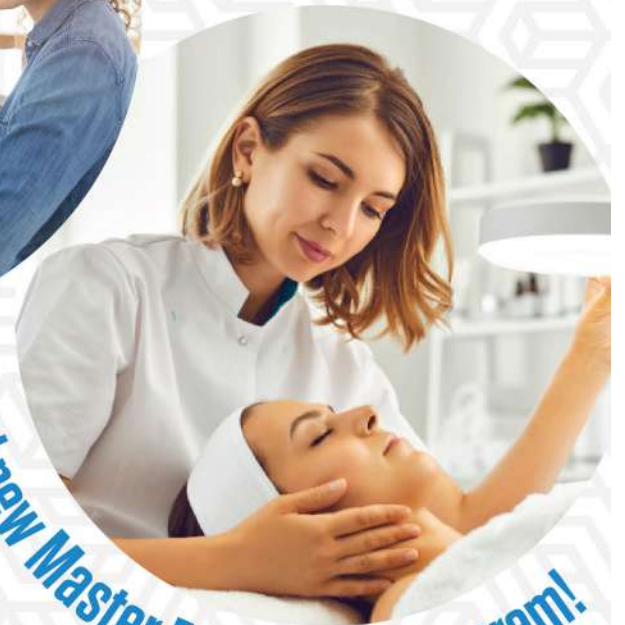
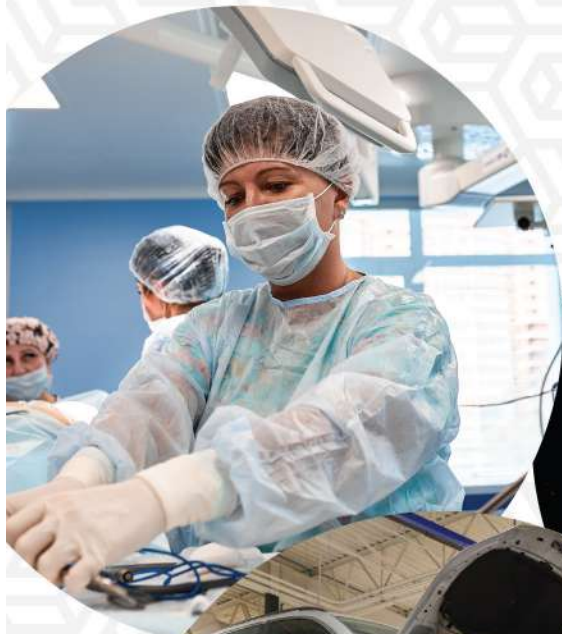


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STORY IN NEWS

One arrested, one still at large after violent Cedar City jewelry store heist

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The break-in was fast and violent — glass shattered, a man was beaten, and \$70,000 in jewelry vanished before sunrise in Cedar City.

Police arrested 47-year-old Eric Drexel Resma on Sunday, July 27, after he and an unidentified suspect allegedly broke into Clark & Linford Jewelers on North Main Street and attacked the store owner with a crowbar-style weapon during the burglary. According to the affidavit filed in

support of the arrest, Resma drove the getaway vehicle while his accomplice smashed through the glass door and began stuffing a military-style camouflage backpack with jewelry.

“The vehicle pulls up to the front of Clark and Linford Jewelers a second male (unknown at this time) gets out of the passenger side of the vehicle and comes to the front door of the business and breaks the front door glass,” charging documents state. “He then enters the Jewelry store through the broken door.”

The store owner, who lives in an apartment above the shop, heard the crash and ran downstairs to confront the intruder.

“He is hit with the crowbar type weapon and thrown to the ground,” charging documents state. “The owner gets back up and is hit again.”

Wounded but not deterred, the owner ran outside and leaned into the suspect vehicle to try to identify the driver. Resma allegedly hit the gas with the man still clinging to the car.

The victim managed to free himself before the vehicle sped off.

Shortly after the break-in, a Southern Utah University police officer spotted the SUV driving without lights and attempted a traffic stop. The license plate was partially covered with a pair of underwear, according to police. The driver — later identified as Resma — refused to stop and sped off.

Meanwhile, the store owner got into his own vehicle and began searching the area. He eventually spotted the suspects heading south on Interstate-15 and followed them while contacting law enforcement. During the pursuit, he saw the vehicle slow briefly to toss a camo backpack out the window — a key piece of evidence later recovered

by officers.

Inside the backpack, officers found stolen jewelry with price tags still attached, along with small store display fixtures from Clark & Linford.

The chase ended when the suspects crashed on a frontage road along southbound I-15 — described in charging documents just off Exit 30, near Pintura. Both men fled on foot. Officers found Resma hiding nearby; the second suspect escaped and remains at large.

“We still have officers following some leads,” Cedar City Public Information Officer Sgt. Kirk Lovell said Thursday. Inside the crashed vehicle, officers recovered additional jewelry, methamphetamine, a glass pipe, a crowbar, and a sledgehammer. The storefront and display cases sustained more than \$1,500 in damage, police said. Resma, who investigators say drove across three states to commit the crime, was booked into the Iron County Jail on felony charges of aggravated burglary, aggravated assault, theft, drug possession, and fleeing police. Officers have requested he be held without bail, citing a high risk of flight.

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Cedar City couple arrested for drug sales around children, firearms in home

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City couple is facing felony charges after allegedly selling meth in front of their children and keeping drugs and guns where toddlers could reach them.

Brandon James Tweed, 30, and Marjorie Susan Tweed, 37, were arrested July 28 after the Iron/Garfield/Beaver Narcotics Task Force allegedly conducted several undercover drug buys and searched their home.

Both were booked into the Iron County Jail on two counts of distribution of a controlled substance and two counts of possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person, all second-degree

felonies. They also face multiple counts of child endangerment, a third-degree felony — six counts for Marjorie Tweed and four for Brandon Tweed.

According to charging documents filed in 5th District Court, agents executed a search warrant at the couple's home after receiving information from a “reliable source” that meth, drug paraphernalia and two firearms were inside the residence.

Prior to the search warrant, affidavits detail multiple controlled drug buys over several months between the Tweeds and a confidential informant.

In one operation conducted in May, agents used a recorded wire to purchase 5.7 grams of metham-

phetamine from the couple inside their home. Audio captured during the transaction revealed young children were allegedly present at the time.

“Small children could be heard on the recorded wire during this buy and were present while Brandon and Marjorie were selling narcotics,” the affidavit states.

Later that same month, agents arranged a second purchase through the same informant and again used a wire to capture the exchange. This time, investigators say Brandon Tweed drove to California, returned to Utah with a half-pound of meth, and reportedly sold it to the task force with

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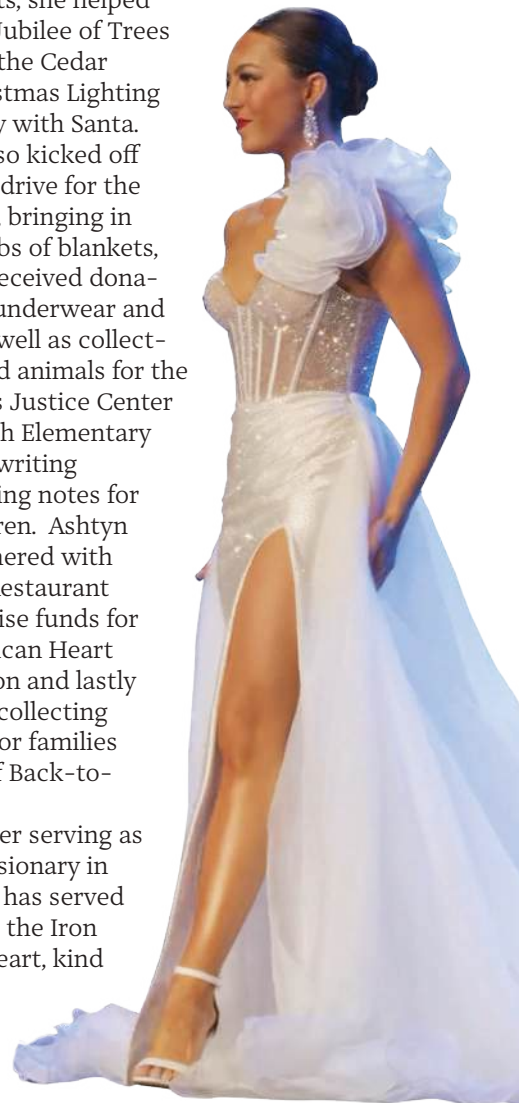
by Karen Ence

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

"it was the best week of my life."

Ashtyn was recognized with the Silver Heart Giver Award for raising over \$1000 for the American Heart Association. Ashtyn was also honored with being awarded the *Rookie Evening Gown* for the Arches group, as well as the *Overall Non-Finalist-Evening Gown Award*. Ashtyn has served Iron County faithfully throughout her year with more than 600 hours of community service under her belt. Ashtyn attended fair events, Hocus Focus, the Heritage Festival, July Jamboree and the Renaissance Fair. She was also a participant in Dancing with the Community Stars, helping to raise money for the Children's Justice Center, attended Wreaths Across America as well as Memorial

Day events, she helped with the Jubilee of Trees and with the Cedar City Christmas Lighting Ceremony with Santa. Ashtyn also kicked off a blanket drive for the homeless, bringing in over 300lbs of blankets, she also received donations for underwear and socks, as well as collecting stuffed animals for the Children's Justice Center with North Elementary Children writing encouraging notes for the Children. Ashtyn also partnered with Culver's Restaurant to help raise funds for the American Heart Association and lastly has been collecting clothing for families in need of Back-to-



School clothing.

