Ricks Frame Company where he learned to be a master frame maker. Over time, Travis's passion and ingenuity blossomed, paving the way for a career in art and framing that cultivated the dream of opening his own art gallery.

The Humphreys family moved to Cedar City in 1999 with three young children, intent on creating a life filled with art and opportunity. What started as a frame-making venture in a workshop that serves clients across 35 states evolved into an art gallery that

features exceptional artists who have won awards nationwide.

Gold River Gallery's framing operation gained momentum when artists like Ryan Skidmore and G. Russell Case discovered the striking craftsmanship of Travis's frames. The gallery became a nexus for artists such as Josh Elliott, Mark Maggiori, Charles Fritz, and hundreds more, fostering relationships that have brought outstanding works of art to its patrons. Today, the gallery boasts creations by talented regionally well-known and locally known artists, including Charles Muench, Josh Elliott, Ryan Skidmore, Spike Ress, Ron Rencher, Roland Lee, Kimberly Beck, Josh Elliott, G. Russell Case and Travis Humphreys himself. These are just a few of the artists that they feature and look forward to introducing you to many of the other amazing artists they have at the gallery.

The name "Gold River" was inspired by Travis's vision of gold flowing through his hands onto frames, symbolizing the merging of artistry and craftsmanship. A river of creativity and heritage flows through Gold River



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GOLD RIVER GALLERY
FINE ART & FINE FRAMES

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Storytelling Builds Connection

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Storytelling is a valuable skill for daily life. Dry facts and graphs do not connect with audiences as well as a good story.

Whether it is a sales pitch or a grant application the better the story the more successful the outcome. Stories are not just for entertainment. They build emotional connections and reveal truths that are otherwise not evident.

Think of the crucial value of stories in your life. What books opened new insights? How do you see yourself in relationship to family stories?

I love reading because it takes me to places and times I would otherwise not know about. With a really good book it is hard to finish because it is like good friends are moving away.

My daughter gave me "The Small and the Mighty" by Sharon McMahon. It tells the stories of twelve unsung Americans who changed our history. The author explained she wrote the book because "the best Americans are not the critics, but the doers. They are the people who went for broke when everyone else yelld to turn back. They are those who know that one

Storytelling is a valuable skill for



becomes great because of who they lift up."

As an historian McMahon has a direct storytelling style that doesn't try to deny the flaws of her characters. Indeed, a flawed character is often more interesting. She explained, "Our minds want to categorize people into one of two camps: Good or evil. Angel or demon. Most often, that viewpoint denies people the fullness of their humanity and can overlook positive contributions or ignore negative impacts."

In one of the stories she talks about how Bernice Robinson was recruited to be a reading teacher because she knew how to listen. She was a hairdresser and "talked with people for hours every day, heard their problems, and made them feel important. Those were the soft skills many other people lacked."

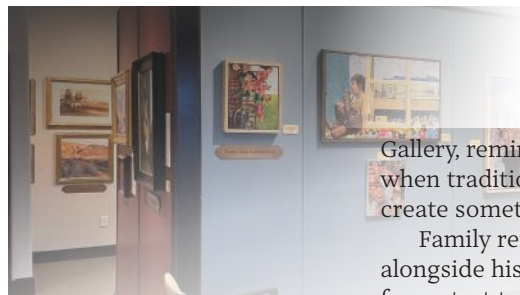
That listening skill not only connects people, but also creates good writers because they can gather fascinating stories. Visiting with family and neighbors can reveal amazing stories.

I so appreciate my

Grandma Helen Hafen writing down her life history. Recently I had some old VHS tapes digitized and there was Grandma talking about how she used a rifle to shoot the rattlesnakes by the outhouse at the Calf Springs Ranch when her little children needed to do their business. She had wonderful flower gardens and I especially remember the tasty strawberries.

I remember my father, Howard Nelson, telling about skiing to lower fences after an early snowstorm on Cedar Mountain near where they grazed sheep and how scary it was trying to get back up to the road. I had found his old wooden skis from the 1930s in the garage when we were cleaning. Sometimes cleaning out a box of old photos or papers can spark interesting stories.

Everyone has stories to share. What are yours?



Gold River Gallery

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Gallery, reminding us of the beauty that emerges when tradition, passion, and family come together to create something truly extraordinary.

Family remains the core of this operation—Travis, alongside his four sons, designs and builds the frames from start to finish, while his daughter manages the gallery. His wife Kathryn is the heart of the operation and has made everything possible.

Being Family-Owned sets Gold River Gallery apart because they have a greater level of personal commitment to their clients. "We carry a deep sense of pride in everything we do, and are passionate about preserving artistic traditions, and values. We are heavily connected in the world of art and can help find you exactly what you are looking for. We can also offer you expert advice when it comes to collecting, appraising and conserving your collected art."

The team at Gold River Gallery look forward to connecting with the community through engaging events/classes, evolving art exhibits, and showcasing skilled local artists. To learn more about the artists, art exhibits, and stay updated with monthly events, make sure to check out their website and follow their social media pages.



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Cedar City Interfaith Community to Present Highly Anticipated Performances of Rob Gardner's "Lamb of God"

from Derek Payne

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A long-held dream is becoming a reality as the Cedar City interfaith community choir and orchestra prepare to present Rob Gardner's moving oratorio, "Lamb of God," under the direction of David Jordan and Jackie Jackson. Free performances will be held on March 30th and 31st, 2025, at Canyon View High School Auditorium in Cedar City.

David Jordan, co-director, shares his personal connection to the oratorio, stating, "I've been hoping to have 'Lamb of God' performed in Cedar City ever since I

first saw it in Provo in 2016. The timing just hasn't been right until now."

Inspiration struck after Jordan and his wife attended a Snow College Music Department performance of "Lamb of God" last March. "It had a profound impact on me," he recalls, "and inspired me to finally bring it to Cedar City."

Momentum further increased when SUU student Joseph Peterson and his mentor teacher, Jackie Jackson, presented a "beautiful performance of 'Lamb of God'" last April. "That really got the ball rolling and peaked interest in our community," Jordan explained.

Driven by this renewed enthusiasm, Jordan reached out to Jackie Jackson. "I called Jackie and told her I wanted to organize a performance for spring 2025, and asked if she would help."

With Jackson's support, planning began in earnest. "We started announcing and recruiting back in November," Jordan said. "The response and interest we received was fantastic. We were able to put together a great group of volunteers. Then we started rehearsing in February."

The resulting interfaith choir and orchestra, comprised of dedicated community members, will bring Gardner's powerful depiction of the final days of Jesus Christ to life.

The performances are free and open to the public, inviting all to experience the transformative power of music and the profound message of Easter.

What: Rob Gardner's "Lamb of God"

Where: Canyon View High School Auditorium, Cedar City, UT

When: March 30 & 31, 2025

Time: 7:00PM

Admission: Free



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“SHEEP TO SHAWL” - THE JOURNEY OF WOOL

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Annual Sheep To Shawl was held at the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, Main Street, Cedar City Utah. It was well attended by all ages. It was a journey through step-by-step process of taking wool right from the sheep's back to yours. Demonstrations included shearing a sheep, (every hour throughout the event in the sheep shed), washing, carding, spinning, dyeing and weaving.

