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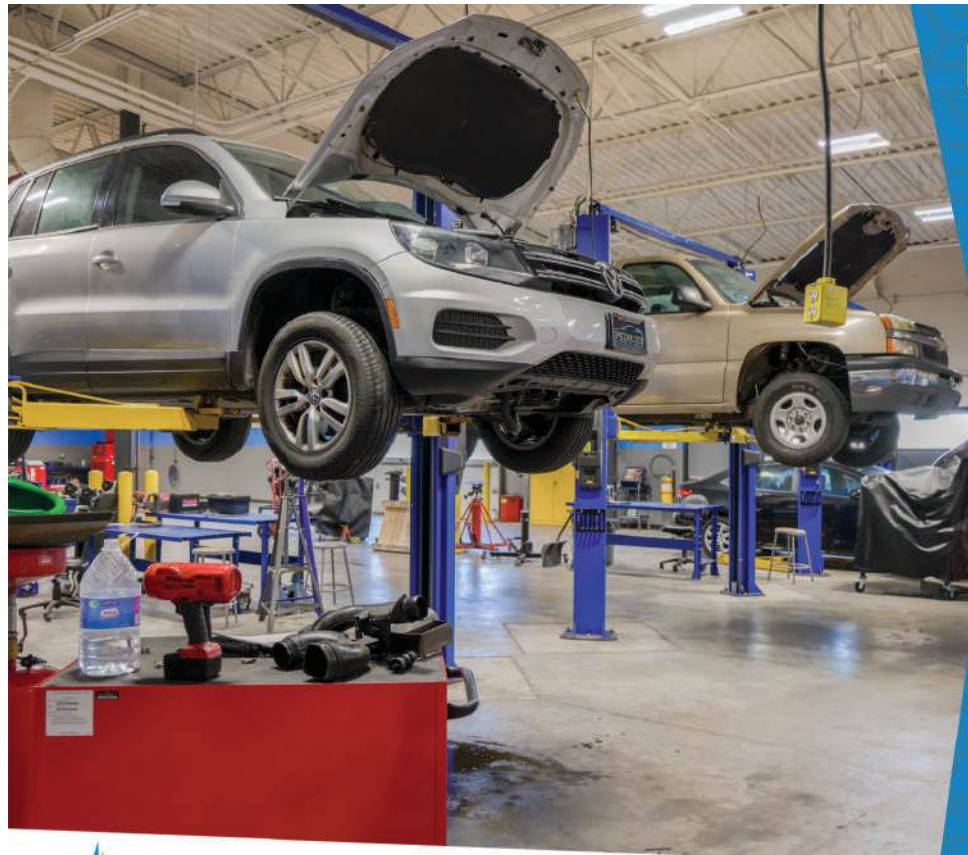
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# Freedom in Action!



STORY IN SHOWCASE



## Cedar Lions Club July 4th Parade— A SHOWCASE OF AMERICAN PATRIOTISM AND HERITAGE

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from Matthew Carling

SPIRIT OF '76 PAGEANT

Every year on July 4th, communities across the United States celebrate Independence Day with parades showcasing American pride. The Cedar Lions Club July 4th Parade in Cedar City, Utah, truly stands out. This patriotic spectacle draws thousands of spectators with its vibrant mix of marching bands, community groups, and the colorful Spirit of '76 Pageant floats. Overflowing with tradition, pageantry, and red-white-and-blue spirit, the Cedar Lions Club Independence Day Parade is a unique expression of American heritage and unity.

Seven years ago, Beth Stephenson, inspired by a Liberty Bell float, envisioned more patriotic floats in the parade. She approached the Cedar Lions Club with a proposal to add historical floats to educate young people and instill love for America's founding. With the Lions Club's approval, Beth enlisted family and friends to create the Spirit of '76 Pageant floats, depicting pivotal episodes in our Nation's founding based on events from the late 18th century.

Many dedicated volunteers have contributed to the Spirit of '76 Pageant: Diane Gubler sketched the initial float designs, drawing inspiration from iconic paintings. Randy Seeley brought these sketches to life with his artistic scenery building skills. Chris and Heath Stephenson, Tony Barney, Hunter Kofed, Paul Cozzens, Ron Riddle, Scooter Williamson, and Robert Brown, all skilled mechanics, electricians,

and carpenters, built the floats. Dustin and Hillary Carter created the float back panels and choir staging. Evelyn Drew gave the Valley Forge float a makeover. Lisa Davis, Susan Hendricksen, Alice & David Lauritzen, Robert Chamberlain, and many others painted, stapled, hammered, taped, and hung miles of fringe. Theresa Cummings, Richard Batt, and Steven Meredith produced incredible soundtracks of patriotic words and music. Jen Bach and Cheryl Savage designed, constructed, and tailored racks of costumes. Julie Griffin filled those costumes with hundreds of community member actors, the lifeblood of the pageant, to help us remember and honor our nation's founders. Finally, Kirsten Hofeling took on the crucial job of finding volunteers

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## JULY 4TH PARADE

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ners, serve as safety walkers, and assist with cleanup.

Volunteers continue to staff the pageant committee chaired by Matthew Carling. Cheryl Savage and Paul Macias handle costuming, while Heather Estrada organizes sponsorships and trailers. Scott Stephens heads the float department with the help of several members from the local Marine's Auxiliary, and Kirstin Hoefling continues to recruit volunteers. This year, over 100 actors, banner carriers, and safety walkers



during the busy summer season to carry banners

are participating, including the largest children's choir the pageant has ever seen, with over 50 children from Cedar City Patriot Camp singing "Let Freedom Ring."

Originally, the Pageant had 10 floats, but in recent years, two additional floats have been added: Nathan Hale and Arlington National Cemetery. To commemorate the US Army's 250th birthday, the Arlington National Cemetery float will feature several historic Army uniforms from the 19th, 20th, and 21st, centuries, a unique addition sure to stir the hearts of those who have served our Nation in uniform.

For more information on how you can volunteer in the Spirit of '76 Parade, please contact Matthew Carling at [cedarlegal@gmail.com](mailto:cedarlegal@gmail.com).



# Power Shutoff in Iron County a Fire-Prevention Tool — Officials Say More Could Follow

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Last weekend's power outage in parts of Iron County wasn't caused by downed lines or equipment failure — it was a deliberate shutoff by Rocky Mountain Power to help prevent wildfires during extreme weather conditions.

The preemptive outage, called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), went into effect Saturday and impacted several customers throughout Iron County. It was triggered by red flag warnings, high winds, and dry fuel conditions — the kind of combination that has sparked devastating wildfires elsewhere in the West.

"We want people to be prepared for an outage that could last up to 72 hours," said Rocky Mountain Power spokesperson David Eskelsen. "Even though we've never had a PSPS last that long. It's a precaution — not a prediction — but people need to have water, food, and charging options ready just in case."

Power was restored the same day after crews inspected equipment and confirmed it was safe to re-energize the lines. But as fire season ramps up across Southern Utah, utility officials say more planned outages are possible in the coming months.

"We're seeing higher fire danger earlier in the year," said Cedar City Fire Chief Mike Phillips. "These shutoffs may become more common during red flag days. The goal is to prevent another catastrophic event like what we've seen in other western states."

Phillips said dry lightning and shifting winds have already complicated early-season fire

response efforts in Southern Utah.

"We've had very little moisture and fuels are already receptive," he said. "That's why even a small spark could turn into a fast-moving wildfire this summer."


Several fires are already burning across Utah, including the Forsyth Fire in Washington County, which continues to expand, and a wildfire near Bryce Canyon that has prompted road closures and drawn aerial firefighting support. Officials say dry terrain and wind conditions are making both fires more difficult to contain.

Rocky Mountain Power says customers will be notified in advance of future shutoffs via phone calls, text messages, and emails. Community Resource Centers — like the one set up in Cedar City last week — will be available during extended outages to provide charging stations, cooling, and essential services.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Keep refrigerators and freezers closed during outages
- Store enough water and nonperishable food for at least 72 hours
- Have a backup way to charge phones and medical devices
- Be alert to evacuation orders in case of wildfire


For official updates on wildfires burning in Utah, visit the Utah Fire Info website at <https://utahfireinfo.gov>.



**THURSDAY**

Isolated Storms  
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PRECIP: 20%  
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**FRIDAY**

Mostly Sunny  
**86°/56°**


PRECIP: 10%  
WINDS: SW 15-25



**SATURDAY**

Sunny/Breezy  
**88°/57°**


PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SW 15-25



**SUNDAY**

Sunny/Breezy  
**90°/56°**


PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SW 15-25



**MONDAY**

Sunny/Breezy  
**92°/58°**


PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SW 15-25



**TUESDAY**

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**93°/59°**

PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SW 15-25



**WEDNESDAY**


Sunny/Breezy  
**94°/60°**

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WINDS: SW 15-25

**IRON COUNTY FORECAST**

WE'RE GOING TO WRAP UP THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND WITH ISOLATED SHOWERS & STORMS IN PARTS OF THE AREA. THE WEEKEND IS LOOKING DRIER AND HOTTER AS TEMPERATURES RESPOND TO A SOUTHERLY BREEZE. WE STAY HOT AND DRY INTO THE NEXT WEEK.

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## opinion

### FROM THE EDITOR



**ESTHER  
HAILSTONE**  
OFFICE MANAGER

**A**s we celebrate the 4th of July this week, I've found myself reflecting on just how grateful I am to be a citizen of the United States of America.

Growing up here,

I've come to realize how truly blessed we are to live in one of the freest nations in the world. I remember reading books as a child about life in other countries throughout history—stories where even the most basic freedoms and comforts I took for granted were denied to others. Those stories made a lasting impact on me.

I'm deeply thankful for the Founding Fathers and all the brave men and women who believed that freedom was worth fighting for—not just for themselves, but for the generations that would follow. Their sacrifices paved the way for the lives we are able to live today. I am so grateful for those that continue to fight to preserve our freedoms and liberties.

As we honor their courage and vision, I hope we each take time to consider how we can do our part to learn, preserve, and protect the freedoms we enjoy. I believe we all have a responsibility to future generations to keep this nation a place of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

**Wishing you a meaningful  
Independence Day.**

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in providence, for the illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth."*

- John Adams



## Jewish Pioneer Friends in Utah, A Tradition

### PART V

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**1**3 years ago, a group of Jewish families moved westward to Central Utah from crowded East Coast cities to a farm. Among them was the Jewish Agricultural Colony of Clarion, Utah, which lasted from 1911 to 1916 when because of a lack of electrical access, they were unable to pump water out of the ground to water crops. During the late

nineteenth and early twentieth century, there were recent immigrants with financial backers who sought to settle predominantly Russian Jews on farmlands in Oregon, Colorado, the Dakotas, Michigan, Arkansas, Virginia, New Jersey and the rest of the American West including Utah. At the time, antisemitism in Russia could make being Jewish difficult. The idea for the Jewish colony was begun at a meeting

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### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### CONVIVIAL

[con·viv·al]

adjective

Enjoying good company;  
sociable. synonym: social.

