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Pre-Applications for Small Business Grant Opportunities in Iron County Open September 1

by Gabbie Costello

CEDAR CITY OFFICES

CEDAR CITY, UT – The Iron County Economic Opportunity Board and the Cedar City Business &

Innovation Center will administer \$65,000 in funding through the Small Business Grant program, allowing businesses in Iron County to submit pre-applications from September 1 to 30, 2025, for incentives that promote economic growth.

The pre-application process will determine preliminary eligibility for funding assistance. Distribution of funding is dependent on the quantity and quality of applications. Key components to evaluate the pre-applications include a business project description, general company information, business development, and potential for job creation.

Project examples outlined in the Application

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Instructional Packet include:

- Infrastructure developments
- Construction of a new building/adding to an existing building
- New or upgraded equipment or machinery
- Value-added agriculture expansion projects
- New or uncommon industry investment
- Business-related technology or services
- Business start-up costs

Recent grant funding recipients include The Pub Spirits + Craft Kitchen, Brian Head General Store, Ganache-d, Fire + Smoke BBQ, and Lone Wolf Precision.

"This grant provides not only money, but a feeling of support that others believe in your business and want you to succeed," said Mirryn Morrill, grant recipient and owner of Ganache-d.

Business owners are invited to explore the qualifications and Application Instructional Packet online at www.cedarcityut.gov/grants. Pre-applications will be accepted September 1 – 30, 2025, on the website. The Business & Innovation Center partners will review pre-applications and narrow down finalists after the deadline on Tuesday, September 30. If selected to move forward, businesses will be invited to fill out a full application for review. As part of the grant requirements, awardees are required to provide a minimum 1:1 funding match.

Cedar City woman charged with hindering investigation into jewelry store burglary

by Tracie Sullivan

CEDAR CITY OFFICES

The wife of a man accused in a high-dollar jewelry store burglary is now facing her own felony charge.

Accused of trying to help her husband to destroy potential evidence, Melissa Renee Resma, 50, of Las Vegas, was booked into the Iron County Jail on July 30. She faces one count of attempted obstruction of justice, a second-degree felony conduct.

Resma's husband, 47-year-old Eric Drexel Resma, is accused of breaking into Clark & Linford Jewelry in Cedar City

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Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Launches Next Phase of Pine Valley Water Supply Project



from Jessica Staheli

CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Cedar City, UT – The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (District) has requested the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to reengage the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the Pine Valley Water Supply (PVWS) project. This pivotal step follows an extensive period of sustainability-focused study and planning, affirming the District's commitment to responsible, long-term water management.

A Regional Water Solution

The PVWS project is designed to responsibly transport groundwater from Basin 14 (Pine Valley)—

located northwest of Cedar City—to Basin 73 (Cedar Valley), where Cedar City and surrounding communities rely on a declining aquifer. This inter-basin project is structured to respect Utah water law and environmental standards, with safeguards to ensure that water withdrawn from Pine Valley remains within its safe yield limits and does not harm existing users or ecosystems.

District General
Manager Paul
Monroe stated,
"We're not just
planning for the next
few years—we're
building a water future that's resilient, sustainable,





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and backed by science. Pine Valley's water will be

Vandalism at Three Peaks Model Port Impacts Local RC Flying Community

by Matt Prater

CEDAR CITY RC CLUB SECRETARY

Cedar City is home to a unique and valuable resource for aviation hobbyists—the **Three Peaks Model Port**, where members of the **Cedar City Radio Control Club** gather to fly radio-controlled (RC) planes and drones of all types. With its 700-foot paved runway and wide-open airspace, this flying field draws pilots not just from Cedar City but from as far away as St. George, Kanab, and even northern Arizona.

Unfortunately, on the night of August 4, the flying field was vandalized. The target: the club's weather station, a critical tool used to monitor wind conditions and determine whether it's safe to fly. This station was installed by club volunteers and is maintained by the local community. Its loss affects everyone who relies on itespecially those who travel long distances to fly at Three Peaks. The Three Peaks Model Port exists through a unique partnership between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and dedicated volunteers. While much of the field's ongoing maintenance—such as mowing, cleanup,



Volunteer club members repairing the weather station

and basic upkeep—is carried out by club members using personal time and equipment, major infrastructure improvements like the paved runway and concrete tables were funded by the BLM. The concrete tables, though funded by the BLM, were installed by a club volunteer with experience in concrete work to ensure their durability in all weather conditions.