Ashtyn had always dreamed of becoming Miss Iron County, and after serving as Miss Iron County's Teen in 2021 and then serving as a full time missionary in New Zealand, she was able to make that dream come true. Ashtyn has served Iron County well and the Miss Iron County Organization, as well as the Iron County Commissioners, would like to thank Ashtyn for her giant heart, kind acts and many hours of service to our community.

Ashtyn will be giving up her crown on Saturday, August 9 at 7:00 pm to the new Miss Iron County at Canyon View High School.

In June, our Miss Iron County, Ashtyn Giles, competed in the Miss Utah Scholarship competition. As Ashtyn stated



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FROM THE EDITOR



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This week, I'd love to draw your attention to the **centerfold pull-out** in this issue, featuring everything you need to know about this year's **Iron County Fair!** From carnivals and rodeo events, the Miss Iron County Pageant, the demo derby, trail rides, fish

grabs, and—of course—delicious food, the fair is just around the corner and promises to be as full of fun as ever.

The first thing I always look for when this booklet lands in my inbox is the announcement of the **Grand Marshal**, and this year, we are honored to have not just one, but two: **Bill and Debbie Grimm**. As I read their story, I couldn't help but try to calculate just how many lives they've touched during their 34 years in Iron County. If your child has ever participated in **any** recreational activity here, chances are they've been positively impacted by the Grimms. From coaching and volunteering in every imaginable sport to teaching the increasingly rare skills like leatherworking, Bill and Debbie have dedicated their lives to the education and enrichment of our youth.

And all of this while raising **five children of their own!** It's safe to say the Grimms have shaped not just one, but likely two generations of young people in Iron County. Their commitment to service is a shining example of what makes this community so special. What a beautiful legacy—to spend a lifetime in service to children and youth. **Thank you, Bill and Debbie**, for making Iron County a better place for all of us.

Be sure to catch the **Grimms in this year's parade**—details on time and location can be found in the centerfold!

And finally, one last reminder: **Primary Election Day is Tuesday, the 12th. Don't forget to vote!** Your voice matters.

WORD OF THE WEEK

VENERABLE

[ven-er-a-ble]

adjective

calling forth respect through age, character, and attainments.

broadly: conveying an impression of aged goodness and benevolence



More Events of the Last Days

PART X

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The rise of the Gog of Magog Alliance was warned about more than 2,600 years ago by the prophet Ezekiel when a coalition of nations would attack Israel. The leader of this coalition was named Gog, the ruler of Magog (Ezekiel 38:1). The military forces of the three most powerful members of the Gog of Magog alliance are now present in Syria putting their joint military forces right on Israel's northern border. This is where Ezekiel said the invading force will come from (Ezekiel 38:15; Ezekiel 39:2). Is this a coincidence? Probably not because never in history has such an alliance been formed. Now many of Israel's enemies are stationed directly to Israel's north, even while the governments of Turkey, Iran, and Syria may be in transition while they evaluate their options following the fall of the Asad regime in Syria. Ezekiel also says that Israel's enemies will say: "Those people are far away from the Lord, so now he has given their land to us!" (Ezekiel 11:15); "Come, let us wipe out Israel as a nation. We will destroy the very memory of its existence" (Psalm 83:4); "Let us seize for our own use these pasturelands of God! (Psalm 83:12); "The lands of Israel and Judah will be ours. We will take possession of them. What do we care!" (Ezekiel 35:10); and "The mountains of Israel have been given to us" (Ezekiel 35:12-13). Ever since the rebirth of Israel in 1948, the daily headlines have restated these Bible verses with many of Israel's Muslim neighbors claiming the land of Israel for themselves, showing little regard for the citizens of Israel or for the prophecies of the God of Israel in the Bible. With the downfall of the Asad regime and the regime leaders fleeing to Russia, new political and historical alignments are forming, especially since the U.S. nighttime bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities.

The rise of a United Europe is predicted in the Bible in Daniel chapter 2 and 7 and Revelation 17. According to Daniel a ten-nation alliance of weak and strong nations will arise, with

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill

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some parts as strong as iron while other parts will be as weak as clay (Daniel 2:42). We see the beginning of this alliance in the European Union which is a coalition of weak and strong nations struggling to stay together. Since its inception, the EU has been an odd collection of governments, economies, currencies and militaries. From the Schuman Declaration in 1940 to the Treaty of Lisbon in 2007, the rise of the EU has been marked by a struggle to agree on important issues including arguments over a single currency (the United Kingdom and Denmark opted out), disagreements over how to handle debt crises such as the Greek bailouts, disputes over open borders (the Syrian refugee crisis), the United Kingdom leaving the Union (Brexit) and foreign policy dispute (the Russian-Ukraine war). Each step along the way, the EU has struggled to survive.

This volatility makes it more likely that the EU is an early phase of the alliance that Daniel described. It's the mirror image of the revived Roman Empire the Bible says will appear in the last days (Daniel 2:40-43, 7:23-24). It's made up of weak and strong nations (Daniel 2:42). It's divided against itself (Daniel 2:41) and the effort of these nations to come together and strengthen themselves is volatile and unstable (Daniel 2:43) especially since some of its members (not Germany) have recently voiced support for an independent government for Gaza (possibly to include Hamas).

We also see the rise of the beginnings of global government which the Bible says will rule the world politically (Revelation 13:7), religiously (Revelation 13:8) and economically (Revelation 13:16-17) in the last days. This worldwide government will rule over "all people, tribes, and languages" on the face of the earth (Revelation 13:7). Its authority will be so complete that no one will be able to buy or sell anything without its permission (Revelation 13:16-17). For centuries, a true global government was impossible, but today, world leaders meet to openly discuss the possibility in the World Economic Forum led by Klaus Schwab in their annual meeting in Davos bringing together chief executives (by invitation only) from over 1,000 member companies, select politicians, academic representatives, NGO's, religious leaders, and media ostensibly to discuss and solve international problems. Have you or your elected representatives been invited? Do you know about it? Look it up on: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Economic_Forum. Come back next week to stay informed.

public & health

Measles & pertussis showing up in Southwest Utah

by David Heaton

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— The Southwest Utah Public Health

Department (SWUPHD) is alerting our residents that unusually high cases of measles and pertussis have been confirmed recently in our district, which covers Washington, Iron, Kane, Beaver, and Garfield counties. "Measles is extremely contagious," says Dr. David Blodgett, SWUPHD Director and Health Officer. "Since we are only aware of cases from positive lab tests, it is likely that there are more infections and exposures in our community that we don't know about. If you are unvaccinated then you are at risk of getting the disease if you are exposed, which can happen up to two hours after an infected person has left an indoor space that you enter."

"We are also concerned about a rise in pertussis cases," Dr. Blodgett continues. "Also known as whooping cough or the 'hundred-day cough', this disease is also very contagious and can cause severe complications for infants and children. We urge parents to make sure their kids are up to date on their immunizations. These illnesses used to take a heavy toll on children before vaccine science was developed and we don't want them to make a comeback."

All known cases of measles and pertussis in Southwest Utah are investigated by SWUPHD surveillance staff with efforts made to alert close contacts and reduce the spread in the community. Both diseases are vaccine-preventable; all recent confirmed cases of measles and most pertussis cases were in unvaccinated individuals. All 4 known measles cases and 2 pertussis cases live in Iron County, while 30 pertussis cases are in Washington County with one child hospitalized.

Measles, one of the most contagious infections, is an airborne virus that causes a high fever, cough, and runny nose, followed by white spots in the mouth, then a red rash that can cover the entire body. Symptoms start a week or two after exposure. While most cases will recover at home, measles can cause severe diarrhea, breathing problems, brain swelling, blindness, and even death. Over 100,000 people, mostly unimmunized children, die from measles worldwide every year. The United States has seen the most cases this year since measles was officially eliminated in 2000. To find out how protected you are by vaccination according to your age, visit swuhealth.gov/measles. If you suspect that you or a family member has measles, call your healthcare provider for instructions before going in person.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a bacterial infection. Common cold-like symptoms start 1-3 weeks after exposure, but coughing fits can follow that last up to 10 weeks. These fits can be followed by a "whooping" sound as the person inhales and can result in vomiting,

fatigue, sleep loss, and fractured ribs. Infants in their first year are at higher risk of complications and may have difficulty breathing instead of coughing. Pertussis vaccines work most of the time, and vaccinated people who still get sick will have symptoms that are generally milder.

Contact your healthcare provider to find out your vaccination status and get the shots you need, or make an appointment at your nearest SWUPHD clinic by visiting swuhealth.gov/immunizations.



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CEDAR CITY, UT
— July 22, 2025
marked more
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breaking—it marked the beginning of something exciting, much anticipated and needed in Cedar City. On a sunny morning surrounded by the stunning Shurtz Canyon backdrop, community leaders, city officials, and future homeowners gathered to celebrate the official launch of **The Courtyards at Shurtz Canyon**, a lifestyle-focused neighborhood now taking shape on Cedar City's southeast edge.