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### JEWISH PIONEER

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in Philadelphia on January 10, 1910, involving 150 Jewish people. At the time, Utah was marketing its farmable land through a large-scale advertisement campaign and the Bureau of Immigration, Labor, and Statistics, which disseminated materials to prospective migrants to the U.S. Today in the United States census of 2020, 2.5 million people who identified as being fully or partly of Russian ancestry, but in the early 1900's, the population totals were much smaller. Many were Jews who had left Russia to avoid persecution. In its landmark study of American Jewry in 2020, the Pew Research Center reported that there were an estimated 7.5 million Jews of all ages in the United States, but in a new study released on June 9, 2025, the center says the number is more like 5.7 million. What happened to 1.8 million American Jews? Maybe they are making alijah, returning to Israel in the country's time of need because of The Law of Return passed by the Israeli parliament in 1950 that gives all diaspora Jews, as well as their children and grandchildren, the right to relocate to Israel and acquire Israeli citizenship based on connecting to their Jewish identity. In 2024 the total Jewish population of the United States was 7,698,840 according to [jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jewish-population-in-the-united-states-by-state](http://jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jewish-population-in-the-united-states-by-state). In 1911, even with smaller population numbers, many Jews jumped at the chance to farm in the American West forming the Jewish Agricultural and Colonial Association (JACA) with Benjamin Brown as its president. Guiding backers also included Joseph Miller and Benjamin Fruckerman, graduates of the Baron de Hirsch Farm School, including the school's president Joseph Krauskopf, and Rabbi Isaac Landman of the school's executive board. JACA purchased 6,085 acres of public land in Sanpete County at an auction in August 1911.

Within a month of the purchase, twelve pioneers were sent to Clarion, Utah, with plans to settle roughly 200 families in the colony, with the number eventually growing to 1,000 families. JACA, the farm school, and the Jewish Agricultural Aid Society promoted the colony to wealthy backers, including Samuel Newhouse of Salt Lake City, a mining man and financier who gained the support of Utah's Governor William Spry. Within a month of the purchase, the twelve pioneers worked hard to clean, plow, and plant 1,500 acres with wheat, oats, and alfalfa, growing by September to 23 heads of family, 11 wives, 22 children, and 5 single men. However, the mostly poor Russian immigrants were not suited for the agriculture they encountered which needed irrigation, and there were periods of severe weather and dust storms. Harvests did not yield enough to pay off the title debt or the high-priced irrigation system. Unable to find sufficient financial support in Utah, even trying Julius Rosenwald of the Sears Roebuck Co. in Chicago with no success; by 1913, JACA pulled its support for the colony and discontinued further migration to Clarion. By November 5, 1915, the State Land Board declared a forfeiture sale, and on January 18, 1916, the lands of the Clarion Jewish colony were offered for sale at public auction. A great book about this experience is available: "Back to the Soil: The Jewish Farmers of Clarion, Utah, and Their World" by Robert Alan Goldberg. Maurice Warshaw, one of the Jewish settlers, moved to Salt Lake City where he became a prominent entrepreneur, businessman, philanthropist, and humanitarian. Others moved back to cities in the East or to California. Today the Jewish population of Utah is estimated at around 13,030 with 9 Jewish synagogues in Salt Lake alone and others in St. George in Southern Utah. Many books are also available including "God's Chosen People: Israel" by Adamuel Ben Israel. Read on and discover more about the history of Israel, prominent in the news today.

# A Life-Changing Week at Utah Girls State

by *Elena Roundy*

CEDAR CITY YOUTH COUNCIL

This month, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the 79th annual Utah Girls State, a nationwide leadership program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and held at Weber State University. Each summer, Girls State brings together high school students between their junior and senior years to learn how government works and to develop leadership skills through hands-on civic engagement. Boys State meets the following week with a similar schedule and program.

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# IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

## Iron County Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff  
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Building and Zoning Department reported a recent resignation that led to a department restructure. Despite staffing changes, performance remained strong—256 permits were issued, nearly matching last year’s total, and fee collections rose from \$508,000 to \$549,000 due to increased commercial activity. Plans for the old jail were approved and sent for digitization, though the 550-page set posed scanning challenges. The new jail project is moving forward, with inspections set to begin soon. A temporary park near the old jail is also being considered in partnership with Cedar City.

Code enforcement efforts continued, with staff earning new certifications and installing signage in Cedar Valley Acres to address zoning violations.

The maintenance team completed routine tasks and repaired a major irrigation leak at the fairgrounds.

The County Engineer provided updates on ongoing projects. Public Works staff were deployed to assist with the Pine Valley Fire. Engineering completed Phase One of the BZI project and continues

processing permits. A long-term flood mitigation plan for Lower Cole Creek was also outlined, developed in coordination with local gravel operators.

The Iron County Commission then moved on a proposed agricultural protection area covering 171.5 acres in Cedar Valley. The land includes six parcels, with zoning incompatibility being the main concern—some areas are currently zoned R5 and R1/2, which don’t allow for the existing agricultural use.

The benefits of agricultural protection areas were outlined, including protection from regulation changes, nuisance complaints, and certain land use conflicts. The planning commission and agricultural advisory board recommended approval, contingent on rezoning 52.25 acres to RA20. After a public hearing with no comments, the commission unanimously approved the application with the rezoning condition. Final approval will follow planning commission review in July.

Following the discussion, the commission addressed routine matters, including ratifying a lot line adjustment between the county jail and the Public Safety Building in preparation for a possible future sale of the jail.

The sheriff’s office requested a \$750 monthly stipend for the new SWAT commander, following a leadership change after six and a half years. With SWAT callouts increasing from around five to over 23 last year, the

commission approved the stipend to cover the added responsibilities and demands of the role.

The meeting concluded with approval of the FY2026 Utah Indigent Defense Grant and several new hires, including positions at the Children’s Justice Center, the corrections division, and the road department.

## Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff  
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The council focused on fireworks safety ahead of the Fourth of July. A Councilman voiced concern about fire risks due to drought and nearby wildfires like the France Canyon Fire. The Fire Chief said the city follows state laws and allows fireworks only at designated sites such as Cedar High, Bicentennial Park, Canyon View High, the aquatic center, and Iron Springs Elementary, where dumpsters are also provided. Residents are encouraged to attend the city’s professional show instead of using fireworks at home.

The council also discussed improving parking for the city’s fireworks show. Police Chief said about 184 vehicles could fit along 1600 North under the current setup, and road closures near the airport are being considered to improve access.

The Public Works Director gave project updates, noting the Industrial Road project is nearly done. Concerns were raised about trucks using residential streets like 600 West, so the city is urging them to use Airport Road or 800 West instead, especially with school starting soon.

The council also approved vesting extensions for several subdivisions. Fort Cedar Phase 4 was extended through December 2025 due to delays in final platting, despite infrastructure being finished in 2024. Fiddler’s Canyon Hills Phases 4-10 received a long-term extension allowing two years between phases over the next 10 years.

The council approved routine items via the consent agenda, including over \$600,000 in bill payments for projects like the test well and public works building renovations. They also granted power easements to the local utility company.

The mayor announced changes to the RAP tax board for parks and recreation, replacing two members. One new appointee, a recent resident, introduced himself and expressed interest in serving the community.

The council updated fencing rules, clarifying that “sight-obscuring” fences must use materials specifically made for fencing, replacing the vague “etc.” language. This allows flexibility while setting clearer standards.

They also approved budget changes

for 2024 and 2025, adopted the certified tax rate and approved an agreement with UDOT to manage future access along state highways.

## Iron County School Board Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff  
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Iron County School Board meeting opened with training on Diligent, the new platform replacing Board Docs. The launch was delayed due to ongoing policy migration, but the system promises easier editing, better search, and improved public access.

Diligent will feature a more user-friendly interface with a calendar view, meeting links, and email subscriptions. It also includes a citizen engagement tool for public comment sign-ups, though questions remain about real-time monitoring. Full implementation is expected by July, with more training planned.

The board reviewed the annual positive behavior plans, a state-mandated program to address student substance use by promoting positive behaviors. Each school receives funding and stipends to support creative initiatives, such as displaying student recognition messages. The board also recommended adding

### BUDGET SUMMARY

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

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

## IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

social media safety education due to growing digital concerns.

Changes to the early retirement policy were delayed due to uncertainty around federal tax provisions affecting health insurance credits, which are set to expire in 2025. Rather than introduce partial updates, the board opted to wait for more clarity from Congress.

There was also discussion about how leave of absence affects eligibility for early retirement, with concern that current rules may unfairly impact employees who take family leave.

The Iron County School Board reviewed a full rewrite of Policy 742 to improve attendance enforcement and early intervention. It requires parents to notify schools within three days of an absence and triggers action at 10% absenteeism. Interventions include conferences and counseling, with chronically absent students failing academically potentially moved to alternative programs after district approval.

Board members raised concerns about implementation, schedule variations, and communication with parents. They noted limited support from juvenile courts, making the school-led approach more effective.

The board then reviewed a facilities plan to build a new South Elementary and repurpose the current building for alternative programs, estimated at \$40 million. To avoid a tax increase, the district proposed using existing reserves and \$15 million in lease revenue bonds, supported by budget surpluses and interest from past projects.

While members appreciated the creative financing, they expressed concern about closing South Elementary and its impact on the community. They agreed on the need to act quickly on both attendance and facility issues.

The meeting then moved on to recognitions, public comments, reports, and policy actions. The board celebrated Canyon View High School's first-ever state baseball championship, praising the team's unity and resilience after bouncing back from earlier losses.

A district staff member was also honored with a statewide service award for leadership and support of rural schools, recognized for advancing collaborative education initiatives.

During public comment, South Elementary parents voiced concerns about converting the school into an alternative program site. They called for a clear timeline, more transparency, and suggested building a new facility instead of repurposing the current one, citing the need for flexible learning spaces.

The board approved minor fee increases in band, DECA, and football, while removing fees no longer allowed by state law. First readings were held on student activities and attendance policies. A new salary supplement policy was adopted to boost pay for high-need educators, including special education. One retirement policy was tabled, and updates were approved to align student fee policies with legal requirements. The meeting ended in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

## opinion

# Public Land Amendment Iron County

by Celeste Maloy

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 2ND DISTRICT OF UTAH

Small town Utah is exploding with growth, and Cedar City is no exception. Last year, Cedar City ranked #1 as the best small city to start a business, and this year it was ranked in the top 3. While it fills me with pride to see my hometown thriving, the rapid growth is putting a strain on local communities, not just here, but up and down the state. Cities and towns are surrounded by federal land with nowhere to go – leaving local leaders stuck without the space to build housing, infrastructure, or services their communities urgently need.

That's why I introduced an amendment to the One Big, Beautiful Bill that would have allowed the strategic sale of targeted public land parcels for critical infrastructure needs. Unfortunately, this effort was met with a disinformation campaign. Special interest groups called it a scheme to sell off public lands while headlines labeled it a massive land grab.

It's time to correct the record.

There is an extensive history of federal land conveyances to local governments for infrastructure. Conveying land for public purposes has been a standard practice since the country's founding. It's how the West was largely developed. Previous Congresses and Administrations, both Republican and Democrat, conveyed federal lands during their tenures.

Additionally, land conveyances are desperately needed by rural communities. Rural Utah especially is buckling under the weight of rapid population growth. As a result, we're seeing housing shortages and a steep rise in the cost of living. Water systems are being stretched to the limit – a dangerous predicament in the West Desert.

