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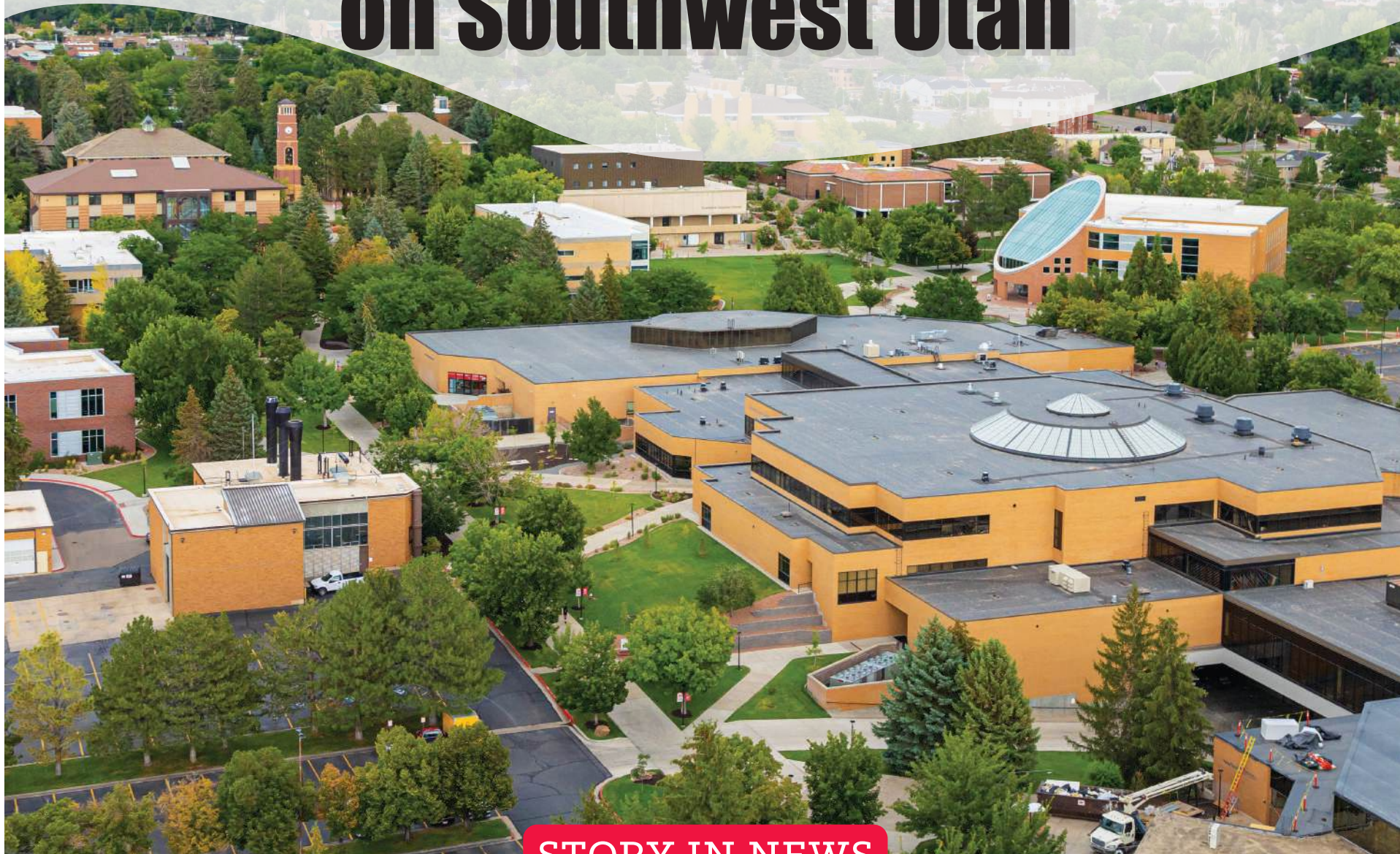
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STORY IN NEWS

Utah Water Conditions Update

by Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

ahead, state water officials are planning for hot, dry weather driving up demand. With drought conditions persisting across the state, using water wisely is more important than ever. Storms in the southern part of the state have improved the situation, while drought conditions have worsened in the northern part of the state. Overall, 91% of the state remains in moderate to severe drought.

“Temperatures have soared, and with that comes a natural increase in outdoor watering,” Candice Hasenyager, director at the Utah Division of Water Resources, said. “We want our lawns and gardens to

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(July 1, 2025)**

– With the peak of summer

look nice and there are ways to do this through smart planning and new technologies that save water.” High spring temperatures and a normal to below-normal snowpack in many areas this past winter resulted in a quick runoff season. Meteorological spring is defined as March, April and May. During that period, temperatures were 2.36°F above normal (normal is the average of the 1991-2020 time period). Great Salt Lake has seen a modest increase of about 1.5 feet since its seasonal low in November. According to USGS, Great Salt Lake peaked in mid-April at an elevation of 4193.6.

Reservoir levels are starting to decline, but remain 8% higher than normal thanks to strong water supply from previous years.

“Right now, we’re generally seeing outflows from reservoirs begin to exceed inflows,” Hasenyager said. “That pattern typically sets in later in the summer, but this year’s heat is accelerating things. Across all sectors, we need to look for ways to be efficient with our finite water supply.”


The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

(UDAF) is offering low-interest Emergency Disaster Relief Loans (EDRL) to agricultural producers in 17 counties affected by the ongoing drought. Governor Spencer J. Cox declared a state of emergency on April 24, 2025, highlighting the drought’s impact on the state’s agricultural economy.

Farmers in the designated counties—Beaver, Carbon, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Tooele, Uintah, Washington and Wayne—can apply for loans of up to \$100,000 per entity. A total of \$2 million is available through the EDRL program. These seven-year loans offer a significant benefit: no interest for the first two years, followed by a 2.75% interest rate for the remaining five years. Applications for these relief loans will be accepted until October 23, 2025.

In Utah, about 95% of our water supply comes from snowpack. Reservoir storage helps us preserve that water for use in dry summer months and drought years. To encourage water conservation among Utahns, the Department of Natural Resources continues to promote initiatives such as the Agricultural Water Optimization Program for farmers and SlowtheFlow.org for residents. These programs aim to educate and incentivize water-saving practices, ensuring Utahns become more drought-resilient and prepare for future conditions. Many indoor water-saving tips are available on the Slow the Flow website.


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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

IT'S GOING TO BE A SUNNY AND WARM END TO THE WORK WEEK WITH HIGHS TEMPERATURES A FEW DEGREES ABOVE AVERAGE. IT WILL LIKELY BE A BIT WARMER THIS WEEKEND, BEFORE A SLIGHT COOL DOWN ARRIVES NEXT WEEK. RAIN CHANCES LOOK SLIM-TO-NONE OVER THE NEXT WEEK.

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PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 15-25

SUNDAY

Sunny/Breezy
97°/62°

PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 15-25

MONDAY

Sunny/Windy
98°/62°

PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 15-25

TUESDAY

Sunny/Breezy
97°/61°

PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 15-25

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Two Men Facing Drug Charges After Iron County Crash Leads to Large-Scale Bust

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A single-vehicle crash off Interstate 15 on Monday led Iron County deputies to uncover a suspected drug

operation involving two Parowan men.

The investigation began early July 1, when sheriff’s deputies responded to a wrecked green Jeep left abandoned near mile marker 75 along Interstate 15. The vehicle had veered off the road and crashed into a nearby embankment, taking out an estimated 150 feet of state fencing in the process.

As deputies prepared to impound the vehicle, they conducted a standard inventory check and immediately noted several red flags — including the smell of raw marijuana, burnt pre-rolled cigarettes, and an open container of Blue Moon beer stashed behind the driver’s seat.

Inside the Jeep, officers found multiple identifying documents tied to 35-year-old Cody Allen Jacobs of Parowan, who later

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FROM THE EDITOR



**ESTHER
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OFFICE MANAGER

With so much going on in the world right now—big headlines, global conflicts, and national debates—it's easy to wonder: Does local news still matter? I'll admit, while filling in for some of our copy editor's

duties this week, I found myself asking that very question. With everything happening on such a large scale, why are we spending our time reporting on the small things in our little corner of the world?

Then I was reminded of a quote that brought things into focus: "If you want to change the world, start with yourself." By Mahatma Gandhi.

That idea reminded me that real change often begins right here—within ourselves, our families, and our communities. If we want to see progress on the big issues, we have to start by strengthening our foundations close to home. That means supporting local businesses, voting in city elections, participating in community events, and looking for ways to serve one another. That's also why local journalism matters. We're here to shine a light on the good things happening in our neighborhoods—things that rarely make national headlines but truly shape our daily lives. We tell the stories of students, volunteers, small-town heroes, and hometown happenings. And in doing so, we help build a stronger, more connected community.