“Sheep-to-shawl”, a living history experience explores the process of wool production from sheep to finished products. It was very interesting to interact with real sheep and learn about their wool before and after shearing. Several local artisans were on hand to talk and demonstrate about their skills and techniques, and show off finished products. The event was sponsored by Visit Cedar City Brian Head and hosted by the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum in partnership with local ‘Sagebrush’ fiber artisans and livestock handlers in Cedar City. It was a chance to witness the fascinating process of turning wool into beautiful garments.

Whether you're a textile enthusiast, a history buff, or just plain curious, “Sheep-To-Shawl” was an unforgettable experience. With so many sheep all around Southern Utah, it was a chance to see just how these furry animals make

that cozy sweater or stylish shawl and what they do with all that wool.

In Southern Utah, wool from sheep is used for various purposes, including being sold to wool markets for textiles, clothing, and blankets, as well as being repurposed into products like wool pellets for gardening, and even used in sustainable building materials.

After the sheep are sheared in the spring, the high-quality wool is taken to wool markets, where companies bid on it for use in creating sweaters, blankets, suits, and other textiles. Many families in Southern Utah have a long history in the sheep industry, with some ranchers being multiple generations in the business. Sheep ranchers in Southern Utah are involved in local organizations, such as the Iron County Farm Bureau, and participate in community events like the Cedar Livestock Festival.

There are approximately 42,625 sheep and lambs in Iron County today. Lambs often jump and frolic as a natural behavior. Jumping is a form of play that helps lambs develop their physical abilities, coordination, and social skills. Lambs can recognize their mother's unique bleat, which is a key factor in finding her.

Drive around Iron County, pull over and watch the lambs play this spring.

calendar

THURS, MAR 27

LITTLE WOMAN AT PAROWAN THEATER (7PM) at the Aladdin Theater on Main Street Parowan. All tickets \$10 and can be obtained at the Parowan Visitor's Center 5 South Main Street or at 435-477-8190. March 27-29.

CHOCOLATE TASTING (7:30-8:30PM) @ the Southwest Tech Business & Innovation Center (510 W 800 S, Cedar City), seating is limited and tickets are required. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Tickets include an exclusive 1-hour guided tasting experience where you'll learn how chocolate is made and how cocoa beans from different regions bring out unique flavor profiles—brought to you by Red Rock Chocolate - Passionate about crafting exceptional chocolate experiences.

75TH ANNUAL AWARDS GALA "BEST OF Cedar City" (6-8:30PM) Cedar City Chamber of Commerce celebrating 110 yrs of excellence @ Sharwan Smith Center at SUU 351 W University Blvd, Cedar City. Contact April Marcial @ 435-586-4484 for more information. Register here: https://www.chamberorganizer.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=504360&org_id=CEDR.

US AIR FORCE BAND & SINGING SERGEANTS (7:30PM) Your United States Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants will be in Cedar City, UT at the Heritage Theater to present a FREE concert! This is a rare and exciting opportunity to hear great patriotic music, Broadway classics and, as always, a salute to celebrate our veterans! Thank you for supporting your United States Air Force Band!

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

ALTA BANK RIBBON CUTTING (1:30PM) @ 74 N 100 W, Cedar City, Utah.

SUU OPERA DOUBLE FEATURE (7:30-9PM) \$10 for adults, \$8 for SUU alumni, \$5 for youth and non-SUU students. The sixth installment of the 2024-2025 Music Masterworks Series. The two chamber operas to be performed are Mark Bucci's

Sweet Betsy From Pike: A Horse Opera and Henry Purcell's Dido and Aeneas. Located at SUU Music Department Thorley Music Recital Theater (432 W 200 S, MU 208, Cedar City). March 27-29.

FRI, MAR 28

SUU SPRING ART MARKET (12-3PM) @ the SUU Sharwan Smith Student Center Ballroom (351 W University Blvd, Cedar City), hosted by the SUU Illustration Club, Graphic Design Club, and Ceramics Guild. Support local student artists and help us fundraise for future club activities!

SAT, MAR 29

LABYRINTH WALK (12-2PM) AT ST JUDE'S Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, 1 block north of W University Blvd) No Charge. Please join us in a sacred, calm environment for walking prayer on the largest indoor labyrinth in the state of Utah. Replica of the Chartres Cathedral's labyrinth (ca. 1200 A.D). Come experience this powerful practice used for centuries to unite body, mind and spirit. No experience required, facilitators are present.

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET (9AM-2PM) @ the IFA parking lot (905 S Main St, Cedar City), admission is FREE. Come for the farmers, food, and artisans as well as drawings, bingo, and more! For information visit them on Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or call Nancy (435) 463-3735.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET (10AM-1PM) at 100 West Center Street (Cedar City), admission is FREE. Shop locally produced and grown fruit, vegetables, cheese, jam, bread, eggs, honey, farm products, handcrafted items, and more. For information email festivalcityfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

ORIENTEERING (8-11AM) FIND YOUR adventure by Orienteering, the sport of navigation using a map and compass! The Orienteering Utah Club will host two events with free instruction for beginners @ Iron County Three Peaks Recreation

Area. For more details search: <https://www.o-utah.org/venuethree-peaks> or contact Rick Oliver at 703-678-6465.

CHS BASEBALL CAMP (10AM-3PM) @ Cedar High Baseball Field 10am-12pm Grades K-5 1-3pm Grades 6-8 Early Registration is \$30 and day-of is \$35 (includes t-shirt)

SUN, MAR 30

LAMB OF GOD: AN EASTER ORATIO (MAR 30&31, 7PM) Interfaith Choir and Orchestra presents Lamb of God: An Easter Oratorio. FREE event. Composed by Rob Gardner in the Canyon View High School Auditorium (166 W 1925 N, Cedar City). Spend the evening enjoying the musical telling of the final days of Jesus's life and his resurrection. It will feature several local soloists, as well as a large choir and orchestra under the direction of Jackie Jackson and David Jordan.

RATTLESNAKE AVOIDANCE TRAINING FOR DOGS (9AM to 3PM) Get-RattledNV will return to Iron County. To Register: <https://bookwhen.com/getrattled> Cost is \$125 per dog. Questions call Lynne 435-590-7451.

TUES, APR 1

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10AM) @ CEDAR City Library. Pam and Catherine will teach an Advanced Research Class about locating and using Probate Records and Wills. These Records can help advance your Family History Research progress. They will demonstrate where to find Probate Records and Wills, how to examine them and how to use the information the records contain. This is an advanced 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!

SUU APEX LECTURE (11:30AM-12:30PM) Jean-Michel Molenaar - Festival of Excellence Keynote Speaker held from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in the SUU - Gilbert Great Hall (405 W University Blvd, Cedar City). Admission is FREE and everyone is

welcome to attend. For more information visit suu.edu/apex.

THURS, APR 3

WATER POLO TOURNAMENT (APRIL 3-5) The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games Water Polo High School tournament will be held in the Sorenson P.E. Bldg (351 W University Blvd, Cedar City) and the Youth Tournament will be held in the Cedar City Aquatic Center (2090 W Royal Hunte Dr, Cedar City).

FRI, APR 4

SUU DANCE TRYOUTS (4:30-8PM) @ America First Event Center. Check in at 4 PM. Tryout Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/kicYvd1BDGeeg6CJ8> . \$40 cash or Venmo. Contact Averirutherford at averirutherford@suu.edu for more information.