To address this, my amendment created a process for public entities to purchase small, targeted parcels at fair market value specifically for infrastructure that serves the public good. My amendment would have sold less than 1% of federal land to Washington County, the City of St. George, the Washington County Water Conservancy District, and Beaver County.

We did not instruct the federal government to go and find public land to dispose of, as is the case in the Senate. Nor did I propose a wholesale transfer of land. Instead, my amendment identified specific parcels near existing infrastructure

and development for local needs, and it was crafted with input from local leaders. These parcels were small and did not cover a wide expanse of public land. In fact, many of them were so small you could barely pinpoint them on a map.

These parcels were identified for water, wastewater, recreation, transportation, and other critical infrastructure needs. One parcel in Washington County would give locals better access to a critical water reservoir. Another parcel would allow them to make safety improvements to a road just south of Zion National Park. Meanwhile, a parcel totaling only 36 acres in St. George would allow the city to enhance some of its public trails. And in Beaver County, the city would acquire three small parcels to improve access and parking to the fairgrounds.

The amendment would not touch National Parks, Monuments, Recreation Areas, or other important conservation areas and historic sites. However, it would permit the counties to improve access to those places and accommodate millions of visitors each year.

The transfer of a limited number of acres allows Utahns to preserve the vast majority of our public lands for hunting, fishing, camping, and other multiple uses while allowing locals to expand existing water systems, connect trails, and more. We can balance both conservation and access.

Imagine what our rural communities could become if they had the freedom to build. Strategic infrastructure development could unlock new job opportunities, lower the cost of living, and revitalize local economies that have long been held back by federal bureaucracy.

I believe in preserving our public lands for future generations. But I also believe our communities deserve the infrastructure they need to thrive. These goals aren't mutually exclusive—they can and should work together. The choice isn't between development and conservation—it's between smart, targeted solutions and endless bureaucratic gridlock.

While my amendment was ultimately removed from the One Big, Beautiful Bill, I'm hopeful that we can find a path forward that offers Utah's growing communities economic opportunity and environmental protection. Our state's success depends on it.

*Congresswoman Celeste Maloy represents Utah's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.*

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## Keeping A Community Together

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves. Belonging and acceptance where there are strong social connections throughout the community. A culture of taking care of each other while accepting each other's differences. The strength of a community lies in the strength of the connections that we have with each other. With strong connections, people have the power to make real change. Building these connections takes time, but it is worth it.

Characteristics of a healthy community:

- Clean and safe environment.
- Environment that meets everyone's needs.
- An environment that promotes social harmony and activity that involves everyone.
- An understanding of local health and environmental issues.
- A Community participates in identifying local solutions to local problems.
- A Community supports one

another regardless of age, gender, race or creed.

- A good community is safe, prosperous and a happy place.
- A Community connects with a shared vision and goals, where we can create great things.
- A Community is a feeling of belonging that boosts physical and mental health.
- A Community comes together and adapts.
- A Community is where people are always friendly and caring, creating a feeling of never being alone. Keep smiling, because life is a beautiful thing and there's so much to smile about.
- A community is where people are positive, and set examples for others.

What can we learn from our ancestors? These early settlers didn't have it easy. They built a strong community wherever they lived. They stayed together to work toward shared causes. They had trust for one another. They treated everyone with respect and built genuine friendships. They made everyone feel welcome. They invited others, sometimes total strangers into their

homes for dinners, parties, etc. They took time to learn their names, their backgrounds and what they had in common. They shared everything they had, they took care of each other.

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

By definition- a community is a group of people living in the same place. However we believe a community is far more than that. A community is a series of common interests, a feeling of belonging. How many times have you attended a large event and formed a lasting relationship with someone you have never met? Events are a really good way to build strong and thriving communities. Events connect people, they challenge people to learn, and everyone likes to learn especially if it is something that interests them.

Ways we can help keep our community safe, positive and happy:

- Shop local and support small businesses.
- Support local farmers.
- Run for office.
- Learn how to properly recycle.
- Pick up litter in our community.

- Share good news.
- Find an opportunity to volunteer.

The importance of shopping local-studies have shown that small businesses are uniquely positioned to create meaningful jobs. Employees of small businesses are happier, as a whole, than their counterparts at big businesses. Choose to shop local and support businesses in our community. It makes a difference in the community, the economy, and the lives of employees. In fact, for every dollar spent at a small business, 68% comes right back into our community. You already need to buy stuff, so choose to spend that money locally.

Support local farmers by going to the local farmers' market, or find out where there is fresh vegetables and fruits in season. It's not too late to plant a garden. Guaranteed your food will taste better. Look for creative and inspiring ways to make a positive difference in our community. Get in touch to share how you and your friends are making a difference. It might just turn into our next news story.

*"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."*

- Margaret J. Wheatley

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# Man convicted of child sex abuse claims he's part of a 'protected class' in controversial legal motion; second case still pending

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Southern Utah man convicted this week of aggravated sexual abuse of a child filed a controversial legal motion ahead of his trial. In it, he compared people accused of child molestation to Black Americans persecuted under Jim Crow laws — and argued they deserve protections as a “class” of people.

Dylan Christian Stubbs, 30, was found guilty Monday by an Iron County jury after a four-day trial. The conviction stems from accusations that Stubbs sexually abused a 6-year-old girl under his care at his family's in-home daycare in Parowan. The abuse reportedly occurred between 2016 and 2017 and was later disclosed by the child during a camping trip.

Stubbs also faces two first-degree felonies for sodomy of a child in another case that is ongoing.

But it was the legal maneuvering ahead of the trial that drew sharp rebuke from prosecutors — and could have wider implications in future child sex abuse cases.

In a motion filed earlier this year, Stubbs' defense attorneys asked the court to strike Utah's Rule of Evidence 404(c) as unconstitutional. The rule allows prosecutors in child sex cases to bring in any other acts of child molestation — even unproven allegations — to show the defendant has a pattern of similar behavior.

Defense attorneys Edward Flint and Jonathan Nish argued the rule violates due process by creating what they called a “quasi-strict scrutiny” standard that unfairly targets people accused of child molestation.

They claimed this class of

defendants is treated “with more suspicion than even convicted felons,” and argued that individuals with a sexual attraction to minors are born with a “mental disorder” akin to a sexual orientation — a condition they said qualifies them as a protected class under constitutional law.

“Being sexually attracted to children is now widely recognized as a mental disorder. It is, in that sense, much like a sexual orientation... [and] those who suffer from it are being treated as criminals because of a condition they were born with,” defense attorneys wrote in the motion.

The motion went further, comparing the legal treatment of accused child sex offenders under Rule 404(c) to the racial injustices endured by African Americans during segregation, suggesting the rule creates a modern-day equivalent of Jim Crow.

“The logic mirrors the flawed thinking of the Jim Crow South,” the motion stated, arguing that child sex defendants are subjected to “prejudice and irrational fear.”

Prosecutors with the Iron County Attorney's Office forcefully rejected that framing.

Deputy County Attorney Trajan Evans, who wrote the response to the defense motion, said the comparison was both offensive and constitutionally unsound. In their response, prosecutors defended the rule as essential to protecting children.

“Rule 404(c) serves a compelling government interest in protecting vulnerable child victims,” the filing states, “by allowing the introduction of evidence that helps juries recognize recurring patterns in uniquely difficult-to-prove cases.”

The prosecution used Rule 404(c) to introduce testimony from multiple individuals, including witnesses tied to a prior juvenile adjudication from when Stubbs was 15 — and reportedly from another alleged victim in a separate, ongoing case.

According to court documents, Stubbs' history with the justice system — and allegations of sexual

misconduct involving children — dates back 15 years.

According to court documents, the child disclosed that Stubbs had touched her in a “bad spot” — a statement she later repeated during an interview at the Children's Justice Center.

During trial, jurors heard from the victim, now a teenager, who quietly but clearly described how Stubbs abused her during nap time at the family daycare when she was just six years old.

She recalled sitting on his lap while he showed her a video — a moment he used, prosecutors said, to abuse her in what they described as. “a calculated betrayal of trust.”

Prosecutors said the child's consistent account, along with corroborating testimony from other witnesses, helped secure the guilty verdict. The jury deliberated for just 40 minutes before returning with a conviction.

“The bravery of the victims in telling the truth is what made this prosecution possible,” he said. “Their voices mattered, and justice was heard.”

Stubbs will likely be sentenced in August. The conviction carries the possibility of at least 15 years.

Following the verdict in the first case, Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson issued a public statement praising the prosecution team and the victims who came forward.

“I am so proud of Prosecutors Shane Klenk and Trajan Evans for their work in the jury trial against Dylan Stubbs,” Dotson said. “Their tireless dedication, meticulous preparation, and unwavering pursuit of justice were nothing short of exceptional. It was an honor to work alongside them during the trial.”

Dotson also recognized victim advocate Jessica Cramer and the behind-the-scenes work of his legal assistants.

***“Most of all, I am inspired by the courage of the young victim in this case — and of the many others who came forward. Their bravery in telling the truth is what made this prosecution possible. Their voices mattered, and justice was heard.”***

A trial date for that case has not yet been set. Stubbs remains in custody at the Iron County Jail.

## UTAH GIRLS STATE

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Hundreds of motivated girls from across Utah were organized into cities, counties, and political parties. I was honored to be placed in Walker City, named after Utah's only female governor, Olene Walker. We ran mock elections at all levels of government, held legislative and school board sessions, and even conducted a mock trial. These immersive experiences gave us a real-world understanding of how democracy functions, and why it matters.

One of the greatest honors of my week was being elected as one of Utah's two Girls Nation Senators. This summer, I will travel to Washington, D.C., to represent our state, present a bill, meet with federal lawmakers, and tour historic sites. I will also return next year to Utah Girls State along with the elected Governor and Attorney General to help run the program.

Girls State instilled in me a deeper appreciation for American traditions, our democratic institutions, and respectful civic dialogue. It gave us confidence to use our voices and the space to engage in civil conversations about the issues our generation is facing.

The week was also filled with inspiration. We heard from several remarkable speakers, including Gold Star widow Jennie Taylor, who reminded us of the power of resilience, and Gabriella Puckett, a Cuban-born American, who spoke about the realities of life under communism. Their stories made us even more grateful for the freedoms we enjoy.

We also had fun competing in lawn games, celebrating after elections, and performing as cities in a music fest with popular songs and rewritten lyrics that captured our Girls State journey.

As I reflect on this life-changing week, I'm grateful for the friendships I made and the lessons I'll carry with me. I encourage all rising juniors to consider applying for Girls State or Boys State. These programs enlighten minds, build leaders, and strengthen communities.

A heartfelt thank you to Cedar City American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Post 74, and all our local sponsors, for making this unforgettable experience possible.

# July Jamboree

## Returning for 28th Year

by Rob O'Brien

CEDAR CITY ROTARY CLUB

The 28th annual July Jamboree, Cedar City's largest single summer event, will be held July 11th and 12th on Cedar City's historic downtown Main Street.

From 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 12th, Cedar City's downtown will be filled with classic cars, motorcycles and semi-trucks, vendor booths, live local bands, a food court, and a beer garden. A plethora of sights, smells, tastes, and sounds awaits everyone who comes.

Although food and vendor products will be available for purchase, the cost of attendance is free.