So yes, the world is heavy at times. But there is still so much good happening here. And that's something worth reporting.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I've always felt that a person's intelligence is directly reflected by the number of conflicting points of view he can entertain simultaneously on the same topic."

- Abigail Adams



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to Congresswoman Maloy's op-ed "Public Land Amendment Iron County"

Congresswoman Maloy, with all due respect. This seemed like a land sale/grab by the government. This went totally viral on social media. Many, many people voiced their concerns about this situation. Myself included. The information that was presented was that the language of this bill would include portions of National Parks. This was disinformation at its finest. Many of us don't want any portion of our public lands sold off for any reason. While I understand that some people do want public lands sold to help infrastructure, housing, and other community needs. A vast number of people don't. I know that there are property owned by city municipalities. Perhaps, these properties can be utilized for infrastructure? Privately owned land could also be purchased by city municipalities to use in this situation can it not? If the sale of public lands was so important to you and other city officials. Perhaps, a town hall meeting, or meetings, would have given us, the public, the information that was needed for us, the public, to make those decisions. Instead of virtual social media posts. The public will continue to oppose the sale of "our public lands" Period.

Searching for Sodom and Gomorrah

PART VI

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Today because archaeologists are using the Bible as a guide to ancient sites, interest has been

developing about where some ancient cities are, and archeologists are studying the Bible to locate ancient cities. Great interest has developed among archeologists to find Sodom and Gomorrah of ancient infamy mentioned in Genesis 13, verse 13 in the Bible. According to the

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WORD OF THE WEEK

GARRULOUS

[gar-ru-lous]

adjective

given to prosy, rambling, or tedious loquacity; pointlessly or annoyingly talkative



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Bible, “the men of Sodom were wicked”. For its many sins, God destroyed Sodom and all the inhabitants of the “cities of the plain” in an intense conflagration, but not before allowing Abraham’s nephew Lot and his family to flee to safety. Most scholars agree that the cities of the Plain where this occurred were in the Jordan Valley, known as the Ghor which includes the Jordan Valley itself, the Dead Sea, and the surrounding land, all set within a mountainous region. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is one of the Bible’s most fascinating and debated stories. Known for their sinfulness and eventual destruction by fire and brimstone, these cities have become symbols of immorality and divine judgment. According to the Book of Genesis, Sodom and Gomorrah were part of the Cities of the Plain, located in or near the Dead Sea region. By exploring the biblical story, the archaeological evidence, and some theories, these cities of sin might be located. These 2 cities are the epitome of evil behavior that God hates, and are described as exceedingly wicked, and their inhabitants had turned away from God’s laws, indulging in moral corruption and sinful behavior. In fact, the English word “sodomy” refers to some of the practices of that ancient city. (You can find the definition of the word at Academic Dictionaries and Encyclopedias at your local library or on the Internet on your own computer.) God warned Lot, Abraham’s nephew, that he and his family would need to flee the city and not look back; however, Lot’s wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt. Several locations are now being explored by archaeologists for the following reasons:

- 1) Geography in the southern Dead Sea region fits the Biblical description of being a well-watered plain, though now desolate;
- 2) Bitumen and sulfur: the area is rich in these substances associated with the fire and brimstone that rained down on the cities;
- 3) There are two prominent sites, Bad

edh-Dhar and Numeira which have been excavated in this region and which show signs of sudden, fiery destruction aligning with the Biblical narrative;

- 4) Bab edj-Dhra, dating to the Early Bronze Age, includes large cemeteries and evidence of buildings that are destroyed by fire. The city’s destruction layer fits the time frame often attributed to Sodom and Gomorrah;
- 5) Numeira, another site near Bab edh-Dhra, also shows evidence of fiery destruction where archaeologists discovered a layer that fits the time frame attributed to Sodom and Gomorrah.
- 6) Numeira located near Bab edh-Dhra also shows evidence of fiery destruction with a thick layer of ash. While natural explanations have been explored such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, or meteor impacts and could have been causes, these catastrophic events could also align with the biblical narrative of fire and brimstone raining down on the cities. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah holds significant weight in several religious traditions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, as warnings against sinfulness leading to destruction. To read more about this, please consult the following:

biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/biblical-archaeology-sites/where-is-sodom/
Information is also available at: biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/archaeology-today/location-zoar/

These examples, even though ancient, should warn us all not to rebel against the God of Creation. For more positive information, please check the following website where 700 inmates in an Oklahoma prison last week worshiped God with 400 of them giving their lives to Jesus the Christ: cbn.com/news/us/jesus-answer-700-inmates-worship-god-oklahoma-prison-400-give-their-lives-christ.

Next week, we will look at what the Apostle Paul says about Israel. Who is Israel? Is Israel the Apostle Paul says that God protects a modern-day nation state?

Enoch Man Accused of Firing BB Gun at Child Over Doorbell Ditching Incident

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

on July 1 after a juvenile reported being confronted by Berry while riding his bike to a friend’s house. The boy told officers that Berry yelled, “You guys knock it off,” before cocking what sounded like a gun and firing two shots. The boy said he heard the projectiles whiz past him and believed he was being shot at.

The boy immediately told his friend’s father what had happened. The man confronted Berry, who allegedly admitted to retrieving a BB gun from his garage and firing two shots into the air as a warning to “intimidate” the kids because he believed they had been knocking on his door and running off.

Berry later told officers he had seen two kids across the street and yelled at them before firing the gun in the air from the edge of his property near the sidewalk.

“Contact was made with Berry at his residence, he stated someone was beating on his door. He went to his garage and grabbed his BB gun and left his residence,” the affidavit states.

Police allege Berry discharged the gun intentionally as a show of force and to scare the children. No injuries were reported.

“Berry produced the gun to intimidate or threaten (the boy). He then fired two shots as a show of force,” court documents state.

The Enoch City Police Department arrested Berry and booked him into the Iron County Jail.

A 72-year-old man was arrested this week after allegedly firing a BB gun at a child he believed had been doorbell ditching his home.

Curtis Berry was taken into custody July 2 and booked into the Iron County Correctional Facility on suspicion of third-degree felony aggravated assault, following an incident that occurred two days earlier.

According to court documents, officers responded to a weapons offense call

on July 1 after a juvenile reported being confronted by Berry while riding his bike to a friend’s house. The boy told officers that Berry yelled, “You guys knock it off,” before

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Parowan City Council Meeting

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Public Comment - Cindy Hanley, a resident whose property borders Meeks Park, expressed concerns about fire hazards and requested action to address overgrown weeds and a problematic tree. Keith Gilbert introduced a new sand and gravel operation on Gap Road, emphasizing their commitment to being good neighbors and mitigating dust.

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Amendments - City Manager Dan Jessen presented the proposed amendments to the fiscal year 2024-25 budget. He explained that these adjustments are typical year-end housekeeping measures to account for unforeseen expenses and decisions made by the council throughout the year. Key adjustments included allocations for a police mental health grant, pickleball court expenses, settlement payouts for the judge, street repairs, and the 200 South sidewalk project. The total revenue change was reported as \$1,205,000, and the total expense change was \$1,287,000. After a public hearing with questions from Jennelle Zajac, the council approved the amendments.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget - Dan Jessen then presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-26, emphasizing strategic

investments in infrastructure projects, one-time grant-funded investments, and employee pay parity. He highlighted that the budget is balanced and does not include a property tax increase. Key capital projects included the water recharge project, water treatment project, Main Street Bridge construction, airport improvements, library upgrades, and Valentine Peak Ball Field lighting. The budget also includes funds for a UDOT grant for design work on Exit 75, a culinary water rate study, fire infrastructure improvements, and a generator for the main well. Larry Zajac inquired about donated ball field lighting, and Jeremy Franklin clarified that the older halogen lighting would be less cost-effective than new LED lighting. Following a public hearing and discussion, the council approved the annual budget for fiscal year 2025-26 via roll call vote.

Parowan Receives Awards - The Parowan City Library was recognized for receiving the Utah State Libraries Divisions Quality Library Award, with librarian Cori Adams sharing details about the award. Shelby Bartlett, the pool manager, presented the Swimming Pool Aquatic Safety Award from the Utah Local Government Trust, highlighting the facility's safe emergency action plan.

AJM Annexation - The council considered and approved the AJM annexation and annexation development agreement. Following this, they approved the AJM Annexation Ordinance 2025-12 via roll call vote.

Net Metering Policy - Jeremy Franklin led a discussion on the net metering policy, recommending an increase to the cap to 8kW, with larger systems considered on a case-by-case basis based on a 12-month usage history. The council approved the change to the net metering policy.

