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STORY IN LIFE

# Cedar City man arrested after thumb drive allegedly contains illegal images involving children

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 29-year-old Cedar City man was arrested Friday after police say a thumb drive discovered at a local

residential treatment facility contained illicit images involving children.

James Reno Heninger, a client at Chrysalis, was taken into custody July 18 and booked into the Iron County Jail. Heninger was charged with five counts of aggravated sexual exploitation of a child, all second-degree felonies.

Heninger was reportedly receiving services at Chrysalis related to prior issues involving inappropriate sexual interest in minors, according to charging documents.

The arrest followed a search of his personal electronics after staff at the facility discovered a thumb drive on the floor of his room and turned it over to authorities.

According to the charging documents filed in 5th District Court, Cedar City Police initially responded to Chrysalis on July 15 after receiving a report that Heninger had been “reading child porn online,” which, as the affidavit notes, “is not a violation of Utah Code.” Under Utah law, possession or viewing of visual depictions involving minors in sexual situations is a felony, but written or text-only material — however disturbing — may not qualify as illegal unless it meets specific obscenity criteria. Officers left the scene after determining no crime had occurred at that time. However, after police left, staff conducted a room search in accordance with the facility’s policy and found a thumb drive. When staff reviewed the contents, they “found porn,” and notified officers it may contain child pornography material. The thumb drive was submitted to the police by a Chrysalis manager. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the thumb drive and Heninger’s other electronic devices. After locating Heninger at his workplace at Costa Vida, officers placed him under arrest and transported him to the Cedar City Police Department for questioning. During an interview with a detective — which was recorded and observed by another officer — Heninger

was read his Miranda rights and agreed to speak. According to the affidavit, he acknowledged ownership of the thumb drive and gave officers permission to search it.

“James admitted to viewing the content that was contained on the thumb drive,” the officer wrote. “He stated he was OK if it was searched.”

Officers allegedly found several inappropriate images of children on the device. Heninger also reportedly told detectives he had modified the video game *The Sims* to make characters appear nude, according to the affidavit.

In addition, Heninger allegedly said he liked child porn because he was “pansexual.”

He was booked on five counts of aggravated sexual exploitation of a child, each a second-degree felony. Police requested Heninger be held without bail, citing the seriousness of the charges and a risk to the community.

“There is substantial evidence to support the charge,” the officer wrote. “From the evidence in this case, I believe that James Heninger is a child sex predator and a danger to the community.”

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## Utah Water Conditions Update

by *Michael Sanchez*

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

**SALT LAKE CITY**  
**(July 22, 2025)** –  
100% of the state  
is in moderate

to severe drought. On average, our reservoirs have dropped around 10% between June 1 and July 1. Typically, reservoirs drop around 2% during the same period. This is due to increased demand and an inefficient spring runoff earlier this year.

“We have seen some water restrictions go in place around the state,” Candice Hasenyager, director at the Utah Division of Water Resources, said. “Restrictions are very localized and we rely on Utahns to be in touch with their water provider for any restrictions that may be in place.”

**Water restrictions are determined and enforced at the local level, which allows for customization** according to the area’s water supply conditions.

During drought, some areas implement restrictions. 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. We anticipate the lake to continue to decline until fall, when temperatures cool down and the irrigation season ends.

Reservoir levels are currently at 75%, which is 14% lower than last year, but still 3% higher than normal for this time of year.

“Our reservoirs aren’t just for recreation,” Hasenyager said. “They get us through droughts, provide flood protection and create a habitat for wildlife.”

Staying safe on and around water is crucial. For information on life jackets, consult the Division of Outdoor Recreation’s life jacket safety webpage, and for Harmful Algal Blooms, visit the Department of Environmental Quality’s website. Both are valuable resources.

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.

# A lawmaker wants Utah Tech University to return to its old 'Dixie' name. Here's what the school says.

*Rep. Trevor Lee, R-Layton, says the southern Utah school's name "should have never been changed in the first place." His push echoes President Donald Trump's similar demand to pro sports teams.*

by Courtney Tanner

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A Utah lawmaker known for courting controversy has made it his latest push to reignite the debate over Utah Tech University's name change — suggesting the St. George school should restore its previous "Dixie" title.

In a social media post late Monday night, Rep. Trevor Lee, R-Layton, pointed to the Utah university in response to a national effort from President Donald Trump to force two professional sports teams to revert back to old names that refer to Native Americans.

Trump specifically threatened to block a stadium deal for the Washington Commanders if the NFL team doesn't

return to its old name, the "Redskins," which many Indigenous groups view as racist. The president also later mentioned Major League Baseball's Cleveland Guardians, which dropped its "Indians" moniker in 2021.

Lee quoted a post on X about Trump's efforts and argued that Utah should follow suit. He asked: "What are Utahns thoughts on changing @utahtechu back to Dixie?"

The name of the university, he added, "should have never been changed in the first place."

By Wednesday afternoon, more than 180 people had commented on his post, many in support of his position.

"I hated when they bowed to the mob and changed the name. It will always be Dixie to me," one person said.

Another wrote: "100% they hurt the community by changing it. Dixie State Rebels Forever!" The Salt Lake Tribune reached out Wednesday to Lee for further comment.

Lee responded in an email, "The Legislature doesn't comment to activist organizations like The Salt Lake Tribune."

Utah Tech University changed its name from Dixie State University in 2022. The old name had ties to slavery and the Confederacy of the Civil War South.

A look through the school's old yearbooks shows athletes wearing the Confederate flag on their uniforms, students holding mock slave auctions and many pictures of people in blackface. The school's old "Rebel" mascot, dropped in 2007, was a direct reference to a Confederate soldier.

The university's board voted to change the school name after conducting a study that found 64% of respondents outside of Utah related the term "Dixie" to racism. The school also said students had reported that the name was hurting their chances in job interviews and graduate school applications. And students of color have said that the name made them uncomfortable. The school said it wanted a new name to reflect its updated mission.

The proposed change ignited fierce debate, though, among residents who stood by the "Dixie" name — led by a group called Defending Southwestern Utah Heritage Coalition — and some GOP lawmakers who suggested abandoning that history amounted to "being oversensitive." Many said "Dixie" was not tied to slavery or racism, but rather the pioneering spirit of the southern Utah region. However,

some 19th-century pioneers there were growing cotton, and a few of the area's early settlers had slaves.

After protests and delays, the Utah Legislature gave final approval to the name change, and Gov. Spencer Cox signed it into law.


In response to Lee's post, Utah Tech University said in a statement that in the three years since changing its name, "we have been on an upward trajectory — demonstrated by our largest-ever student enrollment last fall, significant growth in philanthropic support and our transition to the Big Sky Conference in 2026."

The boom is real. Utah Tech's fall enrollment was 13,167 for fall 2024 —

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Utah Tech: (Chris Caldwell | Special to The Tribune) Utah Tech University's campus on Monday, July 14, 2025.



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**IRON COUNTY FORECAST**

EXPECT PLENTY OF SUNSHINE AND WARM CONDITIONS TO WRAP UP THE WEEK. HIGHS WILL HOVER AROUND 90 THROUGH THE WEEKEND WITH BREEZY AND DRY CONDITIONS THROUGH NEXT WEEK.

Check your local forecast anytime at:  
[ABC4.com/weather](http://ABC4.com/weather)



## opinion

### FROM THE EDITOR



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#### Soak Up Summer While You Still Can!

As July winds down and back-to-school ads start sneaking into our inboxes and store aisles, it hits us—summer

is slipping away.

If you're like me, you may be wondering how the season flew by so quickly. I dove headfirst into young family chaos in the Spring and have only recently popped my head above ground to find that summer's days are numbered. With day-to-day life, it's easy to let summer days pass unnoticed. But here's your friendly nudge: there's still time to make a few more memories before the pace of fall takes over.

Maybe it's a quick weekend trip to the lake, a final hike through Cedar Mountain, or one more backyard s'mores night with the kids. It doesn't have to be big or expensive—just intentional. A drive to Bryce Canyon, a day at the reservoir, or an evening watching the Greenshow can be just what your family needs to squeeze the last bit of sweetness from the season.

Soon, we will be swept away in school schedules, community events, and our local elections. But for now, we encourage you to carve out a little time to enjoy what's left of this sun-soaked season.