This summer, over 20,000 people are expected to attend, and each year the venue expands to accommodate more vendors, more cars, and more attendees. Sue Longson, Cedar City Rotarian and planning committee member, shared, "We are so grateful for the support the community gives to the Jamboree. We can't wait for everyone to enjoy it again this year, with even more to do and see!"

The Jamboree is organized by the Cedar City Rotary Club with help from sponsors and volunteers from across the community. Signature sponsors include Tink's Auto Parts, Best Western Plus, Cacique Foods, Cedar City Corp. Cedar Band Travel Plaza, Amber Kays Cafe, Southern Utah University, Warehouse Bar and Kitchen, Summit Valley Plumbing, Les Schwab Tire, Triple S Polaris, Wasatch Beer and Squatters by Bald Eagle Beverage, Cedar City Motor Company, Iron Springs Resort,

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Funds raised from the Jamboree, as well as the Cedar City Rotary Club's other events, support projects and organizations that include the Veterans Memorial Park, Iron County Care and Share, Canyon Creek Services, Cedar City Music Arts, the Happy Factory, Little League Baseball, the Southwest Livestock Show, the SUU Childcare Center, and scholarships for both SUU and Southwest Tech students, Cedar City Main street park electrical enhancement, Canyon Park Water Park and ADA playground equipment, Iron Kids, among others.

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. They connect 1.4 million members from more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world. Together, they work together to promote peace, fight disease, and to provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene. They also work to support education and grow local economies. For more information on becoming a member of the Cedar City Rotary Club, email Jenifer Terry at [cedarcityrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:cedarcityrotaryclub@gmail.com).

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by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

American Crossroads Theatre (formerly Simonfest Theatre Company) is proud to announce the 2025 Summer Season of shows. From classic tales to lesser known masterpieces, this season is jam-packed with drama, romance and mystery! The 2025 season is literally amazing and promises to be everything you thought it would be and more. Come support this incredible theatre, it will be an experience you will always remember.

Shows will be playing at the Heritage Center Theatre, 105 North 100 East, Cedar City Utah. Their mission is to "enlighten their audience by providing cathartic storytelling journeys of human and cultural connections and experiences that will inspire empathy and hope. They aim to unite our community by creating vibrant artistic opportunities while also financially sustaining their business, in order to foster greater future artistic endeavors." "Little Women" opening night is July 2 at the Heritage Center with tickets

50% off!

Mary Kate is thrilled to announce her summer endeavors in Utah with American Crossroads Theatre! She will be playing Beth March in Little Women, and in the Dancing Ensemble for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! Chitty,Chitty Bang Bang, Little Women, Who's Tommy is the line up for the 2025 season. July 2-August 2, Heritage Center Theatre, matinees are at 2pm, evening shows at 7pm. For more information go to ACTplayers.com or call (435) 267-0194.

# Decisions in Uncertain Times

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

How do you plan when your major source of income is in jeopardy? This is a question some of the arts organizations have to ask, as well as businesses. "In uncertain conditions, leaders need questions that expand perspective, generate new insight, and spark creativity. The right questions don't just help you avoid missteps—they open new paths," writes Cheryl Strauss Einhorn. She suggests four questions to clarify moving forward.

❶ What decision today will still make sense a year from now? This means long term thinking instead of just a reactionary day to day approach. It can also point a path forward out of chaos. "It prioritizes resilience over quick wins and strategy over noise," said Einhorn. Some of our arts organizations may have to scale back a production because of escalating costs. Fortunately our music organizations are good at

sharing printed music as it increases in cost. Fortunately our theater groups recycle and repurpose props and costumes. Seamstresses are especially valuable in making costumes rather than having to buy everything new. When you have something that you think would look great on stage that you don't need, remember that the performing groups take donations.

❷ If a year from now this decision was used as an example of our leadership, what would it teach? With incomplete data and uncertainty it is not always possible to plan ahead. Rethinking a crucial decision as a leadership story reframes the problem. What are we learning? What do we want others to learn? This helps focus priorities and clarifies the way forward. It is a question of values. What does our group stand for and how can we meet that mission? Several local

organizations are working to provide arts opportunities for people who might not otherwise be involved in the arts. Scholarships for more children to participate in the Children's Musical Theatre and Suzuki Strings acknowledge that we are a low income county, but that the arts matter for all children. That might mean having to cut another corner, but has the value of getting more children involved.

❸ What if this isn't the storm—what if it's the climate? This reminds me of the quote about learning to dance in the storm. Maybe we are entering a time when we have to factor in delays for supplies or find other sources. Luke Heaton at Whittlesticks has warned me that the European violin strings I love may not be available with shipping delays and tariffs so he is looking at other sources. Maybe we are entering a time when funding is even more

in flux. Our arts groups are already finding new ways of fundraising to fill the financial shortfall from cancelled grants. "By confronting uncertainty head-on, leaders move from reactive to resilient, making choices that don't just survive the current moment, but thrive across whatever comes next," said Einhorn.

❹ What's the cost of waiting? How long do you pause? At some point you have to make a decision and live with it. "This question shifts the decision lens from fear-based delay to opportunity-focused action," said Einhorn. Think of the people who are hoping for costs to decline, but they continue to rise. Is it better to move today or wait? This is a hard situation, but it appears to be our current reality.

In summary, "Strategic decision-making isn't about having all the answers; it's about asking the questions that move you toward wiser, more resilient outcomes," said Einhorn.



## Freedom in Action!

by Michelle Wilson

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Southern Utah Residents! Come join the Cedar City Lions Club as we Celebrate Independence Day 2025 with our the 85th annual Independence Day Parade and Festivities in the Park! This Years theme:

### "Freedom in Action!"

Across the country, in big cities and small towns, the spirit of "Freedom in Action" is alive and thriving. It's in the student who organizes a campus rally, the entrepreneur launching a bold new business, the voter casting a ballot in a local election, and the everyday citizen speaking out at a town hall. Freedom, once secured through revolution and preserved through generations, is not just a principle written on parch-

ment—it's a living, breathing force exercised daily by the American people.

### From Voices to Votes

In communities like Jackson, Mississippi and Helena, Montana, civic engagement is on the rise. Record voter turnout in recent local elections has signaled a renewed public interest in shaping the future. "Voting is how I show up for my community," said Maria Johnson, a teacher who volunteers on weekends registering new voters. "Freedom isn't just about having rights—it's about using them."

### Freedom to Create and Build

For entrepreneurs, freedom takes shape through



innovation. Just ask Malik Rivera, who left his 9-to-5 job to start a solar energy company in New Mexico. "The freedom to take a risk, to solve problems, and to build something from scratch—that's what makes this country unique," Rivera shared. "Freedom in action means turning dreams into tangible impact."

### Speaking Up and Standing Together

This summer, protests, parades, and cultural cele-

brations continue to sweep the nation—from Pride events in San Francisco to Juneteenth commemorations in Galveston. These gatherings highlight the power of assembly and expression—two core freedoms enshrined in the First Amendment.

"It's not just about raising our voices, it's about being heard," said Tasha Greene, a community organizer in Atlanta. "We show what democracy looks like when we come together peacefully for a cause."

### Defending the Freedoms We Share

Freedom in action also includes those who defend it—military members, journalists, first responders, and

public servants. It includes neighbors who speak up for what's right, protect each other's dignity, and ensure liberty is not just an idea for the privileged, but a reality for all.

As we reflect on what freedom truly means, one thing is clear: it's not passive. It's not something we inherit and forget. Freedom requires engagement. It demands responsibility. And in every corner of America, people are proving—through actions big and small—that liberty lives best when it's lived out loud. That's freedom in action.

So this fourth of July, show your American Pride and Support for our community at the Cedar City Lions Club parade, July 4th at 9:00 am. Festivities in the park begin at 10:30am and go until 3:00pm! See you there!

# How to Put the Fun in Fundraising

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Old Rock Church and Museum in Parowan just concluded its 3rd annual fundraiser weekend for the continuation of the restoration of that famous church in the heart of Parowan. **“Raise the Roof”** is the on-going theme of the event that was held on June 20th and 21st of this year. The roof is in dire need of repairs and this year’s fundraiser was one giant step closer to this goal, thanks in large part to the \$50,000 matching fund provided by the Dixie & Anne Leavitt Family Foundation. This year’s weekend events

began on Friday with an all-day quilt show, the unveiling of several hundred personalized commemorative bricks, purchased over the last two years and a very well attended dinner that included an auction of baked goods that set the tone of generosity from the community. This fundraiser for the much-needed church roof is an on-going effort, and I saw a lot of pies and cakes selling for well over \$100 and a couple that had bids up to \$200..... that will really help this cause! The lively auction

and dinner were followed by the recognition of two long-time families in the Parowan area: The Adams and Cowens families, along with a keynote talk by Mr. John Yardley of Panguitch. On Saturday morning the fundraiser became a **fun-raiser** held here in Parowan’s central park within the walls of a haybale re-creation of the old Parowan Fort from long ago. There were many activities, booths and demonstrations that were very family friendly. I have always heard “a picture says a thousand words” so please have a look at the photos showing

the petting zoo, cinnamon roll competition, children’s obstacle course, cornhole, butter and ice cream making, horse shoeing demonstrations, ORC memorabilia, hammer and nail demo, hand cart and log sawing show, quilt weaving, singers and entertainers, including Parowan’s own Ukulele Ladies and The Moon Rockers, and a very busy burger stand selling lunches to bolster the coffers.

I saw a whole lot of kids having fun while their parents were contributing the \$\$

needed to make this a success. Toward the end of the afternoon the wind picked up enough to lift some of the lawn canopies off the ground, almost like a sign from above that the day had come to a successful conclusion. So, thanks to so many who attended and contributed, and let’s set our sights on next year’s **fun-raiser** and hopefully we’ll get this much needed restoration completed soon! The Parowan ORC Days Committee expresses our deep appreciation to each of the hundreds of volunteers who created this successful event.



## 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, 5:30 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 202-292-9911.

## 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/canyoncreekerservices](http://affiliate.rainn.org/helproom/canyoncreekerservices).

## 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

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**Basic Text Study** • Mon, 8 pm

**Just for Today** • Wed, 8 pm

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

**Live and Let Live** • Fri, 8 pm

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

**Women Only** • Sun, 11 am

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

## Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

Fri 5 pm • KKCB 203 Cobble Creek Dr. Ste. 201

(North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

## 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Custard

2nd Mon, 6-8 PM at Culver's Treasures Thrift Store is: 1093 S Main Street, Cedar City, UT. 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 [cedarbreaksmoel@gmail.com](mailto:cedarbreaksmoel@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 Baggett. 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.

## 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.

## 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 signup: Parowan Visitors Center 435-477-8190.

## PB&amp;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](mailto:forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7)

Adolescent: [forms.gle/BZiePW63pRzD8k9](mailto:forms.gle/BZiePW63pRzD8k9)

## 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/upcoming-classes](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).

## celebrations

### Harper Lee Hand 1st Birthday!



Harper Lee Hand turned 1 on June 18, 2025 surrounded by her family and friends. She is the busy little sister of Eil, Easton and Theo Hand. She puts the biggest smile on her parents Steven and

Jessica Hand's face.

Harper and her family live in Clyde, Texas.