Honoring a Dream Years in the Making

Hosted at the future site of the community, the event opened with a warm welcome from **Tawny Thomas**, project ambassador, who set the tone for the morning

with her gratitude and enthusiasm and introduced a lineup of distinguished speakers:

- **Jen Saulala**, Sales Director for Choice Builders, introduced the community-centric concept behind this much anticipated project and shared her excitement for the upcoming info sessions and planned community building events. (Upcoming webinar on 8/19/2025; visit website below for more info)
- **Tessa Douglas**, newly appointed CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and former Rotary Club

president, emphasized the development's significance for Cedar City's growth:

"The Courtyards at Shurtz Canyon reflects exactly the kind of thoughtful, intentional development our city is proud to support."

- Representing the City of Cedar, **Scott Phillips** offered his congratulations, and praised the project's thoughtful design, expressing that it sets a strong example for future development in Cedar City.
- Finally, **Roger Thomas**, founder and owner of Choice Builders, took the podium to share the heart behind the project:

"Great communities start with great relationships. The Courtyards at Shurtz Canyon isn't just a place to live - it's a place designed for connection, community, and living well."

Following the speeches, the ceremonial "first shovel" was turned by Roger and Tawny, joined by civic and community leaders including **Kim Snow, Robert Cox, Carter Wilkey, Paul Cozzens, Phil Schmidt**, and others. The group photo captured a moment of unity and excitement—symbolizing the strong foundation on which this new neighborhood is being built.

A VISION BREAKS GROUND

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SCAM ALERT: Fraudulent Text Messages Targeting Utah Motorists

from Jason Gardner

FOR IRON TODAY

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Tax Commission's Motor Vehicle Division (DMV) is warning the public about a fraudulent text message circulating in Utah that falsely claims the recipient has an outstanding traffic ticket and threatens enforcement and legal actions if immediate payment is not made. A picture of the text message is below. Scammers commonly use these deceptive tactics to pressure individuals into making payments without verifying the legitimacy of the claim. How to Protect Yourself:

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Iron County Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The IT Department reported a healthy budget, despite minor equipment issues. The department handles around 330 work orders a month. Key efforts include staying current with legislation and working on two major compliance projects:

- Data privacy updates due by December, with UAC support.
- Cybersecurity, including multi-factor authentication, in response to a recent regional ransomware incident.

A financial update on performance was given: \$14 million collected since January, with \$2.3 million for Iron County. Interest earnings are up, including \$1.3 million from the PTIF and over \$500K from Morton investments. Outstanding taxes are at \$1.8 million.

The office has supported the county fair and taken on new responsibilities for personal property assessments. Recent audits found only minor issues.

The Commissioners then gave reports. Commissioner Robinson discussed efforts to address speeding on Camera Mountain roads, including traffic counters and increased patrols. He also gave an update on prairie dog trapping in Parowan Valley.

Commissioner Cozzens shared that he recently underwent emergency surgery for multiple pulmonary embolisms but has fully recovered and returned to work.

A major item involved a proposed \$500 easement from Enbridge Gas to install a high-pressure line under the Quichupa channel near Hwy 56. Commissioners raised concerns about restrictive terms that could limit future maintenance or upgrades to the stormwater system.

They also noted the offer undervalued the land compared to recent appraisals. The commission tabled the item and asked the county attorney to revise the agreement to better protect the county's flood control rights and ensure fair compensation.

The commission addressed a tax processing error that diverted 2024 solar revenues away from the redevelopment agency, preventing a \$694,289 incentive payment to the developer.

To correct this, they approved reducing the company's 2025 taxes by that amount, formalized the fix through a settlement agreement, and established related mitigation payment letters—preserving the original 15-year incentive structure.

Commissioners also discussed requiring agricultural grazing under future solar projects to promote dual land use, possibly tying it to future tax incentives.

All resolutions were approved, resolving the issue and setting a framework for future solar developments.

The commission wrapped up with approvals, acting as the Community Development and Renewal Agency, for settlement and mitigation agreements with Appaloosa Solar One LLC.

The most in-depth discussion came during the Board of Equalization session, reviewing greenbelt rollback appeals from BZI

Innovations and NKM Family Trust. Both were denied for missing deadlines and lacking active agricultural use.

BZI had developed an 800-acre industrial park, and despite plans for future grazing, the county noted state law requires two years of active ag use. With paved roads and no fencing, the properties no longer qualified. The commission upheld the decision to remove greenbelt status.

The commission approved a \$53,789 state grant to remove invasive species like Russian olive and tamarisk from Cole Creek using low-impact methods. This marks the start of broader water optimization efforts.

They also approved several personnel changes, including sheriff's office promotions, new hires in building and zoning, and a road maintenance role. The meeting ended with a brief closed session with legal counsel.

Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

During reports, Council Member Wilkey raised concerns about overgrown weeds blocking sidewalks at Lund and 1600 North, including near the fire station and Cedar Reserve townhomes. He stressed the need to clear paths for foot traffic. An update was also given on the Canyon View High School drainage project, which is on track for

completion before school starts August 13.

A large part of the meeting focused on water infrastructure. The BLM well project was completed, producing 1,400 gallons per minute—considered decent for the area, though officials had hoped for more. Water quality results are pending, and production may improve in spring due to winter recharge.

An annual economic report highlighted Iron County's growth, with the population at about 66,000 and Cedar City at 42,000. Manufacturing makes up roughly 10% of jobs, with activity in plastics, packaging, aerospace, food, and rail. The year included 24 responses to state economic requests and outreach to 16 new industrial projects.

In 2024, 721 occupancy permits were issued, bringing in around 2,200 new residents. Eight manufacturing projects have committed to the area, including a new plastics facility creating 71 jobs and a \$100 million expansion from another company.

Retail growth continues with new grocery and restaurant options, including WCO Foods, Discount Tire, Wing Stop, Seven Brothers Burgers, and Jersey Mike's. The report also stressed the value of partnerships with local colleges for workforce development and noted tourism brought nearly a million visitors and two million overnight stays, boosting tax revenue.

The meeting included a presentation on Southern Utah University's economic impact and community partnerships. SUU is Iron County's largest employer with 2,687 staff, and 70% of its students are from Utah—most of whom stay in the state after graduating.

They approved the consent agenda, including new appointments and naming the trail along Industrial Road the Fort Cedar Railroad Trail.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

A proposal was presented to expand the Iron Springs Inland Port project area to include more Cedar City properties. Two items were considered: a resolution to start the expansion process and a review of which properties to include.

Council members voiced concerns about possible unfair advantages for new businesses, especially along Cross Hollows Road, where existing businesses have already invested in infrastructure. Clarification was given that inland port incentives would focus on industrial and corporate development, not retail, with tax financing aimed at broader infrastructure improvements.

A local developer spoke about ongoing needs for rail infrastructure at the Lund Avenue industrial park, where a large company has purchased land for future development.

The council approved both the resolution and the property inclusions, with four votes in favor and one against. Future development agreements will still require separate approval.

The council approved a change allowing the city engineer to approve variances to engineering standards without needing council approval. Members supported the shift, noting such decisions are best made by professionals, but requested easier online access to the standards.

An airport grant agreement was also approved for \$546,988 in runway maintenance, fully funded by the FAA. The project includes sealing, crack repair, and painting, with work already awarded and a signing deadline of August 8.

The council approved poll worker appointments for the August 12 primary and November 4 general elections. The workers are experienced volunteers trained by the county. Council members asked about the selection process and were told these individuals have served in past elections.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senator Vickers Legislative Update



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Friends and Neighbors,

July is such a wonderful time to celebrate our freedoms and heritage. I hope you enjoyed time with family and friends. Along with celebrations on the 4th and 24th, Chris and I marked our 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii with our children and grandchildren in July, and it was a wonderful time together.

Honoring 250 Years of Freedom

Next year marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is a moment to reflect on the ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Earlier this month, Utah launched a yearlong celebration at the Capitol. Communities throughout the state will be hosting events leading up to July 4, 2026, and I encourage you to join in.

This is not only a time to celebrate, but also to recommit to the values that unite us. As President Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." Let's work together to protect it. Visit www.america250.utah.gov to get involved.

Pioneer Day Reflections

Pioneer Day reminds us of the courage and sacrifice of the early settlers who arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. Their determination helped shape the strong communities we live in today. I am thankful for this meaningful part of Utah's history and the values it continues to inspire.

Local Elections Matter

Local leaders make many of the decisions that impact our daily lives,

from roads and schools to community safety. Your vote truly matters in these races. Here are a few key dates to keep in mind:

- Mail-in ballots are arriving
- Voter registration deadline: Friday, August 1
- Primary Election Day: Tuesday, August 12
- General Election Day: Tuesday, November 4

Make a plan to vote and encourage others to do the same. Visit vote.utah.gov to learn more.

Wildfire Safety Across Utah

More than 500 wildfires have been reported in Utah so far this year, many of them preventable. Thanks to public education, fire restrictions, and strong collaboration across agencies, we have seen fewer large fires this July than in previous years. You can help by staying alert and informed. For resources and risk maps, visit the Utah Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal at <https://wildfirerisk.utah.gov/>

Back-to-School Preparations

As summer winds down, schools across Utah are preparing for a strong start. Updates include improved safety measures, expanded academic support through the Utah State Board of Education, and revised school calendars to help families plan ahead. Whether you are a parent, teacher, or student, thank you for the role you play in shaping our future.

Thank you for your continued support as I work to represent our area at the Utah Legislature. Please reach out anytime with questions, feedback, concerns, or ideas. evickers@le.utah.gov or 435-817-5565

CEDAR CITY COUPLE

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his wife present.