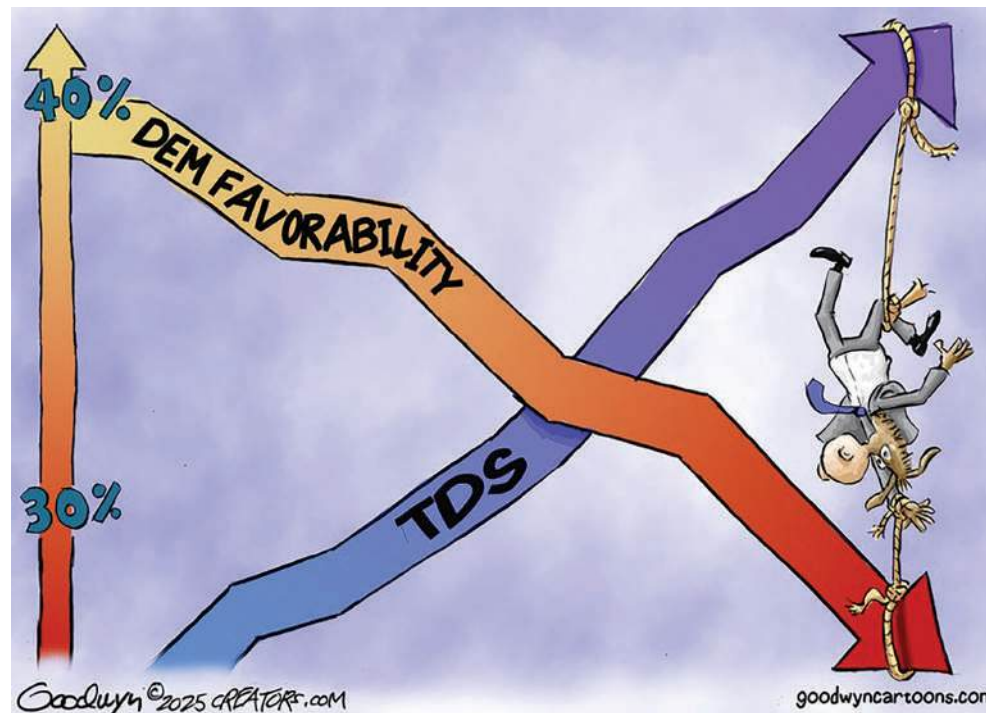
So take that day off, pack that picnic, and don't let summer slip by without one last hoorah. How do you plan to spend the last weeks of summer? Send us photos of your summer time adventures, and if you know of any great summertime opportunities or events you'd like to share with the community, don't forget to send us a calendar event to include in the paper.

Here's to a memorable finale to summer!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."*

- Thomas Paine



## Who are the chosen people

### PART IX

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Everyone likes to think that they are chosen for a special purpose, but what does the Great Creator, the Echad, say about that? Let's explore that idea because we live in troubling times when the world seems to be in a constant state of crisis when one major global difficulty after another threatens countries and people with destruction. The Bible is a book that tells us to look up when troubling events are occurring because our deliverance from impending destruction is near (Luke 21:28). We can use the Bible as a touchstone for what we believe and use it

to guide our thought and behavior because the Bible has proved itself to be reliable with almost half of the Bible's prophecies having been fulfilled: 1) the first coming of the Savior of mankind: (Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Numbers 24:17, Daniel 9:25-26, Micah 5:2) and more specifically Jesus as the Savior of mankind (Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 53:4-5); 2) prophecies regarding individual people, such as the doom of Jezebel (2 Kings 9:10); 3) prophecies regarding Israel, such as Israel's exile to Babylon (2 Kings 20:18, Jeremiah 34:3); 4) the destruction of the Jerusalem temple which occurred in AD 40 by the Romans (Matthew 24:1-2), and 5) Daniel's prophecies about the

rise and fall of many kingdoms (Daniel 7:2-6). More than half of the prophecies of the Bible remain to be fulfilled: 1) the second coming of the Christ, the Jewish Messiah (Zechariah 14:3-4, Matthew 24:44, Acts 1:10-11, Revelation 1:7); and 2) the full restoration of Israel: (Romans 11:26, Galatians 3:1, Jeremiah 30:3 and 30:17 where Jeremiah 30:1-38 is the most helpful regarding Israel: "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will bring my people... back and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess, says the Lord...concerning Israel and Judah.") Remember that prophecy

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### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### INDECOROUS

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adjective

conflicting with accepted standards of good conduct or good taste

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## opinion

### CHOSEN PEOPLE

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In addition the following prophecies remain to be fulfilled: 1) the rapture of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17); 2) the tribulation (Daniel 9:17, Matthew 24:15-22; 3) the resurrection of the saved and the unsaved (Daniel 12:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; 4) the full restoration of Israel with the rebuilding of the temple and the unmasking of the Anti-Christ; 5) Israeli and Jewish salvation as Jews realize that they did not recognize the time of their visitation when Jewish leaders refused to recognize their Messiah (Luke 19:44) although most of the early followers of Jesus were Jews until the apostle Paul took the gospel to the gentiles after his untimely visitation by the Risen Messiah. So, who are God's Chosen People today? According to the Apostle Paul when Abraham followed God's instructions to leave his family to go to a land God would show him, Abraham's descendants became chosen by God; however, Israel as a people struggled with unbelief and disobedience which ultimately led to the rejection by their leaders of their Messiah, leading to the calling of Paul to take the gospel to the gentiles. "But to Israel He says: 'All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people.'" (Romans 10:21) Today as world events unfold, we may be close to the second coming of Jesus. The following are considered to be signs and evidence that Jesus may be coming back soon: 1) Israel is back in the land given to them; 2) The Jewish people control Jerusalem; 3) The Gospel is being preached throughout the world; 4) Knowledge and travel have increased; 5) the signs across the globe are spiritual, natural, societal, and political in nature, "like birth pains" (Matthew 24:3-8) with increasing frequency and intensity of events increasing such as frequency of wars and rumors of wars), 6) A.I. is supplanting human thought and creativity; 7) Israel has been attacked and young Jewish people are returning to Israel to defend Israel; 8) the Mark of the Beast technology is here with some individuals already agreeing to receive it implanted in their hands or foreheads to facilitate the buying and selling of goods; 9) the ability to view global events in real-time is here; Have you used Facebook or other technology that allows you to see and communicate with faraway people?; 10) Israel surrounded by enemies (Luke 21:20). What will come next? Perhaps the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem? More next week about future events. Remember when Jesus said, "Unless those days are shortened, no flesh will survive" (Matthew 24:22) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) and for the salvation of the Jewish people.

can have what is called a two-stage fulfillment, early and later.

## UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY

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**Trevor Lee: (Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune)**  
Rep. Trevor Lee, R-Layton, at the Utah Capitol in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025.

600 more students than the previous year. And the trend is expected to continue this fall, though it likely won't hit the 16,000 projection school officials had hoped for.

The school also reported in fall 2022 that donations were up 33% from 2021 under the old name, from \$2.7 million to \$3.6 million.

"We are proud of the student accomplishments and institutional successes that have taken place under our new institutional name and are excited to continue offering premier active learning experiences that prepare our students to graduate ready to fulfill workforce needs," Utah Tech wrote in its statement.

The university also reiterated in its statement that it hasn't purged the "Dixie" name from campus.

"We have placed a renewed emphasis on honoring Utah's Dixie, building community support and developing our identity as an open, comprehensive polytechnic university."

A compromise was reached to name the university's main St. George campus "the Dixie campus." The school has also created a heritage committee to preserve the name's legacy. And it continues in other places around the community, including at Dixie Technical College, which partners with Utah Tech University.

Several commenters on Lee's post defended the name change. Michael Mower, a senior advisor to Gov. Cox, said he liked the new Utah Tech name. Lee responded to him with an image that said, "Boo this man! Boo!"

Another person wrote: "I always thought Dixie was a weird name because I don't associate that area with Dixie. If the area was well known as Dixie, I would be in favor of changing it back. But it's not, so I prefer Utah Tech."

Several others, though, mentioned not only stopping at returning Utah Tech University back to its previous title. A handful of people also said Bountiful High School, in Davis County, should revert back to its "Braves" mascot and Cedar High School, in Iron County, should bring back its "Redmen" mascot. The Utah Tech debate also isn't the first time Lee has followed in Trump's footsteps in recommending a name change. Last month, the Utah lawmaker — who pushed the bill this legislative session that banned pride flags at government buildings and in schools — suggested erasing the name of LGBTQ activist Harvey Milk from the boulevard named after him in Salt Lake City.

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# Responsible Water Use Imperative This Summer

by **Julene Reese**

USU EXTENSION

With a hot and dry summer underway, drought concerns prompting a state of emergency for many counties in Utah, and

water restrictions in place in most areas, it is more important than ever that Utah citizens are conscientious about their water use.

According to Kelly Kopp, Utah State University Extension water conservation and turfgrass specialist, based on average annual precipitation, Utah is the third driest state in the nation (behind Nevada and Arizona) yet among the top in per capita users of water.

In addition, urban landscape irrigation accounts for as much as 65% of the annual municipal water use, and much of it is applied in excess of plant needs.

“Not only is this a tremendous resource waste, especially in a drought year, but water lost through overspray can cause substantial damage to infrastructure such as streets and sidewalks, decks, patios, and decorative concrete,” Kopp said. “Scheduling irrigation according to plant water needs can reduce excess water use. In addition to conserving water, proper irrigation can encourage deeper root growth



and healthier, more drought-tolerant landscapes.” Kopp said because of the drought, some areas of Utah are currently recommending that home and business owners irrigate just twice a week.