Harper's grandparents are smitten by her and her big personality. Ray and Cori Adams of Parowan Utah. Brian and Sylvia Wright of Hiddenite North Carolina. Bryan Hand of Taylorsville North Carolina. Mark and Chelsea Boxwell of Enoch Utah.

Harper, we love you so very much! You bring so much joy into our lives. Happy Birthday sweet girl!



## THURS, JULY 3

### INDOOR FARMERS MARKET (NEW EXPANDED)

Hours - Open Monday through Friday from 10AM-1PM and 4PM-6PM, and Saturdays from 9 AM to 2 PM) 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, tallow and beauty products! One-of-a-kind crafts and secondhand treasures, live and artificial plants, herbs and cedar planter boxes! Something special waiting to be discovered!

### 3V MINI BULL SERIES (7PM) 3V MINI BULLS

2025 Bullriding Jackpot Series will be held at the Cross Hollows Event Center—Diamond Z Arena (11 N Cross Hollows Rd, Cedar City). Admission to watch is FREE. Everyone is invited to come out and cheer on the mini bull riders. Don't forget to come early for the newest addition, Moto Barrel Racing, at 6:00 p.m. For information or to enter, call or text Gregg at (435) 463-5523.

### ANNUAL BRIAN HEAD ART FESTIVAL

(9AM-7PM) at The Mall (259 S Village Way, Brian Head). Admission is FREE. Join for a weekend of food, art, music, games, entertainment, and cool weather. The festival will feature over 60 local and regional artists, offering a wide range of artwork, live music, food trucks, and a raffle with exciting prizes. For information visit [brianheadartfest.com](http://brianheadartfest.com). Brian Head Resort Live Music Schedule (\$15 Day of Cover Charge)

### ART SHOW STARTING JULY 2 TO JULY 30

(Mon through Thurs 9AM-9PM, Fri & Sat 9AM to 6PM) Artist Robert MacDonlad of Enoch will be having a show of Fine Arts Painting entitled "Mindsrapes/ Landscapes" works of both pure imagination and of local and western scenes.

### THE PLAY CHIITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN CROSS ROADS THEATER (7PM) @ Playing at the Heritage Center Theatre, 105 North 100 East, Cedar City, Utah. Visit <https://americancrossroadstheatre.org/> for more information and for all play dates.

## FRI, JULY 4

### Fourth of July

### INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL

(8AM-3PM) Cedar City Lion's Club Independence Day Parade & Festival - Begin the day at 9:00 am with the Fourth of July Patriotic Parade (300 W Center Street east to Main Street then north to 400 N, Cedar City) followed by activities in the Main Street Park (200 N Main St) 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. The Cedar City Fireworks display will take place after dark (about 10 pm) at the Cedar City airport. All events are FREE and open to the public. For

## calendar

information visit [www.cedarlionsclub.com](http://www.cedarlionsclub.com).

### PAROWAN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

(10AM-1PM) Kick off the Day at 10:00 am with the Parade (Parowan Main St) followed by Games and Vendors from about 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in Main Street Park. Fireworks will be at the Iron County Fair Grounds at dusk, \*weather permitting. For information call (435) 477-8190.

### BRIAN HEAD RESORT: 4TH OF JULY

CELEBRATION (9:30AM-8PM) Brian Head Resort: Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration is held at Brian Head Resort (329 S Hwy 143, Brian Head). Everyone is invited to enjoy live music, great food and beverages, and fun for the whole family at the Giant Steps base area throughout the weekend. The celebration starts on Thursday with live music from 1 pm - 8 pm, followed by a fireworks display over a stunning mountain backdrop. Day-of Cover Charge is \$15. \$10 event tickets when you pre-purchase online at [BrianHead.com](http://BrianHead.com).

### BRIAN HEAD FIRE DEPT. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(8AM) at the Brian Head Town Pavilion (Hwy 143, Bristlecone Pond, Brian Head). \$12 a plate Donation for breakfast. Enjoy the rest of the day at Brian Head Resort starting at 9:30 am with Activities and Lifts, Live Music from 11 am - 8 pm and Artisan & Beer Vendors.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC (7-8PM) JUNE-

August! Free entry. Local country musicians and bands. 97 W. Center Street, Cedar City Utah 84720 at HOME ON THE RANGE.

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### INDOOR FARMERS MARKET GRAND REOPENING

(10AM-3PM) 909 S Main St., Cedar City - (Between IFA and Liberty Tax) Come and celebrate with us!

## SAT, JULY 5

### ANNUAL BRIAN HEAD ART FESTIVAL

(9AM-7PM) at The Mall (259 S Village Way, Brian Head). Admission is FREE. Join for a weekend of food, art, music, games, entertainment, and cool weather. The festival will feature over 60 local and regional artists, offering a wide range of artwork, live music, food trucks, and a raffle with exciting prizes. For information visit [brianheadartfest.com](http://brianheadartfest.com). Brian Head Resort Live Music Schedule (\$15 Day of Cover Charge)

### 5TH ANNUAL CLASSIC & VINTAGE AUTO SHOW

(10AM-3:30PM) 5th Annual Mountain View Ranch: Classic & Vintage Auto Show is held at Mountain View Ranch (10 S 600 W, Parowan). There is a \$4 donation per person. Enjoy BBQ, Waffle Cone Ice Cream, Cowboy Poetry, and Tour the Heritage Museum. For information call Grant at (702) 281-4523.

### THE PLAY THE WHO'S TOMMY PRESENTED BY

THE AMERICAN CROSS ROADS THEATER (2PM) @ Playing at the Heritage Center Theatre, 105 North 100 East, Cedar City, Utah. Visit <https://americancrossroadstheatre.org/> for more information and for all play dates.

## MON, JULY 7

### CARS & CUSTARD CAR SHOW (6-8PM) AT

Culver's (1065 S Main St, Cedar City), admission is Free. Enjoy a night with classics (1981 or older), customs, hot rods, and exotics. Followed by a cruise down Main Street at 8:00 pm. For information or to enter a car call, Mike, at (909) 717-1232 or email him at [ekimjacobs@gmail.com](mailto:ekimjacobs@gmail.com). \*weather permitting

## WED, JULY 9

### CCAC BOOK CLUB (7PM) @ MAIN STREET

Books in Cedar City. This months book is *Alfie and Me*, by Carl Safina (non-fiction). We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.

### LIVING WELL WITH CRONIC PAIN (3-5PM VIA

ZOOM) This class was developed by professors at Stanford University to help people living with chronic pain learn to manage their healthcare. Chronic pain is pain that is ongoing and can affect your lifestyle. The leaders will explain how diet, exercise, medication, and emotions can interfere with your wellbeing and ways to manage to enhance your lifestyle. Past participants have expressed how this class has really helped them have a better outlook on life and more hope. To register call 435-673-3548 ext. 103 or email [rsvp@fivecounty.ut.gov](mailto:rsvp@fivecounty.ut.gov)

### THE PLAY LITTLE WOMEN PRESENTED BY THE

AMERICAN CROSS ROADS THEATER (7PM) @ Playing at the Heritage Center Theatre, 105 North 100 East, Cedar City, Utah. Visit <https://americancrossroadstheatre.org/> for more information and for all play dates.

### Want your event on our calendar?

There is no charge for calendar items. Your submissions can be made online at [ironcountytoday.com](http://ironcountytoday.com), or emailed to [news@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:news@ironcountytoday.com) or brought to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline is Friday at noon. The calendar is not to be used for advertising. Items will be printed at our discretion.

# D9 Meats

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CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS	\$12.50/10-LBS
CHICKEN BREASTS	\$25.50/5-LBS



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## history

# Ghost Sign Memoirs of a Mormon Girl raised in Dog Town

*Author's Note: I grew up a stone's throw from main street on 2nd East in Cedar City. As a child of the 70's and a teen of the 80's I knew mischief and adventure. The street I lived on was simple, and its residents became my "grandparents." Little did I know what community icons these neighbors were. In essence, they were "Cedar City." I knew "Sid" Porter and Hugh Cheever through the eyes of a child. I still remember the day Hugh knocked on the door and gave my dad his snow blower. Hugh cleaned all the neighbors' paths well into his 80's. I used to play with Sid's grandchildren. He is a permanent fixture in those memories. The discovery of Cedar City's recent treasure, the Ghost Sign, led me down a few rabbit holes two of which led me to discover the Hugh and Sid I never knew.*

*I found a newspaper article in the Iron County Record dated June 14, 1973 with the headline "Landmark to give way to progress." This headline marked the story of Sid Porter's final days at the Amco gas station on 200 North and Main Street. Harmon's Kentucky Fried Chicken replaced "Sid's place." This change in the name of progress resonated with me as I thought of the BIG change happening in downtown historic Cedar City. Coincidentally this recent project is directly across from what was once "Sid's Place" (today's Verizon Store). The discovery of the Ghost Sign tempered my emotions, and hopefully the motions of others in the community reminding us all of Hugh and his famous Café and Cedar City's 1950's*

by **Amyanne Rigby**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

### What's the Story?

A ghost sign discovered on May 27, 2025. Amongst the rubble of Cedar City's tumbled businesses, Best Western and Sizzler, a hidden treasure rose, "Fresh Up 7 UP." Ghost Signs are remnants of a time gone by recording both the historical and cultural past. They can be found throughout communities nestled in business districts and neighborhoods painted on the sides of buildings advertising products. These signs market a simpler time when life moved at a slower pace. This Cedar City treasure is no different. Etched in faded paint, this sign marks another era- the 1950's in Cedar City. Along with the advertising of 7up, the sign markets the building's then tenant, Hugh's Café.

Simply put, this sign shares a story which leads to so many more. Hugh Cheever opened his café doors, "Hugh's Café" on June 26, 1958 at 112 North Main. However, on May 29, 1962 a fire ravaged the

building burning the café to the ground. Hugh made a new home for his café right across the street at 112 North Main (present day Vittles Café). Hugh's café operated well into the 1980's for breakfast, lunch, and dinner from 6 AM until midnight. Folks came for the ever-famous Hugh's Pies and stayed for the food. Hugh's was a Cedar City landmark. The building itself dates back to the 1880's making it the oldest remaining building on Cedar City's Main Street.

The 7up sign depicts the 1930's and 1940's campaign slogan for the popular lemon lime soda, 7up. Its target group- the family. One 1948 ad depicted an entire family riding a 7up bottle with the catch phrase, "The 'fresh up' family drink." 7up was invented by the St. Louis Based Company, Howdy Corporation. The formula for the ever popular 7 up drink was launched just two weeks before the Wall Street Crash of 1929. The story doesn't end there.

In 1948, the 7up Bottling Company opened its doors in Cedar City

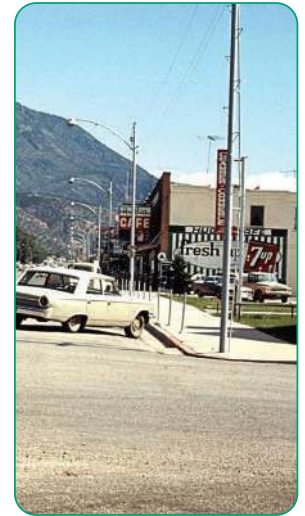
by the Randal brothers: Henry, Max, and Randall. The Randall brothers operated this business on 600 West until 1975. A 1951 ad in the Parowan Times stated, "Bottled by the Randall Brothers, 'Fresh Up,' Family Drink." Another story.

