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STORY IN LIFE

## Polaris DUI marks launch of Iron County's summer crackdown on impaired off-road driving

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Iron County's newest patrol vehicle had barely hit the dirt before it delivered its first arrest.

A brand-new Polaris RZR was still being broken in on its first official patrol when deputies spotted a driver swerving along the back roads near Three Peaks — a popular recreation area northwest of Cedar City.

Just hours into training with the off-road machine, deputies stopped 19-year-

old Alton Young, who was allegedly driving impaired through the rugged terrain. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, open container, failure to stay in a lane, and unlawful possession of alcohol and tobacco by a minor.

"It worked exactly the way it was supposed to," said Lt. Shawn Peterson, who helped launch the new patrol effort. "Our deputies were on their way to train with the new machine when they saw

a driver showing signs of impairment. That's exactly the kind of thing we're out there to stop."

The Polaris, a fully outfitted 2024 Razor model purchased from Triple S in Cedar City, cost \$29,085.99. It was funded through Utah's beer tax grant — a program that uses revenue from alcohol sales to support enforcement and prevention of alcohol-related offenses.

The arrest also marked an unofficial kickoff to

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**2025 CEDAR CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

# NOTICE


Pursuant to Section 10-3-301(2)(a) of the Utah Code, notice is hereby given that Cedar City will hold a municipal election to elect four-year terms for the following:

- Mayor
- Two (2) Council Members.

A primary election will be held, if necessary, on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. The general election being held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

A Cedar City resident who is interested in becoming a candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Cedar City Recorder, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah. The filing period is during regular office hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) June 1 through June 6, 2025.

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## Quarter kilo of cocaine found during I-15 traffic stop in Iron County

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A traffic stop on Interstate 15 turned into a major drug bust earlier this month when troopers discovered a stash of cocaine worth up to \$25,000 hidden in the spare tire of a rental car.

Damond Donte Lee, 19, and Lee'Tron Cupree Turner, 19, were taken into custody May 5 and booked into the Iron County Jail on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Lee was also cited for following another vehicle too closely.

The arrests happened around 9:45 p.m. when a Utah Highway Patrol trooper sitting stationary in the median at mile marker 63 noticed a black Ford Edge with California plates heading northbound.

According to the affidavit, the driver had "leaned all the way

back" so the trooper could not see his face" and appeared to be trying to hide behind the vehicle's B-pillar — the post between the front and rear side windows.

After observing the vehicle follow a semi-truck too closely, the trooper pulled it over near mile marker 68. As he approached, he reported smelling the strong odor of cannabis.

Both men denied having marijuana but admitted to carrying THC wax pens — a concentrated cannabis product commonly used in vape devices. Neither had a state-issued medical card, which allows legal possession of such products in Utah for approved health conditions.

Based on the smell and the suspects' statements, the trooper conducted a warrantless search of the vehicle under what's known as probable cause.

"During the search we located one THC pen in the front passenger side door. We also located approximately 1 quarter of a kilo

of a white powder in the spare tire area," the trooper wrote. "The powder was sealed in a vacuum-sealed bag."

The powder later tested positive for cocaine. Authorities estimate the street value of the drug to be between \$20,000 and \$25,000, depending on how it was sold.

Both individuals were interviewed by state agents and denied ownership of the drugs. However, troopers noted that "both had access to it" and "there were discrepancies in the stories provided by the driver and passenger that were consistent with someone that is transporting illicit narcotics," the affidavit states.

Neither Lee nor Turner is from Utah, and court documents show they were "passing through" in a one-way rental from Palm Springs, California, to Montana. The trooper requested a higher bail, citing concern the suspects would flee the jurisdiction if released.

## POLARIS

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Utah's "100 Deadliest Days of Summer," the stretch between Memorial Day and Labor Day when impaired driving and traffic fatalities consistently rise across the state.

"This is exactly why we bought the Polaris," Peterson said. "We needed something that could patrol the backcountry and get to the places our trucks can't. Before the first night was even over, it already paid off."

Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter said the off-road unit is part of a larger push to reduce crashes on mountain trails and rural roads, where law enforcement presence has historically been limited.

"Two years ago, we had four head-on OHV crashes in one summer," Carpenter said. "Two were DUI-related. Two required lifeflight. We want people to enjoy the mountains, but we don't want anyone seriously injured or killed. DUI is still a serious offense — whether it's on a highway or a trail."

The Polaris is equipped with emergency lights, a siren, a tablet, and a full radio system — essentially a patrol truck in side-by-side form. Peterson said it allows deputies to reach areas that have become increasingly crowded since the pandemic fueled a wave of outdoor recreation in Southern Utah.

"People are out in huge numbers now," Peterson said. "What used to be back roads are now main routes. There are no hidden trails anymore. Families are out there, kids are out there.

And the truth is, we've had too many people out on 'booze cruises' putting others at risk."

Carpenter said deputies aren't trying to stop people from enjoying a drink at their campsite — they just want to make sure it doesn't turn into something dangerous.

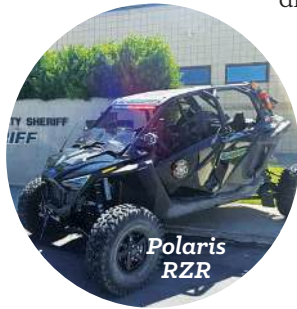
"I don't care if people go up and drink, if they drink responsibly. They can drink in their campground, drink around the campfire — we don't care about that — but it's not safe to be drinking while you're operating a vehicle and that's what the side-by-side is for. It is to make sure the backroads are as safe as the main ones."

The department will rotate deputies for regular DUI enforcement patrols this summer, including weekend operations and targeted activity on holiday events.

"We want people to enjoy the mountains and the outdoors," Carpenter said. "But don't get behind the wheel — especially on machines that can hit 70 or 80 miles per hour on dirt."

The Polaris will also be used to enforce DUI laws on federal land. While federal rangers have limited authority to write DUI citations on public land, Iron County deputies can — including on U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management roads, where traffic has surged in recent years.

And as more drivers head for the back hills this summer, deputies say the message is simple: if you're drinking, don't drive — no matter how far off the beaten path you are.



Polaris RZR

## public & health

# Free Community Pancake Breakfast & Kids Races – Saturday, May 31



by Tyler Brown

STATE BANK

Start your Saturday with a smile at the State Bank of Southern Utah's Free Pancake Breakfast, happening from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at the finish line of the Utah Summer Games 5K/10K. Whether you're running the race or cheering from the sidelines, everyone in the community is invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast—on us!



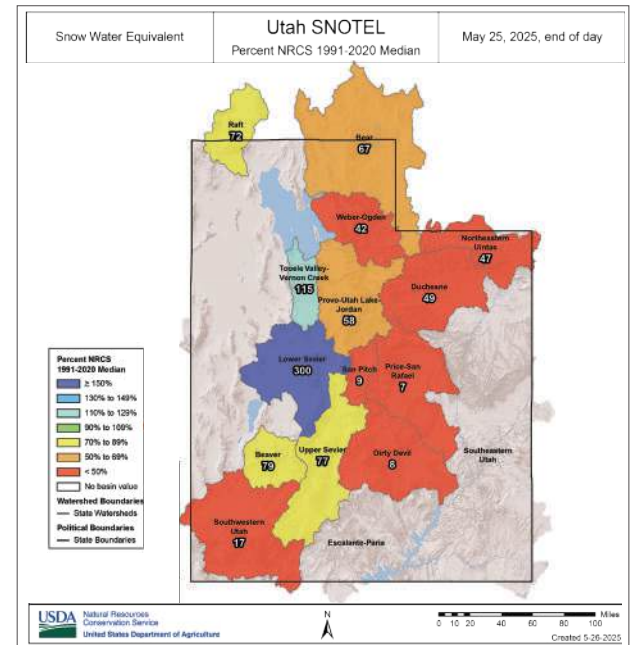
This event supports the Special Olympics Utah, bringing our community together in the spirit of competition and inclusion.

Kids Races kick off at 9:00 AM for ages 1 to

12, with medals awarded on the official Utah Summer Games podiums—just like the pros!

Location: Southeast corner of the SUU PE Building

Bring the whole family and celebrate with us—cheer on the runners, watch the kids race with joy, and enjoy a hearty breakfast as we support a great cause.



## 4WARN WEATHER



### IRON COUNTY FORECAST

WARM AND DRY WEATHER IS EXPECTED TO WRAP UP THE WEEK. THE TEMPERATURES WILL LIKELY STAY ON THE WARM SIDE WITH A MIX OF CLOUDS AND SUNSHINE NEXT WEEK.

Check your local forecast anytime at:  
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#### THURSDAY

Sunny/Breezy

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PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SW 15-25

#### FRIDAY

Sunny/Breezy

84°/52°

PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SW 15-25

#### SATURDAY

Sunny

83°/52°

PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SW 5-10

#### SUNDAY

Sunny

82°/52°

PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SW 5-15

#### MONDAY

M. Sunny/Breezy

81°/53°

PRECIP: 10%  
WINDS: SW 15-25

#### TUESDAY

M. Sunny/Breezy

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PRECIP: 10%  
WINDS: SW 15-25

#### WEDNESDAY

Mostly Sunny

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PRECIP: 50%  
WINDS: S/W 10-15

## opinion

### FROM THE EDITOR



**ESTHER  
HAILSTONE**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**C**ongratulations to all who graduated last week, what an incredible accomplishment! Whether you're stepping out of high school, or another program, it's no small thing to close one chapter and

prepare for the next. Now life gets even more exciting as you decide where to go from here, what paths to take, and how to make your mark on the world.