“We generally recommend putting out ½ inch of water with each irrigation, so irrigating twice per week equates to 1 inch of irrigation per week,” she said. “It can be tempting to water more, but that is plenty of water to keep grass alive and more than many other plants require. Though grass will likely go dormant for a time during the peak heat of summer, dormancy is a normal turfgrass biological process, and it will recover as temperatures cool in the fall!”

Kopp said sprinkler head type determines timing and cycling when irrigating.

Head Type	Precipitation Rate	Run Time for 0.5"	Cycling Rec.
Spray Head	1.3-2.0"	23-15 min	3 cycles (8 or 5 min)
Rotor Head	0.4-1.0"	75-30 min	3 cycles (25 or 10 min)
MSMT Head	0.4-0.6"	75-50 min	3 cycles (25 or 17 min)

“There have been recommendations to plant water-wise landscapes to save water, which is a good idea, but now is not the time to plant,” she said. “Wait until fall when it’s cooler since we don’t have the water to establish new landscapes right now. We need to conserve in every way possible.”

Kopp shares these irrigation best practices:

- Consider installing a “smart” irrigation controller. These controllers use local weather conditions to automatically schedule irrigation correctly. The state of Utah also offers rebates for their purchase

([utahwatersavers.com](http://utahwatersavers.com)).

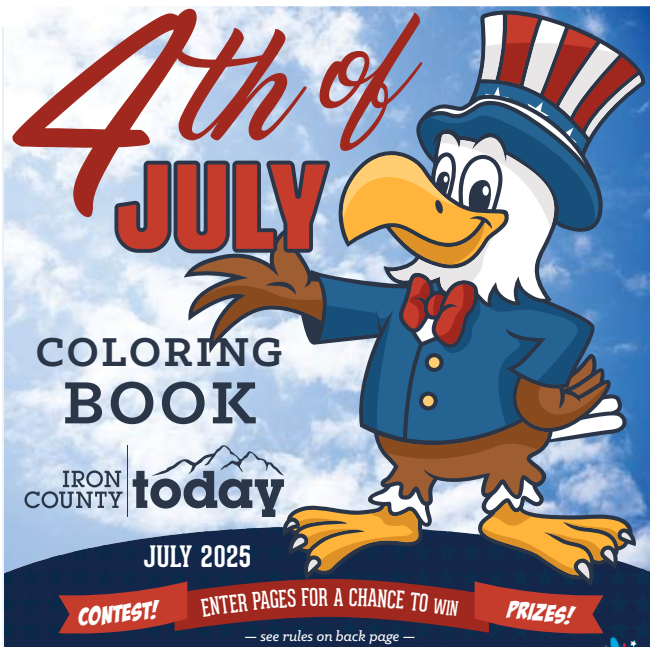
- Small areas of the lawn can brown during hot weather because of variations and inefficiencies in sprinkling systems. Instead of increasing the amount of time the entire sprinkling system irrigates, supplement water to the brown areas with a small hose-end lawn sprinkler or water by hand with a hose.
- Keep your lawn at least 2 inches high and more if possible. This allows roots to penetrate deeper into the soil and increases overall drought hardiness.
- Irrigate shady and sunny areas according to need. Shady areas require much less irrigation than sunnier areas.
- Cover bare soil in the garden and flower beds with 2-3 inches of mulch. Not only does this save water, it greatly reduces the need for weeding. Inexpensive mulch can be obtained from many local green waste recycling centers. Grass clippings also work well and are free.
- Hand-water or use drip irrigation to irrigate flowerbeds, vegetable gardens, and shrub beds. Water should be placed in plant’s root zones and penetrate the soil 6 inches deep for flowers and vegetables, and 2 feet into the soil for established trees and shrubs.

Further resources and information about conserving water in the landscape can be found at [drought.usu.edu](http://drought.usu.edu) and [cwel.usu.edu](http://cwel.usu.edu).

## BUDGET SUMMARY

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

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



## Cedar City man arrested for arson after allegedly setting fire inside home during eviction dispute

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 28-year-old man is facing felony charges after allegedly starting a fire inside a home during an argument with his mother over unpaid rent and eviction. Alexander Jay Ryan was arrested Monday night and booked into the Iron County Jail. He faces a second-degree felony for arson and two class A misdemeanors for possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person, and obstruction of justice. Police say the fire endangered lives and occurred while Ryan was already on probation. According to the charging documents, Enoch City police responded to a report of arson on July 21 after a woman called dispatch stating her son Alex Ryan just tried to burn the house down by putting

“something in the oven” and lighting it on fire. She managed to extinguish the flames, and police confirmed the fire was out by the time they arrived. By that point, Ryan had fled the scene. The woman told police she saw smoke and heard the fire alarm coming from Ryan’s residence. When she entered, she found a toilet paper roll on fire inside the oven. Officers later located Ryan in the Three Peaks Recreation Area and took him into custody. During a search, deputies found a large “buck” knife on his person — a violation of his restricted status due to a prior felony conviction. Investigators later interviewed Ryan’s ex-girlfriend, who said he had sent her a message on Snapchat confirming he had placed toilet paper in the oven. Ryan initially blamed the fire on the ex-girlfriend, giving officers a fabricated story he later admitted was false, according to the affidavit. During a recorded police

interview, Ryan confessed to starting the fire. “He admitted to putting the toilet paper in the oven with no intention to harm anyone but, knowing the potential outcomes of causing serious bodily injury or death,” the affidavit states. He also told officers his ex-girlfriend had encouraged him to do it “to deprive the complainants from a home because soon he wouldn’t have one.” Due to Ryan’s prior convictions, active probation status, and multiple pending cases, officers requested that he be held without bail. “The crime committed could have led to serious bodily injury or possibly death,” the affidavit reads. Ryan remains in custody.



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# BZI Announces Its Ranking as #1 in the “Construction Top Workplaces 2025” Award for U.S. Companies with 550–999 Employees

*The company is One of Only Two Steel Erector Businesses Out of the 137 Construction Organizations Across the Nation to Be Recognized*

from Kayla McFarland

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

KANARRAVILLE, UT (July 23, 2025) – BZI® (bzi.com), a leading steel

and construction company nationally recognized for transformative innovations in its industries, announced today that the company has been ranked #1 in the “Construction Top Workplaces 2025” Award for U.S. companies with 500–999 employees. BZI was one of only two steel erector businesses highlighted out of 137 construction organizations across the nation to be recognized.

Top Workplaces celebrates outstanding companies that listen to their people and put them at the center of decisions to build cultures where people and performance thrive. The lists are chosen based solely on employee feedback gathered through an employee engagement survey, issued by Energage. Results are calculated by comparing the survey’s research-based statements.

“BZI has created a people-first culture where employees can thrive,” said Bob Helbig, media partnerships director at Energage. “This award can’t be bought; it’s earned through employee feedback. The message from employees is clear: BZI is a leader in the industry for unleashing the power of people to accomplish great things.”

“Knowing the feedback provided by our BZI team members determined our #1 national ranking among construction companies makes this recognition even more rewarding and meaningful,” said James Barlow, CEO of BZI. “It is a core value at BZI to foster a rewarding environment that brings high-value opportunities to our teams and their families. We are honored to be listed alongside other companies who care about building and providing outstanding cultures.”

For more information about BZI, visit [bzi.com](http://bzi.com), email [office@bzi.com](mailto:office@bzi.com), or call 888.509.2280.

## About BZI

Considered one of the top steel and construction organizations, the BZI® group of companies headquartered in Kanarraville, Utah, operates through

three primary organizations: Building Zone Industries, LLC is responsible for steel erection, while BZI

Steel, LLC specializes in steel fabrication. Innovatech®, LLC specializes in designing, engineering, and manufacturing innovative construction equipment and processes to enhance efficiency and safety on the job.

BZI’s partnership with the one-of-a-kind SteelTech Academy™ provides training, certifications and continuing education to all its team members. An exclusive technical, safety, vocational, and leadership training center, the academy provides training in OSHA (10) and (30) certifications, equipment operations, fall protection, and industry-specific welding certifications. Since 2021, SteelTech Academy has issued thousands of certifications across these disciplines and consistently logs over 30,000 student contact hours annually. As part of this expansive training curriculum, the academy also offers a Department of Labor certified Apprenticeship Program, helping to shape relevant skills and advance careers for those wanting to pursue construction as a vocation.

The company continues to receive numerous industry awards for its exceptional performance and contributions to its industries. The company has been the recipient of:

- Inc. Best in Business 2024 for Construction: BZI Innovation Park
- USA Today’s Top Workplaces (Second year – Ranked #11 in the nation for midsize companies in 2025)
- Utah Business Fast 50 (#12 ranking)
- Top Workplaces Construction Industry Award
- Salt Lake City Tribune Top Workplaces for two years (#5 ranking in 2024)
- One Utah Summit “Rural Rockstar” Award presented by Utah Governor Cox
- Best Employer by Cedar City

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- CEO of the Year by Cedar City Chamber of Commerce
- CEO of the Year 2025 Award – Utah Business
- Trade Partner in Safety Excellence (Layton Construction)

BZI is a proud member of and accredited by AISC, an organization that has recognized BZI with its top safety awards, the “Erector Award of Honor” and “Safety Award of Merit.” CEO James Barlow serves on the Forbes Business Council and is a recipient of the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige Award. BZI’s mission is to revolutionize the steel construction industry through innovation and team performance, while accelerating project delivery and setting new standards in safety and efficiency.