SAT, APR 5

SUU DANCE TRYOUTS (9AM-2PM) @ America First Event Center. Times are approximate, cuts will be made throughout the tryout. Tryout Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/kicYvd1BDGeeg6CJ8> . \$40 cash or Venmo. Contact Averirutherford at averirutherford@suu.edu for more information

Want your event on our calendar?

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calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

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

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Tris Colman (805) 268-4287.

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

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

Elks Lodge #1556

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

Lion's Club

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

Marine Corps League

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

Rotary Club

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Key to Harmony (Online/Email Meeting) Sun & Tues
435-704-4979 • <https://keytoharmony.org/>

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Caregivers

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

Celebrate Recovery 12-Step

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

It Works - How and Why • Thurs, 7:30-8:30 pm

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

Candle Light Mtg • Sat, 9:30 pm (Sm rm)

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

Dopeless Hope Fiends • Sun, 8 pm • Mtg Hall, 1067 S Main, Cedar (877) 865-5890

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

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

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

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Reel Mental Health

1st Tues, 6PM • The Rambouillet Barn 197 W. 200 S, Parowan, Utah 84761 • A fun interactive support group focused on your mental health and well-being.

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widows Ministry

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Boy Scout Troop 1848

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle

enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or email cedarmodela@gmail.com.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun. Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. cedarchestquiltersguild.org

Cedar City ESL

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

Cedar City Toastmasters

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

Cedar City Unitarian Universalists

2nd Sun, 11:00am @ 1280 E Midvalley Rd. Leave a message at 435 590-0596 if interested.

Cedar Professionals

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

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Community Band

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

Cub Scout Pack 1848

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

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

Iron County Moms For America

4th Thurs, 7pm at 2321 W Cove View Dr, Cedar City. Join a growing number of women throughout the nation to strengthen and preserve liberty. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

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

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

Parkrun

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

Parowan Pickleball

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

PB&J Therapy Groups

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

College: forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZieppW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Suite

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

schools

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards *Celebrating some Culture*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

At Canyon View, there exists a remarkable organization dedicated to Native American students. After speaking with Piper Manesse, who leads this organization, it became clear how vital this group is for students. As Piper remarked, "We have some great Native American students here at Canyon View; I love to be around them and work with them." She described it as a safe haven, where the importance of having someone to relate to is paramount. This organization provides Native American students with that essential connection. With activities like bead making and flute classes offered by the district, they immerse themselves in their rich culture. Although organizations play a significant role at Canyon View, they often go unrecognized. It's crucial to support every student and acknowledge the diverse tapestry of our community.



Hallie Shortt and the new Utah FFA State Officer Team.

state officer team. Through all of this pressure Hallie Shortt came on top! In our conversation, Hallie shared how she has tirelessly pursued this goal since her freshman year. Leading up to the announcement, her passion and commitment were evident; this opportunity meant everything to her. At Canyon View, when our students set their sights on a goal, they make it happen, and Hallie Shortt is a shining example of that spirit. Canyon View beams with pride, celebrating both the victory and Hallie's incredible journey.

State Debate Winner!

Charlotte Pulica achieved a remarkable victory at the state debate on March 15, bringing immense joy to the entire Canyon View community. This victory marks yet another state championship for our school! As one of the founders of the debate club and the Speech and Drama Sterling Scholar, Charlotte exemplifies dedication and passion. She truly embodies the spirit of hard work in debate, elevating speeches and discussions to new heights. We take great pride in Charlotte Pulica and all the fellow debaters who showcased their talents and determination.



Charlotte Pulica with her fresh new medal

FFA Utah State Officer

On March 14th, Hallie Shortt achieved a remarkable milestone by making the Utah FFA State Officer team as the secretary! As a senior at Canyon View, this honor reflects her dedication and hard work. Hallie competed against 18 talents students and only 6 of these candidates would make the

this pressure Hallie Shortt came

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



South Elementary

South Elementary hosted the Iron County School District Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 19th. The winners were

1st Place-
Denton Corry- South Elementary

2nd Place-
Travis Seegmiller- Escalante Valley

3rd Place-
Jenessi Sawyer- South Elementary

Teen Center



The Iron County School District proudly introduced to the

community its first teen center. Students from ICSD's two middle schools and five high schools can utilize the center for access to a shower, laundry facility, quiet place to study and adult support. These basic necessities help students gain confidence to better engage in class and with their peers. No longer will they worry about fitting in and can turn their focus to learning.

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Special Programs Director Kevin Garrett said: "To the students who utilize this center, we want you to know that you are not alone. Your community cares about you, believes in you and is here to support you. This center stands as a symbol of that commitment."

Two aides will staff the center beginning the week after Spring Break. The center will be open to students from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens visiting the center can also access food from the pantry.

"This center is a testament to our belief

in Iron County that every teenager deserves a chance to reach their full potential," said Roy Mathews, Executive Director of Secondary Schools.

Tracy Womack, Student and Family Support Mentor, said the idea began with a food pantry in a single-wide trailer with no wifi and no bathrooms about four years ago. Now a small building east of Cedar High School will house a much bigger pantry and safe place for teens in need to learn and take care of basic needs.

"I know this is place where they will find respect, encouragement and a sense of belonging," Womack said.

By March 27, the center will begin to be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the afternoons. Look for the teen center sign out front.

Escalante Valley Elementary

After 30 years of service, Escalante Valley School sent one of their beloved employees, Peggy Hilliard, out in retirement style with a 90th birthday celebration. She was recognized in a school-wide assembly by sharing a recording of her favorite book, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, followed by the school singing happy birthday to her. The celebration ended with students and staff passing by her to wave, thank her, wish her a happy birthday, and enjoy a piece of cake. We are grateful for all the years of service Peggy offered our school, and wish her a happy retirement!

Three Peaks Elementary and North Elementary

3rd grade students had the opportunity to attend the Iron County Farm Field Day. They attended stations to learn about how an auction works, soils (erosion), bee keeping, beef production, sheep production, crops (alfalfa), 4-H (apples), hatching chicks, how to control noxious weeds, and water quality. to 4H, FFA, and the USU Extension for all their hard work putting this together. Thank you to 4H, FFA, and the USU Extension for all their hard work putting this together.



Back Row (L to R): Shelby Thorley - Skilled & Technical Education Sciences, Ava Knudsen - World Languages, Mia Hatch - Speech & Drama, Calli Huff - Social Science, Eliza Heaton - Agricultural Sciences, Jou-Hsuan (Serenna) Wu - Music, Katelyn Green - Family & Consumer Sciences, Christine Pettit - Visual Arts, Emma Monson - Science, Emma Gray - English; Front Row (L to R): Asa Burns - Business & Marketing, Ethan Johnson - General, Braden Ashe - Mathematics, Allan Niles - Computer Technology, Kailie Belshaw - Dance



Jason Carlisle, Aspen Hughes, Chloe Sudweeks, Laura Nelson, Zachary Clarke

Southwest Region Sterling Scholars compete April 3

from Chris Haught

SOUTHWEST EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Southern Utah University is preparing for the annual Sterling Scholar competition on April 3, 2025. Students from twenty high schools will meet on Southern Utah University campus to complete the final round of judging. The day's events will include competitive interviews followed by an Awards Program that evening.