Club members also contribute in countless other ways—from monitoring and maintaining the grounds to ensuring the area is safe and clean for everyone, including pets and vehicles. With the BLM's limited resources and critical responsibilities like wildfire management, this partnership relies heavily on the commitment and care of local volunteers. Flying RC aircraft is more than a pastime—it's a way to connect with nature, explore aerodynamics, and even inspire future pilots. From graceful gliders to highspeed jets, these aircraft require skill and discipline to operate. The flying field is also a community space where generations connect. While it may appear to be a group of hobbyists relaxing in the sun, those gathered often include military veterans, private pilots, engineers, and educators—many of whom are eager to mentor new flyers and share their passion for aviation.

To help ensure safe and responsible flying, all participants are encouraged to join the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), which provides liability coverage and safety guidance to its members. Three Peaks Model Port is a shared community treasure—built through a mix of federal support

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FORECAST

A SLIGHT UPTICK IN MOISTURE COULD SQUEEZE OUT AN ISOLATED STORM OR TWO AS WE CLOSE OUT THE WEEK MOVING INTO THE WEEKEND. OVERALL, THE MAIN THEME OF SUNSHINE AND WARM TEMPERATURES WILL HANG TOUGH THROUGH MOST OF NEXT WEEK.

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91°/62° PRECIP: 20%

WINDS: S 10-15

FRIDAY

Cloudy/Iso Storms

87°/59°

PRECIP: 20% WINDS: SW 15-25+

ATURDAY

Cloudy/Iso Storms

86°/57°

PRECIP: 10% WINDS: SW 15-25

SLINDAY

Mostly Sunny

88°/55°

PRECIP: 10%

PRECIP: 10% WINDS: SW 15-25

MONDAY

Sunny

90°/55°

PRECIP: 0% WINDS: SW 5-10

TUESDAY

Sunny **92°/56°**

PRECIP: 0% WINDS: SW 10-20

WEDNESDAY Sunny

93°/58°

PRECIP: 0% WINDS: SW 10-20

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FROM THE EDITOR



SCHMUTZ COPY EDITOR

Iron County is Officially Back to School!

hope everyone had a wonderful first day vesterday in the Iron County School District. American

Preparatory Academy begins next week, and Southern Utah University will be back in session by the end of the month.

There's nothing quite like this time of year—new books, fresh notepads, and a clean slate for the months ahead. Before long, the weather will cool, the leaves will begin to change, and fall will be at our doorstep. This season always takes me back to long nights at the SUU Library. tucked into a second-floor desk, reading and taking notes while the world outside grew quiet.

I'll admit, I was never a straight-A student. I was perfectly content with my steady B's. But don't let my report cards fool you—I've always loved learning. Gathering information and connecting the dots is part of who I am. History, geography, and literature were always my favorite subjects, and while I once had a proper loathing for philosophy, over time it's joined the list of topics I love to explore.

So, what about you? What do you love most about this time of year? What were or are—your favorite subjects? And when was the last time you revisited them just for the joy of learning?

Here's to a fresh start, a curious mind, and a school year filled with possibilities.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence"

- Abigail Adams



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the article in the Iron County Today paper dated Aug 7th 2025.

Casey Anderson wrote very well the challenges homeowners, or anyone living in Iron County, have to face on a regular basis, no local governmental representative sitting in any position on the City Council, or County Commissioner board, who speaks for the public.

Every appointed board has, what

appears to be, a hidden agenda that they alone are privy to. They certainly do not listen to or represent the popular opinion of the tax payers of Iron County.

Every week I read the meeting minutes of both boards and end up frustrated and angry. I guess I'm going to have to skip these portions of the paper from now on, to save my sanity.

L.A. Hol

Language Barriers Dissolve and Nature Rebels

PART XI

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

by about 1.35 billion people around the

nglish is **≺** one of important languages for business because it's spoken

world as a first or second language. Many top economies use English as an official language, including the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and New

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[sar·to·ri·al] adjective of or relating to a tailor or tailored clothes