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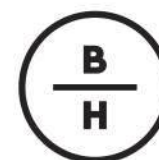
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# Lee Applauds USDA Shift from Washington to Utah

from Lizzie Harvey

OFFICE OF SENATOR MIKE LEE

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) issued the following statement in response to the [July 24th] announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that the agency will be shifting its focus and staffing away from Washington D.C. and toward agricultural hub locations across the country, including one in Salt Lake City, Utah:

*“The people making decisions about how our forests are managed and our food is grown shouldn’t be distant bureaucrats,” said Senator Mike Lee. “I congratulate the Department of Agriculture for decentralizing from Washington and relocating staff to Salt Lake City and other regional hubs. Not only is this a big win for Utah’s farmers and ranchers, but*

*also for our land managers as the department moves closer to the people who live, work, and rely upon these lands. I will continue to fight for the Utahns who raise livestock, grow the best food on Earth, and sustain our National Forests.”*

USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins made the following statement:

*“American agriculture feeds, clothes, and fuels this nation and the world, and it is long past time the Department better serve the great and patriotic farmers, ranchers, and producers we are mandated to support. President Trump was elected to make real change in Washington, and we are doing just that by moving our key services outside the beltway and into great American cities across the country,” said Secretary Rollins. “We will do so through a transparent and common-sense process that preserves*

*USDA’s critical health and public safety services the American public relies on. We will do right by the great American people who we serve and with respect to the thousands of hardworking USDA employees who so nobly serve their country.”*

The reorganization consists of four pillars:

1. Ensure the size of USDA’s workforce aligns with available financial resources and agricultural priorities
2. Bring USDA closer to its customers
3. Eliminate management layers and bureaucracy
4. Consolidate redundant support functions

To bring USDA closer to the people it serves while also providing a more affordable cost of living for USDA employees, USDA has developed a phased plan to relocate much of its

Agency headquarters and NCR staff out of the Washington, D.C. area to five hub locations. The Department currently has approximately 4,600 employees within the National Capital Region (NCR). This Region has one of the highest costs of living in the country, with a federal salary locality rate of 33.94%. In selecting its hub locations, USDA considered where existing concentrations of USDA employees are located and factored in the cost of living. Washington, D.C. will still hold functions for every mission area of USDA at the conclusion of this reorganization, but USDA expects no more than 2,000 employees will remain in the NCR.

USDA will vacate and return to the General Services Administration the South Building, Braddock Place, and the Beltsville Agricultural Research

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# A Volunteer Leader's Tour: Todd Boyer's Rotary Journey Across Utah

by Rob Obrien

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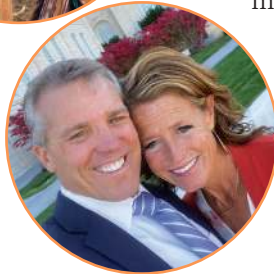
engaging meetings in 42 communities—this is the remarkable volunteer odyssey of Todd Boyer, Rotary District Governor for Utah in 2024–25. But his journey spans more than a year—it's part of a four-year Governor Line path, starting as Governor-Designate and culminating in an advisory role as Immediate Past District Governor. Todd, a funeral director and long-time community leader in Cedar City, built his leadership across 30 months of training and preparation before officially taking office in July 2024. By then, he had already visited every club in District 5420—laying the groundwork for a year defined by presence, purpose, and service.

Rotary is a global movement—over 1.4 million members in 46,000+ clubs worldwide—committed to tackling major human challenges: poverty, disease, illiteracy, environmental harm, and lack of opportunity. Rotary's focus is lasting impact. Projects are designed not as one-off aid, but as catalysts that empower communities for the long term.

In Utah, Todd's theme—"The Power of WE"—motivated clubs to grow membership, strengthen youth involvement, and make service more. He encouraged Rotarians to bring new people into the fold, aiming to reach "2025 in 2025"—2025 members by June 2025—a growth goal of 23% for the district.

Locally, his leadership inspired transformative projects across the state:

Over 25,000 miles, visits to 29 counties, and



- West Jordan's Miracle League Field, restored to be safer and more inclusive for children with disabilities.

- Homeless outreach events, providing shelter kits, hygiene supplies, meals—and, most meaningfully, respectful conversation, reminding every participant they are seen and valued.

- Ogden city beautification, where murals and revitalized public spaces highlighted local pride and economic opportunity.

- In rural areas, clubs supported water management, literacy drives, youth mentorship, and ESL support for refugees. Internationally, they partnered on global grants: clean-water projects in Africa, microloans in South America, and medical aid to war-torn areas.

Throughout, Todd's attention was deeply personal. Whether speaking to remote clubs or leading city events, he listened to community needs and modeled leadership rooted in.

As he transitions into his advisory role as Immediate Past District Governor, Todd's legacy is felt not in miles or club counts—but in the thousands of conversations held in libraries, schoolyards, and shelters. Each exchange reinforced Rotary's belief: when people of goodwill unite, nothing is impossible. This story isn't just for Rotarians—it's a testament to what volunteer leadership, when rooted in compassion and persistence, can achieve locally and globally.

All of us in Cedar City and Iron County are very happy to have Todd back "full time" in Cedar City.

## LEE APPLAUDS

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Center, and revisit utilization and functions in the USDA Whitten Building, Yates Building, and the National Agricultural Library. The George Washington Carver Center

will also be utilized until space optimization activities are completed. These buildings have a backlog of costly deferred maintenance and currently are occupied below the minimum set by law. For example, the South Building has approximately \$1.3 billion in deferred maintenance and has an average daily occupancy of less than 1,900 individuals for a building that can house over 6,000 employees.

USDA's five hub locations and current Federal locality rates are:

1. Raleigh, North Carolina (22.24%)
2. Kansas City, Missouri (18.97%)
3. Indianapolis, Indiana (18.15%)
4. Fort Collins, Colorado (30.52%)
5. Salt Lake City, Utah (17.06%)

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## Utah Shakespeare Festival Launches Culture and Community Initiative

by Liz Armstrong

USF GUEST WRITER

The Utah Shakespeare Festival is pleased to announce a renewed goal of celebrating being a vibrant community space that honors varying perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences through a Culture and Community initiative.

Spearheaded by Artistic Director John DiAntonio, the Culture and Community initiative was created in order to remain focused on making sure that every person at or coming to the Festival feels included, seen, heard, and valued. “Our culture and community work is at the heart of who we are as a company. The staff and board crafted a new statement in the spirit of founder Fred C. Adams and the legacy he began more than sixty years ago,” DiAntonio said. “I hope everyone feels welcome at the Festival—just as I did when I was first greeted by Fred on The Greenshow lawn nearly twenty years ago.”

Part of the statement is as follows:

“The Utah Shakespeare Festival remains committed to being a gathering space for connection and shared ideas. The Festival strives to foster a culture of respect, kindness, curiosity, and collaboration among artists, audiences, and staff. Grounded in the timeless works of

Shakespeare and other playwrights, we celebrate the richness of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences.

Ongoing Culture and Community initiatives are currently taking place in the following categories: Accessibility, Artistic Practice, Company Culture, Facilities and Housing, Education and Community Engagement, Human Resources and Hiring Practices, and the Culture and Community Committee. Some of these initiatives include offering ASL-interpreted, open captioned, and sensory-friendly performances; regularly evaluating the stories the Festival tells and the voices elevated on stages; fostering an environment that welcomes diverse ideas and perspectives; and maintaining and improving equitable housing options for company members. The addition of the Culture and Community Committee will help ensure that Festival productions and experiences are accessible and welcoming to all patrons, company members, and community members and will include rotating members from different departments, seasonal staff, and the Board of



Governors. The committee will advise staff, support implementation, and help prioritize future initiatives. For more information on all listed initiatives and the full culture and community statement, visit our Culture and Community page. “Storytelling has the power to engage, uplift, and transform,” DiAntonio continued. “This culture and community work strengthens our bonds—not only among artists and staff, but with the communities we serve—and ensures the Festival remains a vibrant, relevant, and inclusive space for all.” To be a part of this transformative power of storytelling, the Festival invites you to participate in the 64th season, going now through October 4. Visit [bard.org](http://bard.org) for more information on this season’s lineup and activities.

# Art of Listening

by Sara Penny

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"When people talk, listen completely. Don't be thinking about what you're going to say. Most people never listen," said Ernest Hemingway. A large part of any art form is the art of communication, but that also means the art of listening. What are you as an artist trying to communicate? When you go to a museum or a play what message do you hear from the artist?