This statewide academic competition recognizes the achievements of Utah's high school seniors in the following fifteen categories: Agriculture Science, Business and Marketing, Computer Technology, Dance, English, Family and Consumer Sciences, General Scholarship, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science, Speech and Drama, Skilled and Technical Science Education, Visual Arts and World Languages.

Each of the finalists will be interviewed by judges and given time to explain their personal achievements and awards that have been compiled in their digital portfolios. The winners will be

chosen based on their experience and skills in scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. A winner and two runners-up in each of the categories will be chosen. These deserving scholars will receive a scholarship and a Sterling Scholar pin. Finalists from each high school will also receive a Sterling Scholar certificate. The three judges in each category come from local communities, Utah Tech University

and Southern Utah University.

Many colleges and universities in Utah offer scholarships to both the winners and the runners-up to help these students in achieving their goals. Some of these scholarships include cash amounts up to \$2500 or full tuition waivers. The support from the higher educational institutions in the state is much appreciated and utilized by

Sterling Scholar recipients.

Since its inception, the program has expanded from its origins in Salt Lake City to include 5 region-wide competitions throughout the state that continue to publicly recognize outstanding seniors and encourage academic excellence. The program began in the early 1960's, when Steve Hale, a Deseret News columnist; Lavar Chaffin, an education reporter at the Deseret News; and Keith West, the Deseret News' director of marketing realized that while their newspaper had been recognizing outstanding athletes for years, there was no mechanism in place to recognize outstanding scholars. Together with the Utah Board of Education, they developed the Sterling Scholars program.

We applaud all those who labor to make this program a reality each year. The parents and teachers of all nominees have dedicated untold hours to ensure the success of these students. We give a heartfelt thanks to all that have donated so much time and energy into providing this opportunity for the best and brightest in Utah.

Congratulations to all the finalists and we wish you the best in all your future endeavors.



Back row, L to R: Elorah Dobrinski, Jeremy Gunter, Randall Dexter, Madsen Bergstrom, Aliyah Hathaway. Middle Row, L to R: Charlotte Police, Madyson Byrd, Emily Temple, Ayda Ramsay, Adelyn Young. Front row, L to R: Delaney Richards, Adelaide Yorgason, Joshua Phong, Erica Davis, Seth Morris

faith

Spring back into faith at Cedar City's annual GO Global Conference

from Haven Scott

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City residents ready to spring into faith are gearing up for the annual GO Global Conference. For those who have questions about the Christian religion, or those looking to hear from a different perspective, the expo hosted by True Life Center has presentations on many topics. The GO Global Conference will feature speakers from across the globe speaking about family, faith, helping others and reconciling relationships with Christ. The two day event features music, activities, prayers and keynote speakers, including:

Dr. Bob Cook

Dr. G. Robert Cook, Jr. and his wife, Sherilyn, serve as the leaders of the Senior Adult Ministries department of the Assemblies of God, with

national offices in Springfield, Missouri. They provide leadership and resources to the churches and ministers in

relation to senior adult ministry.

Yas and Mo Handall

Yaseer and Monique Handall received their call to serve Native American tribes as Foursquare Missionaries. They are now dedicated to empowering men, women and youth to become church leaders in their own communities. They are involved in Christian training centers and facilities on tribal land where Native Americans intern.

Apostle Damba

Apostle Constant Damba is the distinguished National Leader of Foursquare Congo, recognized for impactful teachings and extensive humanitarian efforts. His initiatives are known for their potential to inspire and transform communities, fostering hope and facilitating positive change on a broader scale.

Kiha Pimental

Foursquare Missions Worker Supervisor Kiha Pimental leads the training, deployment and care, or TDC Team, overseeing 400 international missionaries. With more than 25 years experience as a Positive Coaching Alliance Trainer, he empowers coaches, parents and leaders while helping athletes reach

their full potential.

Pastor Pete

True Life Center's Pastor Pete Akins, and wife Cami, moved to Cedar City with their family in 2002. The group planted True Life Center in February 2003 in an old skating rink on the north end of Cedar City.

Pastor Akins said past conference attendees have left with lifted spirits, lessons to cope with anxiety and tips to improve family relations, among new friends and church family members.

"I am always convicted by Jesus and his instructions to go into all the world and make disciples," Akins said.

"Our time together at the conference is spent reflecting on that assignment. In the days we live today, our lives are so busy but often misdirected. It is always a good investment of our time when we can rediscover the purpose for which that assignment was given."

Have you been wanting to speak to somebody about Christianity, but don't want to get the look? Join new friends at True Life Center, March 28-30, and bring the family and neighbors.


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Buffalo Bill's Invitation to Settle in Wyoming

by Jay M. Jones

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

William F. Cody, commonly known as Buffalo Bill, was an American frontiersman and army scout who became a famous entertainer. He toured the United States, first with exciting stage shows depicting legendary life in the American West, and later with extravagant outdoor Wild West shows exhibiting amazing horsemanship and marksmanship.

In his recent book, *"Buffalo Bill and the Mormons,"* Brent Rogers illuminates the story of one of the most famous entertainers of the 19th century.

In 1877, with significant national attention paid to the trials and execution of John D. Lee for his part in the Mountain Meadows Massacre, Buffalo Bill traveled across the country as the hero in the show, "May Cody, or Lost and Won," which claimed to tell an accurate story of the massacre.

In the show, May Cody, sister of Buffalo Bill, was kidnapped in the streets of New York City by a villain named John D. Lee, who wanted her to be his plural wife. Bill followed their trail west, catching up with them in northern Utah just as the Mountain Meadows Massacre was supposedly taking place there (rather than the actual massacre site in southern Utah).

In the play, Bill (who in real life would have been age eleven at the time of the 1857 massacre) fought valiantly in a futile attempt to save the emigrants.

As the plot continued, the villain Lee took May Cody to Salt Lake City to request permission from Brigham Young to have her married to him. But Young desired her for himself.

The hero Bill, dressed as a native American warrior, was able to interrupt the marriage in the temple before the ceremony was completed, escaping with May. In a final encounter with Lee, Bill was triumphant. May continued on to California where she was happily married in a monogamous relationship.

As time went on, the antagonism felt between Buffalo Bill and the people of the dominant Utah religion settled down. After the 1890 Manifesto disavowing the

practice of plural marriage, public opinion against the people of Utah softened.

In 1892, Buffalo Bill made a visit to the Grand Canyon, then north into Utah. At Kanab, he ate with the family of Edwin Woolley,

where he was asked to say grace. Although not particularly religious, it is reported that Cody prayed, "God bless the hands that made them custard pies."

With a fortune from his entertainment career, Buffalo Bill turned his attention to other pursuits, including land development. He had an ambitious vision, founding the city of Cody in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming in 1896. As a gateway to Yellowstone National Park, the new community had potential.

To achieve that potential, the northwestern part of Wyoming needed settlers that could help build the infrastructure needed for a great city. Cody looked toward Utah, where people had experience building cities and irrigating farms in a desert environment.