As we celebrate these new beginnings, I've been reflecting on how often people, of all ages, talk about their childhood and teenage years. I probably know more stories about my parents' and grandparents' early lives than any other part of their journey. It's a reminder of just how deeply those years shape us.

One of my favorite memories growing up was when my dad would tuck me and my sister in at night and tell us stories about when he was our age. We'd listen wide-eyed as he described his own adventures, mischief, and dreams. Those moments were simple, but they stuck — not just because of the stories, but because of how they made us feel connected to him and to a time we hadn't lived through.

Those memories — whether they're full of laughter, challenges, friendships, or firsts — stay with us. They matter. And for those graduating now, you're right in the middle of building the stories you'll tell for the rest of your life.

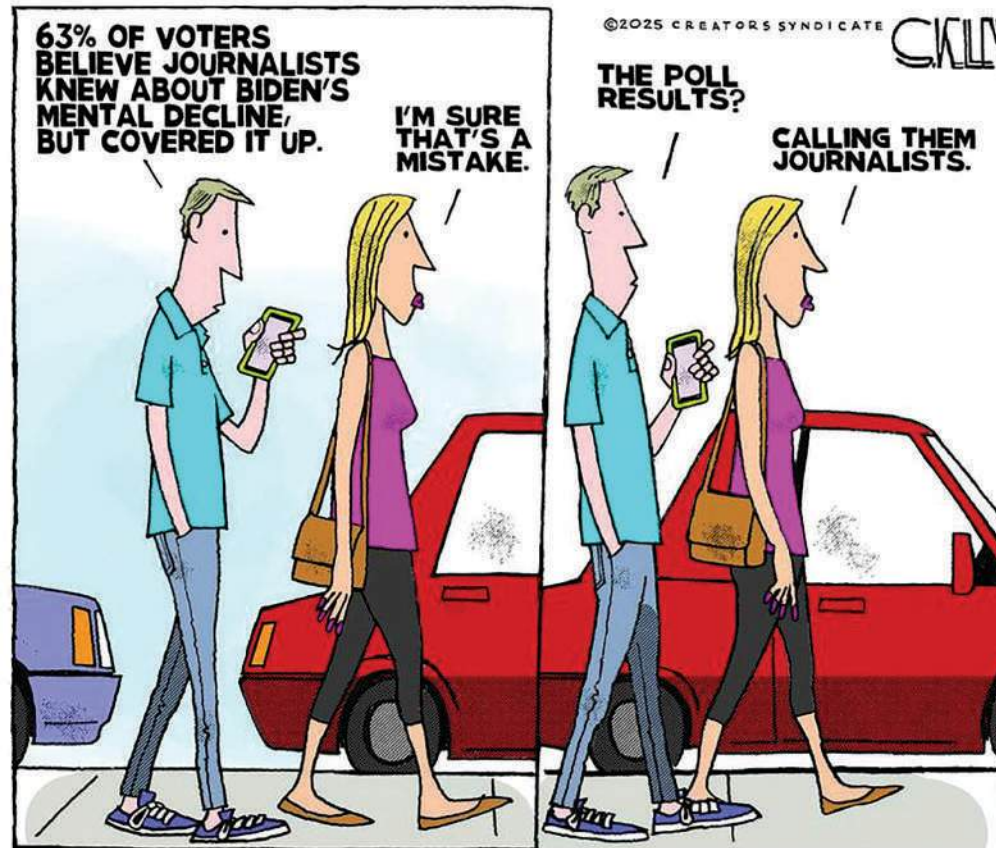
### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### ENMITY

[en-mi-ty]

noun

the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*In reading last week's thoughtful letter to Iron County Today, I agree we should encourage a resilient local economy in response to the recent tariff policy. Training at Southwest Technical College is a part of this. Local businesses and local jobs are a huge part of this.*

*In addition to local changes, I encourage Iron County residents to voice concerns to federal officials. I wrote to Senator Curtis about tariffs, one paragraph from his reply (dated April 22):*

*"Tariffs can create economic uncertainty for many Utah families—especially hardworking, taxpaying small business owners who depend*

*on predictable supply chains and fair market access. As someone who has spent much of my career as a small business owner, I understand how easily a sudden increase in costs can disrupt carefully planned budgets and put livelihoods at risk. In the Senate, I serve on the Small Business Committee, and my focus there is to champion policies that empower local entrepreneurs and help them remain competitive in a rapidly changing marketplace."*

*Tariffs can increase costs - they are taxes paid by importers. Importers - mostly US companies.*

Ron Walter

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."*

- Theodore Roosevelt



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## opinion

# Remembering God's Love and Miracles

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The life of Saul of Tarsus before he became the apostle Paul is an amazing illustration of God's saving love. Saul was born in approximately A.D. 5 in the city of Tarsus in Cilicia (in modern-day Turkey). He was born to Jewish parents who possessed Roman citizenship, a coveted privilege that their son Saul inherited. In about A.D. 10, Saul's family moved to Jerusalem. Sometime between A.D. 15-20 Saul began his studies of the Hebrew Scriptures in Jerusalem under Rabbi Gamaliel and began an in-depth study of the Law. It is believed that Saul was present at the trial of Stephen, a trial that resulted in Stephen becoming the first Christian martyr (Acts 7:54-60). The writings of Luke are an excellent historical account of events at that time. We read in Acts chapter 8 that Stephen's executioners laid their clothing at the feet of Saul who was in full approval of the mob's murderous actions. Saul later destroyed the meeting place of Jesus' followers, entered their homes, and committed them to prison. Saul's anti-Christian zeal not only motivated him to arrest and imprison male Christians (the "ringleaders") but to lock up female believers as well (Acts 8:3).

While on his way to Damascus to arrest and extradite Christians back to Jerusalem, Saul was confronted by the Very One whom he was persecuting. "Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked

for letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed, he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' And he said, 'Who are You, Lord?' 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to oppose the truth.' So, Saul, trembling and astonished, said, 'Lord, what do You want me to do?' Then the Lord said to him, 'Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.' And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no one." His companions led him by the hand and took him to Damascus. Saul was three days without sight, and did not eat or drink. After his companions took Saul according to the detailed instructions given to him, Saul's sight was returned to him.

This was one of the most dramatic conversions in history. Saul of Tarsus became the apostle Paul, an ardent missionary to an unbelieving world, a wonderful example of faithful service in the face of extreme opposition. At first, the followers of Jesus did not believe the change in Saul. It took some time for Saul to be accepted. Saul's education, his background as a Pharisee, his Roman citizenship, and his unflagging zeal all contributed to his success as a missionary, once those credentials and

traits had been subjugated to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Saul became the apostle Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. Thirteen books of the New Testament are attributed to him and were letters he wrote to congregations and to his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. During Paul's ministry he travelled the Roman roads throughout the Roman empire; it is believed that he may have travelled as far away as the Roman provinces of France and Spain. During Paul's ministry, he through his Love of Jesus, was able to accomplish miracles; the first miracle was his own conversion accomplished by the Risen Jesus; In 46 A.D. Paul and Barnabus were saved from death when a mob stoned him and left him for dead (Acts 14:19, 2 Corinthians 11:25); next in 50 A.D. there was a mighty earthquake when they were arrested in Phillippi for casting a demon out of a woman, then beaten, placed in prison and freed (Acts 16:25-26); 60 A.D. he was saved from a venomous snake during his 4th missionary jour-

ney (Acts 28:3-5) when he shook the snake off and suffered no injury. At the end of Paul's missionary travels, he was imprisoned in Rome, where it is believed he was executed. The Historian Clement reported that Paul suffered martyrdom under the Roman prefects. "Thus, he was removed from the world, and went into the holy place, having proved himself a

striking example of patience after having gone to the extreme limit of the west..." Eusebius stated that Nero in the year 64 C.E. began a large persecution of Christians to blame the fire in Rome on the Christians. Paul never forgot that "it is by grace that we are saved through faith...God's gift".

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# IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

## Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Planning Commission meeting on May 20, 2025, began with the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the May 6th minutes. Item two was tabled due to a mistake in the agenda.

The main discussion focused on a proposed street name change from Old Highway 91 to South Main. A developer said this would improve clarity, noting confusion caused by multiple "Old Highway 91" locations. The proposal would extend Main Street from the Maverick gas station to Tipple Road, in an area slated for commercial development.

Staff raised concerns about navigation, as continuing on Main Street would require a left turn at a stoplight instead of following the natural curve of the road into Cross Hollow. One official suggested a unique name to better market the area.

Commissioners debated whether the extension made sense or if a distinct name would better suit the corridor. The commission voted 4-2 to recommend the name change, with some urging more strategic naming. The matter now goes to the City Council.

Following this discussion, a city attorney conducted ethics training for the commission, covering conflicts of interest, gift limitations, and open meeting requirements, emphasizing the importance of transparency in government operations.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The mayor welcomed a new staff member, who shared her background and expressed excitement about moving to Cedar City. The mayor also announced an upcoming trip to South Korea to honor the 213 field artillery of the National Guard, commemorating events from May 26, 1951, as part of the city's sister city relationship.