One of the reasons former students still come up to me about both my husband and mother's teaching impact is because they were both gifted listeners. They made their students and friends feel important because they were intently listening. It was obvious they valued what was being said and their responses demonstrated understanding. They were also both avid readers and were always trying to learn something new.

It is sometimes hard for me to concentrate fully. An art gallery can be overwhelming to me with all the colors and variety. I have to really focus to have a conversation there. It helps to look at someone's eyes and focus on the color. That helps block out all the distractions.

Often an image communicates more than a speech. For a visual learner seeing art is essential. For an aural learner, hearing gets across the message more effectively. Even though I am a musician I learn better by seeing. I prefer reading books rather than listening, but I have many friends who love audio books. Some of my students can memorize quickly and don't really need the printed music. Others find memorization super difficult and play much more confidently with printed music. It is valuable to try different types

of communication to see what is effective for your personal learning. One of the values of engaging in your own personal artform is that it helps you connect with details. Noticing details of color or shape helps hone listening skills. Noticing changes in pitch and tempo creates listening skills that translate when learning a language or dealing with a tricky legal document.



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For two years I taught high school journalism and photography at Beaumont High in Texas. It was exhausting because I sense people's feelings and have focus issues. So I knew the student on the back row was grieving because his father had died, but the girl on the left side wanted attention and was misbehaving to get that attention. After we moved back to Utah I concentrated on private violin teaching so I could focus on one student at a time. My mother thought that was inefficient and I should do more group classes instead of private lessons. The tricky bit is that each student is different and needs specialized guidance with the coordination of playing and the nuances of musicality. When I have to speak to groups I have to write down what needs to be communicated instead of just hoping I can remember the details.

What can you communicate with your art? What have you learned by listening intently this week? What relationship did you deepen through active listening?

Remember that the Cedar City Arts Council mini-grant applications are due Aug. 31. The application is on our website under Support. Up to \$500 for community art projects. Link to application: <https://www.cedarcityartscouncil.org/support/quick-grants/>



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# EAT YOUR VEGGIES

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**T**hroughout childhood, you probably heard your mom

or dad say, “Vegetables are good for you.” We all know vegetables are good for us, but do we really know why? Research shows that eating vegetables may reduce the risk of chronic diseases. Vegetables are also a great way to get essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber, and they help with overall health and weight management.

## Better mood and concentration:

Research has found a link between a healthy diet, rich in vegetables, and improved mood, concentration, and memory in children. Since most children are picky eaters, try offering dips with veggies.

Here are three vegetables that can be excellent ways of adding nutritional value to your diet:

**1** Carrots – Carrots contain fiber, which helps maintain lower cholesterol levels, supports digestion, and aids in weight management. They also contain antioxidants that promote healthy eyes, support the immune system, and keep our skin healthy. If you don’t like carrots, you can get similar benefits from sweet potatoes, pumpkins, butternut squash, papaya, and cantaloupe.

**2** Spinach – Spinach supports cardiovascular health. It contains magnesium, which helps maintain healthy blood pressure. Spinach also contains vitamin K and iron, which support bone

health and keep your energy levels up.

**3** Broccoli – Broccoli contains vitamin D, which helps with bone health and growth. It also supports a strong immune system, healthy blood clotting, and proper cell growth. If you don’t like broccoli, try Brussels sprouts, kale, cabbage, turnips, or cauliflower. Eating fresh garden vegetables comes with many health benefits—and right now, they’re in season!

## Didn’t grow a garden this year?

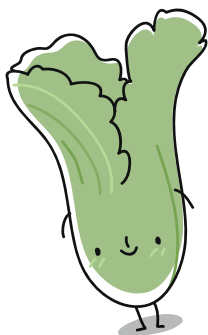
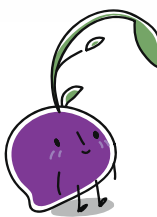
Many grocery stores carry organic vegetables. You can also find fresh, homegrown produce at local farmers markets. Homegrown vegetables are more flavorful and more environmentally sustainable.

Vegetables are a must in any healthy diet. Some of my favorites include carrot cake, zucchini bread, pumpkin pie, and a sweet potato topped with butter and brown sugar.

## Eating fresh vegetables—the bottom line for your health:

Eating fresh vegetables is vital for your health and well-being. Not only are they rich in nutrients and fiber, but they also reduce the risk of chronic disease, support the immune system and weight management, and provide other benefits such as improved vision, enhanced mental health, better moods, and healthier skin.

The bottom line is clear—making fresh vegetables a regular part of your diet provides numerous benefits for both your physical and mental health. Try to eat at least two servings of vegetables per day, and you’ll be well on your way to a healthier, more vibrant life. “Eat your veggies—live longer.” We should be eating vegetables as if our lives depend on it—because they do!



## history

# One House – 130 Years of History: *Part II*

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

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back - The second part of the story of the Lyman House covers the ownership of the house after William and Julia passed away in the mid-1940's. Their long-time presence in Parowan was noteworthy and esteemed and they contributed much to the towns growth as it was transformed from a pioneer settlement to the Mother Town of Southern Utah, a time when early adobe/mud houses and rough-hewn wood houses gave way to this more advanced style of architecture called "central passageway", of which there are only a few examples remaining. The Lyman's new home gave the town much more of a sense of progress and style, especially with its distinctive Ionic columns on the front porch. Parowan was advancing into the 20th century with such new character compared with its early days as a wild west fort.

So now the chain of ownership of this stately home which, began in 1895 with William and Julia, changed when they left it to their daughter and her husband Ed Whitaker, who subsequently left it to their son, E. Ray, who was the last of the Lyman family to own the home. The next owners, James and Cassilda Tucker are the ones who sold it to William and Judith Ann Roda who lived there for nearly 20 years and accomplished many improvements and upgrades including modernizing the kitchen and adding the distinctive white picket fence which makes the house stand out on that prominent corner. Judith also successfully petitioned for the house to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its architectural and historical significance and to encourage its preservation. With its center passage-way and hall parlor construction the Lyman house was thus seen to have



THE MARTINS



THE LYMANS

mid-western ancestry. After 110 years of ownership, we now turn to the current owners, Dale and Margarita Martin, who hail from the San Diego area. Dale is a Professor of Law and Finance, Margarita is a realtor, and very active in the Rotary Club. The Martins also run a humanitarian foundation that aids children and families both here in the United States, in Mexico, and in Margarita's home country of Colombia. In 2004 they were looking for a get-away vacation and decided to throw a dart at a map which found a landing spot in Brian Head where they considered buying a time-share in the area. On the drive back down Parowan Canyon,

on their way home, they spotted a For Sale sign in front of the old Lyman home, picked up a brochure, knocked on the door and were greeted by the Rodas. Both of the Martins told me they had the feeling that this was the place they now wanted to be. Things fell into place and the Martins became the new proprietors of this piece of Parowan history, and are still tickled to

death they made that decision over 20 years ago. Margarita has furnished the house with Victorian style furniture from her late mother's home in Colombia, all of which took over 18 months of shipping to arrive here in Parowan, but it's in perfect harmony with the style of the house. Dale and Margarita are fully committed to preserving the heritage and memory of the Lymans and Aunt Pliny. On July 12th this year, the Martins held an open house to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the old Lyman House. It was attended by the Mayor of Parowan, 2 City Council members and an assortment of other local history buffs. Also in attendance was longtime Parowan resident Polly Johnson, who brought along a scale model of the large bronze statue of Aunt Pliny, which was sculpted by her late husband Stan Johnson who was commissioned by the Heritage



PLINY STATUE

## calendar

## THURS, JULY 31

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

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

**CEDAR CITY COUNCIL & CEDAR CITY MAYOR PRIMARY ELECTION DEBATE** Meet and Greet (5:30PM) Debates (6PM). @ Great Hall

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also available on <https://redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org/passes/buy>.

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## SAT, AUG 2

**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.

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## TUES, AUG 5

**FOURPOINTS HEALTH PATIENT APPRECIATION & MEET THE STAFF (5-7PM)** National Health Center Week is Aug. 3-9, and

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## SUN, AUG 10

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## MON, AUG 11

**CARS & CUSTARD CAR SHOW (6-8PM) AT** Culver's (1065 S Main St, Cedar City), admission is Free. Enjoy a night with classics (1981 or older), customs, hot rods, and exotics. Followed by a cruise down Main Street at 8:00 pm. For information or to enter a car call, Mike, at (909) 717-1232 or email him at [ekimjacobs@gmail.com](mailto:ekimjacobs@gmail.com). \*weather permitting

## TUES, AUG 12

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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](mailto:VFWinCedarCity@gmail.com)

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**AA—Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

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

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

**Misfits** • M – F, 6 pm

**Cedar Group** • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

**Uncommon Sense** • Sat, 10:00 am

**My Story** • Sat, 8 pm

**Thank God Sunday Spiritual** • Sun, 11 am

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

**Al-Anon**

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

**Easy Does It** • Tues, 6-7 pm • (435) 559-3333

**Hope for Today (Family Groups)**

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

**Key to Harmony (Online/Email Meeting)** Sun & Tues 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](mailto:utahprograms@alz.org).