According to the book by Brent Rogers, "By 1900 Utah and its residents faced an inadequate number of jobs and amount of available farmable land. As one southern Utahn said, 'About 1900 it was apparent the country was too small for everyone to make a good living.' " Church officials, ever anxious to place their people in a position to succeed, became highly interested in the economic opportunity of the Big Horn Basin



Poster advertising the play "May Cody, or Lost and Won," starring Buffalo Bill. From Library of Congress, Control Number 2018649657.

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settlement.

In February 1900, Abraham Woodruff, an apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and several other church officials met with Bill Cody in Eagles Nest, Wyoming.

Rogers writes: "Before the meeting ended, Cody presented his religious visitors with a bold, if desperate, proposition.

... 'I have secured a permit to irrigate nearly all of the lands on the north side of the Shoshone River, from Eagles Nest to the Big Horn River, but if the Mormons want to build a canal and irrigate the land down lower on the river

I will relinquish both land and water to them, for if they will do this I know they are the kind of people who will do what they agree to do.'

"What an offer! Free land and water rights to a substantial tract of land showed Buffalo Bill's desperation and business acumen – and a bit of his signature generosity."

Plans were quickly put into action, and settlers soon started moving from Utah into the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming. The overall process took several years. One of the settlements they formed was named Cowley.

In an article published in December 1977 in *Pioneer America* titled "Migration To and From a Northern Wyoming Mormon Community 1900 to 1925," Marshall Bowen stated:

"More than four-fifths of the migrants who settled in Cowley between 1900 and 1905 migrated directly from Utah, but their flow was not uniform from all parts of the state. Thirty-five percent of the Utah pioneers arrived from the dry basins of southwestern

Utah, with the town of Parowan, some sixty miles north of the Arizona border, alone supplying forty-nine adult settlers."

The settlers from Parowan included the extended family of widow Mary Ann Morris Rasmussen -- her married daughter Sarah and husband Helaman Eyre, her married son John and wife Annie, and teenagers George and Iva. Thirteen-year-old Iva later described the journey, recorded in the 2006 volume of *Pioneer Pathways*:

"We left in April or May [1902] and traveled by wagon to Marysvale, Utah, to catch the train.

"I had never been out of Parowan before. It was the first time I had ever seen a railroad, and I was so thrilled to see the train. We chartered train cars for the ten or twelve families going from Parowan. We loaded the things on the train and went over the mountains via Bridger, Montana to Frannie, Wyoming, which was about twelve miles from Cowley.

"We loaded our things on wagons again and went on into Cowley. It had been settled two years before. It was so different from Parowan. It was red in Parowan and green in Montana, and when we crossed into Wyoming, it was gray in color – salt sage and small rocks that had been blown smooth by the wind. . . There was a big canal north of town for irrigation and drinking water.

"When we first arrived in Cowley, we stayed with John and Lizzie Meeks from Parowan. Then we traveled about five miles up the Shoshone River, and Mother put down payment on twenty acres of ground. My sister Sarah and her husband, Helaman Eyre, paid on sixty acres of ground. Mother, my brother George, and I lived in a tent the first summer."

Mary Ann Morris Rasmussen moved from the small farm back into Cowley, where she started a dressmaking and millinery business. She lived in Cowley the rest of her life, except for her last four winters spent with her daughter Iva in Provo. She died in Provo in 1924 at the age of 74, and was buried in the Parowan cemetery next to her husband and parents.

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in the two and three spots on the beam. On the floor, Randolph and Christensen tied atop the podium with a 9.925. Randolph finished second in the all-around with a 39.425, while Christensen

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Reds hang on, edge Dons

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

After all its struggles over the last two seasons, the Cedar Reds have shown plenty of competitive fire to compete with the big boys in the 4A ranks. A perfect case in point was its effort from last week's games.

Cedar posted a four-run rally in the bottom of the fifth inning and came through with a run in the ninth to edge past the Spanish Fork Dons, 6-5, on March 21 in the game played at Desert Hills' home field in St. George.

The Reds and Dons each scored a run in the first, but Spanish Fork broke the tie with two runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a 3-1 lead. After Cedar's surge put them in front, the Dons answered with single runs in the fifth and sixth to force extra innings.

After the first two Reds batters were retired in the ninth, Maddox Giles singled and Karver Tom reached on an error before Payton Ludlow singled to drive in the winning run. Jacob Boyer led the Cedar offense with three hits and three RBI, while Krew Giles added two hits and scored two runs.

On March 22, Cedar exploded for 11 runs in the top of the fifth and beat the Cedar Valley Aviators, 17-9, to improve to 6-4 overall. With the win, the Reds surpassed the win total achieved in each of the previous two seasons.

The Reds had built a 4-0 lead after two innings, but saw Cedar Valley rally for six runs in the bottom of the second to take a short-lived lead. Cedar scored twice in the fourth to tie the game before putting together their big rally.

Boyer had a highlight with a three-run homer while Tom and Ty Rowley added three RBI apiece.

Cedar started the day with a 7-1 loss to the Juab Wasps. Austin Park went the distance and held the Reds to a single first-inning run and just two hits. Juab scored runs in four of the first five innings to cruise to the victory.

Park allowed one walk and struck out 10.

The Reds opened Region 9 play with a home game against the Hurricane Tigers on Wednesday, and they will travel to Hurricane for the rematch Friday starting at 7:30 p.m.

Falcons start region play with baseball sweep

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

For its opener in Region 12 play, the Canyon View baseball team had to wait an extra day to play because of that pesky annual springtime tradition – snowy weather. Not only were they delayed, the Falcons had to travel and play its first two region games on the road in a March 19

doubleheader.

It would prove to be no problem as CV swept both ends of the unscheduled doubleheader, beating the Emery Spartans, 5-3 in the opener and 14-2 in Game 2. Canyon View got started in Game 1 with three runs in the first inning and stretched the lead to 5-0 after four. The Spartans would rally with three

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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 devoted to the opening of another MLB season that won't break your brain – at least that's the intended goal here. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!

1. While everyone else is playing their 2025 season opens this weekend, what two National League teams got an earlier start when they faced each other in Tokyo on March 18 and 19?
2. Two franchises will be playing in new homes this season – one by choice, the other by the wrath of Mother Nature. Which team had to move to the N.Y. Yankees spring training facility after Hurricane Milton tore off most of the roof of Tropicana Field last October?
3. Despite losing its first eight Opening Day games, what NL East team has been the most successful at the start of its season, having gone 41-14 since?
4. What Cleveland pitching great threw a no-hitter on Opening Day in 1940, the only time it's happened in MLB history?
5. What Hall of Fame pitching great who spent most of his 20-year career with the N.Y. Mets has the most Opening Day starts (16)?
6. True or False: Hank Aaron homered on his first at-bat of the 1974 season in Cincinnati to tie Babe Ruth's all-time home run record with his 714th.
7. In 1910, who was the first President to throw out the ceremonial first pitch on Opening Day?
8. Only two batters have hit three home runs on Opening Day in MLB history, George Bell in 1988 and Tuffy Rhodes in 1994. Bell hit his homers for the Toronto Blue Jays, but what NL Central team did Rhodes play for when he pulled off his feat?

9. Frank Robinson hit eight home runs on Opening Day in his 20-year career (1956-1976). How many different teams did Robinson play for when he hit them?
10. What NL Central team has almost always opened its season at home, a tradition that goes back more than a century?
11. Other than the Dodgers and Yankees, name any of the other four teams (AL Central, AL West, NL East, NL Central) that are defending divisional champions as the 2025 season begins.