"Marjorie was also present when agents purchased the half pound of meth," and again, "small children could be heard on the recorded wire," charging documents state.

The final operation began when agents received a tip that the couple had drugs and firearms inside their home. It was at that time, officers began surveillance of the residence.

Because of the reported presence of firearms, agents waited until Brandon Tweed left in his truck to take him into custody away from the home. After his arrest, Brandon Tweed told investigators that his wife and children were still inside the house.

"He stated post Miranda that he didn't have much drugs at home and had 2 firearms in a hall closet, with one being in pieces," the affidavit states.

While agents continued surveillance, they saw Marjorie Tweed leave the residence carrying what appeared to be a large lunch bag — apparently headed to work — before returning a short time later. During her absence, officers observed a toddler in the window. A subsequent search of the home confirmed that two toddlers had allegedly been left inside alone.

One of the children, authorities noted, is nonverbal and has autism, raising serious concerns about access to dangerous items found inside.

"One child being non verbal with autism... could easily access the math (sp) and paraphernalia which were hidden in the bathroom," the affidavit states.

Agents executed the warrant once Marjorie Tweed returned and exited the home. Inside the master bedroom, they reportedly found 14 grams — or roughly half an ounce — of methamphetamine, along with multiple used needles and drug pipes hidden behind a mirror. Investigators said the bathroom setup allowed a child to easily reach the drugs.

"These items could easily be reached by a child by climbing on the toilet and then onto the counter," the affidavit stated.

Agents also recovered a .22-caliber revolver stored on the top shelf of a hallway closet and a disassembled 9mm pistol on a middle shelf within reach.

Authorities asked the court to hold both without bail, citing public safety risks and flight concerns. Investigators wrote that Brandon Tweed "has ties in California and could be a flight risk if released. Marjorie Tweed, they noted, "could flee the jurisdiction due to having family out of town and could potentially hide and evade police and the courts."

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Stop Raising Taxes

by Casey O. Anderson

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Did you receive your property tax notice? It's not a surprise anymore, but multiple tax increases are once again being forced upon our people. Annual tax increases are now the norm, not the exception. It's disheartening, the disconnect between elected leaders and citizens continues to grow and those who are least fortunate are most negatively impacted by this insatiable government appetite. We are averaging nearly two tax increases per year! Over the past eight years, Iron County, Utah, has faced a relentless barrage of tax increases—13 in total, by conservative estimates. These high tax proposals, originating from various local governmental jurisdictions, have sparked heated debates about the role and size of government in our community. While information from government is not very easy to find or decipher, it appears that of these roughly 17 proposals, only five went to a public vote. Four were resoundingly rejected by the people, with only the RAP sales tax managing to pass. The remaining 12 were decided solely by political leaders, bypassing the will

of the electorate. This pattern raises a troubling question: are our leaders forcing unwanted tax burdens on the citizens of Iron County?

The evidence is stark. With the exception of the RAP sales tax, every tax increase subjected to a public vote has failed, suggesting that the majority of these measures lack popular support. Yet, our leaders have pressed forward, extracting hundreds of millions of dollars from residents' pockets. This has fueled a significant expansion in the size and scope of government, far outpacing the rate of inflation or population growth. Such unchecked growth is not only unsustainable but also misaligned with the values of the overwhelming majority in our community.

Remarkably, not a single tax cut has been proposed in any city, town, or any other political subdivision in Iron County over the same period. This one-sided approach to fiscal policy is alarming. How many tax increases will it take before Iron County mirrors the high-tax, high-regulation environment of states like California? For conservatives, who champion smaller government, this trend is contrary to core principles. Even moderates, who prefer maintaining the status quo, must find this relentless push for bigger government disconcerting. Liberals may support expanded government, but the lack

of public consent for these tax hikes should give everyone pause.

The consequences of these policies extend beyond local budgets. Iron County's tax and regulation environment plays a critical role in decisions about where people and businesses choose to locate. As President Donald Trump and Governor Spencer Cox advocate for lower taxes and reduced regulations to strengthen America's position in the global economy, our local jurisdictions seem to be moving in the opposite direction. This divergence undermines efforts to make Iron County a less attractive destination for families and companies alike. Businesses seeking competitive environments may look elsewhere, and residents may feel squeezed by rising costs of living, threatening the economic vitality of our region. It's time for a change. Jurisdictions in Iron County can and should lead the way in reducing taxes and regulations, fostering an environment where businesses thrive and residents keep more of their hard-earned money. The alternative—continuing down the path of unchecked government growth—risks transforming our community into something unrecognizable, a place where bureaucratic overreach stifles opportunity. We cannot afford to let government jurisdictions located in Iron County become another cautionary tale of fiscal irresponsibility.

The power to change course lies with us, the citizens. We must hold our elected leaders accountable and demand they prioritize the will of the people over the expansion of government. Reach out to your county commissioners, mayors, city council members, school board members, and other officials. Tell them to stop raising taxes and to focus on policies that promote economic freedom and opportunity. Let them know that the people of Iron County reject the trajectory toward a high-tax, high-regulation future.

We can do better. By embracing fiscal restraint and reducing the burden on our residents and businesses, Iron County can set an example for the rest of the nation. But time is running out. If we don't act now, the creeping tide of tax increases will erode the very qualities that make our community unique. Contact your elected officials today and urge them to change course before it's too late. Remember, balancing a budget does not generally include a bailout by taxpayers every year. Balancing a budget means working with what you have, not taking more. Jurisdictions in Iron County should strive to follow conservative principles including working with what you have, being honest about what we stand for, and respecting the will of the people.

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ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY



Bambi in the Backyard

by Samuel Wells

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Years ago, we decided to plant all sorts of native trees and shrubs in our yard to attract wildlife. And the nice thing about that decision is that it really works. We have over a dozen kinds of birds that regularly visit, or actually live on, our small half acre. We also have dozens of pollinators ranging from hairstreak butterflies and dusky skippers, to bumblebees and hummingbirds. What we didn't count on, all those years ago, were the deer. As the years come and go, I have called them all sorts of unprintable names.

Once it got so bad that they completely defoliated (and ended up killing) three young fruit trees only weeks after they were transplanted. My wife Kathy laughs at my frustration. "Deer are wildlife too," she reminds me. "And we planted this yard for wildlife, didn't we?"

Of course, she is right. But the story of Bambi in our backyard has recently taken on a different twist. He actually lives here now. Well, I should say that her name is Faline (the name of Bambi's girl-friend), because she doesn't have antlers. I recently found her next to a young apple tree early in the morning before the sun was up. This isn't

unusual. When deer visit, they tend to come when it is dark so the neighborhood dogs don't see them. So I expected the same behavior from this young doe. But then hours passed and she hadn't left. Two days later and she is still here. Kathy crowded her out of the yard a while ago, but she just came back. Our next plan involved calling the office of natural resources (DNR). They were helpful but admitted that there wasn't much they could do. Some deer, they said, just like living in town. And, in fact, there are quite a few in our extended neighborhood. If you have an outside dog or a tall fence, you may not even know about

the problem. Cats won't work. Deer aren't afraid of them. My advice to other homeowners is to encircle your young trees and shrubs with chicken wire or some other protective barrier, at least until they get big enough to handle the feeding damage. Don't worry about the leaves that disappear from established plants. They are used to being nibbled on by wildlife and will grow back just fine. It's the young plants that need the most protection.

We are not the only place that has a problem with large mammals. Coyotes have overtaken many cities - including large cities where you wouldn't expect

them. Los Angeles has dozens (maybe hundreds) of them. Racoons and even bears occur all over populated areas in America (we have racoons in Cedar City). Not long ago a bull moose walked into Salt Lake City and had to be airlifted (by helicopter) out of town. We are fortunate to live in a place where many wild species are still fairly common close to civilization. It helps to remember that living in such a wonderful place sometimes requires compromise.





CALIFORNIA CONDORS

- A SIGHT TO BEHOLD

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

These birds are rescued from the brink of extinction. These magnificent birds are once again soaring through Utah skies.

California condors are among the largest and rarest birds in the world, and you can find them soaring over the red-rock cliffs of southwestern Utah. They have been seen recently up Cedar Canyon, just 20 miles from Cedar City. The population now numbers more than 500 birds, with over half of those flying free in the wild. Nearly 350 condors in the monitored population are free to fly in southern Utah. Both adults and juveniles are known to roost on ledges of the southern Utah red rock.

The condor is one of the largest flying birds in North America. With a wingspan of nearly 10 feet—and a body that's four to five feet long—the condor is the size of a small car. In flight, they're like a small aircraft. These birds are breathtaking. They can reach speeds of 50 miles per hour when soaring and sometimes travel up to 200 miles a day in search of food.

Up close, the condor's unique appearance adds to its charm. Adults have bald, pinkish-orange heads and a distinctive white triangle pattern on the undersides of their jet-black wings. Younger condors are generally a dull black with grayish heads. Their coloration begins to change after

three or four years, but they don't reach full maturity until about six years old. Their long, featherless heads make it easier for them to eat.

Long ago, California condors soared over much of the western United States. By the 1800s, their numbers had dwindled, and they were mostly found in California—which is how they earned their name. Sightings were occasionally reported in other portions of the Southwest, including Utah. Habitat loss, lead poisoning, poaching, power-line accidents, and DDT contamination took a deadly toll.