A community relations officer presented temporary logo designs for Cedar City's role in America's 250th anniversary intended for use from July 1, 2025, through July 4, 2026.

Council updates included concerns about weed maintenance on city-owned properties and trash can cleanliness in the parking garage. Roadwork on Industrial Road was discussed, with confirmation that a skim coat will be added to blend new and old pavement.

The focus was then turned to library matters, including approval for early hiring to ensure a smooth transition when the current director retires. The council also noted an upcoming board vacancy, as one member will soon be moving outside city limits—disqualifying them under state residency requirements. The Youth Council also reported on their recent cemetery cleanup service project.

The council held a public hearing on a request to waive or further reduce a water bill of \$1,407.25, already lowered from \$1,585 due to a leak that caused about 500,000 gallons of water usage. The leak occurred between the meter and a property with three buildings, where water had been left running to prevent

freezing.

City staff discovered the issue in February 2025 and had applied tier-one rates retroactively. The property owner claimed he was unaware of the leak until receiving the bill. A council member raised concerns about setting a precedent, citing similar past cases. The request for further reduction was denied, and the reduced amount of \$1,407.25 was upheld unanimously.

The council approved a \$31,448 change order for the airport terminal expansion project, covering added wood trim and TSA-requested door hardware modifications. This brought total change orders to \$289,120. The motion passed 4-1, with one abstention.

### Water System Bonding Projects Discussion

Staff outlined proposed water projects for FY 2025-26 that may require bonding:

- Chlorine Disinfection System (\$17M): State-mandated, with a six-month extension granted. A \$100K temporary chlorination station will be installed during the delay.
- Cedar Canyon Springs Treatment (\$4.2M): Needed due to surface water influence; \$2M in additional funding required.
- System Capacity Expansion (\$3.5M): New wells at Martins Flat and Rush Lake to support growth and manage groundwater.
- Equestrian Point Looping (\$1.1M): Improves fire flow and redundancy;

may be delayed.

The council agreed to keep all projects in the tentative budget pending bonding decisions and further talks with the water conservancy district.

The council continued on water infrastructure, including well drilling and water meter funding.

A change order was approved for \$830,490 to move drilling equipment to the BLM South site after poor results at BLM North. Funds were reallocated from other water projects, saving an estimated \$150,000-\$175,000 by avoiding future equipment remobilization.

The council discussed \$1.6 million needed for new water meters. They considered using \$600,000 from the Martin's Flat well project, noting it wouldn't delay upcoming testing. The meters will improve billing accuracy and support tiered rates needed for future bond repayment.

The mayor presented a proposal to contract with Rush Lake Ranch for water rights—up to 4,000 gallons per minute—using \$4 million in reserves. Payment would only occur after successful well completion. The idea prompted debate over whether to prioritize this or finish current projects like Martin's Flat.

The council weighed using \$4M in reserves (plus \$1.95M at Martin's Flat) to complete current projects without borrowing, versus saving funds for the Rush Lake option. Concerns were raised about funding pipelines without confirmed water sources.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

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

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

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# THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL

from Stephen Wagner

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Cedar City, UT May 22, 2025 – Cedar Valley Community Theatre proudly presents the

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## Title: THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL

### Book, Music & Lyrics:

Nan Knighton and Frank Wildhorn

### Location:

Heritage Center Theater, 105 N 100 E, Cedar City

### Dates:

May 30 – June 7, 2025

### Times:

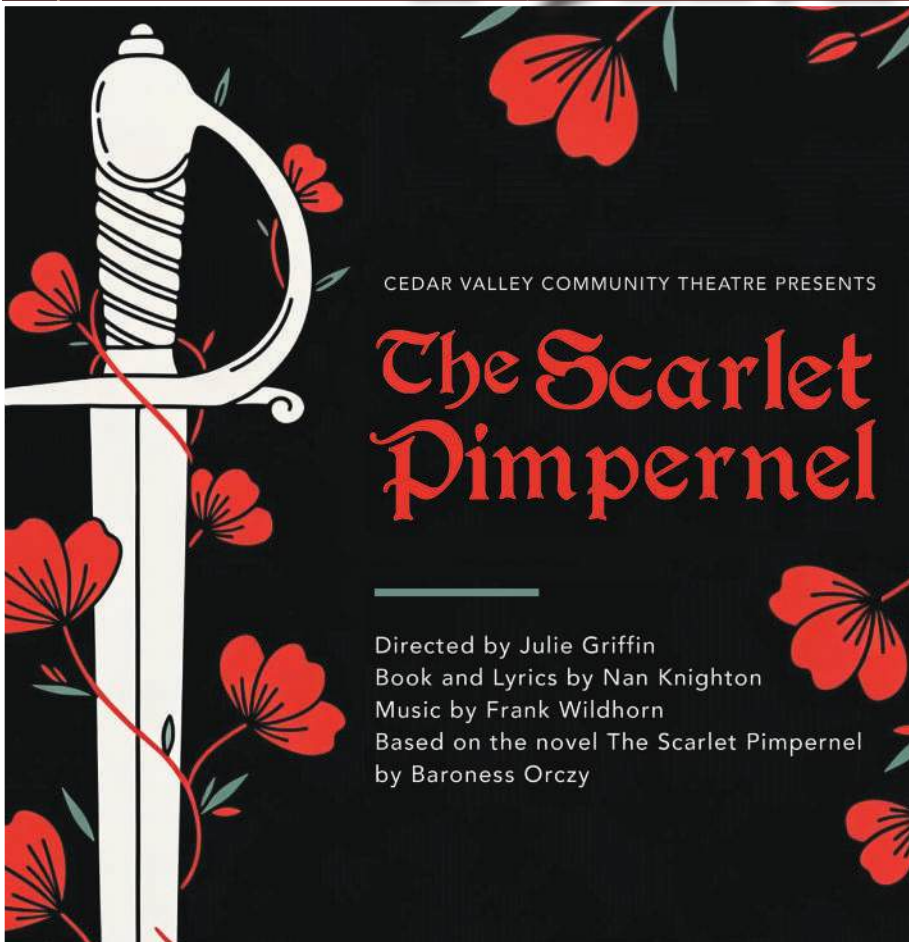
Shows at 7:30pm.

### Tickets:

General Admission: \$15. Discount Admission (seniors, students with ID, children 12 and under): \$10. Special group pricing available for orders of 10 or more-

Tickets may be purchased at Heritage Center Box Office or our website [www.cvct.online](http://www.cvct.online).

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CEDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS

## The Scarlet Pimpernel

Directed by Julie Griffin  
Book and Lyrics by Nan Knighton  
Music by Frank Wildhorn  
Based on the novel *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy



MAY  
30, 31,  
JUNE  
2, 5, 6, 7  
7:30 PM

HERITAGE CENTER THEATER  
105 N 100 E, CEDAR CITY

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$15  
SENIORS 55+, STUDENTS W/ ID,  
CHILDREN 3-12: \$10  
FOR TICKETS: [WWW.CVCT.ONLINE](http://WWW.CVCT.ONLINE)



# CCAC's Membership Drive Happening Now

by *Sally Hunter Jensen*

CCAC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

**A**nnouncing the Cedar City Arts Council's (CCAC) 2025 Membership Drive!

This is an event that occurs annually...Now is the time we make a push to gain new members and re-activate those that have yet to renew their membership. I urge you to join or renew. Your membership dues are used to do unusual, varied and amazing things! With the Membership Card in your wallet, you are officially a part of a growing, thriving, local Arts Culture and part of an organization that regularly accomplishes great things and helps local artists do the same. I'm always amazed at the dedication of the members and the enthusiasm of our community. Iron County has always embraced the arts.

As of 2022, I've had the privilege of being the Membership Director. Though I thought I was retiring from a long career, I'm passionate about this new work because CCAC has created programs that actually do what the Mission Statement says they will do.

I've become familiar with all of our programs, the largest being the Mini-grant program, built by the late, and much missed, Mary Ann Andersen. Mini-grants awarded to local artists and art organizations have helped achieve wildly diverse projects that contribute to the community in surprising ways. Projects in all genres of the arts are funded by Mini-grants, twice a year.

For example, here are three of my favorite projects recently funded by CCAC:

A Mini-grant helped educator and musician LuAnne Brown start a student orchestra at Escalante Valley Elementary in Beryl. A Mini-grant paid for instrument

repair, strings, and music.

Also, the striking, stained glass window above the door of Jensen's Vacuum and Sewing at 127 North Main was funded by a CCAC Mini-grant. Just looking at it gives me a rush of inspiration! A Mini-grant helped purchase needed materials.

Finally,

"Making Music and Motion" workshops were created especially for adults with intellectual disabilities in our community. This series of workshops has engaged these adults in Yoga, Martial Arts, Drum Circles, Sound Baths, and Improv, to give

the reader an idea of the interesting workshop subjects. A Mini-grant helps pay for the cost of instructors.

Your CCAC Membership Dues have helped accomplish all of these projects. Here is the link to become a member today: <https://www.cedarcityartscouncil.org/support/membership/> Then I will send out your official Membership Mailing via snail mail. For only \$25, annually, a single person can help make life-changing things happen for local artists and for our community. Membership for families is \$35, and businesses and nonprofits, \$50.

The more I work with CCAC, the more I realize that my \$25 Membership Fee is the best money I've ever spent.

## THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL

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### About Cedar Valley Community Theatre

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

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Join the Cedar City Arts Council  
at [cedarcityartscouncil.org](http://cedarcityartscouncil.org)  
under the Support Tab  
Be a part of our Arts Community!

JOIN US AT KJ'S ICE BARN

# CAR SHOW

*Fundraiser*

**CARS - BOOTHS - FOOD TRUCKS - LIVE MUSIC**

This Fundraiser is being held to raise money for Trinity Dorris and her family. We would like to invite everyone out to have fun and raise money for a good cause.

📍 2550 E Pinnacle Way, Enoch, UT 84721

For more information and to register:

- 🌐 Car registration Form - <https://forms.gle/EbSddSSn6c6RXPqS>
- 🌐 <https://kjsicebarn.org/Entertainment/Special-Events>
- ☎ 435-691-8015

**31**  
**MAY**  
**AT 2:30PM**

PRESENTED BY:  
**Muddy Boots**

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It's been well over a month since we last had a snow fall, Spring began, and finally we felt temperatures in the seventies. Those early Spring days were certainly enjoyable for sitting outside late in the afternoon warmth with no snow in the yard. But, every year those first few weeks also include some chilly hours just after the sun sets, and quite often I go running inside and don a sweatshirt. I also get impatient waiting for days that include warm evenings so that I can remain outside in shorts and enjoy the longer daylight hours and begin to barbecue.

As we got further into May, another of my favorite Spring things suddenly appeared in the yard! On the very same day in mid-May we had our first encounter with, not just our returning hummingbirds, but also five brilliant yellow Bullocks Orioles returned on the same day. The very next day we then noticed two yellow and orange Western Tanagers fluttering around the back yard along with our resident collection of finches, doves, starlings and robins, each with their own distinctive colored feathers, various voices, and different flight patterns.

As beautiful as the Orioles are, with their yellow and orange hues, their song does not match their beauty. The other birds chirp, twitter and coo, while the orioles have an annoying screech, as they fight each other on the feeder, especially over the grape jelly and orange slices that

we have learned will really attract them.

Another favorite sign of Spring are the tiny broken egg shells around our yard, and the baby owls emerging from their nests out in the farmlands, with all their squawking, trying to learn to fly from their parents. Plus, you can't miss the turkey vultures cruising on the updrafts high in the heavens, without ever seeming to flap their wings. I recently learned that a group of these high-flying birds is more correctly called a kettle of vultures. By the way, they are not real pretty up close!

In early Spring the trees in town slowly start to get green one at a time, but it isn't until mid-May that you can see most every tree in full leaf and all these birds finally finding a place to nest.

For now, the best part of Spring is upon us, but soon the heat of summer will have us all inside enjoying air conditioning, so enjoy these last few days of Spring, perhaps keep a copy of these pictures, and maybe next year, you too can be a bird nerd.



SPRING  
Things

Larry H. Miller



**Utah**  
**SUMMER**  
**GAMES**



LARRY H. & GAIL  
MILLER  
FAMILY FOUNDATION



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FOUNDATION



*Jerry Miller* **Utah** **SUMMER GAMES**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Dates & Venues Subject to Change*

## MAY

### BASKETBALL High School

MAY 29 - 31

America First Event Center, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center, Paiute Gym

### BOWLING Youth & Adult

MAY 30 - 31

Cedar Bowling Center

### SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

MAY 30-31

Field and the Hills Complex, Bicentennial Complex

### TRAP SHOOTING

MAY 30-31

Cedar City Trap Club

### 5K / 10K

*Presented by Show Up Utah*

MAY 31

SUU PE Building

### COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Presented by State Bank of Southern Utah*

MAY 31 - 8:00 AM

SUU PE Building

## JUNE

### PICKLEBALL Singles & Doubles

JUNE 3-7

Bicentennial Pickleball Courts, SUU Pickleball Courts

### SWIMMING

JUNE 4-7

SUU Pool, Cedar City Aquatic Center

### BOWLING Adaptive

JUNE 4

Cedar Bowling Center

### FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

JUNE 5-7

Field and the Hills Complex, Bicentennial Complex, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Parowan High School, Parowan Valentine Park Fields, Hurricane High School, Hurricane City Fields, Toquerville City Fields

### SOCCER

JUNE 5-7

Bicentennial Complex, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School

### CORN HOLE

JUNE 5

SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center

### VOLLEYBALL Adult Mens

JUNE 6-7

America First Event Center, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center, Paiute Gym

### GYMNASTICS

JUNE 6-7

America First Event Center

### TENNIS

JUNE 6-7

Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, SUU Tennis Courts

### HORSESHOES

JUNE 6-7

Cedar City Horseshoe Courts

### SHOOTING PISTOL

JUNE 6-7

Iron County Shooting Range

### EQUESTRIAN ALL BREED, HUNTER/ JUMPER/DRESSAGE

JUNE 6-7

Parowan Arena

### VOLLEYBALL Youth Boys

JUNE 6-7

America First Event Center, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center, Paiute Gym

### GOLF

Amateur Tournament

JUNE 6

Cedar Ridge Golf Course

### BLOCK PARTY

*Presented by KSL 5 TV*

JUNE 6 - 4:00 PM

SUU Practice Fields

### OPENING CEREMONY

*Presented by State Bank of Southern Utah*

JUNE 6 - 8:00 PM

Eccles Coliseum

### PARKOUR

JUNE 7

Red Peak Gym

### DISC GOLF Doubles

MAY 31 - JUNE 1

Thunderbird Gardens

### KARATE

JUNE 7

Parowan High School

### POWER TUMBLING & TRAMPOLINE

JUNE 7

Cedar Middle School

### FOOTBALL 7V7

June 9-10

SUU Practice Fields, SUU Eccles Coliseum, SUU Intramural Field, Cedar High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View High School, Canyon View Middle School

### BASEBALL

JUNE 12-14

Field and the Hills Complex, Bicentennial Complex, Veteran's Park, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School

### TRACK & FIELD

JUNE 12-14

SUU Track Eccles Coliseum

### RACQUETBALL

JUNE 12-14

SUU PE Building

### BASKETBALL Adult

JUNE 13-14

America First Event Center, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center, Paiute Gym

### 3x3 SOCCER

JUNE 13-14

Bicentennial Complex

### ULTIMATE FRISBEE

JUNE 13-14

Canyon View High School, Canyon View Middle School

### TABLE TENNIS

JUNE 13-14

SUU PE Building

### ARM WRESTLING

JUNE 14

SUU PE Building

### FLAG FOOTBALL

JUNE 16-17

SUU Practice Fields, SUU Eccles Coliseum, SUU Intramural Field, Cedar High School, Middle School, Canyon View High School

### VOLLEYBALL Youth Girls U10-U14

JUNE 18-19

Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center

### VOLLEYBALL Adult Coed

JUNE 19

Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center

### VOLLEYBALL Youth Girls U15-U18

JUNE 19-20

Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center

### VOLLEYBALL Adult Womens

JUNE 20-21

Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center

### ARCHERY

June 20-22

Parowan Valentine Complex Soccer Field

### BASKETBALL Youth

JUNE 27-28

America First Event Center, Cedar High School, Canyon View High School, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, Parowan High School, SUU PE Building, SUU Multipurpose Center, Paiute Gym

## JULY

### USTA TENNIS

JULY 11-12

SUU Tennis Courts

### PRACTICAL SHOOTING

JULY 19

Iron County Shooting Range

## history

# Highlights from the Wheeler Survey of 1872

by Jay M. Jones

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**H**erbert Gregory, a noted American geologist who worked extensively in Southern Utah, wrote for the American Journal of Science in October 1945 a piece titled “Scientific Explorations in Southern Utah,” giving accounts of early expeditions in the area.

Gregory tells about an army surveyor named George Wheeler, who led an ambitious project to survey the American West from 1871 through 1879. According to Gregory, Lieutenant Wheeler’s work in 1872 included large sections of Southern Utah:

“In 1872 the Survey staff of 25 scientists and engineers, 6 officers, 50 privates, 2 guides, and a score of packers, herders, and laborers mapped the region northward from the Grand Canyon well onto the High Plateaus and eastward from Nevada to the Crossing of the Fathers, in Glen Canyon.”

Wheeler’s survey was broken down into several teams of 6 to 10 men each, both military and civilian, to explore and make notes of designated areas.

Regarding a pioneer traverse of the Markagunt Plateau, which includes the area of Cedar Breaks, Gregory quotes Wheeler:

“The summit of the southern rim (of the Markagunt Plateau), at an altitude of over 10,000 feet, affords one of the finest panoramic views then witnessed (1872) – the Virgin River lying at our feet, the Colorado Canyon in the distance, plateaus, canyons, and mountains to the east, mountains high and frowning to the north, and the mountains and desert to the west and southwest, the ranges bordering the Colorado, especially the Virgin.”

Wheeler wrote that the survey authorized by Congress “was a plan substantially for a complete, connected, continuous, detailed topographic survey (with associated natural history observations) of the territory of the United States west of the one hundredth meridian.”

George Montague Wheeler, born in Massachusetts in 1842, received an appointment to the Military Academy at West Point in 1862. He graduated in 1866



*View from the Utah Highway 14 turnout overlooking the Virgin River and Zion Canyon area.* Wheeler described this view from near the summit of the southern rim of the Markagunt Plateau in 1872. Jay Jones photo.

and became a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

He was assigned as Assistant Engineer on projects in the San Francisco Bay area, where he practiced the art of military mapmaking.