Firework Policy and Weed Abatement - The council discussed the 2025 firework policy, with Fire Chief Alan Cavalieri recommending limiting public fireworks to the night of July 4th at the fairgrounds park. The council agreed to this restriction. The council also discussed resident responsibility for maintaining weeds on their property, with plans to send out courtesy letters to property owners.

Meeks Pond and Cabin Historic Park - The council discussed the Meeks Pond and Meeks Cabin Historic Park, prompted by a recent fire. City Manager Dan Jessen provided background information on the park's history, master plan, and various agreements with different entities. The council discussed options for the park's future, including converting it to a more manageable grassy area, maintaining its native state, or increasing taxes to fund proper maintenance. They agreed to form a committee to address the park's future and to have the city attorney review relevant documents.

Formation of Committees and Other Business - The council voted to form the America 250 Committee, with members including Rochelle Topham, Sharon

Downey, Dan Jessen, Jet Smith, and Jamie Evans. They also discussed the formation of the RISE Incentive Committee and voted to allow the mayor and city manager to make the selections for this committee. The meeting concluded with brief reports and updates from elected officials and staff, followed by a motion to go into closed session.

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

Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The first two that were reviewed were staff-level decisions requiring public hearings but no commission vote. The first involved converting four twin home lots in Magnolia Fields into three single-family lots—reducing density with no staff or public objections. The second was a plat change in the Cliffs at Sunrise Subdivision to split a vacant lot between two existing homes, improving frontage without utility

issues.

One of the most debated parts of the meeting involved items four, five, and six—zoning change requests tied to the Iron Horse RDO project. No representatives from the development team were present.

Homeowners voiced concerns about traffic, infrastructure, declining property values, and preserving their neighborhood's low-density, family-focused character. They noted issues like construction-related disruptions, poor road upkeep, and misleading promises that agricultural zoning would remain for a decade.

Many questioned whether the city had fully evaluated the impact on water, schools, roads, and emergency services, expressing frustration over rapid growth without matching infrastructure.

While staff clarified that the zoning changes were consistent with the original RDO approved in 2020–2021, residents felt misled. Given the controversy and the developer's absence, the commission voted to table the items until July 15, requiring the development team to attend and address concerns.

Mayor G. Green recognized departing commissioner Adam Han's eight years of service and introduced a proposed new member, pending city council approval. The session also covered revisions to engineering standards, aiming to streamline the variance

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

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process by allowing the city engineer to approve routine departures without needing city council approval.

The meeting continued with a commissioner raising concerns about building material regulations, citing developer delays and costs, such as with the new Starbucks at the north interchange. Current rules require materials like stone veneer and lap siding on Main Street and 200 North, while banning others like metal walls.

The city planner defended the standards, referencing the general plan's focus on community character and economic appeal, showing examples of compliant vs. non-compliant buildings.

Most commissioners supported keeping the rules to avoid blight and preserve Cedar City's appearance, noting industrial areas may have different needs. The issue was tabled until fall for input from Vision Iron County's community survey.

The commission discussed whether to allow parking in required landscape setbacks, particularly in residential zones with 25-foot front setbacks. The proposed change aimed to address rising property costs, limited street parking, and water use, suggesting perpendicular parking without new driveways.

City staff explained that setbacks serve purposes like preserving property values, aiding drainage, reducing heat, and enhancing aesthetics, showing strong visual contrasts with and without them.

Safety concerns were also raised, noting that setbacks create space at driveways, reducing traffic conflicts.

Commissioners favored keeping current standards and called for further study of successful examples elsewhere. No action was taken.

The Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Council members discussed infrastructure concerns, including damaged fences near Airport Road and Highway 56. They praised a recent patriotic program and announced the sixth annual first responders luncheon on July 9. The meeting also included the swearing-in of a new police officer, Officer Lance Sisana.

The meeting then focused on allocating RAP (Recreation, Arts, and Parks) tax funds, with updates from the arts and recreation advisory boards.

The arts board had \$383,774 to divide among 22 groups requesting a total of \$460,000. Strategic decisions included combining some requests, prioritizing local organizations,

and redirecting some applicants to other grant options.

The recreation board allocated \$87,000, including \$21,380 for all-abilities playground equipment at Canyon Park and funds for repaving Cole Creek Trail. A dog park proposal was denied due to lack of coordination with the city, and a water polo request was declined due to a misunderstanding of requirements.

The city attorney clarified that arts groups may use funds for operational costs, while recreation funding must support publicly owned facilities and cannot cover operations or uniforms.

An update on the Canyon Park project noted a \$200,000 state grant and long-term commitment to serving 1,500 children with disabilities in Iron County. The need was emphasized due to failed past efforts to fund inclusive equipment through bonds.

The Cedar City Council discussed key development and infrastructure issues, focusing on a street vacation request for a 20-foot strip of 325 North. They debated granting the full request to avoid forcing future sidewalk relocations by neighboring property owners.

The developer also proposed delaying street improvements, using rolled curbing instead of traditional curb and gutter, and waiving sidewalk requirements for an area ending at a ditch. Council members raised concerns about stormwater management and setting a precedent for bypassing standard infrastructure requirements.

The council reviewed a proposed no-parking zone at Iron Springs Elementary to separate bus and parent traffic during school hours. The restriction would apply from 8 AM to 4 PM on school days, with details on implementation and cost-sharing still to be determined.

The council reviewed a proposed no-parking zone near 600 South and 860 West, based on a traffic study. The change would allow for a left-turn lane and improve safety by maintaining clear sight lines in a high-traffic school area.

Airport issues took up much of the discussion. The council reviewed bids for sealing runway 2-20, with questions raised about local preference rules and whether federal funding affects bid selection. A decision was postponed pending further clarification.

The fire department requested approval to buy a tactical tender for \$259,900—below budget—but needed special approval for a 20% down payment due to city policy.

A proposed policy change would remove the requirement for a city council member to serve on the planning commission, aligning Cedar City with other Utah cities and reducing conflict of interest concerns. The council was supportive of applying the same approach to other boards.

The meeting ended with the appointment of a new library director and approval of updated fee schedules, including new electrical fees for Main Street Park events.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



REP. CARL ALBRECHT

UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

Utah House of Representatives Report July 2025

Building Policy for Utah

During June's Interim meetings, my colleagues and I met to dig into some of the biggest issues facing our state. From healthcare costs to wildfire preparedness, school safety, energy, and emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, we're laying the groundwork for smart policy. These meetings help us study complex topics, hear from experts, and prepare impactful, effective legislation for the upcoming session.

I'm committed to making sure your voice is part of these conversations, and I'll keep working hard to represent your values every step of the way. Our next meetings will resume on August 19-20 and I hope to see you there! You can follow along at le.utah.gov.

Commonsense Stewardship

We're celebrating a big win for Utah! For years, outdated federal restrictions blocked access to millions of acres of forestland, tying our hands and preventing the kind of proven, proactive management needed to protect our communities. That's finally changing.

Thanks to a critical National policy shift, Utah now has more authority to clear hazardous fuels, improve firefighter access, and take meaningful steps to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. This is commonsense stewardship in action. It means healthier forests, stronger rural economies, a potential for more recreation opportunities, and more resilient communities—all through smarter, locally driven management.

This victory didn't happen overnight. It's been a top priority for state leaders and took a team effort to get across the finish line. Utahns know these lands best and now, we're finally more empowered to take care of them.

Keeping Utah Land in Trusted Hands, Not Foreign Hands

Over the years, the Legislature has taken proactive steps to ensure that Utah land is owned by Utahns, not foreign governments. HB 516 (2024) State Land Purchase Amendments put important safeguards in place to keep hostile foreign government-controlled entities from purchasing land in our state. That means companies owned or controlled by countries like China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia are prohibited from buying property here. If they somehow do, they're required to sell it within a year, or the state will step in. This is a commonsense policy to strengthen local control and protect Utah's land, resources, and communities from hostile foreign governments and ensure ownership stays in trustworthy hands.

Health, Freedom, and Utah's Bold Moves

In the latest episode of the House podcast, Speaker Mike

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Schultz joins Reps. Stephanie Gricius and Kristen Chevrier to break down Utah's bold new health reforms, from banning fluoride in public water to eliminating food dyes in schools and limiting soda purchases with SNAP. They dive into why Utah is leading the way on parental rights, medical freedom, real nutrition, and how state-led action can spark national change. Check out the full episode at: <https://open.spotify.com/>

Practicing Fire Sense

Fire season in Utah is underway—and it's shaping up to be particularly challenging. To protect our homes and the wild lands we love, it's important to take the proper precautions and practice fire sense, especially with the upcoming holidays. For more information on the current fire conditions in our area check out UtahFireInfo.gov. By staying alert, informed, and proactive, we can safeguard our families and landscapes. Let's all do our part this fire season.