**ARP—Addiction Recovery**

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

**Caregivers**

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

**Embrace Grace**

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

**Grief Support Group**

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

**Grief Support - Child Loss**

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

**Helproom**

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

**Multiple Sclerosis**

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

**Narcotics Anonymous**

[www.nasouthernutah.org](http://www.nasouthernutah.org) • (435) 635-9603  
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](http://www.southernutahshare.com)

**Reel Mental Health**

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

**Senior Blind/Visually Impaired**

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

**Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.**

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

**Southwest Parkinson's Alliance**

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

**Widows Ministry**

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

## CLASSES, CLUBS &amp; ACTIVITIES

**Adult Barre/Modern Dance**

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

**Arthritis Foundations Exercise**

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

**Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities**

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

**Bingo & Lunch**

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

**Book Club**

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

**Boy Scout Troop 1848**

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

**Cars & Custard**

2nd Mon., 6-8 PM at Culver's Treasures Thrift Store is: 1093 S Main Street, Cedar City, UT. Classic Cars & Trucks, Customs, Your pride and joy. A free small Custard for each car entry, provided by Culver's! Contact Mike @ 909-717-1232 or [ekimjacobs@gmail.com](mailto:ekimjacobs@gmail.com) for more info.

**Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club**

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

**Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild**

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

Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. [cedarchestquiltersguild.org](http://cedarchestquiltersguild.org)

**Cedar City ESL**

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

**Cedar City Toastmasters**

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

**Cedar City Unitarian Universalists**

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

**Cedar Professionals**

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

**Cedar Radio Control Club**

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

**Cedar City Community Band**

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

**Explorer Bible Club**

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

**International Folk Dancing**

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

**Iron County Moms For America**

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

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**Parkrun**

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**Parowan Pickleball**

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

**PB&J Therapy Groups**

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

College: [forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7](mailto:forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7)

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

**Rock Club**

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

**Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild**

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

**Senior Yoga Classes**

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

**Sewing Group**

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

**Southern Utah Woodturners**

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

**StrongBoard Classes**

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

**Tai Chi For Health**

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

**TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

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

**Water Aerobics Class**

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

**Wellness Place**

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

**Wellness Wednesdays**

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

**Youth Group**

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

## faith



# President Holland Leads Pioneer Day Parade

From *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Newsroom*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

President Jeffrey R. Holland served as grand marshal of Utah's 2025 Days of '47 Parade in Salt Lake City on Thursday, July 24, 2025 (Pioneer Day in Utah).

"I'm okay with the marshal part. I don't know about the grand," he said in his characteristic humor, "but I'm honored."

"I have ancestors that came into this valley. I'm honored because of what that tribute means, what the parade means, what the Days of '47 mean," President Holland said.

Pioneer Day celebrates the Latter-day Saint pioneers who entered the Salt Lake Valley in July 1847. Between that year and 1868, when the transcontinental railroad neared completion, some 60,000 to 70,000 Latter-day Saints migrated from the United States, Canada and Europe across the North American Great Plains to Utah and the surrounding regions.

Reflecting on the sacrifice and challenges of the early pioneers, President Holland said, "To think, as I have been thinking of those pioneers, they did it with vision and perseverance and love. I'm a little emotional about all of this. We'll have our own perseverance, if you will, to say we're not going to let those ancestors down. We're not going to walk away from what they did. I hope they [parade goers] come away stronger and more committed, more proud, in the appropriate sense. Proud of their ancestors. Proud of what the future holds."

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President Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles gives the thumbs up with parade participants and attendees. He is the grand marshal of the 2025 Days of '47 Parade in Salt Lake City, Utah, Thursday, July 24, 2025.

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### PIONEER DAY PARADE

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be the lens through which we see the future.”

Grand marshals in recent years include Elders David A. Bednar and D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, as well as former Relief Society General President Jean B. Bingham.

He added, “It is little enough for at least one day out of the year to look back and to see them, and then have that



**The Days of '47 Parade** in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, on Thursday, July 24, 2025. The annual parade commemorates the arrival of Latter-day Saint pioneers in Utah.

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**Lance Corporal Hargett,**  
US Marines, Vietnam Veteran.

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Vietnam Veteran.

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## ONE HOUSE

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Commission to create this beautiful statue which has stood for over 10 years in our Heritage Park at the south end of town.

For me, the most important aspect of the history of this house was Aunt Pliny's contribution to the people of Parowan where she will always be considered a legend. I've said to a few people that if she had been born a Catholic, she probably would have been canonized as a true saint.

In one of his books, Mark Twain described this long-ago era in history as the "Gilded Age." It was a time that followed the Civil War and the Industrial Revolution and it seemed most everything in the lives of Americans was improving. Houses had electricity and running water and paved streets became the norm. This was certainly true of our small town in Iron County, where the hard work of those early pioneers was paying off and after 40+ years of building and progress, they had a home town to be proud of. Even today, if you stand at the Maverik Station, kitty-corner from the Lyman House, and the lighting is just right, and you squint your eyes just a bit, you can maybe make out the image of a horse-driven carriage with a lady in a long dress and a black medical bag stepping out of the carriage and returning to her son's lovely house.



## obituaries

### Alvin "Jack" Dillon, Jr.



Alvin "Jack" Dillon, Jr., 99 years old, passed away July 25, 2025 in Cedar City, Utah.

He was born May 31, 1926, in Haileyville, Oklahoma to Alvin H. Dillon and Mamie O. Lemon. Jack had one sibling, an older brother, I. Leon Dillon.

About 1930, the family moved to San Diego, where his father was a supervisor with Hazard Construction Co and his mother worked in a fish cannery during WWII.

Jack married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Davie on April 29, 1944, in National City, California.

In July 1943, Jack re-enlisted into a special program as a cadet in the Army Air Corps Training Program. He served in the Air Cadet Training Program and on the flight line, maintaining B-24 bombers until WWII ended in 1945. Jack re-enlisted in 1946 to attend Officer Candidate School. He was sent to Shemya, at the far end of the Aleutian Islands, to work in the post engineers as a refrigeration specialist. While in Shemya Jack participated in the boxing tournament held in Anchorage, Alaska, and made it to the finals.

Jack transferred stateside to Fort Riley, Kansas to attend OCS. He graduated in May 1949 as a 2nd Lt. Jack was then sent to Alaska with an Air Defense Battalion, to defend Elmendorf Air Force Base. Next Jack went to San Marcos Air Force Base and enrolled

in flight school for pilot training. He passed the pilot training program, but due to severe vertigo attacks he was unable to continue flying.

Jack was stationed in Formosa for three years as an advisor to the Chinese Military in air defense. Upon returning to the States, he was stationed at Camp Hanford, a nuclear facility. He was stationed in Germany for three years as a staff Officer in intelligence for a missile group. Jack retired in November of 1965 at Fort Lewis, Washington after 22 years of service at the rank of Major.

Jack greatly enjoyed participating in the Honor Flight.

After retirement, in 1970 Jack and Shirley, along with their youngest daughter, moved to Parowan, Utah, where he enjoyed growing anything you can eat, veggies and an orchard full of various fruit trees. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing, whether it be near Parowan, or in the outskirts of Alaska or Germany.

After the death of Shirley in 2002, Jack met and married Jean Daniels and moved to Cedar City. Jean and Jack shared a common love of traveling to new lands. Together they explored Alaska, Cancun, Puerto Vallarta, Costa Rica, Panama, China, and Hawaii!

After his traveling days were over, Jack continued to enjoy making jokes, getting haircuts, trips to the supermarket, and anything that gets him out of the house and visiting with people.

Jack is survived by his wife, Jean Daniels Dillon; daughters: Kathleen (Ross) Ketchpaw of San Diego, CA, Linda (Mike) Kern of Baltimore, MD, Jane (Fred) Dillon-Hermann of Albuquerque, NM; his niece Phyllis (Len) Hutchison of Denver, CO; 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Jack is predeceased by his parents, brother, Leon and first wife, Shirley (Davie) Dillon.

Graveside services will be held Monday August 4th, 2025 at 11:00am at the Parowan Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

### Edward Brown



Edward Brown was born on November 13th, 1948, in Rehoboth, New Mexico. He was the fourth child of thirteen born to Billie and Wynonna Brown. As a child, Edward was selected to participate in the Indian Placement Program. This brought him to the home of his foster parents, Lyle and Elva Farrow, Summit, Utah. In high school, Edward was a member of the Key Club and graduated as Class President from Cedar High School in 1969.

After graduation, Edward attended the College of Southern Utah on a scholarship for Commercial Art. While there, he found a passion for anthropology which grew into a lifelong interest. Edward was called to serve the Southwest Indian Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Arizona. When he returned home from his mission, Edward made the decision to join the United States Army. He was selected to join the Special Forces and served the 82nd Airborne Division.

While stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Edward met his wife Linda during a church service. They wed in 1973 and celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary this past April. Together, they traveled from duty station to duty station, growing their family along the way.

Edward had many hobbies and interests throughout his life. While stationed in Texas, he would often take his oldest children, Mickey and Heather, fishing. This of course highlighted his knowledge of the many creatures he could capture in the world and the dangers they posed. Edward also enjoyed going camping as long as the Army did not require it of him. His passion and talent for drawing and painting often amazed those around him.

Edward was known to have a big heart and care for many people. He was gifted with the art of storytelling and giving his stories depth, thought and heart. Edward's family knew that they could always count on him to cheer them on in life, in sports and through any challenge they faced. He also found a love for the open road when he held career as a semi-truck driver for a little over a decade.

Though he greatly enjoyed listening to the Oldies, Edward was a fan of many genres of music and would often be found listening to his music loudly throughout the house or car. He was also known to tell anyone that would listen about his four children and his many grandchildren.

Edward is preceded in death by his parents, Billie and Wynonna, as well as his siblings Gilbert, Marcella, Cliff, Bill and Ervin.

Edward is survived by his wife Linda, their children Mickey (Ellie), Heather (Dennis), Rickey (Cindy), Lyle (Trillium), as well as his grandchildren Jesse, Mikayla, Zane, Sadie, Jordann, Issac, Kamryn, and Rafael, and his siblings Ben, Wally, Kenneth, Tsos, Genevieve, Dilbert, and Winfred.

The funeral service will be held on Monday the 28th of July 2025 at 11am at the Summit Ward Building. A viewing will be held prior to the service at 10am. Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org)

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# Brotherhood Built to Last: Dunn and Crump Ready for One Final Ride at SUU

by *Regan Hunsaker*

SUU ATHLETICS

**CEDAR CITY, Utah** — In today's college football landscape, it's rare to see teammates stay together

for four years, let alone as roommates, best friends, and key contributors to the same defense. But that's exactly what Josh Dunn and Raymon Crump have done.

From Frostburg State to Southern Utah, Dunn and Crump have been inseparable. They train together. Watch film together. Push each other in the weight room. And now, as they enter their final season of

eligibility with the Thunderbirds, they're determined to finish what they started.

"Since day one, we said we'd stick together and ball out together, and it's been working out for us," Crump said.

The duo's chemistry is evident, on and off the field. In the secondary, they're in sync. In the locker room, they lead. At home, they compete in everything from 2K to cooking battles (even if they've accidentally smoked out the kitchen a few times). But what makes them special is the accountability they share.

"We're really hard on each other," Crump said. "If one

of us is messing up, we say it straight up—no sugar-coating. And it's never personal. That's why it works."

## From Frostburg to the Frontier

Both players began their college careers at Frostburg State in Maryland. When SUU Head Coach DeLane Fitzgerald made the move west, Dunn and Crump didn't hesitate to follow.

"As soon as I found out Coach Fitz was leaving, the first

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# WAC Hoops Slate Set for Final Season

by **Regan Hunsaker**

SUU ATHLETICS

**CEDAR CITY, Utah** – Southern Utah University has officially announced the 2025–26 Western Athletic Conference (WAC) schedules for both the men's and women's basketball programs. This season marks the Thunderbirds' final year competing in the WAC, setting up an exciting slate of matchups as the Thunderbirds look to close out their conference chapter on a high note.

The women's team tips off WAC play at home on December 29 against in-state rival Utah Tech. Other marquee home games include matchups with Utah Valley (Jan. 8), California Baptist (Jan. 10), and UT Arlington (Jan. 29 and Feb. 14). The team will also face a challenging stretch on the road in January and February, including games at UT Arlington (Jan. 3), Tarleton State (Jan. 15), and Abilene Christian (Jan. 17). Head Women's Basketball Coach Tracy Mason said "The team is putting in tremendous work this

summer, and we are excited for the upcoming conference season. Our schedule has some challenging road trips and some great home stints. I know this group will be ready to go."

The men's basketball team opens its conference campaign on the road at Utah Tech on December 29, before returning home for contests against UT Arlington (Jan. 3), Tarleton State (Jan. 15), and Abilene Christian (Jan. 17). The Thunderbirds will host Utah Valley (Mar. 5) and California Baptist (Mar. 7) to close out regular-season play in the America First Event Center.

Head Men's Basketball Coach Rob Jeter said "This season means a lot to our program, not just because it's our final run in the WAC, but because of the goals we have for

our program. We're focused on competing every night, representing Southern Utah the right way, and making this last chapter one to remember."

Both squads will face each WAC opponent three times throughout the season, offering fans a competitive and meaningful farewell tour across the league. As the Thunderbirds prepare for their final WAC run, fans can look forward to an action-packed season that honors the conference's history. Full Schedule and ticket information, broadcast details, and promotions will be announced in the coming months.



## 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. Scottie Scheffler won the Open Championship on July 20 to grab the third leg of golf's career Grand Slam. What major is missing from Scheffler's resume to complete the achievement?
2. He'll be sidelined for most of the 2025-26 NBA season, but what team signed Damian Lillard to the place where he spent the first 11 seasons of his career?
3. What former NFL quarterback who retired in 2020 with the Indianapolis Colts announced last week he would be officially retiring as a San Diego/Los Angeles Charger, the team that acquired him in a 2004 draft-day trade?
4. True or False: For the first time in 12 years, the NHL schedule will be paused in February so players can participate in the 2026 Winter Olympics that will be held in Milan, Italy.
5. The Kansas City Royals announced July 22 that 45-year-old pitcher Rich Hill would make his first start of the 2025 season – his 21st in the majors – against the Chicago Cubs. How many teams has Hill played for in his career? (hint: the number is MORE than 10 and ties an all-time record)
6. While the New York Liberty are the defending WNBA champions, what team that lost the final to the Liberty a season ago has the league's best record through July 22?
7. What Utah Jazz player was named MVP of the recently completed NBA Summer League in Las Vegas after averaging 29.3 points and shooting 56.1 percent from the floor over three games?
8. In a recent segment that aired on ESPN last week, morning show host Chris Canty – who played for the team for the first four

seasons of a 10-year NFL career – compared the Dallas Cowboys and team owner Jerry Jones to what New York theater event?

9. Hitting for the cycle in baseball is hard enough, but what hit is the hardest one to complete the feat? Cincinnati's Elly De La Cruz completed his cycle with one June 23, 2023?
10. Back in the 1980s, who climbed walls for the Kansas City Royals as an outfielder and ran over would-be tacklers as a running back for the Los Angeles (Oakland/Las Vegas) Raiders?
11. What alliterative apparatus used in Olympic women's gymnastics is 16.4 feet long and is raised 4.1 feet off the floor?
12. Who was named MVP of Super Bowl LIX? He threw for 221 yards with two touchdowns and an interception to go with 72 rushing yards on 11 carries with another score as the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Kansas City Chiefs.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Catcher.
2. Ken Griffey Jr.
3. Dave Parker.
4. True.
5. Sauce Gardner.
6. Seven hours.
7. Dallas Stars.
8. Philadelphia Phillies and Los Angeles Dodgers.
9. England.
10. Royals.
11. Chelsea shut out Paris St. Germain, 3-0, to win the Club World Cup on July 13.
12. Portland.

# Where did summer vacation go?

**B**y the time these words reach your hands, the calendar could easily tell us there are less than 10 days until another school year starts. Even more, it's less than two weeks until another high-school football season begins again.

We'll discuss the neighborhood changes next week, but within these next few paragraphs, here are some of my highlights from summer vacation for 2025.

It feels like I've been slipping on this a bit, but it's hard to pay attention when NASCAR – mainly the Cup and Truck Series – aren't on broadcast TV all that often. All that aside, the Cup Series use of the in-season tournament was an excellent idea. In conversation with several drivers who were involved as they raced at Sonoma on July 13, the response was positive. There were 32 drivers that were placed in the bracket by seed with a simple mission – finish ahead of your opponent and advance to the next round.

As the series headed to Indianapolis on July 27, it came down to 32nd-seed Ty Dillon against No. 6 Ty Gibbs with the better finisher taking home a check for \$1 million. What added to the intrigue is winning the race was not required.

Chase Elliott – who was seeded 5th – got the challenge started by winning at Atlanta Motor Speedway on June 28 to eliminate Austin Dillon, but followed up with a 16th at the Chicago Street Race. He was eliminated after finishing one spot behind John Hunter Nemechek.

You would think Denny Hamlin had a shot at the million after winning at Dover on July 20, but that was not the case. The driver of the No. 11 FedEx Toyota, who just signed a contract extension to stay with Joe Gibbs Racing earlier last week, lost in the first round to Ty Dillon, who finished 8th at Atlanta.