After a military survey in Nevada in 1869, Wheeler developed an ambitious plan to conduct extensive topographical and scientific surveys throughout the Western United States.

In Washington D.C., Wheeler sold his ideas to several members of Congress and to Brigadier General Andrew A. Humphreys, head of the Corps of Engineers.

Wheeler’s ideas bore fruit. In early 1871, Humphreys gave orders to Wheeler to “obtain correct topographical knowledge of . . . everything relating to the physical features of the country, the numbers, habits, and dispositions of the Indians who may live in this section . . . the mineral resources that may be discovered . . . the influence of climate, the geological formations, character and kinds of vegetation, its probable value for agricultural and grazing purposes, relative proportions of woodland, water, and other qualities . . .”

In 1871, Wheeler hired Civil War photographer Timothy O’Sullivan to document the Western landscapes to

help gain public support for the work of the survey.

After O’Sullivan left the survey, William Bell took his place in 1872 and photographed the Kanab Wash, the Paria River area, and part of the Grand Canyon.

Wheeler had anticipated that it would take 15 years to complete his survey at a cost estimated at \$2.5 million.

As it turned out, there were three other western surveys during this time period, led by Ferdinand Hayden, Clarence King and John Wesley Powell. In 1879, because of duplication of effort and cost concerns, Congress consolidated all of the western surveys into one, called the U.S. Geological Survey, under the direction of Clarence King initially and later John Wesley Powell.

Although Wheeler was never able to complete his original goal, his surveys and resulting maps and reports led to a deeper understanding of the American West. Among many places named for him are Wheeler Peak in Eastern Nevada (part of Great Basin National Park), Wheeler Peak in New Mexico, the highest point in that state, and the Wheeler Geologic Area in Colorado.

## HISTORICAL THREADS



*George M. Wheeler, 1872, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution.*

## celebrations

### Dell and Edith (Webster) Slack

Dell and Edith (Webster) Slack of Cedar City, Utah, celebrate their

**70th Wedding Anniversary**  
on June 4th



They are the parents of five children: Brenda Wheelwright (Kerry), Jerilyn Rowley (Mark), Delra Alamo (Jeff), Bobette Horner (Robert), and Kendall Slack (Naomi).

They have 19 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren.



## 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](mailto:VFWinCedarCity@gmail.com)

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**AA—Alcoholics Anonymous**

(435) 635-3603 • [www.utahaa.org](http://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, 6-7 pm • (435) 559-3333

**Hope for Today (Family Groups)**

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

**Key to Harmony (Online/Email Meeting)** Sun & Tues 4:35-7:04-4979 • <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](mailto: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.

**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](http://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](http://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 (5m 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

**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](http://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](mailto:info@sunrisechurch.net), [sunrisechurch.net](http://sunrisechurch.net).

## CLASSES, CLUBS &amp; 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com)

**Iron County Democrats**

Come meet with an exciting and welcoming group committed to improving our world. Monthly meetings and annual convention. For more information find us at Facebook- Iron County Utah Democrats, or call Mike Keil at (435)840-4712.

**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, 8 am • Canyon Park West 133 S 400 E Cedar City. A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! [www.parkrun.us](http://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](http://forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7)

Adolescent: [forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9](http://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](http://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 Place**

583 S Main Suite #5, Cedar City. (435) 592-5308. Classes: [thewellnessplacecc.com/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@sunrisechurch.net), [sunrisechurch.net](http://sunrisechurch.net).

## calendar

THURS, MAY 29

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

**INDOOR FARMERS MARKET (NEW Expanded Hours 12PM-6PM)** 909 S Main St., Cedar City - (Between IFA and Liberty Tax) Regional vendors are bringing their best artisan goods including fresh bakery items, Local eggs, pickles, jams & butters, freeze dried treats, candles, soaps and facial products! One-of-a-kind crafts and secondhand treasures, live plants, herbs and cedar planter boxes! Something special waits to be discovered! **NEW Expanded Hours - Open Thursday and Friday Noon to 6 PM**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUE NORTH BIBLE DAY CAMP** (Enrollment Open) - Community Presbyterian Church Invites Children to True North Bible Day-camp/ VBS. A free summer kids' event called True North will be hosted at Community Presbyterian Church from June 16-20, 9:00am-12:00 noon. At True North, kids discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:40. Contact: Pastor Robyn Eddy, Phone: 435-586-8891, Email: [pastorrobyn@cedarpres.org](mailto:pastorrobyn@cedarpres.org)

**DUO-EXHIBIT (THRU JUNE 30)** @ the Frontier Homestead Museum. Featuring Sandra Anderson and Carol Stenger.

FRI, MAY 30

**NATIVE GOODS MARKETPLACE (10AM-3PM)** The Utah Paiute Tribal Housing Authority parking lot located at 565 N 100 E. Join us at this "farmer's market" event where you can buy goods, food and handmade items. Hope to see you there!

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**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC (7-8PM)** JUNE-AUGUST @ 7:00-8:00pm. Free entry. Local country musicians and bands. 97 W. Center Street, Cedar City Utah 84720 at **HOME ON THE RANGE**.

SAT, MAY 31

**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 experi-

ence required, facilitators are present.

**FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST & KIDS RACES (8AM-10AM)** SUU PE Building, 2-56 N 600 W, Cedar. Kids Races kick off at 9:00 AM for ages 1 to 12. Bring the whole family and celebrate with us—cheer on the runners, watch the kids race with joy, and enjoy a hearty breakfast as we support a great cause.

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**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](mailto:festivalcityfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

## schools

## BOYS STATE - GIRLS STATE ANNOUNCED FOR 2025

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In Utah, Boys State and Girls State are programs designed to introduce high school students to government and civic engagement. Boys State is sponsored by the American Legion, while Girls State is run by the American Legion Auxiliary. Both programs offer a hands-on experience in learning about democracy and how government functions.

The Cedar City American Legion is proud to send this year's outstanding high school students to the American Legion Auxiliary Utah Girls State and the American Legion Utah Boys State. These are two of the foremost programs in the United States today for training young people in patriotism and responsible citizenship by teaching how a representative democracy functions. These programs are taught by veterans and state-elected officials.

Participants receive three university credits in political science, and many university scholarships are awarded. Some of our previous local students have earned the program's top scholarships. Two have been awarded \$20,000 national Samsung Scholarships—given by Samsung Corporation in appreciation for American soldiers who served during the Korean War. Only nine of these national scholarships are awarded each year, and Cedar City students have received this honor twice. Participants also run

In Utah, Boys State and Girls State are programs

in mock elections. Those elected as Senators, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor are invited to attend Girls Nation or Boys Nation the following summer in Washington, D.C., where they are given personal tours by Utah's



Girls State Picture 2025

Pictured are (L to R) Suzanne Roundy (Vice Commander of Cedar City American Legion Auxiliary), Madelyn Shumate, Shannon Roach, Elena Roundy, Hailey Barney, Amelia Lafleur, Alivia Winzenried, and Georgia Johnson (Commander of Cedar City American Legion Auxiliary). Not pictured are: Elizabeth Meyers, Abigail Brandt, Sharon Christensen, Anika Neumann, Brooklyn Edwards, Shelbie Kupfer, and Abby Wright



Boys State Picture: Pictured are (L to R) Darrin Duncan (Vice Commander of Cedar City American Legion), John Burgess, Cooper Anderson, Joel Wilson, Gabe Smith, Brent Martin, Jake Riddle, and John Fenn (Boys State Chair of Cedar City American Legion)

## schools

### IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

from Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



#### Graduation

Iron County School District celebrated more than 800 graduates in ceremonies this week. Celebrations included cheers, tears, songs, stories of good times in school and some creativity from the seniors as they received their diplomas. We wish those students well as they head into their future. Some will attend a university, others will take the technical college route and some are off to military

service. Aim high Class of 2025. Another graduation is in the books.

#### Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary had an exciting and fun-filled day on May 20. In the morning, students participated in Field Day where they rotated through many games such as the shoe race, gunny sack races, a water sponge race, tug-o-war, Gaga Ball, parachute fun, and much more. In the afternoon, we welcomed back past Three Peaks students who are graduating this year from high school. Students cheered and clapped as the graduates walked the halls of their former elementary school. Congratulations to all of the graduates! On May 21, we had 100 Kindergarten students perform for parents during their Kindergarten Graduation program. We also participated in the upper grade track meet at CVMS and won 2nd place overall. On May 22, we had our end of year awards assemblies and on May 23, we held a "Clap Out" for our 5th grade students.

#### Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

Thank you to everyone who participated in our last Feed Your Family fundraiser at 2nd East. The PTA received \$139.80 to help keep making Fiddlers a great place to learn and work.

At our final awards assembly, Fiddlers honored students, volunteers, teachers, and staff. Congratulations to our Staff Member of the Year, Emily DeMuzio, and our Teacher of the Year, Michelle Vasi. Well done! The PTA also received a check from the Cedar City Lions Club for \$1,480. We are grateful for the support we receive from the Lions Club and our other community partners and friends.

By John Byron Turner

**The last day of school was celebrated on Friday May 23rd with the Annual Foam Party in front of the Parowan Library. What a great way to end the school year and begin some Summer fun!**



## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Graduating from high school is a remarkable milestone that marks the end of one chapter and the exciting beginning of another. It's a time to celebrate all the hard work, dedication, and growth students have poured into their education over the past four years. They should be commended for their academic achievements, as well as the resilience and determination it took to finally reach "Graduation Day."