Happy Fourth of July

Happy Fourth of July, Utah! As we fire up the grills, watch the fireworks, and enjoy time with friends and family, let's take a moment to celebrate what makes America—and Utah—so special. Freedom, opportunity, and the unshakable spirit of communities that show up for one another. We live in an incredible place, and today's a chance to wave the flag a little higher. Stay safe, have fun, and Happy Independence Day!

Thank You

As always, I'm grateful for the chance to serve you. Let me know what matters most to you.

Respectfully,

Representative Carl Albrecht
Utah District 70
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SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Sen Vickers June 2025 Legislative Update

The recent wildfires in southern Utah have brought significant

hardship to many in our communities. I want to express deep appreciation for the first responders and firefighters working tirelessly to protect lives, homes, and critical infrastructure. Their service is a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience we share as Utahns.

As we move through the interim and prepare for the upcoming legislative session, staying connected with you remains a top priority. Your feedback is essential as we address the challenges and opportunities ahead.

One key issue I've worked on this year is improving access to affordable, life-saving prescription medications. During the last session, I introduced S.B. 69 Medication Amendments, a bill designed to strengthen Utah's participation in the federal 340B drug pricing program. This longstanding program helps ensure that low-income and uninsured patients can access essential medications through discounted pricing.

Unfortunately, recent restrictions by some drug manufacturers limit how covered entities—like rural clinics and tribal health centers—can distribute medications. These limits reduce access, particularly in underserved areas, and deviate from the program's original purpose.

S.B. 69 reinforces the 340B program by preventing manufacturers from restricting which contract pharmacies providers may use. Several states are adopting similar legislation, and while litigation is ongoing elsewhere, I believe this policy is both sound and necessary for Utah. As a lawmaker and pharmacist, I remain committed to ensuring that healthcare access remains strong—especially in rural and frontier communities.

In parallel, I continue to support energy innovation across our state. This month, I joined local leaders in Beaver County at Cape Connect, hosted by Fervo Energy. The event highlighted advancements in geothermal energy, including the completion of the company's deepest and hottest well to date and a \$206 million funding announcement for Cape Station.

These developments place Utah at the forefront of next-generation energy solutions and demonstrate the vital role our rural communities play in shaping a resilient and sustainable future.

As we approach Independence Day, I encourage all to celebrate with wisdom. With ongoing dry conditions, it's critical that we observe local fire safety regulations and take every precaution to prevent further wildfire risk.

Wishing you a safe and meaningful Fourth of July.

Sincerely,

Evan

District outlines possible funding for building projects June 17 meeting

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board members of Iron County School District continue to consider options for addressing building challenges at the elementary school level and with alternative programs. Business Administrator Todd Hess said previously he asked board members if they would consider lease revenue bonds if it was possible to issue them without a tax increase. At the June 17 meeting, he presented a scenario that would do that. The proposal works the payments for the lease revenue bonds into the budget. The proposal under consideration would include the construction of a new elementary school most likely in the growing south end of the district. Once it was complete, South Elementary would be renovated to house alternative programs, including Southwest Education Academy and Launch High. The space allows both programs to grow. The new elementary school would also have more capacity than the existing South Elementary to relieve overcrowding and allow for some growth in the elementary schools. Hess outlined a variety of funding sources that together would contribute to the approximately \$40 million needed for the two projects.

- Interest rates have been favorable during the last few years. Hess estimates that the district has up to \$3 million from interest on funds in the capital projects fund that could be used.
- The capital projects fund also has a carryover fund balance that is expected to be at about \$11 million by the end of 2026. The

district needs to keep about \$5 million in that account for emergencies, but could use the other \$6 million for these projects.

- The debt service fund also has about \$12 million in carryover funds. While these funds are restricted and can only be used to pay off debt or for technology purposes, the District could issue short-term bonds to fund the project and use about \$10 million of that funding to pay them off.
- The capital projects fund budget could be adjusted to accommodate the annual payments on a \$15 million revenue bond without an increase in property tax rates. The annual payment would be about \$1.2 million.
- Finally, the District's General Fund has built up a substantial fund balance as revenues have exceeded expenditures over the last several years due to several factors. Due to the temporary nature of the funding, district administration has set aside that money as one-time funding. Hess said that \$6 million to \$10 million of those funds could also be used for these projects.

Board member Tyrel Eddy said he was excited by the possibility of building without raising taxes. "As you all know, I've been a little bit of a hawk on taxes lately," he said. "So I think that in this given environment, the risk is certainly worth it. If there was a time, it is certainly now. There's no way I morally would be able to get on with just saying you didn't vote for our bonds, so we're taking it from the community."

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arrived on scene as officers were preparing for the vehicle to be towed. Jacobs allegedly told deputies he had crashed the night before around midnight. When asked if everything in the vehicle belonged to him, he reportedly said yes. Jacobs was detained at the scene and read his Miranda rights. According to court documents, he admitted to possessing marijuana and further told investigators there were additional drugs and firearms at his residence on 219 N. 300 East in Parowan.

Deputies secured a search warrant for the home, where they reported finding marijuana, methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and a firearm.

In a shed located next to the house, investigators said they discovered used hypodermic needles, burnt tinfoil, and a glass pipe with methamphetamine residue. In addition, deputies searched Jacobs' room where they allegedly found a used needle and a spoon with burnt crystalline material, alongside a large plastic container of marijuana weighing approximately 102 grams — roughly a quarter-pound — and a roll of small baggies often used in drug distribution.

A loaded 12-gauge Savage Arms shotgun was also found in a nearby bedroom believed to be connected to Jacobs, the report states. Due to his prior felony convictions, Jacobs is legally prohibited from owning firearms.

Deputies were unable to find Jacobs' cell phone but were told it might be with his friend, 61-year-old

Bradley Donald Hainey. When police made contact with Hainey at his residence in Parowan on 743 W. 60 North, he allegedly admitted to using drugs with Jacobs and consented to a search. Inside his living space, deputies reportedly found a glass pipe with meth residue, a large bag of marijuana, and multiple pills — including Schedule II and IV narcotics — stored in an unmarked pill bottle.

According to the affidavit filed in support of the arrest, both men admitted post-Miranda to exchanging and using drugs together, with Jacobs allegedly telling deputies he had given Hainey methamphetamine and marijuana.

Jacobs is facing 13 charges, including two counts of drug distribution — one a second-degree felony and the other a third-degree felony — along with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, possession of a firearm by a restricted person, and multiple counts of drug possession and paraphernalia.

He also faces misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief, failure to remain at the scene of an accident, and having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle. Hainey is facing five charges, including two third-degree felony counts of possession of a controlled substance. He also faces misdemeanor charges of drug possession, marijuana possession, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both were booked into the Iron County Correctional Facility.

Utah Main Street awards celebrate Payson, Cedar City, Ogden, and Brigham City

by Ellen Weist

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Utah Main Street celebrated their first Main Street Awards at the Preservation Engaged Conference in Mount Pleasant on Friday, June 13. These awards recognized four communities for excellence in different categories: volunteerism, preservation and design, leadership on Main Street, and innovation in events promotion. The awardees are:

- **Innovative Event:** The Harvest Moon Festival organized by Ogden Downtown Alliance
- **Preservation and Design Excellence:** The Brigham City Facade Grant Program created by Brigham City Main Street
- **Spirit of Main Street:** Talisa Myers, Director of Cedar City Main Street
- **Outstanding Volunteer:** Tyler Jones, founder of Historic Downtown Payson

“These awards recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals and Main Street communities that often happen behind the scenes,” said Faith Bitz, Utah Main Street communities and events specialist.

“From organizing events to managing programs and showing up with dedication and heart, their contributions make a real difference in strengthening Utah’s downtowns.”

The award nominations were submitted by individuals in local Main Street communities. The Harvest Moon Festival in Ogden is a shining example of economic vitality and community gathering and storytelling. “It’s not just a festival,” said Jessica Anderson from Ogden Downtown Alliance. “It’s a fall tradition that turns Historic 25th Street into a place where people gather, support local, and feel like they belong — exactly the kind of creative impact that defines innovation on Main Street.” The awards also recognized individuals who exemplify Main Street principles. Brian Hulet, of Historic Downtown Payson, said of Ty Jones: “His vision, dedication, and hands-on approach have left a lasting mark on the city. He represents the very best of community service.” Jones, founder of Historic Downtown Payson, was honored as outstanding volunteer.

southern utah university

Report Details SUU's Economic Impact on Southwest Utah

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

June 25, 2025 (Salt Lake City, UT) – Southern Utah University strengthens Utah and the Southwest Economic Region economies through high-quality education, institutional, student, and visitor spending, and broad societal benefits. A new report from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, commissioned by the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), details SUU's significant regional and statewide economic contribution, which includes supporting more than 5,000 jobs, \$202 million in earnings, \$298 million in gross Domestic Product (GDP), and \$513 million in output (total sales) regionwide in FY2023.