In 1987, the world's 22 remaining California condors—all living in the mountains above Santa Barbara, California—were captured and held in captivity. Today, more than 347 condors exist in the wild. All are numbered. The lower the number, the older the bird.

A captive breeding effort at the San Diego Animal Park and Los Angeles Zoo helped the condors avoid extinction. Each wild condor is outfitted with a visual ID tag and at least one radio transmitter. Some birds are also given GPS transmitters, allowing biologists to track the flock's movements and behaviors using radio telemetry and GPS mapping.

In 1992, condors were reintroduced to the wild in California. There are now approximately 500 California condors in existence. Over half of those birds are flying free in parts of Arizona, California, and Utah. Condors

are now producing chicks in the wild. The birds are protected under the Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

In the wild, California condors may live up to 60 years. They mate for life and are attentive parents. Around the age of six, condors begin looking for a mate. Like many birds, males attract their partners through highly ritualized mating displays.

Female condors typically lay a single egg on the floor of a small cave or crevice in the face of a cliff. Both parents help incubate the egg, which takes about eight weeks to hatch. If the first egg fails, a second is often laid. After the egg hatches, the young condor remains in its cave for 2–3 months. Most condors take their first flights around six months old.

Juvenile condors are cared for by their parents for a full year—and sometimes longer. Because the adults invest so much time in raising young, wild condor pairs typically rest nearly every other year.

The first California condor chick produced in Utah by the reintroduced population hatched in Zion National Park in 2014. Unfortunately, it did not survive. The same pair of adult condors produced at least one additional chick in Zion in 2016. However, the adult male died later that year due to lead poisoning, and the female was unable to raise the chick alone. In 2018, a California condor finally successfully fledged a chick in Utah.

Another chick was produced in Zion in 2019.

California condors are one of the largest members of the vulture family. They are scavengers that feed on dead animals and often travel more than 200 miles per day in search of food. They feed primarily on large mammal carrion—like deer, sheep, elk, and cattle. They also sometimes feed on smaller carrion like rabbits, hares, and coyotes. Despite their eating habits, condors bathe frequently and spend much time preening their feathers.

Unfortunately, condors aren't too



schools

Students Benefit from Back to School Shopping Spree



by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

About 40 students were all smiles as they exited the St. George Kohl's Friday morning, loaded down with new clothes to start the school year.

Before the sun came up, volunteers gathered at the district office to partner with students for the special shopping trip. Students needing a little additional clothing help were recommended by elementary school administrators.

Students and their shopping volunteer boarded two school buses to make the trip to St. George. Each had about \$150 to spend on pants, shirts, shoes, socks and more. The opportunity allows some at-risk students to begin the school year with clothing similar to their peers.

One volunteer said her student was happy with everything he tried on. "He came out of the dressing room and said, 'I love it,'" she said.

Another volunteer noted that the boy she shopped with said he had never owned clothing from anywhere other than WalMart or the thrift store.



As students exited the store, each was able to choose a backpack filled with supplies. Back at the district office, they couldn't wait to show their parent or guardian the items they were able to pick up.

The event is sponsored by the Iron County School District Foundation. Student and Family Support Mentor Tracy Womack said the experience will make a real difference for students. The Foundation plans to make it an annual event and hopes to raise more funds to offer the opportunity to even more students next year.

Individuals or businesses can donate to sponsor a child at <https://sfnd.io/backtoschool>. All donations are tax deductible.



INFOWEST BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Giving Back, One Backpack at a Time. Since 2019, InfoWest has participated in the annual "School is Cool" backpack giveaway — one of their favorite summer events! Each year, InfoWest gives away over 500 backpacks to kids in Southern Utah. The backpacks are loaded with essential school supplies: a pencil box, writing utensils, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, folders — everything kids need to be school ready!

Backpacks are available in a variety of styles, colors, and characters so kids can choose what they like.

InfoWest is a local company that has served Southern Utah for over 31 years. They are deeply rooted in the community and actively support local businesses and events throughout the region.

Over 200 backpacks were given away at their annual "Giving Back, One Backpack at a Time" back-to-school event!



CEDAR BREAKS MODEL A & VINTAGE AUTO CLUB CAR SHOW

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar Breaks Model A & Vintage Car Club puts on a monthly cruise-in and car show every 4th Monday at the 2nd East

Restaurant in Cedar City. It is a free event to all participants and spectators. Since most shows charge participants to enter their cars, this particular event was free to enter, so local car enthusiasts gathered to show off their vehicles and talk about all things cars. This event happily included all makes and models of vehicles. Chris Weaver at 2nd East hosts this car event.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS MISS CAR SHOWS, support our local Cedar Breaks Model A & Vintage Car Club by attending their free car show events. cedarmodela@gmail.com



The Cedar Breaks Model A & Vintage Car Club puts on a monthly "Cruise-In" and car show every 4th Monday at the 2nd East Restaurant in Cedar City, free event.



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THURS, AUG 7

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.

SAT, AUG 9

IRON COUNTY FAIR MISS IRON COUNTY PAGEANT (7PM) @ Canyon View High School Auditorium.

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAY)
 Hours 9AM-2PM) 909 S Main St., Cedar City - (Between IFA and Liberty Tax) Fresh Bread, veggies, eggs, meat & more.

COAL CREEK PARKRUN ANNIVERSARY (8AM)
 Coal Creek parkrun organizers are hosting a special anniversary event in Canyon Park West. Festivities include extra high-fives for first timers and regulars, post-event light breakfast of fruit, yoghurts, juice and, of course, a birthday cake, courtesy of Cedar City Events.

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

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

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. *weather permitting

TUES, AUG 12

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

LIVE JAZZ! (7PM) - THE JAZZ ALLIANCE OF CEDAR CITY presents it's monthly JAZZCast at Off The Cuff (913 S Main St). This month our season opener features local vibraphonist Jed Blodgett with some cool bossa nova tunes for the hot summer! Be part of our live studio audience and experience the energy, creativity, and fun of live jazz like never before! Free Admission! Free Desserts!

WED, AUG 13

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

THURS, AUG 14

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SAT, AUG 16

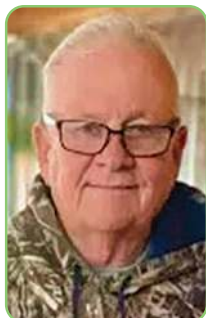
IRON COUNTY FAIR DEMILITION DERBY (7PM) @ Iron County Fairgrounds Arena. Come out and enjoy one of the biggest events at the Iron County Fair! Tickets available at ironcountyfair.net

Want your event on our calendar?

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

obituaries

Stephen Kent Ellison



It is with profound and unending sorrow that we share that Stephen Kent Ellison left this world on July 18, 2025. It was truly an unexpected passing on Cedar Mountain, surrounded by the nature that he so loved yet without those he most adored. We, his people, are absolutely shattered. There is no other word to describe how our hearts feel. There will never be enough tears, just as there was never enough time.

Stephen, or Steve as he was known by many, was born on October 10, 1956, in American Fork, Utah, to Harold Bates and Helen Winder Ellison. He was the fifth of seven children. He attended schools in Lehi, Utah, and had fond memories of a childhood he would describe as perfect. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Chicago and Wisconsin. Stephen brought four vibrant, creative, and determined children into the world with his first wife Janice Fletcher. After that marriage ended in divorce, he married Stefani DeAdder on November 18, 1995,—almost making it to their 30th wedding anniversary. Along with Stefani, Stephen made

multiple trips to China and the Marshall Islands to adopt several of their children. He chose each beloved one and never regretted any of the “yeses” to be the father to all those who called him Dad. He loved his 19 children, and simply adored his 14 grandchildren. It is heartbreaking to consider the time these precious kids have now lost with their Grandpa, especially given that Stephen’s greatest legacy and love in life was his family.

Stephen would tug on his work boots and pull himself up in his big rig every morning at 3am and drive for hours each day so that he could provide for them. He made more trips to Disneyland than he ever would have chosen for himself. It was a great sacrifice for him as it was definitely not his happiest place on earth. But he did it because he knew it was for his family. This sacrifice was repeated for school concerts, countless doctor visits, endless paperwork of all kinds, and non-stop events his wife would drag him to. Stephen would give anything he had to anyone who asked, and his children quickly learned to ask Dad for something instead of Mom. Stephen was loved and admired by

so many in little towns and across the globe. He lived in Utah and on both ends of Canada where he collected friends like other people collect souvenirs. He was a storyteller and could tell entertaining stories that could far outlast any gathering. As much as they might have made us roll our eyes, these are the things we will now remember and delight in most. Stephen lived a big and impactful life, and the world is tremendously better because he was here. His immense contribution extends beyond death, as he continued to give as an organ donor. Anyone who knew Stephen, knew he was always committed to being early to any event or engagement. In death, it would have been a gift for him to be late or even on time, but just like his time management, he chose to go early. We love him with every breath forever and for always, remembering him every day for the rest of our lives. We are grateful that the constant and grueling physical pain he carried is now gone. He has fought the good fight, but Team Ellison will grieve without him.