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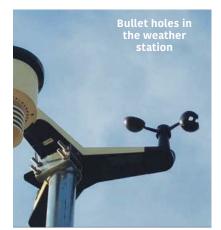
Zealand. Because of this, fluency in English is essential for business owners looking to expand almost anywhere in the world. The second most predominant

language in the world is Mandarin because China is bursting with professional opportunities, so learning to speak Mandarin is a great business advantage because it has 918 million native speakers and 199 million non-native speakers. Also, China's economic power continues to grow, and according to a report by the PWC, China is on track to becoming the world's leading economy by 2050 due to international trade ties, cross-border treaties, and advances in science and technology including China's Belt and Road Initiative where China's massive infrastructure investment project is aimed at improving connectivity, trade, communication, and dependence on China across Eurasia, Latin America, and Africa with many in the West viewing it as a strategy to expand China's sphere of economic and political influence around the globe. Through massive loans to third and fourth level countries with low economic power, China has managed to expand its influence and power throughout the world, and make demands when countries are unable to pay back loans. (See the following website to understand terms like "First World, Second World, and Third World" categorization of countries based on their political, economic, and social characteristics: easysociology.com/general-sociology/first vs-second

vs-third-world/). China has also made attempts to insinuate itself into Western countries by the promotion of Confucius Institutes at Western universities funded with the stated aim of promoting Chinese language and culture, support the teaching of the Chinese language, and facilitate cultural exchanges. Many U.S. states found that the Institutes provided large risks to U.S. national security and outlawed them especially when it was discovered the Chinese Communist Party police stations began to open in the United States. However, the Chinese Communist Party is persistent, and in June 2022 we find that many U.S. colleges and universities have replaced once-defunct Confucius Institutes with similar organizations under new names but with similar programs. Please see the following information: "After Confucius Institutes: China's Enduring Influence on American Higher Education" publicized by the National Association of Scholars. NAS counts a total of 10 remaining Confucius Institutes in the United States while a total of 111 have closed with at least 28 of them replacing their Confucius Institute with a similar program. For a map of the current Confucius Institutes in the United States, please go to: nas.org/blogs/ article/how_many_confucious_institutes_are_in_the_united_states So, language and cultural barriers are dissolving, especially with the development of AI. Artificial intelligence is the capability of computational systems (computers) to perform tasks typically associated with human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, and decision-making. It is a field of research in computer science that develops and studies methods and software that enable machines to perceive their environment and use learning and intelligence to take actions that maximize their chances of achieving defined goals. Examples include advanced web search engines (e.g., Google Search); recommendation systems (used by YouTube, Amazon, and Netflix; virtual assistants (e.g., Google Assistant, Siri, and Alexa) autonomous vehicles (Waymo); generative and creative tools; superhuman play and analysis in strategy games (like chess and Go). Are you facilitating the replacement of human intelligence and occupations for humans by using or misusing computers in any way? Go to the following two websites for information about driverless vehicles: axios.com/2023/08/29/ cities-testing-self-driving-driverless-taxis-robotaxi-waymo/carboncredits.com/ robotaxis-are-here-top-3-companies-that-are-driving-the-future-of-ride-hailing/ What comes next?

VANDALISM

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and grassroots volunteerism. While vandalism like this is disheartening, the spirit of the RC flying community remains strong. Club members are already working together to

repair the damage and get the weather station back up and running. Whether you're a seasoned pilot or just curious about remote-controlled flight, everyone is welcome at the field. It's a place where people of all ages can come together, learn, laugh, and enjoy the thrill of flight under Southern Utah's big blue skies. To learn more about the Cedar City Radio Control Club, upcoming events, or how to get involved, visit cedarcityrcclub.net. Come see what's flying—we'd love to have you out!



<u>IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS</u>

Parowan City Council Meeting

from Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Public Comments -Anthony Guiling,

a long-time resident, expressed concerns about traffic congestion and lack of law enforcement near the post office, suggesting the current location is inadequate and a public safety hazard. He also voiced a general sentiment that the town was safer in the past due to more engaged police leadership and enforcement. The Mayor responded that the council has been discussing the post office issue and seeking alternative locations.

Action Agenda

Off-Premise Beer Licenses - The council approved off-premise beer licenses for the Maverick store, Family Dollar, and the Pizza Barn.

America 250 MOU - The council reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for America 250, which secures a \$1,500 stipend for patriotic celebrations from July 2025 to July 2026.

Jones and DeMille US Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant Application - City Manager Dan Jessen discussed the approval of the Jones and DeMille scope of work and fee for the EDA grant application related to the airport project which will fund the construction of the airport loop road and upgraded utilities. The total cost for their services is \$30,000, which the city hopes to be reimbursed by the grant. The city has met with the EDA and feels the chances of receiving the grant are "extremely high". The grant application is for approximately \$7 million. This request was approved.