"Southern Utah University has long focused on community impact, designing programs and leveraging resources to drive job creation and regional prosperity," said SUU President Mindy Benson. "We are excited to now have the data that demonstrates the positive influence our campus community has across Southern Utah and the state." "SUU's impact extends beyond education, driving jobs, earnings, and overall economic activity through operations, capital and construction spending, and spending by out-of-region students and visitors," said Andrea Brandley, senior education analyst at the Gardner Institute and lead author of the report. "SUU also strengthens workforce development and delivers broad societal benefits to students, employees, and the community."

Key findings from the report include the following:

Education – SUU enrolled over 15,000 students across over 150 undergraduate programs and 30 graduate and certificate programs during the 2022-23 academic year. SUU awarded 4,679 degrees and certificates, equipping graduates for a wide range of careers in Utah's economy. More than 60% of SUU graduates work in-state five years after graduation.

Employment – SUU directly employed

2,687 individuals in FY 2023, making it the largest employer in Iron County, the third largest employer in the Southwest Economic Region, and one of the top 50 employers statewide. Including indirect and induced jobs, SUU supports more than 5,000 jobs in the region, representing 3.1% of jobs regionwide. **Regional Economic Activity** – SUU supported \$202 million in earnings, \$298 million in gross domestic product (GDP), and \$513 million in output (total sales) regionwide in FY 2023. This constitutes 2.7% of regional earnings, 2.1% of regional GDP, and 1.8% of total output in the Southwest Economic Region.

Visitor Spending – SUU attracts many out-of-region visitors for events such as the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Utah Summer Games, athletic events, campus tours, and commencement. These visitors spent an estimated \$7 million in the Southwest Economic Region, further boosting local economic activity.

Societal Benefits – SUU benefits its students, employees, and community through workforce quality and development, student experience, community support and services, and research and commercialization.

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campus community where students realize their potential through personalized mentorship from people dedicated to help them soar. Offering a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, SUU provides hands-on, career-focused learning to prepare students for the future. Located in the world's best backyard, SUU's safe and vibrant campus offers a welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels supported and inspired by both the natural beauty and a strong sense of community. Whether on campus or online, SUU provides an education that is competitively priced and highly valued, giving students the skills and confidence to thrive in any professional setting. This is where students soar.

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REBECCA FAITH MUNN • CEDAR CITY MAYOR

Rebecca holds a Master's Degree in Geography Urban Planning from Liberty University and is a Member of the American Association of Geographers. Rebecca holds numerous awards and honors from academic success. She is a part of many honor societies. Held a GPA 3.97 overall, and is published in the National Library of Medicine. USN Corpsman Veteran, served on RIMPAC, noting how non-profit and other functions together spatially. The goals of Cedar City are ones of science; to be able to understand the complexities of water needs in relation to community building, resources and services to its citizens. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs are relevant. Rebecca believes in sustainable building with logic in mind. Fiscally responsible, spending where necessary. Rebecca supports small and local businesses, ranchers, farmers, logical environment concerns, health, fire, and police alongside education systems. Growth is desirable as long as it is responsible and sustainable. Growth is based on several factors such as economy, resources, and services or goods. Infrastructure, Chambers of Commerce and the Department of Transportation will also be addressed in relation to business needs. People make communities happen.

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The Scoop on Dandelions

by Samuel Wells

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I am just in from an hour digging dandelions out of the lawn with a butter knife. I got an early start and very much enjoyed the summer air before the day became too hot. And I guess I should admit that I wasn't working the entire time. I also had a nice morning chat with the goldfinches that think they own our yard. I should also admit that I left a couple of the lovely yellow flowers alone for a small spangled butterfly in the yard.

I have come a long way in my dandelion journey. I grew up thinking that they were weeds and a sign of negligent gardening, something that had to be removed. In fact they were not only weeds, they were invasive weeds - they were both harmful and like an unstoppable army that damaged everything in their path. And, in all honesty, this is sometimes true. But then I had a change of heart. I started noticing that our native pollinators loved them. Many butterflies and bees have started relying on them because some native flowers are now scarce.

Then I heard reports of children and pets getting sick from playing barefoot in their own yards. The culprits were well-meaning gardeners who applied too many pesticides and fertilizers in excessive amounts to their lawns and grounds - sometimes just to get rid of dandelions. Instead of admiring

perfectly manicured gardens, I started to cringe. In fact I still cringe at times. I don't mean that I don't love a beautiful yard, I do. I just don't trust them anymore, and would never let my grandkids play on them unless I knew that the owner was conscientious about the poisons, or unless I saw a lot of earthworms on the sidewalk after it rained (earthworms being a good sign that the lawn is a safe place for living things).

Our ancestors used to eat the dandelion buds and greens. I don't advise this anymore unless you know that they haven't been sprayed. They are also a little bitter even though they do add flavor to salads and soups. If you do want to give them a try, it's best to eat the young plants before they get tough and less palatable.

I don't mean to imply that we should let our yards become weedy. We do live in a time when harmful plants from all over the world have created extensive problems for us - even here in Southern Utah. But not all of these plants are the same. Scientists who study these problems have a separate category for plants like dandelions. They call them naturalized with some benefits. How, exactly, this is to be played out in your own neighborhood is up to you. But I do see a real opportunity here for some enterprising high school student who wants to make some money over the summer. Advertise weed control without chemicals and use a knife. I, for one, would give you a job.



IRON COUNTY VISITOR CENTER- COME SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!



by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

They are the official visitor center for Iron County, Parowan, and Brian Head. The Cedar City Visitor Center is located at 581 North Main, Cedar City, Utah.

They are open Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended summer hours: Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

They're not just for visitors—they host a large collection of information on nearby attractions such as Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Brian Head Resort, the Parowan Gap Petroglyphs, Dixie National Forest, and maps of hikes and trails.

This complimentary information helps answer all your questions, including “What’s there to do?” and “Where can I get something to eat?”

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You'll also find a carefully curated gift shop featuring Utah souvenirs, national park merchandise, clothing, and locally made goods created by artisans from the area.

So actually, the Iron County Visitor Center isn't just for tourists, it's for everyone. Whether you're new to Iron County or just looking for something to do, stop in and check it out. The visitor center staff is very knowledgeable and ready to help both visitors and locals with any questions about Iron County and the surrounding area.

LET WONDER BE YOUR GUIDE!

Also located in the visitor center is the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, which features a fine collection of pioneer relics:

- ✓ View portraits of many of the settlers of Southern Utah
- ✓ See how they lived and the tools they used
- ✓ Enjoy their crafts and marvel at their ingenuity, perseverance, and determination

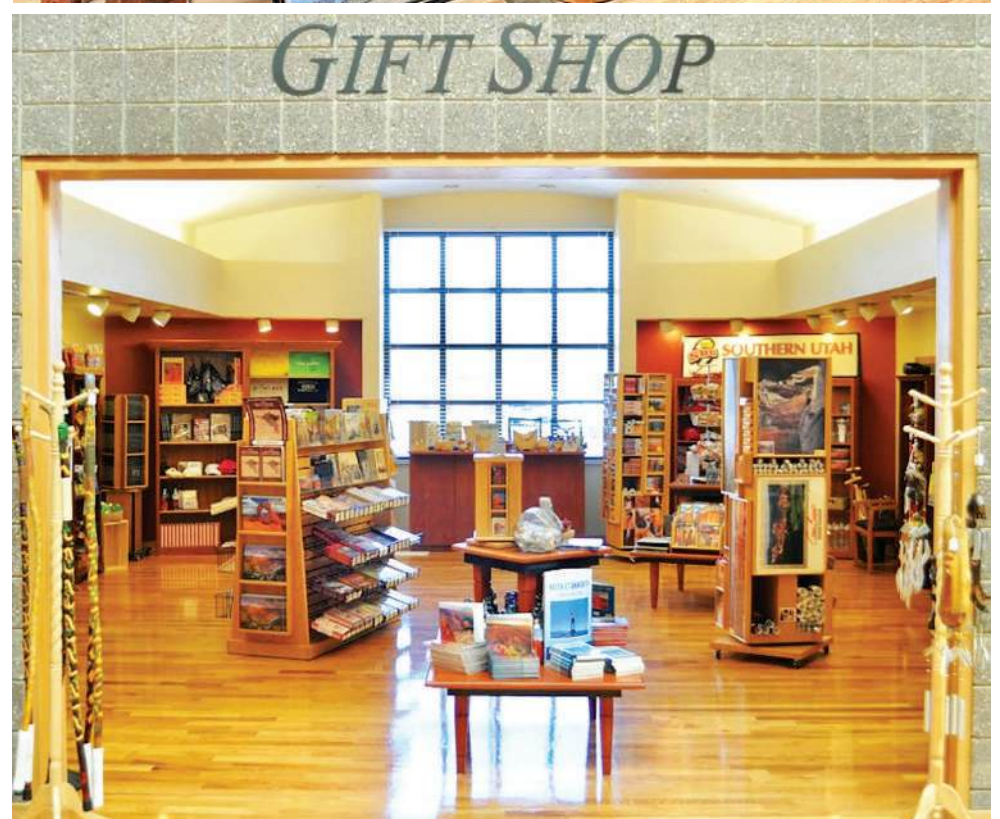
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With Love and Loyalty: VFW Members Restore Flag and Spirit at Our House Assisted Living