Stephen is survived by his wife Stefani, his children Brandon (Ashley), Brett, Sierra, Katie (Tyler) Thayer, Junior (Laura), Makayla (Gerren) Gishi, Shayna (Kaden) Griffin, Taisha, Robert, Stephen Aaron, Kara, Jaeya, Caden, Alexa (Isaac) Adams, Ammon “Boomer”, Meisyn, Kimberlen and William Ellison. He always included his granddaughter Aaliyah as he stood in as her dad for many years. He thoroughly delighted in his grandchildren Emerson, Ivor, Sylvie and Gunnar Ellison, Haydin, Sawyer and Sullivan Thayer, Kiaura, Mary-Steff and LJ Ellison, Aaliyah and Bodhi Griffin, Kru Carver and Grayson Ellison. He is also survived by his sister Sue Kimball and brothers Bruce, Ronald (Susie), Robert (Leone), and Michael (Wendy) Ellison.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Helen, and his brother Douglas Ellison. He cultivated a delightfully close relationship with his stepfather-in-law Keith ZoBell and his mother-in-law Donalda DeAdder ZoBell. Boomer reminds us every day that Grandpa Keith and Dad are together in heaven now.

Services to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at the Cedar North Stake Chapel at 95 North 2125 West, Cedar City, Utah. A visitation will be from 10-10:45 am with a funeral service beginning at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery. Special thanks to Cedar Valley Funeral and Cremation for their outstanding care. A live stream of the service will be found at: <https://cedarvalleyfuneral.com/obituaries/stephen-ellison> Stephen would often randomly ask “Who loves you?” followed by the accompanying response, “We do!” Finally, we call out to Stephen one last time, “Who loves you?” As always, the answer is “We do!”

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Tristin Edward Vandall



Tristin Edward Vandall, 22, of Cedar City, Utah, tragically passed away on July 31, 2025, in a vehicle accident near Modena, Utah.

Born to Troy and Melani (Garsjo) Vandall on November 14, 2002, Tristin came out running—so much so that the doctors sized him up as a three-month-old. Just 18 months later, he was joined by his sister Tarin, whom he fondly called “Baby T.” The two shared a close bond that only deepened as they navigated life’s adventures on their own paths.

Raised in northeastern Montana, Tristin developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors through time spent with his dad, Grandpa Larry, and close friends. From early deer hunts to harvesting a bull elk solo during his first archery season, he embraced nature with grit and independence. He was often drawn to the hills—frequently finding himself stuck in mud or snow but always determined to head back out for another adventure.

After graduating high school independently, Tristin moved 1,200 miles south to Cedar City to attend Southern Utah University. He completed the Aircraft Maintenance Technician program and was continuing his studies in Engineering Technology, often nerding out with his mom with his modeling and 3D print projects. He quickly built a new circle of friends in Utah, whom he cherished deeply, while staying connected with his Montana crew.

Tristin had just returned from a trip to Alaska, where he joined his grandparents, sister, Esten, uncle, aunt and cousins for a fishing adventure. True to form, he packed a frozen bag of fish back to Utah—a small but proud trophy of the trip.

He was never one to sit still. Bampa Dennis introduced him to construction projects early on, and Tristin was always ready to lend a hand. Before he could drive, he had his eyes on an old Ford at Rock’s Auto, where he made a deal to work around the shop to earn the old gem. Followed by his next trade, working construction with Uncle Richie’s crew. Tristin worked with his hands and took pride in all his creations and projects.

His family watched with pride as he grew into a capable, kind, and fiercely independent young man. His legacy lives on in the wild places he loved and the people who shared them with him.

In honor of Tristin’s best friend Rex, donations may be made to Wolf Point Pound Puppies or to any outdoor youth organization.

A memorial service will be held overlooking Fort Peck Lake at Perch Pond (West End) Shelter House 1 on Saturday, August 9 at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon at the Elks Club in Glasgow, Montana. In case of inclement weather, the memorial will be held at the Elks.

This fall, Tristin will return to Montana for one last hunting season, when his ashes will be spread around Fort Peck Lake, the place he called heaven.

obituaries

Matthew Mark Fielding



In Loving Memory of Matthew Mark Fielding

Matthew Mark Fielding, a fearless soul with a heart of a warrior, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2025, after a courageous battle with stage 4 lung cancer. He was surrounded by the love and presence of his devoted family. Born on April 26, 1978 in Driggs, Idaho and was later adopted by Steven L. Fielding and Linda B Fielding who loved him deeply. Matt lived a life defined by passion, perseverance, and purpose.

Matt spent his younger years growing up in Lewiston, Idaho. Being one heck of a busy boy, riding his BMX bike like a madman, breaking his arm and being straight-up adventurous on his 5 acre family farm. He was a 'pedal to the metal' kind of guy, never slowing down.

From an early age, Matt showed the world he would walk to the beat of his own drum. At 17, he traveled to Samoa to complete a youth program that forever shaped his outlook on life. There, he developed the strength and mindset of a true champion; qualities that would guide him through every chapter of his journey. One of his lifelong goals was to return there one day.

Shortly after returning from Samoa, Matt met Cassy Thomas. Together, they welcomed their twins, Shaydon and Shonessi, born fittingly on the Fourth of July, a symbol of the freedom and fire that Matt himself embodied. Matt and Cassy continued to share a longlasting friendship that was built on a deep love and respect for one another. Later, Matt was blessed with two more daughters, Brooklynn and Jersee, who, along with all his children, remained the light of his life.

In 2006, Matt met the love of his life, Brittney. From the moment their souls recognized one another, something rare and powerful began. They were not just husband and wife, they were twin flames, kindred spirits, destined companions. He was her king, and she was his queen. Theirs was no ordinary love; it was a deep, timeless bond written in the Stars.

Matt and Brittney both knew wholeheartedly and without question, that their love did not begin in this lifetime and would not end with it. It was a love that stretched across lifetimes, anchored in eternity. Undimmed by time, and untouched by death. Together, they built a life rich in adventure and devotion, blending their families with love, patience, and joy. Matt embraced Brittney's daughter, Rylee, as his own, just as she embraced his children as hers.

Brittney was Matt's home, his strength, his forever, and he was hers. Even in the quiet moments, their love was loud. Whether road tripping on a whim, camping under a blanket of stars, or simply sharing quiet moments at home, they cherished every heartbeat together. Their love was fierce, freeing, and unforgettable. A love that will echo through lifetimes.

Matt spent the majority of his childhood in Cedar City, Utah and later graduated from Dixie State University with a bachelor's degree in business and finance. Driven, self-motivated, and endlessly curious, he excelled at everything he put his mind to. Matt had the 'Midas Touch'. Whether skiing down a mountain or soaring across the water, doing the 75 mile enduro race at 46 years old, or becoming the captain of his 16ft Hobie Cat sailboat without any prior experience. Matt approached life with boldness and excitement. He was never afraid to try, never afraid to leap. His creativity found its way into music as well. Matt loved playing the piano and singing, filling his home and his heart with melody.

More than anything, Matt treasured his role as a father and grandfather. His love for his children was boundless, and he poured his energy, heart, and humor into every moment with them. His legacy of strength, adventure, and unwavering love will live on through each of them.

Matt is survived by his wife, Brittney Fielding; his children Shaydon (Kaytie), Shonessi (Westly), Rylee, Brooklynn, and Jersee; and his cherished grandchildren: Adilyn (8), Dottie (4), Jensen (4), Everleigh (2), and Jack Mathew the newest addition. He is also survived by his mother, Linda B Fielding; 7 brothers; 2 sisters, Terri, (Stephen), Lorin (Brenda), Gary (Brenda), Keith (Jeanne), Ken (Kris), Daryl (Karen), Eric (Shannon), Laurie, Jason (Janell) and many nieces and nephews who adored him.

He is preceded in death by his father, Steven L. Fielding; his uncle, Mark Fielding; and his lifelong four-legged companions, Toby and Clyde. Matthew Mark Fielding lived with a fire that never dimmed, a laugh that lifted others, and a soul that dared to chase every horizon. He faced life and death with strength, grit and grace. His love for Brittney was not just for this world. It was the kind of love that defies time and space, a love that began long before this life and will carry on long after, eternal and unshakable.

Every Man must walk his own path and I must walk mine.

M.M.Fielding

The Graveside Service will be held at 12:00pm on Monday, August 4, 2025 in Shelly, Idaho at the Taylor Cemetery, 720 E 129 S, Idaho Falls, ID 83404.

All are welcome to join in honoring and celebrating the remarkable life of a man who lived fully, loved deeply, and left an incredible mark on every heart he touched.

Marvin Brandt Bower



Dr. Marvin Brandt "Pops" Bower, age 81, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2025, in Elgin, South Carolina. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Brandt lived a life of service, joy, and unwavering faith.

Born on April 17, 1944 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Brandt was the only son of Marvin Witte Bower and Selma Alvine Hildebrandt. He was a mentor, best friend and role model throughout his life to his five sisters. He pursued his formal education at the Marquette School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, where he laid the foundation for a remarkable career that would span more than four decades. For 42 years, Dr. Bower, affectionately known as Doc, served as a dedicated dentist in Hartford, Wisconsin. He cherished each of his patients and treated them with the same

warmth and care he extended to everyone he met. Some flew thousands of miles to be treated by him.

Brandt's devotion to his family was the cornerstone of his life. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce Rose (Bredenbroker) Bower, with whom he built a legacy of love and faith for 57 years—one that will continue for eternity. Together they raised six children: Justin, Kevin (Ginger), Kent (Mary), Janene Stephan (Matt), Jamie Read (Charles), and Janette Higginbotham (Matt). He loved and cherished each of his 24 grandchildren: Kyle, Katelyn, Hadley, Erika, Maya, Carson, Logan, Madison (Jake), Alex, Mitchell (Jade), Myla (Lincoln), Paris, Jada, Ella, Jonas, Phoenix, Tate, QZ, Kendrick, Kallin, Sophia (Koby), Micah (Estelle), Nena, and Ezra, along with his three great-grandchildren: William, Korra and Vin (with Neo expected in October).