12. What U.S. President threw out the first pitch both right- and left-handed on Opening Day in 1950?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Connecticut men (were going for third straight title) and South Carolina women.
2. Kentucky.
3. Baylor won the national title in 2021. Virginia won its only championship in 2019 and Syracuse cut down the nets in 2003.
4. Kansas, Memphis, North Carolina and UCLA. Kansas beat Memphis, 75-68 in OT, to win the title.
5. San Diego State, Florida Atlantic, Miami-FL and UConn. UConn beat San Diego State, 76-59, to win the first of its two straight national titles.
6. North Carolina.
7. Geno Auriemma.
8. Tennessee.
9. Texas Tech. The Red Raiders defeated Notre Dame, 76-70, in the 2011 title game.
10. Harvard. The Crimson beat No. 1 seed Stanford in 1998.
11. True. In addition, no No. 14 seed has ever beaten a No. 3 at the NCAA Women's Tournament.
12. There have been 16 different schools that won an NCAA women's national title.

Reds softball stays hot

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

If there was one minor regret for Cedar in its softball game played March 18 at Pine View, the Reds had two runners thrown out on the base paths. In spite of the mistakes, it didn't slow the team down at all as they rolled to another victory.

Scoring six runs in the first three innings, Cedar had more than enough cushion to beat the Pine View Panthers, 11-3, on a chilly night. Sadie Parson went the distance for the Reds and added two hits at the plate, including a double, to go with two RBI.

Cedar finished with 12 hits on the night, and every starter had at least one. Parson worked the first six innings in the circle, walked one and struck

out 10 to earn the win. Head coach David Koontz said once the Panthers got on the board and broke the senior's shutout bid, it gave a chance for sophomore Kaycee Adams to show what she could do in relief.

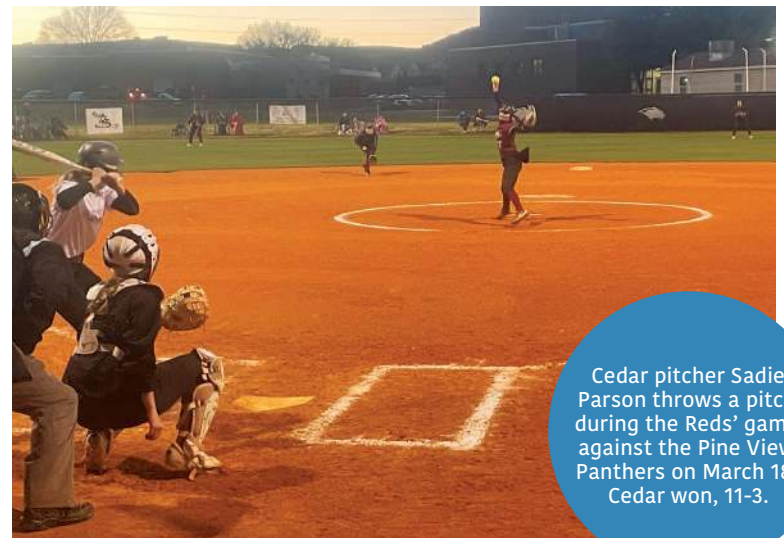
"She's about two miles an hour slower than Sadie," Koontz said. "Once the shutout and no-hitter were gone, it was time to give her the opportunity."

Pine View scored single runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh, but Cedar scored in every inning except the fourth. Kaitlyn Bulloch, Hunter Blackner and Kyla Johnson scored two runs each for the Reds as they won their third straight in Region 9 play and eighth in a row overall.

Due to multiple inches of snow that fell in Cedar, the second game of the series was returned to Pine View's home field on the afternoon of March 20. Kate Lopez and Kyla Johnson drove in two runs each in a four-run fourth inning as the Reds finished the two-game sweep with a 6-1 victory over the Panthers. Parson went the distance in the circle for Cedar (4-0 Region 9), allowing only five hits with one walk and 11 strikeouts. Pine View broke the shutout bid when Genevieve Evans homered in the top of the sixth inning, and Koontz marveled at how well his team has come together.

"They're all about each other. There are no cliques," Koontz said of the Reds. "There's no me first, and the team motto is 'we is greater than me.' They play for each other and they play with joy."

The busy week continued as the Reds extended their winning streak to 12 straight with three more wins in a tournament played at Snow Canyon. On



Cedar pitcher Sadie Parson throws a pitch during the Reds' game against the Pine View Panthers on March 18. Cedar won, 11-3.

March 21, Cedar scored all but one of their runs in the first inning as they beat Jordan, 17-0. Shaylee Johnson homered and drove in six runs as the Reds pounded out 13 hits.

In the second game of the day, the Reds spread the runs around over three innings and blanked American Leadership Academy, 19-0. Cedar scored six in the first, eight in the second and five more in the third to end another game early.

The week finished for Cedar with a split of two games played March 22. A trio of four-run innings was good enough for the Reds to start the day with a 13-4 rout over the Hunter Wolverines. Parson went the distance, allowing only four hits and a four-run sixth inning in the win, and she added three hits with three RBI at the plate, including a double and a triple.

Kyla Johnson had three hits and scored three runs in Cedar's 18-hit attack as they stretched their winning streak to 12 in a row.

The streak came to an end later in the day as Springville scored four runs in the first inning and rolled to a 9-3 victory. Cedar scored all of their runs in the third, but committed four errors in the loss and fell to 12-3 on the season.

The Reds returned to region play with a road game at Dixie on Tuesday, and they will return home to play the Flyers on Friday starting at 3 p.m.

Across town, Canyon View opened Region 12 play March 21 with a 7-3 loss to the Richfield Wildcats and fell to 2-11 on the season. Richfield built a 4-0 lead after four innings before adding on three in the sixth to secure the win.

CV faced a four-game week that started on the road at Pine View on Monday. The Falcons' only home game was against Manti on Tuesday, and they will travel for road games at Carbon on Thursday and Emery on Friday.

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Brackets bust brains...except this one

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



As we reached the end of last week, I knew in my heart of hearts the opening rounds of the NCAA Tournament are far and away the greatest sports weekend of the year. Brackets pour out in bunches, and there are

always some stunning moments that make a lot of us wonder why we bothered filling one out.

On Day 1 played March 20, the first stunner was a happy one for fans of BYU. The Cougars were seeded sixth in the East Regional and beat VCU, 80-71 to advance out of the opening round for the first time since 2011. Their reward was a Round of 32 matchup against No. 3 seed Wisconsin, who lost to Michigan in the Big Ten title game, but earned a higher seed than the Wolverines when the bracket was released.

Good luck making that one make sense.

Speaking of Michigan, they were seeded fifth in the South Regional and drew...wait for it...the Tritons of UC San Diego. Cue puzzled looks in 3...2...1.

The Tritons earned their ticket to the NCAA Tournament when they won the Big West title over UC Irvine. UCSD earned the No. 12 seed in the South, and this is the first year the school was eligible to compete in March Madness.

The game against the Wolverines showed us all why tournament time is the best time of the year. Played in the late window – tipoff happened after 8 p.m. – the Tritons didn't lead often, but they never let Michigan get too far out in front.