Work Agenda

Old Rock Church Days Update - Tom Zaleski provided an update on the success of Old Rock Church Days, emphasizing the community unity it fostered. The event raised \$42,350, which, combined with matching funds, totals approximately \$85,000. This funding will enable the replacement of the church roof. Zaleski also noted the need for more community participation in future events.

Prime West Development LC
Annexation Agreement - The council
discussed the Prime West Development LC
Annexation Agreement, focusing on road and
access requirements. The original agreement
stipulated improvements to 200 North and
a second access point. A counterproposal
from the applicant suggested providing
one improved road access, potentially
dedicating 1200 West, and allowing 80
lots before requiring a second access. This
counterproposal did not meet fire code
requirements.

Concerns were raised about pedestrian safety, particularly children walking along 1200 West to Holyoke Lane (200 South). Larry Pendleton from Prime West offered to include a footpath and improvements on 200 North to ensure the road is 26 feet wide.

After extensive discussion, a consensus was reached: if another access point that's on the transportation master plan is the primary access, Prime West can build up to 30 homes before a second access is required. On phase one a gravel footpath will tie the subdivision to 200N. The council agreed to revisit the language of the agreement at the next meeting.

Main Street Crosswalk Project - The council discussed potential improvements to crosswalk safety on Main Street, particularly at the intersections of Center and Main,

and 200 North and Main. Matt Rhodes, a Utah Department of Transportation representative, outlined the limitations of UDOT-funded participation imposed by updated guidelines. He emphasized that increased traffic enforcement and trimming trees to improve visibility may improve the traffic and pedestrian situation. The council decided to map out the locations and explore cost-effective solutions, including potential assistance from UDOT.

Reports, Updates, and Old Business - Public Works Director Aldo Biasi provided an update on water-related issues, including a malfunctioning well and the need for a budget amendment. He also discussed the possibility of rehabilitating the springs and the need for further evaluation. City Manager Dan Jessen provided updates on the airport fixed-based operator RFP, the independent auditor RFP, pool maintenance needs, and the Main Street Bridge project.

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

Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Planning Commission welcomed two new members: Steve Hitz, a Swiss-American entrepreneur and founder of "Launching Leaders," and Jayce Burgess, a lifelong resident who works in construction

and teaches finance at SUU.

The Cedar City Planning Commission opened its meeting by approving a boundary line adjustment for two lots at 525 and 521 South 225 West, near the old Deseret Industries. The proposal was presented, which was classified as a staff decision item requiring only a public hearing. With no public comments, the commission approved it and sent it to staff for final action.

Commissioners also gave a positive recommendation for a public utility easement on city property at 2000 South Old Highway 91, where the "Welcome to Cedar City" billboard stands. A representative from Rocky Mountain Power explained that the company plans to bury all overhead lines along the frontage road from Shirts Canyon Drive to the overpass. The easement, placed 20 feet back from the fence line, will allow room for future road widening, including curb, gutter, and sidewalk installation. The city expressed comfort with the plan, and the commission voted unanimously in favor.

The commission then approved a development agreement for 4B Ranch Phase 5. Under new city ordinances, the project required frontage improvements along Westview Drive. Instead of immediate construction, the developer proposed paying \$204,882.32 in-lieu fees—reflecting the estimated cost of widening Westview to a 55-foot right-of-way—and agreed to fund a deceleration lane. Phases one through four have already met improvement obligations. The city will hold the funds until it can implement a coordinated widening plan, preventing mismatched road sections.

A review of the Cedar 106 development was then discussed. A large project along 800 North originally known as Plum Creek. The main issue was a previously dedicated 66-foot-wide road the developers now want

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.

<u>IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS</u>

to partially vacate. The City Engineer raised concerns about maintaining connectivity within residential areas, noting strain on existing master plan roads near Walmart and Main Street. The developers, represented by the Platt family, sought flexibility to sell the land in larger parcels to other developers, requiring language ensuring future interconnections while allowing adaptable design. After discussion, the commission approved a modified agreement balancing connectivity needs with developer flexibility, including access provisions at 3700 West.