As graduates step across the stage and receive their diplomas with a hearty handshake from principals and other educators, they move into the next phase of their lives—whether that's college, a new career path, or another adventure. They carry with them the knowledge, experiences, and memories that will shape their futures. It's a time to "Dream Big, Be Ready for Change, and Believe in All the Possibilities Waiting Ahead."

In Cedar City, Utah, and all Iron County high schools, graduating classes are expected to be prepared for the college of their choice or technical school. Many students are also encouraged to explore entrepreneurship opportunities.

The Iron County School District—which includes Cedar High, Canyon View High, SUU SUCCESS Academy, Launch High School, Parowan High School, Iron Online, and Southwest Education Academy—aims to ensure all students are ready for college or trade school upon graduation. Additionally, the district focuses on developing essential skills and personal growth through a mastery transcript.

#### MISSION

Iron County School District supports families in developing college and career readiness by building knowledge, skills, and relationships for all.

#### VISION

Empowering all to learn at high levels through systemic district and school-wide support.

Congratulations to all Iron County 2025 High School Graduates!



## schools

BOYS STATE-  
GIRLS STATE

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state-elected officials. In recent years, several of our local students have been elected to these offices and have traveled to Washington, D.C.

The students selected by the Cedar City American Legion to attend Girls and Boys State are truly the cream of the crop. They are leaders in their schools and communities, maintain strong academic records, and have bright futures ahead.

The Cedar City American Legion Post 74 is grateful for this year's local sponsors who help send these deserving students to Utah Girls and Boys State. Sponsors include: State Bank of Southern Utah, Cedar City Rotary Club, Cedar City Lions Club, Southern Utah Mortuary, and the Dixie and Anne Leavitt Family Foundation.

If your organization would like to donate to help send these wonderful high school students to Utah Girls and Boys State, please send a check to:

Cedar City American Legion Post 74, Box 2231, Cedar City, Utah 84721

"Boys and Girls State is an incredible way for young people to step out of their comfort zones and try something they may not have been exposed to yet. It's a fun-filled week, surrounded by like-minded individuals from all over the state who come to learn about the government and how it functions."

## obituaries

## Robert Cloyd Behunin



Dear Family Members, Loved Ones, Friends, Neighbors, Builders, Contractors, Developers, but especially all you Ol' Cowboys and Cowgirls who rode the trails or had your horses shod by Bob:

For the record:

Robert Cloyd Behunin (Bob) was born on November 22, 1939, to Fern Coleman Taft and Franklin Isaac Behunin of Torrey, UT. He was the beloved "Baby Boy," the youngest of seven children. Fern and Frank divorced, and Fern married Ray Berry who brought other children into Bob's life, but none so beloved as his surviving half-sister (and fellow LA Dodgers fanatic!) Ila Rae (Perrine) of Cerritos, CA. Bob passed away peacefully in

his Cedar City, UT, home on May 17, 2025, after a heroic battle with acute myeloid leukemia. Penny—his sweetheart of 61 years—preceded him, passing on April 24, 2024.

That said:

Growing up in Wayne County and then Provo in the 1940's in a blended family was, well, challenging by any generational standard. Bob and his brothers slept in the "bunkhouse" which had no running water, only a small stove for heat, an outhouse, and, if he was lucky, he would get two baked potatoes to put in his blanket to keep him warm as he went to sleep—which then became hashbrowns for breakfast.

As the rambunctious baby boy, Bob never sat still. He always found more than one creative, daring way to, how shall we say it, "assert himself," which led to various outcomes: some good, some not so good, and some that, by all accounts, were rather amusing. On the "not so good side," when Bob was five years old, he was struck by a car (while playing in the street) and dragged for about a block. His left femur was badly broken but skillfully repaired by a talented surgeon. There's a famous black and white picture of the five-year old Bob poised on his wooden crutches sporting his twice turned, frayed, multi-patched, ragged pants, black lace-up leather shoes and V-neck sweater—looking every bit like Tiny Tim himself.

Bob would tell you that he grew up with "everything and nothing." Even though there were family and financial struggles, he always felt he had more than enough opportunities. And when his mother, Fern, moved the family to Lakewood, CA, in 1952 to accept a job with the US Navy and Veteran's Administration, Bob took advantage of school and athletics at Artesia High. He lettered in football and other sports, and he racked up a bunch of traffic tickets for having his car "too low to the ground." Not having sufficient financial means to pay the fines himself, and a single mom who tactically declined to pay the fines for him, the traffic court judge gave Bob the option to pay the fines or join the army. Go Army! Special Forces. Fort Ord, CA. It was an opportunity that molded and shaped the Bob we know and love.

It also led him to his "everything." Penny. Had it not been for Bob, Penny would have missed her senior prom. Her prom date was in a tragic car accident just a few days before the prom. Her uncle, an LDS Bishop, happened to know a handsome (Clark Gable/James Dean mix) army guy on leave from Fort Ord. Bob and Penny went to the prom in 1962, married January 4, 1963, in the Los Angeles Temple and lived their best life for 61 years—fourteen years in Downey, CA and forty-seven in Cedar City.

After the army, Bob drove a school bus. Bus Number #5. At this time, it was known as the "Handicapped Bus." He formed a special friendship with a young man named Gary who had mild cerebral palsy. Bob would bring Gary home for dinner and to play basketball with Rob. No question Bob was

tough, no-nonsense, and didn't suffer fools lightly, but his compassion was boundless. When Bob got his contractor's license and went to work building and repairing schools in the LaMirada School District, the children and families of Bus Number #5 were crestfallen.

Bob worked in the construction industry in California until 1978 when he and Penny packed up Rob, Frank, Devey and Jennifer and moved them back home to Utah—Cedar City. Bob became the building inspector and chief planning and zoning official in 1979 working with mayors, city councils, city managers and city attorneys from Jack Sawyer to Gerald Sherratt.

Bob's true love, next to Penny, was being on a horse. Fortunately, he found brotherhood and friendship with a highly reputable band of Cedar City desperados headed up by the ERA Real Estate broker who sold Bob and Penny their house in 1978—Brad Schmutz. The farm, the cows, the New Harmony to Pine Valley cattle drives with Frank, the years of 4-H with his rodeo princess Jennifer, meant everything to him. Bob was so happy being on top of a horse that he decided to go to professional farrier school so he could be underneath a horse as well—just for kicks! Bob shod horses from Idaho to Las Vegas: pleasure horses, trail horses, show horses and racehorses. He's got a picture book, Bob's Book of Bruises, which he cherished.

As Bob battled MDS and then acute myeloid leukemia over the last five years, he was the quintessential "good soldier," and he had "good troops" at the Cedar City Intermountain Health Cancer Center who fought with him. Bob loved his caregivers. He knew his diagnosis would never allow him to "ring the bell," but he was never afraid to do the difficult. "If you want to get somewhere in this life, you must be willing to do the difficult." That was his mantra, and he lived by it to the end.

From all of us, Rob, Devey, Jenny and our entire extended family, we thank you for all your love and support and for loving Bob as much as we do.

And per Bob's instructions, he gets the last word: "I want to thank everyone who took care of me and my Penny in our later years. My special thanks go to my daughter Devey who never left my side and who was there on the good days and the grumpy days, and to her employers at the Leavitt Group who gave her the flexibility to be our guardian angel. And my thanks to my grandson Levi Wood who lived with me and Penny for over a year, providing laughter, comfort and peace of mind."

Funeral services for Bob will be as follows:

Viewing: Friday, May 23, 6pm to 8pm, Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 North 300 West Cedar City, UT, 84720.

Viewing: Saturday, May 24 th , 9:30am to 10:30am Cedar West Stake Center, 725 South 1100 West, Cedar City, UT, 84720.

Funeral Service: Saturday, May 24 th , 11:00am Cedar West Stake Center, 725 South 1100 West, Cedar City, UT, 84720.

Interment: Wednesday, May 28 th , 11:30am, Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary, with military honors.

To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

In lieu of flowers, we request that if you wish to honor Bob, please consider making a donation to our local Intermountain Health Cedar City Hospital. Funds will go towards supporting the cancer center.

- Make your charitable donations through checks made payable to Intermountain Foundation.
- In the memo line or with a note, please share that the gift is in honor of Bob Behunin, for Cedar City Hospital.
- Mailing address: 1380 E. Medical Center Drive, St. George, UT 84790
- Questions? Please call 435-251-2480

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# sports

**SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION**

## Evolving with Every Inning: SUU Softball's 2025 Season Marks a Turning Point


*by Regan Hunsaker*

SUU ATHLETICS

**CEDAR CITY, Utah** — The Southern Utah University Thunderbirds wrapped up their 2025 campaign with an 18-27 overall record and a 13-13 mark in Western Athletic Conference (WAC) play, clinching the No. 3 seed in the conference tournament. It was a season defined by development, resilience, and a culture shift that set the tone for the future of SUU Softball.

"I think we turned a page this year," said Head Coach Don Don Williams, who credited the team's improvement to incredible player leadership, coaching

adjustments, and buy-in across the roster. "We weren't great at the beginning, but we got better every week. From the weight room to the field, they showed up, got to work, and committed to improving every day."