On June 5, 2025 the Cedar City Historic Downtown Committee met to discuss the preservation of the Ghost Sign at 155 North Main Street. Jim Park, the present-day owner of the property, welcomes the preservation. According to Jason Gotschall, Superintendent of Kobalt Construction who is overseeing the Maverick Project, "preservation is in discussion with the Maverick Corporation and there is a very high probability that Maverick will aid in the project." At the Cedar City Planning Commission, on April 1, 2025, Ghost signs were discussed and conversation about the possibility of there being a Ghost Sign on the old Hugh's Café was mentioned. It seems both the builder, Maverick, and the city had already begun this

treasure hunt.

This treasure hunt had its beginning on July 11, 2024 when the property owner issued a cease order to the historic downtown area restaurant, Sizzler giving them less than a month to vacate the premises. Cedar City residents fought the change and showed support for the locally own restaurant all the while rumors circulated that a Maverick Gas Station would be making its home on this historic corner. Cedar City residents' initial fears included the traffic and the preservation of the historic nature of downtown Cedar City.

Hopefully, the preservation see **GHOST SIGN** » 20



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# Interfaith Alliance



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by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Area Interfaith Alliance orchestrated a beautiful, inspiring gathering, a shining testament to love, patriotism, and the spirit of community in Cedar City held at the Christ the King Catholic Church.

Nearly a quarter of a millennium ago, visionary leaders crafted a bold experiment in liberty—one nation, indivisible, proclaiming that all men and women are endowed with unalienable rights. This week, beginning July 1, 2025, we launch America 250, a yearlong tribute to 250 years of unwavering resolve, boundless opportunity, and noble ideals that have become a beacon to the world.

Here in Cedar City and across Iron County, a dedicated coalition of 25 spirited volunteers has planned events and programs that will spark civic pride, foster learning, and unite us all in a year-long celebration. As you plan your Fourth of July festivities, whether attending our hometown parade, hosting a backyard barbecue, or marveling at fireworks dancing overhead, pause to reflect on the Pledge of Allegiance, the 31 words that bind us together in loyalty and faith.

—Scott Phillips

## history



## GHOST SIGN

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of this historic treasure adjacent to the new Maverick will soften the blows of change.

For now, there is a lot filled with debris and stories echoing of its original resident, The El Escalante Hotel. Built in 1919 and demolished in 1971 this hotel served many famous guests including President Warren G. Harding. Perhaps, The Maverick Corporation might put aside “progress” and honor the El Escalante with another landmark of sorts? The history of the El Escalante? That’s another story.

- Note: Aleese Cardon, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, when asked about the discovery of the ghost sign and what it meant to her, and the community as a whole responded, “The discovery of this sign is very important, and I feel that it stands as a symbol that we are not the first ones here, and we won’t be the last. This sign shows us a glimpse into our past, and paints a simpler time that many have forgotten. It also serves as a reminder that we need to preserve and protect our community and its history, for future generations to enjoy. Most importantly, since the sign was uncovered, the restoration and preservation has been a cause that many members of our community have gathered behind and advocated for, showing that if we work together big things can be accomplished.”
- The Cedar City Historic Preservation Commission is an advisory board meeting that works with other departments and officials within our local government to identify and protect our local historic and archeological resources. The Historic Preservation Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month in the city council chambers at 3 pm. The committee welcomes and invites anyone who is wanting to attend. It loves to have input from others.



## A Fresh Way to Shop: Cedar City's New Indoor Farmers Market Brings Local Excellence Under One Roof

by Bob Salyers

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City just welcomed something truly special—Indoor Farmers Market, a new shopping destination that's already capturing hearts and drawing crowds. Located at 909 South Main Street, between IFA and Liberty Tax, this one-of-a-kind market brings together the best of Southern Utah's artisans, farmers, and small businesses in a calm, boutique-style indoor space.

After a successful grand opening on April 5th, the market is now undergoing a significant remodel and will be hosting a Grand Reopening on 4th of July from 10AM-3PM. After that the shop will be open six days a week. They welcome shoppers Monday through Friday from 10am-1pm and 4pm-6pm plus on Saturdays from 9 AM to 2 PM. With hand-selected vendors and a thoughtfully curated selection of goods,

it's quickly becoming a favorite for locals who value quality, craftsmanship, and community.

Unlike traditional markets, the Indoor Farmers Market is highly selective: vendors are chosen with care to ensure every product meets a standard of excellence. The result is a clean, beautifully organized space that feels more like a boutique than a typical farmers market. Most of the items you'll find here are either homemade, home-grown, or handcrafted. You will also find an unusual collection of vintage and rare secondhand treasures.

Step inside, and you'll discover the scent of fresh-baked bread and pastries, the earthy aroma of live plants and hand-poured soaps, and the rich textures of native art, candles, and hand-made crafts. Vendors like Leather & Lather Shop, Lulu's Kitchen and Crafts, Freya's Garden, Our Daily Bread, Heath Blends

seasonings, Jireh General Store, Gardner Foods, Cedar Planters by Brian, and DeGroovey Designs bring a level of passion and care that's evident in every item they make. Offering fresh produce, eggs, local honey and a large selection of canned goods and specialty foods.

### Why Shop Local? The Power of Supporting Small Businesses

Shopping at the Indoor Farmers Market means more than just taking home beautiful products—it's about supporting the heart of Cedar City. It's also about finding original gifts for all occasions. When you buy from local farmers and makers, you're:

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✓ Getting exceptional quality, made in small batches with heart and intention.

This indoor setting offers a stress-free, weather-proof shopping experience, perfect for browsing at your own pace and connecting with the people behind the products. Whether you're shopping for unique gifts, restocking your kitchen with local staples, or simply looking for a relaxing afternoon outing, the Indoor Farmers Market delivers a fresh take on supporting local.

Come to the GRAND REOPENING July 4th from 10am-3pm. Starting Monday June 30th the market will be open 6 days a week—Monday through Friday from 10AM-1PM and 4PM-6PM, and Saturdays from 9 AM to 2 PM.

## obituaries

### Van Ladd Bushnell



With full hearts and deep gratitude, the family of Van Ladd Bushnell lovingly shares news of his peaceful passing on June 28, 2025, at the age of 91. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, Van was a man of deep faith, unwavering commitment, and boundless kindness.

Van was born on March 25, 1934, Meadow, in Millard County, Utah, to George Labrum and Iva Bell Swallow Bushnell. He loved his childhood in Meadow, where he lived next door to his grandparents.

In 1942, Van moved with his family to Sunset, Utah and later attended Davis High School in Kaysville, where he lettered in track and developed a lifelong love of music. Though he was offered a full music scholarship to the University of Utah, he chose instead to attend Branch Agricultural College in Cedar City—a decision that would shape the rest of his life. There, he met Allison Smith, daughter of Wallace and Alice Smith. They were sealed in the St. George Utah Temple on June 6, 1953, and went on to share 72 wonderful years of marriage.

Van and Allison were blessed with five children: Jeff (Sherry) Bushnell, Kerry (Lela, deceased) Bushnell, Susan (Tom) Swapp, Tom Bushnell (deceased at age 5), and Mary Lou (Alan) Pearson, 17 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. He was a kind, loving, and devoted father who taught his children the value of hard work—and unwavering example of integrity and commitment.

A lifelong learner, Van earned an associate degree and a bachelor's degree in business education from the College of Southern Utah, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Utah State University, and both a master's in business education and a Ph. D. in education with an emphasis in business from Arizona State University.

His professional life reflected his dedication to education and service. He worked as Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Arizona State University, and later held several roles at Southern Utah University, including Financial Aid Director, Band Director, Professor of Business, and Assistant Provost for Applied Technology. He consistently focused on mentoring and lifting others through education. In addition to his work in academia, Van also worked as a semi-truck driver for Yellow Freight, reflecting his lifelong willingness to work hard and provide for his family in every way he could.

Van also served with distinction in the Utah Army National Guard for 34 years, ultimately retiring with the rank of Colonel. His leadership and service took him to Japan and Korea. His military service reflected the same sense of duty and integrity that guided every aspect of his life.

Van's faith was the foundation of his character. A lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served faithfully in many callings, including Young Men's President, Sunday School President, Ward and Stake Clerk, Music Leader, Bishop, High Councilor, and Ordinance Worker. With Allison at his side, he also served two full-time missions: the Washington D.C. North Mission and the Salt Lake City Temple-Square Mission.

Van preceded in death by his son Tom, his siblings Mildred (Glem), Elmo (Iris), Faryl (Joyce), Joy (Jack), Dean (Stella), and June (Marilyn); his brother-in-law Wallace Kay Smith (Bonnie); and two of his great-grandchildren, Knox Werner and Natalia Bushnell. He is survived by his beloved wife Allison, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his sister-in-law Donlee Smith (Kenneth) Simkins.

Van's life was a powerful example of strength, kindness, humility, and love. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him, but his influence—felt in family, community, and faith—will endure for generations.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 5th, at 11:30 a.m., following a viewing from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Cedarview Ward Building, 1925 West 320 South, Cedar City, Utah 84720. Interment will be held at the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the service or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

## obituaries

### Merlin Clegg Mackay



Merlin Clegg Mackay passed away on June 22, 2025 in St. George Utah, surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 29, 1941 in Murray, Utah to William Lloyd Mackay and Eva Clegg, fifth of six children.

He considered his life ordinary with no significant disasters or special events. However, evidence shows otherwise. He took several trips down the Colorado and Snake Rivers in canoes. He joined the Utah National Guard and spent six months on active duty and served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Australia.

In 1963, he married Dawn Evelyn Greenlees in Salt Lake City, Utah and had three children, Janelle, Troy, and Kurt. That marriage was annulled in 1969. Merlin's relatives offered to take the children, but he was adamant that he retain full custody, all the while working full time for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Merlin married Edith Ellen Dicks on Aug 28, 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple. He wholeheartedly took on the responsibility of helping raise Edith's three children, Joe, Julie and Jill in Elko, Nevada. They had two more children, Jennifer Elaine in 1972 and Kenneth David in 1975. He tried fervently to treat all the children equally.

Merlin's determination to care for his family was manifested through his career with the FAA. Starting in 1967, he worked rotating, weekend, and overtime shifts for 38 years to provide earthly comforts and mission and education expenses before ever pursuing his desire to become a pilot.

He enjoyed an aviation class in high school and failed the class because he didn't realize he had to write a paper. After working many years with pilots, he joined the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) learning to fly with expenses paid by the CAP and observing many flights. Soon, he had an opportunity to join a corporation of four in ownership of a Cessna 182. He flew several search and rescue missions, locating downed aircraft and helping save lives.

While in Santa Barbara, California, Merlin learned to scuba dive and bought a small boat from which he dived for abalone. He used other talents and skills to help people load moving trucks and trailers, always insisting they load in a logical way for optimal balance.

Upon retirement in 2005, Merlin never wanted to get up early again or fill out mountains of paperwork. But his career enabled him to fly all over the world in cockpit jumpseats to visit children finishing missions or military training. After 9/11, he bought his tickets, and took Edith on vacations to Europe, Australia, China, and Africa.