In the end, UCSD had a brief lead – its only one of the night – after a Tyler McGhie jumper with 2:29 to play, but Michigan scored the last five points and held on for a 68-65 win. Survive, advance, and ask what happened later.

One No. 12 seed played like a beast and was able to beat the No. 5. McNeese State – the Southland Conference champions – held Clemson to 13 first-half points and beat the Tigers, 69-67. McNeese built its lead to as much as 23 in the second half before surviving a big-time charge from Clemson.

So far – at least as of lunchtime Friday – the Mountain West is continuing its tradition of first-round departures from the NCAA Tournament. Utah State had trouble hitting shots from anywhere on the floor as they were blown out by UCLA, 72-47, in a 10 vs. 7 matchup. San Diego State had to deal with the wrath of North Carolina as the Tar Heels posted a 95-68 rout at the First Four game in Dayton played March 18.

All was not lost as of this writing for the conference as Colorado State – who was seeded 12th in the West – pulled away in the second half and beat No. 5 Memphis, 78-70, the second 12 to win its first-round game at the tournament. New Mexico was also on the schedule and faced Marquette in another 10-7 showdown Friday.

These are small pieces of the puzzle on the way to crowning a national champion April 7 in San Antonio. Instead of filling out a bracket, I decided to place my focus on one team – the Michigan State Spartans.

Consider this for a moment. MSU has made the NCAA Tournament for 27 straight years – all under head coach Tom Izzo and the longest active run – but only has one national title to show for it, won in 2000. At 70 years old, a second championship trophy would be an outstanding send-off into the sunset for Izzo if he chooses to retire.

Michigan State has the team that can make it happen, and that gives me a better vibe for this year's tournament. Brackets are nice, but when you get right down to it, whoever wins the national title leaves the best feelings in the end.

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BASEBALL SWEEP

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runs in the top of the seventh, but fell short as the Falcons held on.

CV's offense had plenty of life in Game 2, scoring runs in all six innings and completing the sweep. Brady Anderson went 2-for-4 and drove in four runs while Asher Slack and Bubba Ludlow added three RBI each. Ludlow went 3-for-5 at the plate and scored four runs in the victory.

Zach Maine earned the win on the mound, allowing only four hits in five innings with seven strikeouts and no walks. The Falcons finished the week by winning four more tournament games played at Crimson Cliffs. On March 21, Canyon View trailed Kanab 3-0, but rallied with five runs in the top of the fifth inning and beat the Cowboys, 6-4. Price Atwood had two hits and drove in two runs in the win.

In the second game of the day, the Falcons scored twice in the top of the seventh, and the runs held up in a 9-8 victory over the Tooele Buffaloes. For the second straight game, CV fell behind early – this time at 5-0 – but put together a five-run rally in the top of the fifth to move in front.

Tooele would tie the game at 7-7 with two runs in the bottom of the sixth, but CV had the answer and won its fourth straight game. Jarron Bradshaw went 3-for-3, homered twice and drove in five runs to lead the offense. Bradshaw also got the final five outs on the mound to earn the save despite giving up a run.

On March 22, the Falcons would push their winning streak to six in a row and improve to 9-3 on the season. Facing Corner Canyon in the opener, CV went to work early, scoring all of their runs in the first three innings and beating the Chargers, 10-7. Corner Canyon scored three runs in the top of the first, but the Falcons answered quickly with five in the bottom of the frame.

C.J. McClellan went 3-for-3 to lead the offense and Slack went 2-for-4 with three runs scored.

The offense stayed hot in the final game of the week as Canyon View made quick work of Clearfield in a 13-2 rout played in five innings. Slack and Jake Thomas had three hits apiece and Anderson went 2-for-4 with four RBI. The Falcons finished with 13 hits and didn't commit an error.

"I don't care who it is. Six varsity games in a week is tough for anybody," Canyon View head coach Jason Jacobsen said. "Our kids were just awesome, physically and mentally tough. All the credit goes to those guys. We don't panic and keep putting good at-bats together and gave ourselves a chance."

The Falcons returned to region play with a home game against Richfield on Tuesday and will travel to face the Wildcats on Friday in a 3 p.m. start.



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Region 9

03/19 Hurricane 6, Richfield 2

03/20 Corner Canyon 6, Crimson Cliffs 2
American Fork 9, Dixie 3
Pine View 15, Emery 0

03/21 Juab 7, Cedar 1
Cedar 6, Spanish Fork 5, 9 innings
Pine View 6, Juan Diego 3

03/22 Cedar 17, Cedar Valley 9
Crimson Cliffs 8, Tooele 1
Crimson Cliffs 10, Kanab 9
Pine View 4, Juan Diego 3
Pine View 9, Payson 8
Snow Canyon 18, Riverton 5
Snow Canyon 9, Springville 3
Desert Hills 11, Spanish Fork 2
Arbor View (NV) 10, Dixie 2

Region 12

03/19 Canyon View 5-14, Emery 3-2
Delta 22, South Summit 4
North Sanpete 8, Carbon 0
Hurricane 6, Richfield 2

03/20 Richfield 9, Delta 7
Salem Hills 16, Carbon 1

03/21 Canyon View 6, Kanab 4
Canyon View 9, Tooele 8
Juab 7, Cedar 1
Juan Diego 6, Emery 5
Payson 11, Emery 0
Richfield 10, Delta 2
Carbon 11, North Sanpete 4

03/22 Canyon View 10, Corner Canyon 7
Canyon View 13, Clearfield 2
Juab 8, Union 7
Juab 7, Spanish Fork 3

2A West

03/18 Parowan 6, Millard 5
Enterprise 3, South Sevier 2, 8
innings

03/21 Millard 7, Parowan 4
South Sevier 2, Enterprise 1, 8
innings

03/22 Crimson Cliffs 10, Kanab 9
Kanab 5, Clearfield 3

Softball

Region 9

03/18 Cedar 11, Pine View 3
Desert Hills 16, Dixie 1

Crimson Cliffs 7, Hurricane 2

03/20 Cedar 6, Pine View 1
Snow Canyon 13, Springville 4
Hurricane 10, Crimson Cliffs 5
Desert Hills 12, Dixie 0

03/21 Cedar 17, Jordan 0
Cedar 19, Am. Leadership 0
Skyline 8, Snow Canyon 5
Snow Canyon 18, Hunter 3

03/22 Cedar 13, Hunter 4
Springville 9, Cedar 3
Snow Canyon 19, Murray 1

Region 12

03/19 North Sanpete 7, Carbon 0

03/20 Emery 10, Manti 2
North Sevier 17, Delta 6

03/21 Richfield 7, Canyon View 3
North Sanpete 17, Juab 1
Emery 10, Delta 0
Manti 9, Carbon 0

2A South

03/18 South Sevier 11, Enterprise 0

03/19 Millard 20, Parowan 11

03/20 Piute 18-21, Water Canyon 3-4
South Sevier 14, Enterprise 4
Milford 13, Wayne 6
Millard 11, Kanab 5

03/21 Millard 11, Parowan 1

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Baseball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills	0-0	9-0
Pine View	0-0	7-1
Snow Canyon	0-0	7-2
Cedar	0-0	6-4
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	6-4
Hurricane	0-0	6-4
Dixie	0-0	6-5