The Thunderbirds' non-conference slate was anything but light. SUU faced 10 Power Five programs in its 19-game preseason stretch, with six of those teams eventually advancing to the NCAA Regionals. That trial by fire forged a tougher, more unified team that carried its lessons into WAC play.

After a strong showing to open the conference season against Tarleton, SUU was handed a wake-up call during a three-game sweep at Abilene Christian, one played through a brutal Texas dust storm and difficult travel conditions. Instead of unraveling, the T-Birds responded strongly the following week.

"That ACU weekend was a gut check," Williams said. "But we kept it in perspective. We learned from it. We got better." SUU bounced back to take the next series against California Baptist,

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### PREP SCOREBOARD - SPRING STANDINGS

#### SCORES

#### Boys Soccer

##### Region 9

**05/20** 4A playoffs, semifinals  
At Zions Bank Stadium  
Crimson Cliffs 2, Mountain View 1, OT  
Dixie 2, Ridgeline 0

**05/22** 4A playoffs, championship  
Crimson Cliffs 3, Dixie 0

#### STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

#### Boys Soccer

##### Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Dixie (2)	12-0	16-3
Crimson Cliffs (4)	10-2	16-3
Snow Canyon (11)	8-4	10-7
Desert Hills (18)	4-8	7-11
Pine View (21)	4-8	5-10
Cedar (22)	4-8	4-12
Hurricane (27)	0-12	1-15

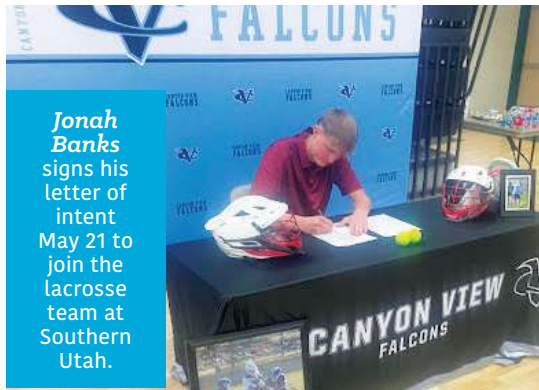
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Jonah Banks signs his letter of intent May 21 to join the lacrosse team at Southern Utah.

## Banks signs with SUU lacrosse

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

When he got the chance to practice with the Southern Utah lacrosse team,

Canyon View's Jonah Banks knew he was in the right place. Not only did Banks fit right in with the team, he turned the moment into signing his letter of intent to join the T-Birds on May 21 in a ceremony held at the CV gym.

Banks didn't play after injuring his ankle in the regular-season finale against Dixie, but still finished second on the Falcons with 37 goals scored as the team finished 12-4 overall, earning a first-round bye in the 4A playoffs before falling at home to Juan Diego, 17-7, on May 15.

"They felt like family to me. It was a pretty easy choice," Banks said of his experience with the SUU team. "I've been working hard for this and all of it has been super fun."

Banks played basketball in his junior season in addition to lacrosse, but committed to the outdoor game full-time when the UHSAA sanctioned the sport for the first time.

"I'm definitely better on the field. Basketball was fun, but it didn't work out as well," he said.

CV head coach Nik Johnson was full of praise for Banks and his contributions to the team.

"He's been an amazing player and leader for us all four years," Johnson said. "From the minute he stepped on the lacrosse field, he just seemed to fit. Coach Radon (Lanza) will take care of him and get the most out of him."

Banks, who was named to the all-Region 9 first team for his season-long efforts, came a long way from being diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin's lymphoma as a 10-year-old to getting to where he'll have his shot at the next level. He hasn't committed to an LDS Church mission, but will attend classes at SUU in the fall.

## SUU SOFTBALL

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showing grit and maturity down the stretch.

### Stars Shine: Ramirez, Salvatierra Earn All-WAC Honors

Among the season's standouts was sophomore slugger Arianna Ramirez, who earned First Team All-WAC honors after putting together one of the most dominant offensive campaigns in program history. Ramirez led the Thunderbirds in nearly every offensive category and batted almost .500 in conference play.

"We talked with Ari before the season and challenged her to step up," Williams said. "She just bought into her approach at the plate, stayed disciplined, and became that power presence we needed. Her poise and consistency were incredible."

Freshman sensation Michaella Salvatierra made an immediate impact at the top of the lineup, earning Second Team All-WAC recognition. Her speed and situational awareness brought a new dynamic to SUU's offense.

"We knew when we signed Micha that she could be a true leadoff hitter, something we've lacked for years," Williams said. "She sets the tone, gets on base, and finds a way to make something happen every time she's up. She's a program-changer."

### Team Depth and Late-Season Surge

The Thunderbirds also benefited from the consistent contributions of veterans Laurie Cooke, Ariyana Miranda, and Amayah Boostedt, who brought power and presence to the middle of the lineup. Cooke moved from the 8-9 spot a season ago into the No. 2 slot and thrived in her senior year. Miranda delivered timely RBIs and long balls that proved crucial throughout conference play.

"You have to have those pieces around your star hitters to win

games in this conference," Williams noted. "Laurie figured it out this year, and Ariy stepped up big in key moments. It takes a full lineup to win in the WAC."

Emerging players Taralyn Ollison and Alayah Toscano gave the T-Birds a late-season lift, especially in the outfield. Toscano, patrolling center field, became a defensive anchor, while both players improved their plate approach and base-running as the season progressed.

"Alayah leads this team from center field. She runs everything down out there," Williams said. "Taralyn became dependable in key moments. Their growth was huge for us in the final stretch."

### Building a Foundation

With postseason accolades, a top-three conference finish, and clear evidence of program-wide growth, the Thunderbirds are laying a strong foundation for future success. Coach Williams believes the recognition for Ramirez and Salvatierra is just the beginning of what's possible at SUU.

"You can come here, get developed, and get recognized," she said. "That shows incoming players what we're about. We're recruiting the right kids. We're fishing in the right pond."

The Thunderbirds have a strong incoming class next season that will help to elevate the program even further.

"We have seven incoming freshmen from excellent summerball programs. It is an elite recruiting class for us that we feel will fill some of our gaps."

Coach Williams expressed her gratitude for everyone involved with the growth of

the program this season.

"A ton of gratitude for our fans, for the support at our games, the belief from my staff and team, and the ownership everyone took. This season was a very special experience."

For a program that began the season facing some of the toughest competition in the nation, the turnaround speaks volumes about the character and culture of this group. The 2025 Thunderbirds didn't just compete—they evolved. And with a core of returning talent and growing momentum, the best may be yet to come.

### On Deck

Coach Don Don Williams has now headed into the offseason looking to reload and build off this season's success. Don't miss your chance to see Assistant Coach Taylor McQuillan as she competes with the AUSL Bandits this summer. Their inaugural season will begin on June 13, 2025, when they take on the Blaze. For More details, go to [theausl.com](http://theausl.com).

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## TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. What pair of baseball brothers faced each other May 20 for the first time in 20 years? One is manager of the New York Yankees and the other was hired as Texas Rangers hitting coach three weeks ago.
2. What Canadian team is the only one remaining in the Stanley Cup Playoffs? This team opened its Western Conference Finals series against the Dallas Stars on May 21.
3. NFL owners unanimously approved in a May 20 meeting that its players can participate in what sport at the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles?
4. Scottie Scheffler faced several challenges in the final round of the PGA Championship last week, but ended up winning his third major by how many strokes?
5. The next major on the PGA Tour is the U.S. Open, and it will be played June 12-15 at Oakmont Country Club. Who is the defending champion?
6. True or False: As of the end of play May 20, the Colorado Rockies have not won 10 games on the season.
7. In his first start since coming off the injured list, what Boston Red Sox pitcher was ejected in the third inning of his May 20 start against the New York Mets?
8. Even with home-ice advantage in its Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series, the Toronto Maple Leafs were routed 6-1 in Game 7 by the defending champion Florida Panthers. How many years have passed since the Maple Leafs last reached the Eastern Conference Finals?
9. The Baltimore Orioles have gone from being a playoff team in 2024 to last place in the AL East with a 15-32 record through games of May 20.

Who was fired as the team's manager May 17?

10. The New York Knicks are in the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time in 25 years. Who is the Knicks' opponent, the same as it was in 2000?
11. Who was the last NHL Eastern Conference team NOT from Florida to play in a Stanley Cup Final (2019)?
12. True or False: In its Game 1 loss in the Western Conference Finals on May 20, the Minnesota Timberwolves made more 3-pointers than the Oklahoma City Thunder did.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Minnesota Vikings.
2. False. Oklahoma City and Denver played to a 2-2 tie in the first four games. The Thunder were able to hold serve at home and win the series after a 125-93 rout in Game 7 on May 18.
3. The Dallas Mavericks won the No. 1 pick in the NBA Draft Lottery, and the Jazz will pick 5th.
4. Jordan Spieth. Spieth failed to make the cut at the PGA Championship, carding rounds of 76 and 68 and missing by one stroke.
5. North Carolina.
6. TNT.
7. Bud Black. Through May 19, the Rockies were 8-39 on the season.
8. Tarik Skubal.
9. Miguel Cabrera.
10. Chris Berman.
11. 13.
12. Denver Nuggets.

## Another year, another baseball train wreck

In the modern era of Major League Baseball, I was stung pretty badly when the Detroit Tigers lost 119 games in the 2003 season, the first year after Ernie Harwell, the team's legendary TV/radio voice, retired.