by Kelly Crawley

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

CEDAR CITY, UT — Sometimes, the most meaningful acts of service come not with grand gestures, but with quiet consistency, heartfelt connection, and a deep sense of duty. That's exactly what Our House Assisted Living – Cedar City experienced thanks to two beloved Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) members, Barry Basel and Dennis Robison.

For years, the American flag outside Our House had weathered wind, sun, and time. Its fabric had become tattered, and

the spotlight meant to honor it through the night had stopped working. But to the residents and staff who look to that flag with reverence — many of whom are veterans themselves or spouses of those who served — it deserved far more.

Barry and Dennis noticed. And they acted.

Longtime representatives of the VFW and dear friends of Our House, Barry and Dennis not only heard the resident's desires for a new flag, but took it upon themselves to provide and install this brand new equipment. But more than that — they brought reverence, tradition, and genuine love into the moment. With care and ceremony, the new flag was raised. It now waves proudly again, a symbol not only of a nation but of the care and commitment of two men who have made Our House a second home.



"These are my new best friends," Barry said with a smile. "Are you kidding? Come on. We haven't missed a Monday Entertainment Day in two years. Wow." That bond is more than words. Every Monday, without fail, Barry and Dennis come to play poker, share laughs, and sit shoulder to shoulder with residents who look forward to their visits like clockwork. They've become part of the rhythm here — a reminder that community isn't just where you live,

but who shows up for you. "Barry and Dennis are the heart of what the VFW stands for," said Kelly Crawley, Activities Director at

Our House.

"Their presence is a gift to our residents — they see them, honor them, and love them in ways that go far beyond this one act. They've made our home feel whole."

We are deeply grateful to Barry, Dennis, and the VFW for their generosity — not just for the new flag and light, but for the light they bring into this community every single week. They've reminded us that while time may weather flags, it cannot wear down the strength of love, friendship, and service.

calendar

THURS, JULY 10

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET (NEW EXPANDED HOURS – OPEN WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 10AM to 6 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!

CEDAR CITY DRUM CIRCLE (10AM-7PM) AT MAIN STREET PARK. DRUMS OF ALL TYPES, SHAKERS, rattles, percussive instruments, or anything that moves you, is welcome at drum circle. (Bring a chair) *Everyone is welcome regardless of age, race, religion, politics, culture, gender, or music ability.

ART SHOW STARTING JULY 2 TO JULY 30 (MON THROUGH THURS 9AM-9PM, FRI & SAT 9AM TO 6PM) Artist Robert Macdonald 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. Located at Cedar City Library.

FRI, JULY 11

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.

SAT, JULY 12

LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES FREE 6-WEEK CLASS (11AM-1PM) VIRTUAL CLASS USING ZOOM. developed by Stanford University to support people living with diabetes—by helping them take control of their health. Led by trained and certified leaders, the workshop covers how diet, exercise, medication, and emotions affect your well-being and offers practical tools to help you feel better and live more fully. To register call: 435-673-3548 X103 or email rsvp@fivecountry.utah.gov

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

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET (10AM-1PM) AT 100 WEST CENTER STREET (CEDAR CITY), admission is FREE. Shop locally produced and grown fruit, vegetables, cheese, jam, bread, eggs, honey, farm products, handcrafted items, and more. For information email festivalcityfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

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LIVING WELL WITH CRONIC PAIN (3-5PM VIA ZOOM) THIS FREE 6-WEEK CLASS WAS DEVELOPED BY professors at Stanford University to help people living with chronic conditions learn to manage their conditions and live a more satisfying life. Chronic conditions are any type of condition/illness that is ongoing. The leaders will explain how diet, exercise, medication, sleep, and emotions can interfere with your wellbeing. They help you learn how to manage the condition and help you make a plan to be able to live a healthier life. To register call 435-673-3548 ext. 103 or email rsvp@fivecountry.utah.gov

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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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829
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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

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Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

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Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

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

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Caregivers

3rd Thurs, 5:45-7 pm • Zion's Way Home Health, 369 N 100 W #1, Cedar. All levels of the caregiver's journey from pre-caregiving to bereavement and rebuilding welcome. INFO: Kat at 202-292-9911.

Embrace Grace

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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.

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

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

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

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

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

(North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Reel Mental Health

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

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widows Ministry

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Boy Scout Troop 1848

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

Cars & Custard

2nd Mon., 6-8 PM at Culver's 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 for more info.

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or email cedarmodela@gmail.com.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun.

Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. cedarchestquiltersguild.org

Cedar City ESL

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

Cedar City Toastmasters

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

Cedar City Unitarian Universalists

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

Cedar Professionals

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

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Community Band

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

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

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.

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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

Parowan Pickleball

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PB&J Therapy Groups

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

College: forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiePW63pRzD8k9

Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 101 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

history

JENSEN SAWMILL

Miracle up the Mountain

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In 1897, the Utah State Legislature selected Cedar City to be home to a new normal school, where teachers were trained for the southern part of the state. Residents celebrated, and classes began in the city's social hall that fall. Utah's Attorney General was not happy about the Legislature's decision, citing the inadequate size of the building being used for the normal school. He felt the school was unfit and told the Cedar City community they would have to build a sizable building by the end of summer—or the school would be moved elsewhere. This was announced just after Christmas, and city leaders knew they needed a large amount of lumber immediately if they had any chance of meeting the deadline. With no building materials on hand, the city urgently organized a winter expedition to get timber from the Heber C. Jensen Sawmill on Cedar Mountain. This is an incredible story of determined men and women sacrificing and risking everything to establish the Branch Normal School (now Southern Utah University). In 1898, they faced the heroic task of constructing the state-required, three-story brick building. The people of Cedar City began this project in the depths of a record-cold, snowy winter, with only eight months to complete the building—or lose the school. Their commitment to education and to their community is one of the most inspiring stories in the

founding of any institution of higher education. Jensen Sawmill was located east of Brian Head and Cedar Breaks National Monument. On January 5, 1898, a group



The Branch Normal School

of men—the first of many townspeople—set out to face the bitter mountain winter. They left Cedar City for the sawmill, 35 miles away (near present-day Brian Head). Their mission was to cut the logs needed to build the new school.

That expedition, and those that followed, worked in temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero. To protect

their legs from the biting winds, they tied gunny sacks around their waists and legs. The first group, caught in a record snowstorm, attempted to return to Cedar City and had to wade through



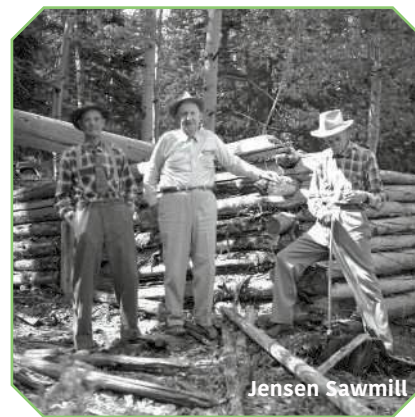
Old Main Building

The mountain workers were divided into teams: some cut logs, some sawed, some planed logs into lumber, and others hauled the lumber from the mill. It took two and a half days to get one load down from the mountaintop to Cedar City. When heavy snow made it impossible to get food to the workers, they survived on dried peaches. From January through July, they kept at their labor. When September 1898 arrived, the building was complete. It still stands today at the end of the Founders' Walkway. Its interior has been remodeled many times, but the exterior walls remain original. The first building was literally torn from icy crags and shaped by the hands of more than 100 men and women. The Cedar City community met its greatest test, and the University was given a heritage unmatched by any other educational institution in the United States. The preservation of the school was achieved by people who would never attend it—indeed, many never had the opportunity to attend any school at all. They were hardy, rough-spoken, courageous men and women—the kind of people without whom the frontiers of the West could never have been

conquered. The University stands as an act of heroism and sacrifice for education, unique in American history. The building of Old Main would not have been possible without the Jensen Sawmill, which planed and cut the logs into lumber suitable for the project. Old Main, the University's first building, stands as an inspirational legacy of