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View	2-0	9-3
Richfield	2-0	3-6
North Sanpete	1-1	3-4
Carbon	1-1	3-7
Juab	0-0	5-2
Manti	0-0	3-4
Delta	0-2	6-3
Emery	0-2	3-7

2A West

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver	2-0	9-1
Milford	2-0	7-3
Enterprise	3-1	7-4
South Sevier	2-1	6-2
Parowan	1-3	4-4
Millard	1-3	1-6
Kanab	0-2	4-4
Water Canyon	0-2	0-2

Softball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills	4-0	12-1
Cedar	4-0	12-3
Crimson Cliffs	1-1	5-6
Snow Canyon	1-1	6-8
Dixie	1-3	6-11
Hurricane	1-3	4-10
Pine View	0-4	3-8

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Emery	4-0	6-4
North Sanpete	3-0	6-3
Manti	2-1	4-7
Richfield	1-1	2-6
Canyon View	1-2	2-11
Juab	0-2	2-7
Carbon	0-3	1-11
Delta	0-3	0-10

2A South

	REGION	OVERALL
South Sevier	3-0	8-1
Beaver	2-0	9-4
Enterprise	2-2	7-4
Milford	0-0	6-4
Water Canyon	0-0	0-4
Millard	3-2	6-6
Kanab	0-3	2-8
Parowan	0-3	1-12

FLIPPIN' BIRDS

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wasn't far behind, scoring 39.275.

Meet Recap

Vault (49.000)

The Flippin' Birds came out strong on the vault, delivering a powerful opening rotation. Senior Ellie Cacciola led the charge with an explosive 9.850, while sophomore Mackenzie Kelly brought good energy with a 9.750. Freshman Mia Hampton kept the momentum going with a clean 9.850, followed by Niya Randolph's controlled 9.825. Brinlee Christensen added a steady 9.725 to the lineup, and sophomore Ellie Thomson closed the event with a 9.650, setting a strong foundation for Southern Utah.

Bars (49.225)

Southern Utah carried its momentum to the bars, showcasing impressive execution. Randolph set the tone with a crisp 9.875, followed by senior Isabella Neff with a smooth and controlled 9.875. Mia Hampton was next, scoring a solid 9.800 before Maria Ferguson delivered an eye-catching performance for 9.750, sticking her landing with confidence. Christensen swung through her routine for a standout 9.875, while sophomore Kendall McGuire capped the rotation with a polished 9.800, giving the Thunderbirds a 98.225 at the halfway point.

Beam (49.075)

On the beam, the Thunderbirds worked

to maintain their edge. Randolph opened with a poised and composed 9.800. Christensen followed with a steady 9.750 before sophomore Elliot Bringhurst fought through for a determined 9.800, while Cacciola battled to a 9.400. Sophomore Rylee Miller added a 9.850, and Ferguson closed out the event with a confident 9.875, anchoring the lineup with reliability. Southern Utah headed to the final rotation trailing UC Davis by a tenth of a point.

Floor (49.325)

The Flippin' Birds wrapped up the meet on the floor, feeding off the crowd's energy. Hampton kicked things off with a lively 9.875, setting the pace for the rotation. Sophomore Alyssa Fernandez followed with a confident 9.775 before Christensen wowed the judges with an electric 9.925. Randolph kept the energy high with a matching 9.925, and Cacciola added a dynamic 9.825 to maintain the momentum. Senior Taylor Gull sealed the night with a 9.625, closing the competition and leaving the Flippin' Birds with a 196.625.

Next Up

The Flippin' Birds will await their placement in the NCAA Regional on Monday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m. MT. If you would like to join the team to find out where they will compete, make your way to the Student Center living room to watch the NCAA Selection Show

Davies signs with Kansas Wesleyan



Canyon View senior Deegan Davies signed his letter of intent to play football for Kansas Wesleyan University on March 19 in a ceremony held at the school library.

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

When he began his senior season on the football field,

Canyon View's Deegan Davies was asked to take over at quarterback, replacing Jaxon Jensen. After catching 71 passes from Jensen in his junior year, Davies took his turn under center, but knew his love for the game was all about catching the passes rather than throwing them.

On March 19, Davies was rewarded for all of the effort when he signed his official letter of intent to play football as a receiver at Kansas Wesleyan in front of friends, family, coaches and teammates at the school library.

"It was definitely different. I guess I wasn't ready for it," Davies said of the changes. "Just go with the flow, and it turned out good. Not gonna complain.

"There was probably extra pressure (replacing Jensen), but I know my passion for the sport is at receiver. That's where I want to go play and extend my career."

For his visit to the campus, Davies said it "felt like home."

"It just kind of clicked, not only for me, but for my family," Davies said. "It felt like we fit right in."

Adding to the experience for Davies, KWU is located in Salina, about a 30-minute drive from McPherson College. Both schools are in the same football conference, and Davies is excited for the prospect of playing against Jensen and Traie Buhler after

both took redshirt years as freshmen this season.

"It played a part in helping push my decision over the edge," Davies said. "Being able to train with them over the summer will be a big help."

Davies finished his senior season for the Falcons with 537 passing yards and three touchdowns to go with 366 receiving yards on 34 catches and a single TD. Head coach Burke Miller related how well Davies handled the changes.

"It was two tough decisions for him. One was to ask him to play quarterback following Jaxon, and the other was taking an all-state receiver with a ton of catches and yardage from his junior year and putting him at quarterback, missing him from receiver," Miller said. "Then asking him to move away from quarterback and go back to receiver, we needed his leadership in that group. It was like returning home for him. He was comfortable."

Miller added how he saw Davies playing receiver in college, and it has paid off not only in his new school, but the prospect of playing against two of his former teammates.

"They'll have a fun rivalry with that," Miller said. "I talked to Jaxon and Traie, and they're hoping to be starters next season. Deegan has the opportunity to go right in and start for this team, and even though they're all on offense, they're out there together playing college football."



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- 12 Year in Spain
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- 49 Precinct canine

- 54 Fiddle stick
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- 3 Tic-tac-toe win
- 4 Bette in "Beaches"

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Drawer handle is different. 2. Picture is reversed. 3. Stripes on sleeve are higher. 4. Spot on dog's back is smaller. 5. Curtain is shorter. 6. Design on lamp is different.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers
King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Mount Everest is part of which mountain range?
 - MOVIES:** Which color film was the first to win an Academy Award for Best Picture?
 - ASTRONOMY:** Which planet in our solar system is believed to be the windiest?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Where is the U.S. Constitution stored?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of lemurs called?
 - TELEVISION:** Which city is the setting for the dramatic series "The Wire"?
 - GEOLOGY:** Which country has the most active volcanos?
 - LITERATURE:** Which character in a Charles Dickens novel famously said, "Please, sir, I want some more"?
 - ART:** Which Dutch artist is considered a master of light and shadow, creating dramatic effects in paintings?
 - SCIENCE:** What is an ectothermic animal?
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Trivia Test Answers
1. The Himalayas; 2. "Gone With the Wind"; 3. Neptune; 4. The National Archives; 5. A conspiracy; 6. Baltimore, Maryland; 7. Indonesia; 8. Title character in "Oliver Twist"; 9. Rembrandt; 10. Cold-blooded

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