It was a sad-sack season for so many reasons, I had my doubts that any MLB team could challenge the Tigers' mark along with the 1962 New York Mets, who lost 120 times in its debut season.

But along came last year's Chicago White Sox, who lost 21 consecutive games at one point on the way to a 121-loss season, setting the new modern-era mark.

Just when you thought we'd be waiting multiple decades for another lost season, the Colorado Rockies are looking like they may not only challenge the White Sox, but set a new all-time record for losses in MLB history, which goes well back into the 19th century.

Through 50 games – as of May 22 – the Rockies are 8-42. That's a .160 winning percentage, and it's a full seven games behind where the White Sox are right now, a carbon copy of 2024 when they were 15-35.

If you think it will get any better for Colorado, here's where the team stands right now. The Rockies are 28th in batting average at .219, ahead of only the Pittsburgh Pirates (.218) and the White Sox (.216). The pitching is dead last – 30th in MLB – with a team ERA of 5.92, and the Miami Marlins are next up the ladder at 5.46.

Colorado is at or near the bottom in a bunch of other stat categories – batting and pitching – so if you're inclined to do the research, it'll take some time to wash away the stain your soul may feel once you find the numbers.

The absolutely all-time worst season in Major League Baseball belongs to...wait for it...the 1899 (!!) Cleveland Spiders. That team finished 20-134, holds the all-time record for consecutive losses with 24, and had six different losing streaks of 10 games or

again, missing a free throw, getting his own rebound, and nailing a stepback 3-pointer with – you guessed it – one second left. Final: Indiana 120, Cleveland 119. Pacers took a 2-0 lead and won the series, 4-1.

–And of course, there was the best comeback of them all. Indiana trailed the Knicks by 14 (119-105) with 2:51 left, but Aaron Nesmith hit four triples and Haliburton – who else? – nailed the game-tying shot at the buzzer that took

a huge bounce before settling in the bottom of the net. It took a video review to make sure, but it was ruled his big toe was on the 3-point line. Didn't matter, though. In overtime, Indiana 138, New York 135.

We promise to find more of the good from our sports in the days ahead.

In last week's column celebrating Canyon View's first 3A baseball championship, I shortchanged the count of how many state titles the school has won. After winning six championships this school year, the Falcons now have 15 trophies in the trophy case and 11 have been won since 2022.

Finally...Iron County Today exclusively learned Cedar's Analyse Shimada has decommitted from Lafayette and will return closer to home to play volleyball at Utah Tech this winter. The Trailblazers were 15-12 overall in 2024, 9-7 in WAC play, and were swept by No. 5 seed Cal Baptist, 3-0 in the opening round of the conference postseason tournament.

more.

Back in the present day, the Florida Panthers are making serious noise about repeating as Stanley Cup champions, and the power play is a big reason why. In its Eastern Conference Final against the Carolina Hurricanes, they won both games by a combined 10-2, with four goals coming on the power play.

In the NBA, we celebrated how the New York Knicks blew us all away by wiping out 20-point deficits in the first two games of its Eastern Conference semifinal against the Boston Celtics. In Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Final, the Indiana Pacers showed the Knicks how comebacks are really done.

For the third straight series, the Pacers wiped out a deficit of at least seven points in the final minute and changed the complexion of its playoff run.

–In the opening round, Indiana trailed by 7 with 40 seconds left in Game 5 against the Milwaukee Bucks, but Tyrese Haliburton drove for the winning layup with a second to play that finished off a 119-118 win.

–Against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 2 of the East semifinals, the Pacers trailed 119-112 with 57 seconds left, but that Haliburton guy struck

## RANDOM thoughts

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# Three Reds athletes joining SUU for lacrosse, track

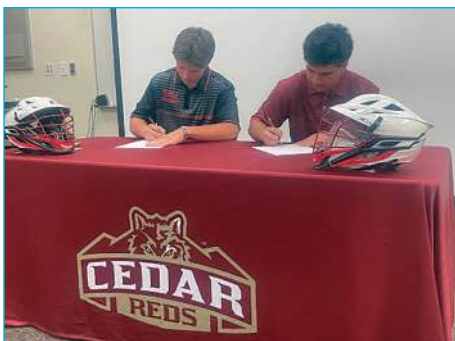
by Tom Zulewski

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When it came to a choice of college, Cedar lacrosse player Jackson McNett kept it simple,



Cedar senior **Nathan Briggs** signs his letter of intent May 21 to join the SUU track team in the high jump.



Cedar lacrosse players **Jackson McNett** (left) and **Caleb Paule** sign their letters of intent May 20 to join the SUU lacrosse team in the fall.

citing a chance at taking concurrent enrollment programs for his major of business with a minor in Spanish. Teammate Caleb Paule has only been at Cedar since his sophomore year, but he knew he belonged in a sport he loved.

The pair capped off their high school athletic endeavors by signing letters of intent to join the SUU lacrosse team in a

ceremony held May 20 in front of friends, family and teammates on campus.

"I love Cedar City in general," said Paule, who finished his only lacrosse season with six goals scored in 17 games. "I love the culture that coach (Kent) Reid is building with Cedar lacrosse, and I love the opportunity SUU has given me to keep playing the game."

While football was Paule's favorite sport since he was a freshman – he rushed for 1,112 yards with 10 touchdowns in his senior season for the Reds – playing lacrosse was something that presented a different vibe.

"I got a feel for the football field, a little glimpse of it, but nothing prepares you for lacrosse. It's a whole different breed," Paule said. "Hands down, it's the best."

McNett is undecided about serving an LDS Church mission, but Paule will enter SUU immediately in the fall as a freshman.

On May 21, Reds senior Nathan Briggs signed his

letter of intent to join the track team at SUU. Briggs closed his final year in impressive fashion, finishing third in the high jump May 17 at the 4A state track meet with a leap of 6 feet, 4 inches.

In the ceremony held on campus, Briggs' parents related that he channeled his energy into watching high-jump athletes on YouTube before and after competitions. It was one major step that led to his big moment.

"You have to be able to jump, but I try to focus a lot on my form," Briggs said. "I don't have as much power as a lot of jumpers in Utah, so I focus on my form going over the bar, my run-up and approach. That's what's carried me the most."

Briggs drew interest from Southern Virginia University and Northwest Nazarene, a smaller school in Idaho. With his dad employed as a professor at SUU, tuition costs are cut in half.

"That had come into the process, but I liked the idea of staying in Utah," Briggs said. "I'm fine sticking by my parents a little longer. I guess I'm not quite sick of them, but (SUU) was the best option."

Briggs will serve a mission for the LDS Church before enrolling at SUU. He will run high jump as his primary event and possibly the 400-meter dash or decathlon.

"As soon as I start lifting and prioritizing high jump, I feel like I can hit some big PRs in the future," Briggs said.



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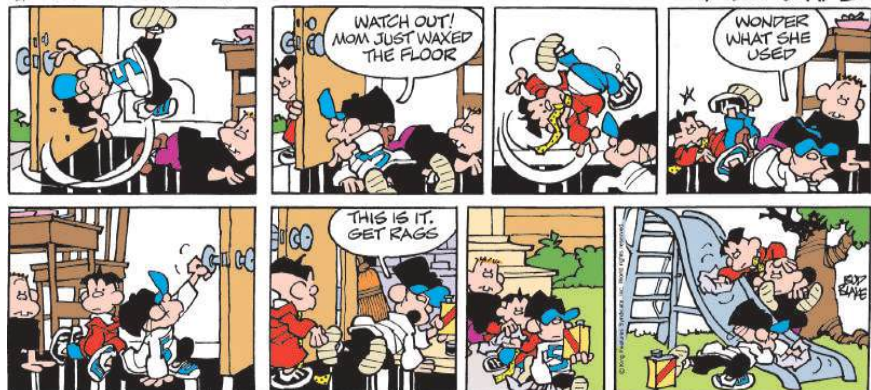


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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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- 26 Namibia's capital
- 27 Gilpin of "Frasier"
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- 50 Succor

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- 7 Gents
- 8 Passion

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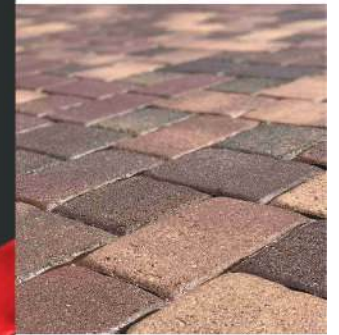
by Fifi Rodriguez

- ACRONYMS: What do the acronyms "AM" and "PM" stand for?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the Jack Russell Terrier in the sitcom "Frasier"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which vice president won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007?
- MOVIES: How many Infinity Stones are in "Avengers: Endgame"?
- U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is Scotland's official national animal?
- LITERATURE: Which cities are the settings for Charles Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities"?
- SCIENCE: Which two planets in our solar system have no moons?
- HISTORY: Who was the first woman Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which branch of the U.S. military uses the recruiting slogan, "It's not just a job; it's an adventure"?

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1. Ante meridiem and Post meridiem (before noon and after noon); 2. Eddie Crane (real name is Moose); 3. Al Gore, vice president to Bill Clinton, won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in climate change; 4. Six; 5. Idaho; 6. The unicorn; 7. London and Paris; 8. Venus and Mercury; 9. Nancy Pelosi; 10. The Navy

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