Brandt also leaves behind his sisters Dahnelle Smith (Duane), Lael Ruffner, Bethne Hickcox (Brent), Gaylene Raynor (Eric), and Geneace Lamprecht (Dan); sisters-in-law Daun Young (Charlie), Melody Hughes (Bruce), Brook Petersen and Barbara Baker; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles who were so dear to him. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers-in-law Keith Cowan, Mark Petersen and Paul Ruffner.

A man of many talents and passions, Brandt was a Senior World Champion Racquetball Player whose competitive spirit was matched only by his humility. He found joy in music as a pianist and peace in tending to his garden. His favorite moments were spent surrounded by family, playing card games, falling asleep to movies, and traveling together on cruises or to Lake Powell. These traditions became treasured memories that will live on for generations. He also loved playing with his grandchildren and especially celebrating each grandchild's twelfth birthday with a special trip. Each was nicknamed "Mouse" and knew they were his favorite.

A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Brandt was deeply committed to his faith. As a young adult, he served a mission in West Germany for 3 years. His favorite calling at church was playing the piano in the Primary for the little children. He served faithfully as a temple worker in both the Chicago Illinois Temple for 14 years and the Cedar City Utah Temple for 10 years. His life embodied the principles he held dear: kindness without condition and service without hesitation. To know him was truly to love him. With a ready smile and a poorly-timed dad joke always at hand, Brandt made friends wherever he went. He lifted others through quiet acts of service and constant encouragement.

Brandt was a true disciple of Jesus Christ who lived with gratitude and grace. Families are forever. God be with you until we meet again, our dear Pops.

The funeral service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2830 West Cody Drive, Cedar City UT 84720, on August 7, 2025 at 2:00 PM. A viewing will precede the service from 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.



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CALIFORNIA CONDORS

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picky about their meals. They eat everything, including lead ammunition fragments left in hunted animal carcasses. Several studies have shown that lead poisoning is the leading cause of death in California condors, accounting for more than 50 percent of all known mortality. It's also the biggest factor slowing the species' recovery.

Removing Lead From Condor Country

Since reintroduction began, dozens of condors in California, Arizona, and Utah have perished from lead poisoning. If the poisoning isn't severe, biologists can capture the condors, treat them to lower their lead levels, and return them to the wild. However, this is a time-consuming and expensive process.

Lead-based ammunition, which is not always clearly labeled, is still available for purchase in stores and

online.

With lead poisoning being the leading cause of condor deaths, many hunters have stepped up and switched to non-lead ammunition to protect the species. Help sustain this amazing bird by doing the same.

Seeing Condors in Utah

Although they often winter in Arizona, many condors from the southwestern population now numbering over 93—soar over Utah. They began nesting in Utah in 2014 and can travel back and forth between the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park in a single day. A small population stays in Utah year-round.

While the condors are expanding their territory, Zion National Park still serves as home base for many. The birds are present between April and November, and the best time to see them is in the summer. They are frequently seen perched on or soaring around Angels Landing, the Kolob Road, and up Right Hand Canyon in Cedar City. They have also been

spotted at Cedar Breaks National Monument, Bryce Canyon, and Vermilion Cliffs.

If you see one of these magnificent birds that got lost in time:

Take a picture—or several. These enormous, majestic birds date back to prehistoric times and are not yet safe from extinction.

Keep your distance and do not feed condors. This helps prevent unsafe

human-condor encounters.

Do your part to keep California condors a little further from the edge of extinction.

“If birds can glide for long periods of time—then why can't I?”— Orville Wright

Condors can be seen in Right Hand Canyon, Cedar Mountain.



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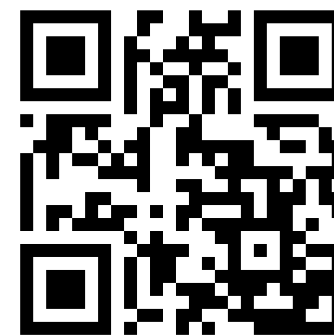


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Cedar City's parkrun First Anniversary



by Bruce Gavin

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Saturday mornings in Canyon Park West have taken on new meaning over the past year. At 8 AM each Saturday locals have gathered for a free, weekly 5-kilometer (about 3 miles) event that welcomes runners, joggers, walkers, volunteers, and even dogs.

"parkrun is not a race" said event director Bruce Gavin. "It is not even about running. It is all about doing something healthy, outdoors, with friends and at your own pace." The very first parkrun was held in Bushy Park, London in 2004. According to Wikipedia, there are now over 2,200

parkrun locations in 26 countries. The goal then, as it is now, is to encourage exercise within the community, based on the core principles of being weekly, free, for everyone, forever.

This month, the parkrun community is prepared to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Cedar City's first, and Utah's only parkrun: Coal Creek Trail. "Over the past year, 495 people have participated in Cedar City's parkrun, ranging in ages from 3 weeks to 83 years," shared Bruce. "It has been great to see familiar and new faces each week."

'parkrun tourists' have joined us from Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand as well as from different parts

of the U.S. have all come and enjoyed Cedar City's beauty. "People have joked that we are first parkrun, and tour guides, second" smiled Bruce. "We like to recommend shops, places to eat, and things for visitors to see. That's easy to do, since we love Cedar City."

To celebrate one year of Coal Creek parkrun, organizers are hosting a special anniversary event on Saturday August 9 at 8:00 AM in Canyon Park West. Festivities include extra high-fives for first timers and regulars, post-event light breakfast of fruit, yoghurts, juice and, of course, a birthday cake, courtesy of Cedar City Events. "The city has been great support," added Bruce. "Brandon Burke

helped us to get up and running, and it is great when he joins us for at parkrun."

parkrun is free thanks to the support of volunteers and national sponsors. Over the year, 57 people have volunteered Cedar City's parkrun, doing roles like course set-up, time keeping, updating our "socials", and more. There are regular volunteers and others who stop in to get service credit for classes, or just because they wanted to see what it is all about. "Our volunteers are very generous with their time. We're so grateful for their service and for being the heartbeat of Cedar City's parkrun."

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Chemistry key for CV football

by Tom Zulewski

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As he enters his fourth season as head coach

of the Canyon View football team, Burke Miller has led the program to 23 wins over the previous three seasons. After finishing 6-6 in 2024 capped by a quarterfinal loss to eventual 3A champion Morgan in the 3A playoffs, the team has put in the work to build up better chemistry.

And Miller has taken notice with the 2025 season opener set for Aug. 15 at home against the Jordan Beetdiggers.

"The vibe with our football team is really good, the best it's been," Miller said. "The team has each other's backs. It doesn't matter if you're a sophomore, freshman... the camaraderie between the boys has been awesome. Probably the best offseason we've had, and that's saying something."

Not only will the Falcons face the usual full plate of challenges from the likes of the Trojans and Richfield Wildcats, the Cedar Reds are joining the mix in 3A South for at least the next two seasons. The annual cross-town rivalry battle for the pick-axe trophy takes place at Eccles Coliseum on Oct. 3.

"We like the fact this game will happen later in the season," Miller said. "Whether you want to say it's just another game or not, it's a rivalry game. It's got a different energy to it."

The Falcons will have a quartet of seniors serving as team captains, including Colt Rushton (defensive end and offensive tackle), Cooper Urie (defensive end, line-backer) – a player Miller called "a hybrid we'll be able to move around" – Hudson

Springer (defensive tackle, tight end) and Ryder Miller (quarterback, safety). As has been practice for his tenure as coach, Miller will include junior captains in the mix with the intention of watching them evolve as football players and teammates.

"6-6 last year wasn't good enough for us," Miller said while noting the win total ranked third-best in CV school history. "For us, it felt like a wrecked season because we didn't accomplish our goals. When we talked to our kids about what's expected, the first thing they said was 'we're expecting to win.'"

The end result of the conversation was a reset of the captains for the new season. Miller credited the group for organizing multiple workouts without coaches present.

"They did a great job of leading the team in the offseason, and we made the right decision on them," Miller said.

With the new realignment, it led to several unexpected scheduling challenges for CV. After the home opener against Jordan, the Falcons will only get three other games – two on its own field and the Cedar game at Eccles – in front of a hometown crowd.

"With all the realignment this year, we actually had a set schedule with five home games, but some teams backed out of games very late," Miller said. "Now we're on the road for six games. We're not afraid to go on the road, but it's a bummer for our fans to not see us that one extra time."

In addition to the home games against Jordan and Cedar, Canyon View will host North Sanpete on Sept. 12 and Juab on Sept. 26.



Canyon View football players gather with head coach Burke Miller after a July 28 practice. The 2025 regular season begins Aug. 15.

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. Chris Paul is 40 years old, heading into his 21st NBA season, and has played with seven different teams. Which one will he be rejoining after signing a 1-year deal earlier in July? (hint: He was traded from this team to the Houston Rockets in 2017)

2. Shohei Ohtani had a game to forget at the plate July 29 in Cincinnati when he did what for the first time in 981 career games played?

3. The PGA Tour has entered the final week of its 2025 regular season as players race to qualify for the FedEx Cup Playoffs. How many players will earn spots at the FedEx St. Jude Championship – the first of three playoff events – that starts Aug. 7?