The actual sawmill, where logs were cut and brought down the mountain to build the first building (Old Main) on present day SUU Campus. The sawmill was brought down, restored and is now located at the Frontier Homestead State Park, 635 N Main, Cedar City Utah



Jensen Sawmill

snowdrifts sometimes 15 feet high and 100 yards long. An old sorrel horse is credited with saving the expedition—walking into the drifts, pushing and straining against the snow, throwing himself into the banks again and again until they gave way. Then he would pause to rest, sitting on his haunches like a dog before getting up to continue.

faith

2025 CAIFA Patriotic Program at Christ the King Catholic Church

Cedar Interfaith Community Choir
Dee Holt Conducting



Photo Credit: Derek Payne

by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Sunday, June 29 was a perfect summer evening. At Christ the King Catholic Church in Cedar City, people packed both the sanctuary and the foyer behind it, to enjoy the Cedar Interfaith Alliance (CAIFA) annual patriotic program. This 4th of July is a particularly meaningful Independence Day, as it marks the beginning of a year-long celebration of our country's 250th birthday. The choir of Christ the King Catholic Church provided the prelude music, singing "You Are Welcome" by Chris Muglia and "All the People Say Amen" by Matt Maher. CAIFA president, Paul Erickson welcomed the crowd, and Allen Lee of the Canyon Country Communication Council gave the invocation.

With all the dignity that the event deserves, American Legion Post 74 presented the colors, and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner," sung by SideNote (Dee Holt, Stephanie Wood, Shelly Forsman, and Suzanne Tegland). Grace Fuller recited the poem "We Gave All," reminding us of the high price required to win and maintain the freedom that we enjoy in America. This theme was later echoed by Ryan Fuller reading the Poem "Because of the Brave," and Jennie and Steve Cole singing "Some Gave All," and "We Remember." Jennie Cole would also recount the service that her father had given in the military during the Korean War. Scott Phillips talked about the upcoming 250th birthday celebration, and about the flag that represents our country. He talked about the Pledge of Allegiances that represents our common values and binds us together as a nation. The Pledge was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, and has been modified over the years to better reflect our individual commitment to our nation. Phillips said that each time we recite the pledge, it renews



Scott Phillips



SideNote: Dee Holt, Stephanie Wood, Shelly Forsman, and Suanne Tegland

our commitment to freedom, to equality, and to justice. Phillips called for us to recommit to unity and action as we recite the pledge, inclusive of every race, and creed. Phillips was accompanied by Caroleen Campbell as he recited an ode to the flag and what it represents—all the values of our nation and who we are amid our diversity.

After Phillips' address, The Interfaith Choir sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" with a solo by Dave Wankier and David Jordan on percussion. This was followed by their rendition of "Tell My Father" with Derrek Wood on violin. Sing-alongs are always a great way to involve the audience, so the audience joined the choir in "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and "America the Beautiful." SideNote returned to the stage with an "American Medley;" "Down to the River to Pray;" and "This Land Is Your Land." The Cedar Interfaith Community Choir rounded out the evening by singing "God Bless America," followed by the Zellers playing "Taps" and a benediction by Matthew Thrower of Refuge City Church. American Legion Post 74 then retired the colors. But the evening wasn't over. Some would say that the best part was yet to come. The audience and participants filtered outside to the pavilion for an ice cream social. Background music was provided by The Utah String Quartet composed of Lindsay Szczesny, Susanne Stewart, Sara Penny, and Leah Brown.

What a wonderful way to kick off the Fourth of July, remembering the values upon which this country is founded. There is more that binds us than divides us. We celebrate our heritage and shared experiences, even as we value our diversity, and respect our differences. God Bless America, Land that We Love.

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CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT & WILDFLOWERS

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

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Monument, in the heart of Southern Utah, is bursting with over 300 species of wildflowers. Each summer, the color just seems to multiply as a spectacular array of wildflowers fills the grassy meadows, lines the trails, and brightens the roadsides. One fun thing to observe is that the flowers in bloom change from day to day. With so many sights to take in, take some time to watch the colors shift right before your eyes as the clouds move over the park. These flowers burst into a grand display of color each summer, with the peak bloom in July. As temperatures rise and the

snow melts, blooming wildflowers rely on pollinators like butterflies and bees. Without these winged species, wildflowers would not be able to reproduce at the same rate they do with their help. The beauty of blooming wildflowers in the park is a battle for life. For most of the year, wildflowers lie dormant beneath a heavy blanket of snow—sometimes over 20 feet deep. While the snow may seem like a burden, it is vital for the survival of wildflowers in this dry, high-elevation environment. With so many different species of flowers in the park, it's hard to see them all. Popular wildflowers to look for include the Colorado columbine, aspen bluebells, elk weed, Indian paintbrush, sunflowers, and yellow evening primrose.

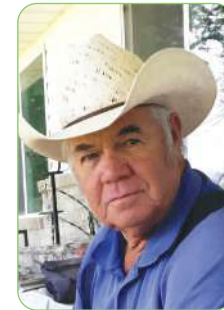


You can always stop by the new visitor center for maps and information. From sunflowers to evening primrose, the wildflowers at Cedar Breaks add to the wonder of the landscape with their vibrant colors. Don't miss seeing this spectacular array of beauty on the mountain. Living close to national parks can offer many benefits.



obituaries

William "Billy" Trimmer



William "Billy" Trimmer, AKA Wild Bill passed away July 3, 2025, at the age of 78. Billy was born in Henderson, Nevada to Elwood and June Trimmer on May 31, 1947. He lived the majority of his life in Parowan, Utah, attending Parowan High School. He was student body president and captain of the basketball team his senior year.

Upon graduation, he served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Paratrooper with the 101st Airborne. He saw many things he chose not to share.

He married Zoe L. Riding on October 4, 1964, in Las Vegas, NV.

He lived everyday on his own terms. He was a strength, an example and mentor to many. He will be missed.

He loved to farm, hunt, trap and run heavy equipment of all types. During his life, he worked in the construction industry where he became known for his expertise in digging trenches, especially in difficult terrain. Much of his career was spent at Las Vegas Paving.

He leaves behind his wife of 56 years, 2 children; Eileen (Reese) Garland, UT and Michael (Stefanie) Parowan, UT. 6 grandchildren; Derik (Colleen), Sage, Ginger, Brittany (Zac), Rustin (Laci), Trevor (Jessica), and 10 great grandchildren; Ozzie, Brakkyn, Reese Anne, Yadi, Taitlyn, Tynlee, Luci, Lukas, Rookie, Lenora. As well as several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, parents in law, 2 brothers, Rick and Jerry, and many others.

A private graveside for the family will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank Stonehenge Care center for their care during his final days.

Arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

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Bank of Utah puts name to PGA at Black Desert

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

IVINS – When the PGA Tour arrived in Southern Utah for the first time in more than 60 years, Black Desert Resort

proved to be the perfect course to host the tournament won by Matt McCarty in just his third start on the Tour last October.

When the PGA returns to Black Desert this time around, the event played as part of FedEx Fall will have a new title sponsor.

On July 1, Black Desert Resort and the PGA Tour welcomed Bank of Utah as the new title sponsor of the Bank of Utah Championship that will be part of FedEx Fall and played Oct. 23 through 26. McCarty will return to defend his title.

Based in Ogden with branches statewide, Bank of Utah president Branden Hansen said the scenery and location of Black Desert Resort helped lay the foundation for a perfect partnership to put the company name behind the PGA Tour event.

“Utah is an iconic place of striking beauty and innovative spirit — and Black Desert Resort captures both,” Hansen said at the official press conference announcing a three-year deal that runs through 2027. “As Utah grows into a premier destination for professional sports, we’re proud to invest in

events that elevate our state, strengthen local economies and create meaningful experiences for our clients and communities.

“It’s not that often that an organization like ours gets the opportunity to sponsor something like this. We were a little nervous about it — it’s a big commitment, but it’s been very eye-opening and rewarding. Things have progressed really nicely because Black Desert and Reef Capital Partners have shared values and goals in how we show up and help the state of Utah.”

“This partnership with Bank of Utah represents more than a title sponsorship; it’s a shared commitment to shaping Utah’s future through world-class experiences,” said Jared Lucero, CEO of Reef Capital Partners, the Utah-based development and real estate firm responsible for Black Desert Resort. “Together, we’re proud to showcase what’s possible when visionary companies invest in the power of sport, tourism and community. The Bank of Utah Championship isn’t just a tournament, it’s a statement about where Utah is headed.”