He went on to fulfill other items on his bucket list, including sky diving, bungee jumping, and snow skiing. He became certified as an amateur ham radio operator and enjoyed connecting with other hams throughout the world. When he could no longer fly due to Parkinson's, he sold his part of the airplane and joined Ethan Bunker in partnership to restore an old tractor similar to models he used in his youth.

As his mobility declined, Calling on Angels and Iron County Health and Hospice assisted in keeping him safe and on his feet for a long time.

Viewings will be June 27 at 7-8 PM at the Cedarview Chapel at 320 South 925 West, and on June 28 from 10 to 10:45 AM with funeral services to follow at 11:00 AM. After the service, interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Heartlight Funeral Services.

[www.heartlightfs.com/](http://www.heartlightfs.com/) In lieu of flowers, please contribute to a Parkinson's group: [utahgwep.org](http://utahgwep.org) or [swpfit.com](http://swpfit.com)

### Rosalie "Peggy" Williams



Rosalie "Peggy" Williams, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed away peacefully on June 18th, 2025, at the age of 87. She was born on January 31st, 1938, in Cedar City, Utah to Ray Johanson and LaVern Sims. Known to friends during her school years as Peggy Sherratt, she brought joy and laughter to everyone who knew her.

Peggy Married the love of her life Alex Warren Williams on November 17, 1954. They were sealed in the St. George temple and raised three children: Evan, Wendy, and Louise. Together Peggy and Warren built a life rooted in family, hard work, and community.

Peggy's work ethic was unmatched. She held a variety of jobs over the years including Ray's Café, Grandma's Second-Hand Store, and as an Avon representative for 12 years. Her most passionate work was alongside her husband in the sheep and cattle business. From hauling livestock to raising over 500 doggie lambs, Peggy helped run operations from the valley to the mountains. She truly loved the ranch life, raising kids, and animals with grit and grace.

She was an active member of the Lady Elks; Peggy served for years on the board. She also held every office in Lady Wool Growers during her 20 years of membership. She was a proud member of the Iron County Cattle Women and participated in the Iron Rangers Rodero Club.

Peggy had a deep love for simple joys. She enjoyed hunting arrowheads, pinenut picking, yard sales with her mom (she always wanted to be the first one there), family trips to Salt Lake City, and she never missed a parade or a holiday. She cherished the time spent with her grandchildren, finding delight in every gathering.

Her "show house" was her special place where she'd enjoy a drink and hot, hot popcorn. "Don't mix it, just give me the top!" She'd say with a smile.

Peggy is survived by her children, Evan (Debbie) Williams and Wendy (Kodly) Smith. Her grandchildren, Kimber, Hudi, Burk, Ashlee, Lee, and Dakota. Great grandchildren, Makysa, Maklayne, Presley, Bexlie, Cash, and Sunny. Three bonus great grandkids, Trinitie, Addyson, and Kymbber. Great, great, granddaughter, Monroe. Her siblings, Ed (Carol) Johanson and Diane Norvlin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Williams, her daughter Louise Dacus, her parents Ray Johanson and LaVern Sims, and her brother Glen Johanson.

The family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to the CNAs at Stonehenge and the nursing staff at Our House for their kind and compassionate care.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday June 28th, 2025, at 11:30am at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, UT 84720). A viewing will be held on Friday June 27th, 2025, from 6pm - 8pm and again on Saturday June 28th, 2025, from 10am - 11am at Southern Utah Mortuary prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the service and to share online condolences, please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

### Curtis Gene Tucker



Curtis Gene Tucker was born September 8, 1947, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the eldest son of Robert Gene and Margie Littlefield Tucker. His family lived in Deerfield, Illinois throughout his childhood. As a youth Curtis joined the Boy Scouts of America, and became an active, lifelong participant in that organization. He spent summers of his youth at Camp MaKaJaWan, earning merit badges and the Order of the Arrow. A camping trip set Curtis on his life's

path—he fell in love with the West, and determined to pursue a career working to preserve the outdoors. He graduated from Utah State University with a degree in forestry. It was also at USU he met the other love of his life, Kathy Jo Christeson, and the two married on June 30, 1970. Curtis was baptized as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1971, and his faith was the cornerstone of his entire life.

Curtis took a job with the Bureau of Land Management and he and Kathy moved to Vernal, Utah. The forester and the theater major acquired a mortgage and three children while there, which were the only things they had in common. Curtis's career path up through the ranks in the BLM moved the family to exotic locations such as Panaca, NV, and, after the children had graduated, Ely, NV. Everywhere he lived he continued to be an avid Boy Scout leader, eventually being awarded the Silver Beaver for exceptional service to youth.

While not inclined to take to the stage himself—he had a t-shirt that read "I don't have a costume, I have my dignity"—Curtis spent countless hours supporting Kathy by babysitting when the children were younger, and cooking and bringing her dinner to the theater.

Curtis had a keen interest in genealogy and spent countless hours tracing family lineage and connecting with distant relatives to exchange information and pictures.

His quiet demeanor hid a sly wit; if you caught him in the right mood, he was an accomplished raconteur who could deliver a punch line with deadly accuracy. He authored a memoir about time spent on his grandfather's farm, and time and again his humor shines through—as well as his love for his family.

Curtis is survived by his beloved wife, Kathy Jo; his children Paul, Whitney, and Delanie; his grandchildren Jaden, Ethan, and Kylie; and his sister, Monica. He is reunited with his parents Robert and Margie, his brother Todd, and grandson Connor.

Family and friends are invited to honor Curtis's life on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 12:00 noon with a visitation from 11:00-11:45 at Cedar Valley Funeral located at 2086 North Main Street. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Services are entrusted to Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation. On line condolences can be sent to his memorial page at [cedarvalleyfuneral.com](http://cedarvalleyfuneral.com)

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# Ajia Hughes

**named a Second Team All-American**

by John Wilkinson  
SPORTS INFORMATION GA

Southern Utah University's Track and Field star, Ajia Hughes concluded her amazing season at the NCAA D1 National Championships this past weekend at the University of Oregon.

Head Coach Eric Houle said: "Any athlete competing on one of the biggest stages in the NCAA National Championship, and performing the way she did under that much pressure and clinching an All-American spot, is a testimony to her athleticism."

Recap: Ajia Hughes wrapped up her incredible field season this past weekend. Ajia finished in ninth place at the NCAA D1 National Championships in the high jump. Ajia once again broke

her own Southern Utah outdoor field record, clearing the bar on her second attempt with a top jump of 6'½". That makes it four times this year that Ajia has broken the outdoor high jump record.

Ajia has also been named to the NCAA All-American second team, missing the cutoff for the first team by a half-inch. With her NCAA Championship finish and her second-team All-American accolade, she finishes what is possibly the most impressive season in Southern Utah women's outdoor track and field history.

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Stay current on the Thunderbird track and field programs by following @SUUTFXC on Twitter and Instagram and like the Southern Utah Track and XC page on Facebook.

## Southern Utah joining Big Sky Conference in 2026



by Spencer Rodak

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**CEDAR CITY, Utah** – In a major move to ensure long-term stability for athletics, Southern Utah University will

be joining the Big Sky Conference in 2026.

First reported by Matt Brown of Extra Points and followed by Ross Dellenger of Yahoo Sports, the Thunderbirds will be joined by fellow WAC member and rival Utah Tech in the move to the Big Sky.

<https://twitter.com/RossDellenger/status/1937910589419909569>

"We are excited to be rejoining the Big Sky Conference," said SUU President Mindy Benson in an official release from the school.

"This move sets a strong foundation for the future of SUU Athletics by expanding our visibility and creating meaningful opportunities for growth. We're looking forward to renewing friendly in-state rivalries with Weber State and Utah Tech and are eager to strengthen our connection to all the Big Sky Universities."

The additions of Southern Utah and Utah Tech give the Big Sky 11 members in 2026, following the recent departure of Sacramento State last week.

Currently a member of the Western

Athletic Conference, SUU will return to the conference it previously called home from 2012 to 2022.

"Thunderbird Nation is thrilled to be returning to the Big Sky Conference," said Interim Athletic Director Tom Higbee. "The Big Sky is a premier conference with a proud history and a strong competitive spirit. We're grateful for the opportunity to rejoin and look forward to contributing to the league's continued success. I'm excited

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# Iron County Resident Wins Big at 2025 Indy SpeedTour



by Iron County Today Staff  
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Iron County's own Kim Madrid took home a major win at the 2025 INDY SpeedTour with SVRA, held June 12–16 at the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Competing against a field of 24 cars, Madrid showcased outstanding skill and determination to claim the top spot. The victory is a proud moment not only for Madrid but also for the local racing community.

We're proud to have Kim as part of the *Iron County Today* team as an incredible sales representative.



## BIG SKY CONFERENCE

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for our student-athletes, coaches, alumni, and fans and appreciate their unwavering support of Thunderbird Athletics.”

The Thunderbirds will join the conference in all possible sports, including football, which is currently part of the United Athletic Conference. As of now, gymnastics will remain in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, as the Big Sky does not sponsor the sport.

The switch to the Big Sky also means that all three of the states' FCS football programs – Southern Utah, Utah Tech, and Weber State – will be together in one conference.

### How we got here

Southern Utah most recently joined the WAC in 2022, alongside a group of four Texas schools, which gave the conference 12 members.

Thanks to a number of other conference realignment moves, however, the WAC was never able to keep many of the schools that joined.

For the 2025–26 athletics year, the conference was slated to have eight full members, dipping to five for the 2026–27 season following the departures of Grand Canyon (Mountain West), Utah Valley (Big West), Seattle U, and California Baptist (both West Coast Conference).

Now, the WAC and Atlantic Sun will reportedly form an alliance, where five football members of the ASUN will move to the WAC in 2026. The conference will then rebrand as the United Athletic Conference, the moniker of the current WAC-ASUN football conference that Southern Utah will play a final season in this fall.

With one year remaining in the current iteration of the WAC, six of the seven Division I schools in Utah will have been members of the conference at some point since its founding in 1962. Weber State, a founding member of the Big Sky, is the only Utah school never to be a WAC member.

### A familiar home

As mentioned previously, SUU is no stranger to the Big Sky Conference.

The Thunderbirds first joined the conference in 2012 from the Summit League, under the direction of Athletic Director Ken Beazer.

Beazer is now the Athletic Director at Utah Tech, who is slated to make the move to the conference alongside Southern Utah next year.

During a decade-long run in the conference the first time around, SUU had several memorable moments. This included nine conference titles won across all sports, highlighted by the best season in the football program's history in 2017.

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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. The Utah Jazz may have lost out on the No. 1 pick in the 2025 NBA Draft, but who did the team take with the No. 5 selection in the first round June 25?
2. In a pair of pre-NBA Draft trades, the Boston Celtics sent Jrue Holiday to the Portland Trailblazers and Kristaps Porzingis went to what Eastern Conference team as part of a three-team deal that included the Brooklyn Nets?
3. It's not official as of today, but the NCAA is closing in on a move to expand the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments to 76 teams, effective next season. How many teams were in this year's tournaments?
4. Who was named the regular-season and NBA Finals Most Valuable Player? You don't have to spell the full name of the point guard for the Oklahoma City Thunder, but what is his three-letter nickname?
5. New York Jets owner Woody Johnson branched out a bit and paid \$254 million for a 43 percent stake in what Premier League team nicknamed the Eagles?
6. What former MLB star who retired with 696 career home runs is now a co-owner of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves after the \$1.5-billion sale that also includes the WNBA's Lynx was finalized last week?
7. Morehead State renamed its football stadium for what alumnus who went on to quarterback the New York Giants to a win in Super Bowl XXI?
8. Through the June 22 race at Pocono, how many different NASCAR Cup Series drivers have won a race in the 2025 season?