4. The Memphis Grizzlies and Orlando Magic will be playing a pair of regular-season games against each other in what two European cities Jan. 15 and 18?

5. Who became the first Black driver to win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway when he won NASCAR's Brickyard 400 on July 27? It was this driver's third career win overall.

6. With Aaron Judge on the injured list, the New York Yankees went out and acquired outfielder Austin Slater from what AL Central team July 30?

7. Tennis great and 22-time Grand Slam winner Rafael Nadal is from what country, whose "La Marcha Real" national anthem has no officially approved lyrics?

8. Who are the defending men's and women's singles champions at the US Open? The men's champ also won at Wimbledon in July, but the women's champ lost in the semifinals at the same tournament.

9. Among the many cameos found in "Happy Gilmore 2," Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce appears as what at the golf club's restaurant?

10. What rapper appears in Happy Gilmore 2 as Happy's caddie?

11. He played his high-school football at Corner Canyon and at Ole Miss in college, but what NFL team took quarterback Jaxson Dart in the first round of the 2025 NFL Draft with the 25th overall pick?

12. True or False: Tiger Woods is the only three-time winner of the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Scheffler has not won the U.S. Open.

2. Portland Trailblazers.

3. Philip Rivers.

4. True.

5. When Hill joined the Royals, it was his 14th MLB team, tying the record of fellow pitcher Edwin Jackson, who played from 2003 to 2019. In his debut start with the Royals, Hill gave up three runs on six hits in five innings of a 6-0 loss to the Chicago Cubs on July 22.

6. Minnesota Lynx.

7. Kyle Filipowski.

8. A Broadway show.

9. A triple.

10. Bo Jackson.

11. Balance beam

12. Jalen Hurts.

Realignment in full effect

With the new two-year realignment firmly in place, there are plenty of high-school sports changes to discuss. We've already shared that Canyon View and Cedar will be together as football rivals in 3A South, but there's more within the rest of the fall sports to note. Change can be hard, but here's what you can expect.

Across all other sports, Canyon View will remain in 3A,

but play in Region 14, which has only five teams. After being moved from Region 12, the Falcons are joined by Delta, Juab and Richfield and Providence Hall. Cedar will stay put in Region 9, joining all the Washington County schools, including Crimson Cliffs, Desert Hills, Dixie, Hurricane, Pine View and Snow Canyon.

Parowan remains in 1A South for football with Kanab, Enterprise and Beaver, and all four schools will play in Region 18 for all other sports with Grand, San Juan and South Sevier.

Girls soccer opened play Aug. 5 as Canyon View traveled to Manti for a non-region game, then traveled to Stansbury on Aug. 7. CV will return home and host Grantsville on Aug. 8 in a 3:30 p.m. kickoff.

The Falcons were 15-4 overall in 2024 and shared the Region 12 title at 13-1, but lost to Ogden, 7-0, at home in the 3A playoff quarterfinals.

Cedar opened its 30th season under head coach Scott Kamachi with road games at Alta on Aug. 7 and Murray on Aug. 9. The Reds are coming off a 12-7 overall record in 2024 and 7-5 in Region 9 that ended with a second-round road playoff loss at Park City.

In girls volleyball, Canyon View is the defending 3A state champion for the first time after finishing 30-2 overall. The Falcons will bring a 17-game winning streak into the season opener Aug. 8 at home against the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs in a 7 p.m. start.

Cedar volleyball starts its season Aug. 12 with a home game against Richfield at 6:30 p.m. The Reds were 16-17 overall in

2024 and 9-3 in Region 9, finishing with a 2-2 record at the 4A state tournament.

In boys golf, Canyon View will play the 3A state tournament at Stansbury Golf Club on Oct. 8 and 9, while Cedar plays the 4A tournament at Lakeside Golf Club in West Bountiful.

—In a season that can only be described as historically awful, the Colorado Rockies pulled a major-league ray of sunshine out of its collective cap and produced a comeback to remember

on Aug. 1 at Coors Field.

The Pittsburgh Pirates led 9-0 before the home team had its first turn at the plate. They led 15-6 after scoring four runs in the fifth inning and added one more in the sixth to lead the Rockies, 16-10.

It wouldn't be enough.

Colorado would score two runs in the eighth, then put the hammer down by scoring five in the bottom of the ninth — the last two coming on a Brenton Doyle home run with one out — and completing a ridiculously improbable and totally insane 17-16 victory.

With the victory, the Rockies are still 29-80, which is only two games better than last year's Chicago White Sox after 109 games played. The White Sox went on to finish 41-121, and the Rockies could challenge that mark with 14 games (seven each) still to come against the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres. So far, Colorado is 1-11 against their division rivals.

Getting 13 wins over the final 53 games may seem daunting, but as long as Colorado doesn't go on a losing streak of any major length, it'll feel a whole lot better than ending up in the record books for the worst season of the modern baseball era.

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RANDOM thoughts

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Looking ahead, organizers hope to continue building our parkrun community and to grow our relationships with local health providers, businesses, and the city. parkrun will return next Saturday, just like every Saturday since August 3, 2024, ready to welcome new and familiar faces. Make parkrun part of your regular routine, it's a healthy way

to start your weekend. Everyone is welcome and registration and participation is completely free. Participants only need to show up 5-15 minutes before the 8AM to enjoy a morning filled with feel-good moments.

Happy first birthday, Cedar City parkrun; here's to many more Saturday strides ahead.



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American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary

Community Open House Invitation
August 11, 2025 • 6 PM • Cedar City Library

Community Speaker on services provided in Iron County along with light Refreshments available.

- Sign up opportunities for American Legion
- Auxiliary information for family members
- Girl State and Boy State information for 2026
- Charitable donation opportunities for patriotic items
- Information on suicide prevention
- Young Adult information on oratory participation for the state of Utah in 2026

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Stripe is added to sleeve. 3. Light is moved. 4. Lid on ice cream cart is moved. 5. Tire is thicker. 6. Cart handle is shorter.

Trivia Test Answers

1. Washington; 2. Juno; 3. John Milton; 4. Louis XIV of France; 5. 10; 6. Europe; 7. Catalyst; 8. A cold condiment of yogurt, cucumbers, garlic and seasonings; 9. The Bluths; 10. The hippocampus

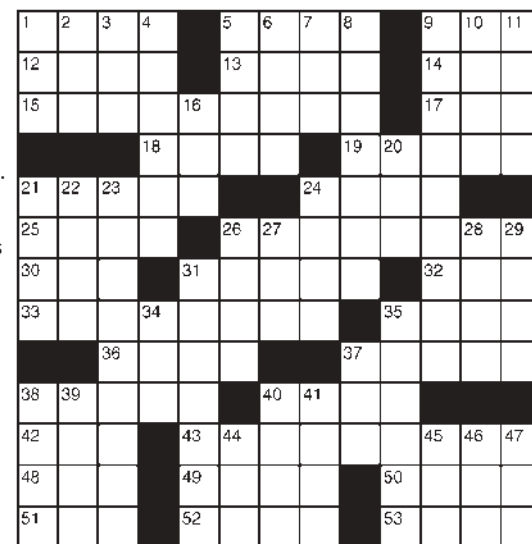
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Pygmalion" writer
- 5 Grocery
- 9 Blue
- 12 Actress Skye
- 13 From the U.S.
- 14 Swiss canton
- 15 Provisional
- 17 Erin Burnett's channel
- 18 Morsels
- 19 French school
- 21 Speed reader?
- 24 Swiss artist Paul
- 25 Borodin's "Prince —"
- 26 Remorseful
- 30 Hardly any
- 31 Loses color
- 32 Conk out
- 33 Octopus arm
- 35 Hair goops
- 36 Comic Jay
- 37 Ranch visitors
- 38 Salesperson's goal
- 40 Tiny amounts
- 42 Italian article
- 43 Able
- 48 Toss in
- 49 Historic times
- 50 Acknowledge
- 51 Coifs
- 52 First-rate



53 Actress Farmiga

10 "Rule, Britannia!" composer

29 Hardy heroine

DOWN

- 1 Perch
- 2 Garden tool
- 3 Raggedy doll
- 4 Luxury hotel amenity
- 5 Actor Dillon
- 6 "Lucky Jim" author
- 7 Speed (up)
- 8 Vine-supporting frame
- 9 Came after
- 11 Eat in style
- 16 Vacuum's lack
- 20 Even so
- 21 Falling-out
- 22 Pulitzer winner James
- 23 File transfers
- 24 Elbow counterpart
- 26 Designer Rabanne
- 27 Right angle
- 28 Cleopatra's river
- 31 Cure-all
- 34 Hanoi holiday
- 35 Composer Mahler
- 37 HST follower
- 38 Campus area
- 39 Nullify
- 40 IRS enforcer
- 41 Church section
- 44 Acapulco gold
- 45 Cain's mom
- 46 Neither mate
- 47 Former Delta rival

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. U.S. STATES: Which is the only state named after a president?
2. MYTHOLOGY: Which goddess is queen of the Roman gods?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Paradise Lost"?
4. HISTORY: Which monarch was known as the Sun King?
5. MOVIES: How many movies did Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers make together?
6. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Malta is on which continent?
7. CHEMISTRY: What is a substance that speeds up a chemical reaction?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is tzatziki?
9. TELEVISION: What is the name of the family in the sitcom "Arrested Development"?
10. ANATOMY: What part of the brain converts short-term memory into long-term memory?

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