Among the other dignitaries who spoke at the

announcement were Utah State Senate President Stuart Adams and PGA Tour Vice President Kelly Jensen.

Black Desert Resort also hosted the LPGA Tour for the first time in May. Negotiations on a title sponsor for that event are in progress between the LPGA and tournament officials.



The PGA Tour event at Black Desert Resort was renamed the Bank of Utah Championship in a three-year title sponsorship deal that was announced July 1. The tournament will be played Oct. 23-26.

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Is LPGA title sponsor next for Black Desert?

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



With the glorious backdrop of Black Desert Resort providing the scene July 1, the conversation from our local leaders was centered around the official announcement that the PGA Tour's FedExCup Fall event will have a new name. The Bank of Utah Championship was on everyone's mind, and rightfully so with the tournament less than four months away from Year 2 (Oct. 23-26). But on the heels of a successful

Resort in 2026?

As BDR competition co-director Ashley Dove said, the work to find one is well under way.

"It's something that's in the works right now," Dove said. "We want to collect the right title sponsor, the right partner for this event. We want if at all possible for it to be a Utah-based company to keep the economic impact in the state as much as possible."

LPGA Tour event won by Haeran Ryu in May, the questions and curiosity are swirling around. Will the women get the same title sponsorship when the LPGA Tour returns to Black Desert

Dove added there are "many" companies the resort is talking to, and the priority is to "align the value systems."

"We've passed on some of them because they didn't align and weren't the right fit," she said.

When it came to getting the word out, the resort pulled out all the stops for the players who committed to playing at Black Desert, including charter flights for those who came from the previous week's tournament, the Chevron Championship held outside of Houston.

"We went all out for these ladies. They deserved to be treated like champions," Dove said. "When they stepped off the plane and looked at the red rocks, it was 'mind blown.' They went on social media and kept saying this was the nicest course they've ever golfed on in a beautiful location. They

couldn't wait to come back next year and bring their families."

The 2026 LPGA schedule has not been released, but Dove said "there could be a shift" in tournament dates.

"We're working on that with the LPGA and the (PGA) Tour right now. They both have been phenomenal partners and see us as one of their key events on both stops. Both tours have been flexible and open."

When it comes to name recognition, the LPGA literally had the world come to Southern Utah last spring from the players themselves to the countries they call home.

"When the LPGA was here in the spring, we had the world's best female golfers," Dove said. "They put on an incredible show, and they're exceptionally talented."

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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. In what's been an epidemic of upsets at Wimbledon, how many of the top five women's seeds were eliminated by the second round, which was played July 2?
2. The two best teams in Major League Baseball each had three players named as starters for the All-Star Game that happens July 15 in Atlanta. Shohei Ohtani, Freddie Freeman and Will Smith were named National League starters from the Los Angeles Dodgers. Gleyber Torres, Riley Greene and what other player from the Detroit Tigers earned a starting spot for the American League?
3. A pair of defensive standouts were traded within the AFC last week. The Pittsburgh Steelers sent safety Minkah Fitzpatrick to the Miami Dolphins for what three-time All-Pro cornerback along with tight end Jonnu Smith and a seventh-round 2027 draft pick?
4. Who was hired as head coach of the New York Knicks to replace the fired Tom Thibodeau last week? This coach was fired from the Sacramento Kings last December and led the 2007 Cleveland Cavaliers to the NBA Finals before losing to the San Antonio Spurs.
5. What is the nickname of the mascot who suffered a broken wrist when she fell off a unicycle during a halftime stunt at the WNBA Commissioner's Cup championship game last week between the Indiana Fever and Minnesota Lynx?
6. What Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher became only the fourth left-hander in Major League Baseball history to record 3,000 strikeouts in his career when he struck out Chicago White Sox third baseman Vinny Capra to end the top of the sixth inning July 2?
7. Name any of the three cities that were awarded WNBA expansion franchises last week, starting with the 2028 season. (Hint: one city had a team called the Shock that won WNBA titles in 2003, 2006 and 2008)
8. True or False: As of July 3, no National League pitcher has recorded 10 victories on the season.
9. What Toronto Maple Leafs player went to the Vegas Golden Knights in a sign-and-trade deal for Nicolas Roy on July 1, the start of the NHL free agency period.
10. Team USA reached the final of the CONCACAF Gold Cup last week. Who did the team face in the match that was played July 6 at Houston's NRG Stadium?
11. What former Las Vegas Raiders tight end who caught 197 passes over two seasons (2019-2020) unretired last week and will sign a contract with the Miami Dolphins, according to his agents?
12. Why did former San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich have his career win total altered in the NBA record book, which reset his total at 1,390 as of Nov. 2, 2024?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Ace Bailey, an 18-year-old, one-and-done power forward out of Rutgers.
2. Atlanta Hawks.
3. 68 teams.
4. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander – SGA for short.
5. Crystal Palace.
6. Alex Rodriguez.
7. Phil Simms.
8. When this question was written, there were 11 different Cup race winners. On June 28 at Echo Park Speedway in Atlanta, Chase Elliott became the 12th driver to win a Cup race in the 2025 season when he won the Quaker State 400.
9. Max Fried and Carlos Rodon. Fried took the lead with his 10th win on the season in his most recent start June 25, a 7-1 Yankees victory over the Cincinnati Reds, then Skubal tied him with a 3-0 shutout over the Minnesota Twins on June 29.
10. Evander Kane.
11. Keegan Bradley.
12. True.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

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the top players. Sometimes it's a tougher sell, but for us, it's about getting in front of the right people, understanding what their values are and seeing if they align.”

With more people and corporations continuing to champion women's sports, Dove believes the options are there for the right sponsor to throw its name behind the Black Desert LPGA event.

“As a spectator, the players are so engaging and so wonderful,” Dove said. “The fans love them and it was an amazing experience for everyone.”

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Date of first publication: June 26, 2025

HEIDI STEPHENSON
Successor Trustee

Published on June 26, July 3, 10, 2025

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Published on July 10 & 17 2025

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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. Foot is moved. 2. Tree is moved. 3. Rock is moved. 4. Mountain is different. 5. Ear is larger. 6. Fingers are different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bump into
- 5 Small batteries
- 8 Gush
- 12 Jai —
- 13 Wall St. deal
- 14 Abhor
- 15 Fish story
- 16 X, at times
- 17 " — the picture!"
- 18 Chevy model
- 20 Rhine feeder
- 22 Kindergarten follower
- 26 Defy authority
- 29 Make lace
- 30 PBS funder
- 31 Grand Ole —
- 32 Doubtfire or Miniver
- 33 Dele undoer
- 34 Corp. boss
- 35 "Give — break!"
- 36 Main ideas
- 37 Renewed energy
- 40 "Trust Exercise" author Susan
- 41 Verdi works
- 45 Tactic
- 47 Coffee vessel
- 49 Crimson Tide, briefly
- 50 Anger
- 51 French pronoun
- 52 Mellowed

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- 54 Briny
- 55 Scarce
- 8 Bake eggs
- 9 Christmas shows
- 10 Arles summer
- 11 Drenched
- 19 Like Abner
- 21 Literary rep
- 23 Milkshake insert
- 24 Bug spray ingredient
- 25 Diner grub creator
- 27 Wedding setting
- 28 Veggie with florets
- 32 T-shirt sizes
- 33 Courtroom huddle
- 35 6 on a phone
- 36 Econ. measure
- 38 "But of course!"
- 39 Ancient Greek region
- 42 Sitarist's music
- 43 From the U.S.
- 44 "Maureen" singer
- 45 Expert
- 46 Ad- — (improvise)
- 48 Shad product

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- 1 Polite query
- 2 Biblical kingdom
- 3 Lawman Wyatt
- 4 "30 Rock"
- 5 Wedding setting
- 6 Prez on a penny
- 7 Piano compositions

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female goat called?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in "Gilmore Girls"?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Appalachian Trail cross?
- MOVIES: Which actress voices the character Jessie in "Toy Story 2"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is believed to have caused President Zachary Taylor's death?
- ANATOMY: What is the most abundant protein in the human body?
- GEOMETRY: How many sides does a hexagon have?
- LITERATURE: Serial killer Hannibal Lecter first appears in which novel?
- ASTRONOMY: What are planets outside our solar system called?
- MUSIC: Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?

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Trivia Test Answers:
 1. A doe or nanny; 2. Stars Hollow; 3. 14; 4. Joan Cusack; 5. Acute gastroenteritis; 6. Collagen; 7. Six; 8. "Red Dragon" by Thomas Harris; 9. Exoplanets; 10. Aretha Franklin

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Answers

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