9. Through his most recent start June 24, Detroit's Tarik Skubal is tied for the MLB lead in wins with 9. What pair of New York Yankees pitchers were tied with Skubal?
10. After two losses in the Stanley Cup Final, what Edmonton Oilers player was traded to the Vancouver Canucks?
11. Who won the PGA Tour Travelers Championship for the second time in three years when he rallied from a 3-shot deficit by making a birdie putt at the 18th hole in the final round June 22? This player is also the captain of the U.S. Ryder Cup team.
12. True or False: New Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Aaron Rodgers told ESPN last week he's "pretty sure" 2025 will be his final NFL season.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. San Francisco Giants.
2. Cal Raleigh. As of June 23, Raleigh leads the American League with 32 home runs and 68 RBI.
3. Three.
4. Orlando Magic.
5. New Orleans Pelicans.
6. Russell Westbrook. In the greatest of irony, Westbrook was a member of the Thunder when he scored 43 points in Game 4 of the 2012 NBA Finals vs. the Miami Heat.
7. Tyreek Hill.
8. Baltimore Ravens.
9. Connecticut Sun.
10. 19.
11. True. Spaun finished 1-under par, two shots ahead of runner-up Robert McIntyre.
12. Xander Schauffele.

# New stadium, same old issues

It was already bad enough when the team formerly known as the Oakland Athletics closed up shop and exited last fall after 57 years in the city directly across the Bay Bridge from San Francisco. On June 23, Athletics team owner John Fisher hammered the final nail into the coffin when he spoke these four words that made the exit official.

"We are Vegas' team."

After that message, the shovels went in the ground and construction began on the A's new stadium in Las Vegas, which will hold around 33,000 people. The groundbreaking was attended by state and local government dignitaries, MLB commissioner Rob Manfred, former A's greats Rollie Fingers and Dave Stewart, and local Little Leaguers.

The starry-eyed visions may look awesome in the moment, but they can't hide the reality of how truly bad this move is. First and foremost, the Athletics don't have a true identity to speak of – if you haven't noticed, the team doesn't have a city listed in the official standings. Sutter Health Park, a minor-league facility, is the Athletics' couch-crashing home for the next three seasons.

There were issues when the Athletics started this season, but the team was 22-20 after an 11-1 rout over the Los Angeles Dodgers on May 13. Since then, the homeless bunch are 11-30 and stand at 33-50 overall through June 26. Only the Chicago White Sox are worse in the American League.

One prime free-agent signing for the Athletics was pitcher Luis Severino, the former New York Yankee and Met who was given a three-year, \$67 million deal. So far, he's 2-8 with a 4.83 ERA, and was torched for seven runs in five innings in his last start, an 11-4 road loss to the Detroit Tigers on June 24.

While the home team announcers have likely been fully conditioned to call the team by the nickname only, the visiting teams aren't always prepared and have occasionally let the city name – Sacramento or Oakland – escape over the airwaves.

It's hard to break away from 57 years of history and tradition, but here we are. Las Vegas will be receiving a team that hasn't reached the playoffs in the last four years and probably a fifth, which would tie for the longest drought (2007-2011) since Fisher became majority owner in 2005. Other than Severino, it's not likely any player will

command similar money when contracts come up for negotiation.

Pretty buildings are one thing, but fans

won't return to a venue unless they know ownership is fully committed to fielding a competitive team. Such is not the case with John Fisher and the Athletics, who are clearly moving through the baseball desert on a horse with no name.

The other team that bailed out of Oakland and moved to Las Vegas hasn't set the world on fire, either. After five seasons, the Las Vegas Raiders have reached the playoffs once (2021) and haven't had a winning season in the other four years. Only time will tell if hiring a name coach in Pete Carroll will make a difference in 2025, but it's been 22 years since the Raiders last won a playoff game.

The primary slogan for the Raiders has always been "Commitment to Excellence," but it hasn't translated on the field for more than two decades. A new coach with Super Bowl experience won't matter much until the franchise gets the right players in place to bring "just win, baby" back to life.



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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Heidi Stephenson, whose address is 2411 W. Meadow St., Cedar City, Utah 84720, has been appointed as the Successor Trustee of the JB Trust of the above-entitled Trust Estate. Creditors of the estate are hereby notified to: deliver or mail their written claims to the Successor Trustee at the address above, or otherwise present their claims as required by Utah law within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred from presenting the claim.

Date of first publication: June 26, 2025

HEIDI STEPHENSON  
Successor Trustee

Published on June 26, July 3, 10, 2025

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned are the duly appointed and qualified Trustees of "THE JOHN AND ERMA DALTON REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST" originally dated February 1, 2014, as amended (the "Trust") Pursuant to the Utah Code Ann. § 75-7-508, any creditor having a claim against the Trust estate or JOHN C. DALTON and ERMA C. DALTON, the Settlers of the Trust who died on April 10, 2018 and February 8, 2025, must present his or her claim within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred from presenting the claim. Any claim may be made with legal counsel of the Trustee at the address given below within three (3) months after the first publication of this notice.

DATED: June 9, 2025.

THE JOHN AND ERMA DALTON REVOCABLE  
LIVING TRUST, dated February 1, 2014  
By SUZETTE CARDON, Trustee

Claims should be filed with:

David M. Grant, Esq.  
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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



### TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



### The Spats

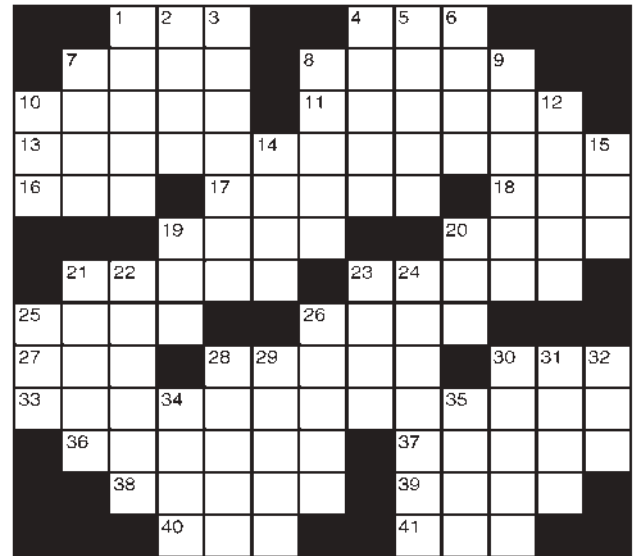
by Jeff Pickering



## King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Condo coolers
- 4 Mornings, briefly
- 7 Malaria symptom
- 8 Daub
- 10 Florida city
- 11 Research
- 13 Nocturnal birds
- 16 Actor Cariou
- 17 English horn cousins
- 18 Actor McShane
- 19 Stumble
- 20 Part of A.D.
- 21 Exams for future attys.
- 23 Years
- 25 Deception
- 26 Cousin's mom
- 27 — -ray Disc
- 28 Soaks up the sun
- 30 Prefix with gram or center
- 33 Ancient
- 36 "Hard as nails," for one
- 37 More bizarre
- 38 Auto style
- 39 Clarinet insert



- 40 Ballot markings
- 41 Corn serving

- 8 Sailing vessel
- 9 Judge's decision
- 10 Hooting bird
- 12 Blueprints
- 14 Kimono ties
- 15 — -cone
- 19 Levy
- 20 Busy insect
- 21 Lounges
- 22 Mecca residents
- 23 Sci-fi's
- 24 By the beach

- 25 "Westworld" ainer
- 26 Wan
- 28 Back of a 45 record
- 29 Book of maps
- 30 Church leader
- 31 Begged
- 32 Leb. neighbor
- 34 Visa rival, briefly
- 35 Inventor's inspiration

#### DOWN

- 1 "Encore!"
- 2 Robert of "I Spy"
- 3 Stop on a cruise
- 4 Love, to Luigi
- 5 Cat calls?
- 6 H.H. Munro's pen name
- 7 Dull pain

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### Weekly SUDOKU

	4	9	8			7		1
8	1	3	6	7				9
	5					8		
4		2	9	1				
				5			9	
5			3	6				2
9				8	7		5	3
	8	1	5			9		7
3	7		4	6	9			8

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

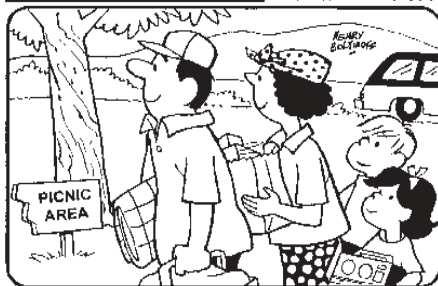
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

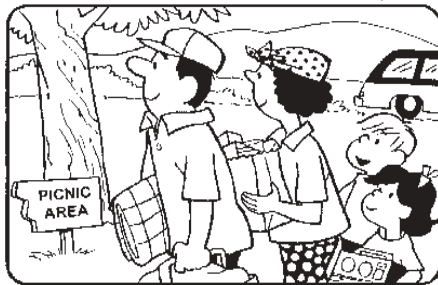
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is larger. 2. Hair ribbon is moved. 3. Thumb is wider.

1	8	6	9	4	5	7	3
2	7	3	2	1	8	6	9
3	5	8	7	4	1	2	6
4	2	6	1	3	4	9	5
5	9	7	5	2	8	1	3
6	4	8	7	9	1	3	5
7	5	1	2	6	9	7	4
8	3	9	1	8	5	6	2
9	6	8	3	5	7	4	1

Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

A	C	S	A	M	S	A	M	S
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I	A	N	N	A	N	N	A	N
L	E	N	N	L	E	N	N	L
L	S	A	T	S	L	S	A	T
S	L	O	N	O	S	L	O	N
H	O	X	A	V	O	X	A	V
E	F	I	E	F	I	E	F	I
B	L	O	B	A	S	K	S	B
O	L	D	O	A	S	T	O	L
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S	E	D	A	N	E	S	E	D
X	E	S	X	E	S	X	E	S
E	A	R	E	A	R	E	A	R

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword



- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bar where Homer Simpson hangs out?
- MUSIC: What are the first names of the Jackson 5?
- MOVIES: What prop is found in almost every scene in "The Fight Club"?
- ANATOMY: What does the term "hallux" refer to in human anatomy?
- GEOMETRY: What is the perimeter of a circle called?
- LITERATURE: What is Ron Weasley's patronus in the "Harry Potter" book series?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many tusks does a warthog have?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Pacific Crest Trail cross?
- SCIENCE: What is a common name for iron oxide?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?

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- Moe's Tavern; 2. Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael; 3. A Starbucks
- Three (California, Oregon, and Washington); 9. Rust; 10. George H. W. Bush
- Four;
- The big toe; 5. Circumference; 6. Jack Russell Terrier; 7. Four;
- Three (California, Oregon, and Washington); 9. Rust; 10. George H. W. Bush

Trivia Test Answers



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