For the stat geeks among us, Ty Dillon had an average finish of 16.2 in the four previous races to reach the final, while Gibbs' average was 7th. Always remember...past performance is not an indicator

of any future result.

On the NBA front, we have to give the Oklahoma City Thunder its due as the team rallied in the second half to beat the Indiana Pacers in Game 7 and win a first NBA crown.

Proving how important it is to sign the players who made the biggest difference,

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Chet Holmgren and Jalen Williams were all given big-time contract extensions that totaled more than \$800 million between the trio. SGA

received \$285 million for the next four years, Holmgren will get \$250 million for the next five and Williams will be paid \$287 million over the same period.

In the NHL, the Florida Panthers repeated as Stanley Cup champions and beat the Edmonton Oilers again, continuing a run of the state's hockey dominance over the Eastern Conference that is six years old. Tampa Bay won the Cup in 2020 and 2021, but the Colorado Avalanche denied them the three-peat in 2022.

The Panthers lost to the Vegas Golden Knights in 2023, but all signs are pointing toward strong potential for them to be favorites to three-peat, which has not happened since the New York Islanders won four straight Cups between 1980 and 1983.

The PGA Tour gave us a pretty amazing finish at Oakmont Country Club in June when J.J. Spaun drilled a birdie putt from 64 feet on the 72nd hole to win his first U.S. Open. Spaun was the only player to finish under par at minus-1, two shots better than Robert McIntyre and three ahead of Viktor Hovland.

And finally, you know summer vacation is about to end when the NFL has returned with preseason football games. Cedar and Canyon View started workouts July 28 as well, so that means only one thing.

Get your popcorn ready and cheer like crazy. You never know what will be coming next

## RANDOM thoughts

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## BROTHERHOOD

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thing I thought was: 'What are we gonna do?'" Dunn said. "It was a no-brainer for us." Crump redshirted and battled injuries early in his SUU career. Still, by 2024, he had blossomed into a steady presence in the Thunderbird secondary, recording 35 tackles, two interceptions, and six pass breakups while appearing in all 12 games last season. Dunn, meanwhile, bounced back from a significant ACL injury that limited him in 2023. Last season, he suited up for nine games and racked up 31 tackles, three tackles for loss, and a shared sack. "I've seen Josh battle a lot," Crump said. "He motivates me to not BS. If he can come back from that, I can keep pushing too."

### Leadership Through Experience

Heading into 2025, both players have stepped into veteran leadership roles. Dunn, a former All-Conference selection in 2022, has taken younger players under his wing and embraced being a voice in the locker room. "Before, we weren't really as vocal... now we don't hesitate," Dunn said. "At the end of the day, we're all chasing the same goal." Crump may be quieter by nature, but his example speaks volumes.

"He hated lifting at first," Dunn joked. "Now he's more focused and persistent. I rubbed off on him a bit in the weight room."

And the competitive fire never goes away, even in downtime. "We'll be up playing NCAA or 2K, just talking trash," Crump said. "Whether it's football or video games, we're always pushing each other."

### Eyes on the Finish Line

With one final season ahead, the goal is clear: Win the conference. Go to the playoffs. Leave a legacy. "We always say—beat every Texas team," Dunn said. "If you do that, you're probably winning the conference."

But accolades and stats aren't the only motivation.

"I want to be remembered as more than a football player," Crump said. "A good athlete, sure. But also a good person—someone who always had a smile on my face."

As a duo, they hope to be remembered as one of the best to come through SUU.

"It means everything," Dunn said.

"To close out something you started with somebody, it feels great. I just want to go out with a bang with my brother by my side." They've stuck together this long. And now, in their final season, Josh Dunn and Raymon Crump are ready to make every snap count as they push the Thunderbirds' defense to new heights.



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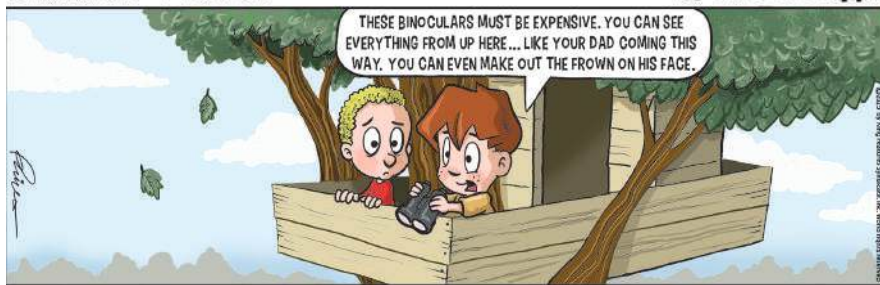
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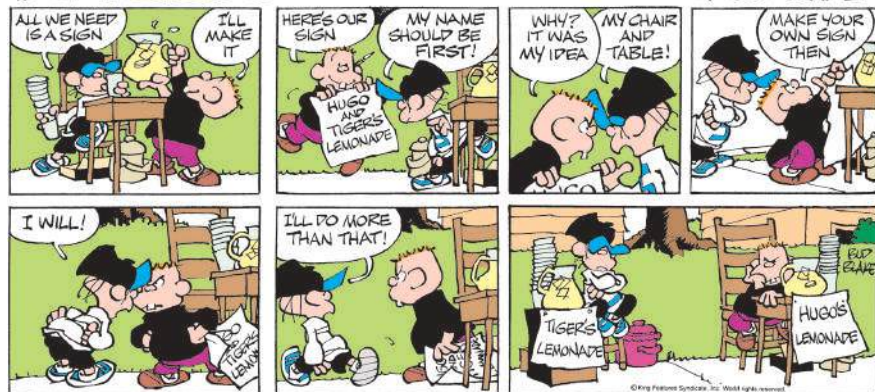


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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

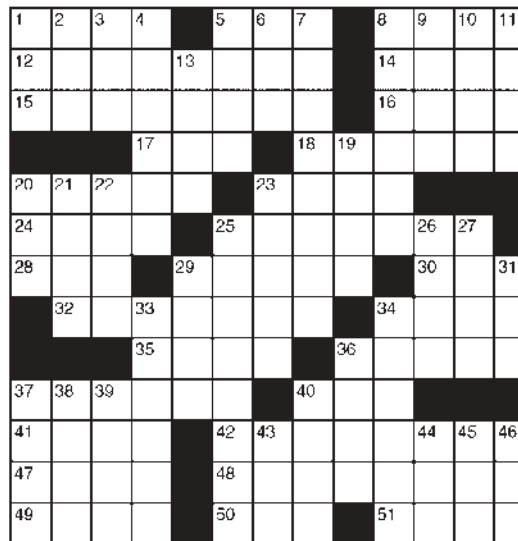
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Differences: 1. Collar is larger. 2. Hat is tilted back. 3. Arm is longer. 4. Nose is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Toy's hair is different.

# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Two-way
- 5 Existed
- 8 Carton sealer
- 12 Lewd
- 14 Throat clearer
- 15 Baking dish
- 16 Male red deer
- 17 Sailor
- 18 Excuses
- 20 Leek's kin
- 23 Revue segment
- 24 Benefit
- 25 Goulash spice
- 28 Used a chair
- 29 Eyelashes
- 30 "The Voice" network
- 32 Cane-cutting knife
- 34 Roman emperor
- 35 "CSI" settings
- 36 Classic Sinatra song
- 37 Actress Fanning
- 40 As well
- 41 Flair
- 42 Tart dessert
- 47 First-rate
- 48 Pulling along
- 49 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 50 — Juan
- 51 "Simpsons" bus driver



**DOWN**

- 11 911 responders
- 13 Family
- 19 Turkish currency
- 20 Delivery docs
- 21 Linguist Chomsky
- 22 Tiny bit
- 23 Mariners
- 25 Patchy horses
- 26 Recognized island
- 27 "East of Eden" girl
- 29 Converse
- 31 Coquettish
- 33 Genetic copies
- 34 "Us" actress Lupita
- 36 Synthesizer pioneer
- 37 Transaction
- 38 Medicinal plant
- 39 Philosopher Immanuel
- 40 IRS agent
- 43 Historic time
- 44 Trench
- 45 Bank acct. entry
- 46 Conceit

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Answer

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

**King Crossword**

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Who is Luke and Leia's mother in the "Star Wars" movies?
- GEOGRAPHY: The country of Suriname is on which continent?
- HISTORY: Which 5th-century conqueror was known as "the Scourge of God"?
- TELEVISION: Who is the creator of the quirky sitcom "Community"?
- ANATOMY: What kind of blood vessels carry blood away from the heart?
- MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, who turned everything he touched into gold?
- U.S. STATES: Which state was the 50th and last to join the union?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "A Clockwork Orange"?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable is used to make baba ganoush?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the common name for acetic acid?

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- Trivia Test Answers  
1. Padme Amidala; 2. South America; 3. Attila the Hun; 4. Dan Harmon; 5. Arteries; 6. King Midas; 7. Hawaii; 8. Anthony Burgess; 9. Eggplant; 10. Vinegar

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