Next, a request was made to build an agricultural barn on a family's 7.7-acre property along Industrial Road, historically used for farming and hosting a local pumpkin patch. While the family wished to defer frontage improvements until further development, the city engineer highlighted the need for drainage and irrigation upgrades at the private road access. The family agreed to provide construction plans and necessary improvements at the access point. The commission approved the project contingent on meeting ordinance requirements for access improvements but allowed deferral of other frontage work.

The final item addressed amendments to city ordinances on storage units in planned unit developments. The Platt family presented a model ordinance permitting storage units linked to residential units, preventing outside rentals and easing parking issues in dense housing. Staff recommended size, height, and electrical limits along with setback and parking standards to ensure safety and accessibility.

All three items received unanimous approval.

Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The council quickly approved the agenda unanimously. The mayor had no specific business but invited members to raise any matters. One member praised the fire and police departments for resolving a past issue and actively addressing weed concerns. The discussion then shifted to an upcoming community event.

The mayor introduced the city's moonwalk, a 5K night race starting Saturday at 9:30 PM from the LDS Chapel to West Canyon Park, timed with the full "sturgeon moon." A pre-race party begins at 7:30 PM with games, a movie, inflatables, and glow items. The

event ends with a foam finish and food. Last year's sold-out 300-participant limit was raised to 500 this year, with over 400 already signed up.

The meeting then addressed animal shelter concerns with a proposal for an adoption event on August 23rd from 10 AM to 1 PM. The shelter is currently overcrowded, housing 106 animals, including 91 cats and kittens, which strains staff and facilities. The event will offer reduced microchipping at \$10 (down from \$30) and a two-for-one special on kitten adoptions to help reduce the cat population. Microchipping is done on-site and is quicker than completing registration paperwork.

The city's standard process for promotional events requires documenting services, discounts, and recipients for accountability. The council discussed creating an ongoing policy to automatically allow two-for-one kitten adoption events whenever the shelter houses more than 50 cats, based on data showing off-season cat populations typically fall below this number, while recent months have seen increases. The council supported the immediate event and the new policy, aiming to address capacity issues while ensuring oversight and documentation.

The council reviewed a request to renew a long-term lease on city property at 62 North and 900 East. The original 99-year lease began in 2009 but was returned four years ago when the city needed the land for a federal agency that later withdrew. The lessee wants to restore the lease, accepting a smaller property due to other developments and a planned road.

The council discussed restarting the lease term and adjusting rental rates, emphasizing the need for timely development to avoid idle land. The lessee agreed to begin construction within 10 years, with permits required then and completion within two years. The council stressed clearly defining "start construction" to prevent disputes.

The council approved rezoning the Iron Horse Residential Development from Agricultural Transitional to Residential Estate and Mixed Use, shifting from planned retail to singlefamily homes with varying lot sizes. The changes slightly differ from the original plan but keep density limits intact.

They also appointed a new board member for a housing development and updated personnel policies, requiring department heads to live within 25 miles of City Hall to align with public safety policies and improve

hiring flexibility.

<u>UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</u>

Utah House of Representatives Report August 2025

Your Role in Utah's Fire

With wildfires turning up across

has never been more important. As your

that even small actions can make a big

difference. Clear dry brush around your

Representative, I want to remind everyone

home, follow all burn restrictions, and avoid

using machinery that can spark fires during

hot dry conditions. Let's all do our part to

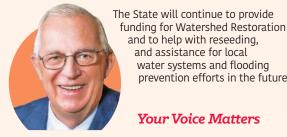
protect our communities, first responders,

and our beautiful public lands. Stay alert,

Utah this summer, fire safety

stay safe, and be fire smart.

Season



REP. CARL ALBRECHT

UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

I hope you all had a wonderful Pioneer Day celebrating our state's rich heritage of community, courage, and taking action for a better future. As

and assistance for local

water systems and flooding

Your Voice Matters

prevention efforts in the future.

your Representative, I want you to know that same pioneering spirit lives on when you get involved, and there's no better time than now. Our next Interim Meetings are coming up on August 19th and 20th, and I encourage you to join us. Committee meetings are open to the public, whether you'd like to attend in person or stream them online at le.utah. gov. There, you can also check schedules, read agendas, and watch recordings of past meetings. Your input shapes the decisions we make, so I hope to see you engaged and speaking up for our community!

Smart Choices Make Safe Summers

As we enjoy Utah's beautiful lakes, rivers, and reservoirs this summer, let's make safety a top priority. Whether you're boating, kayaking, or just cooling off near the water, wearing a life jacket can save lives - and it's one of the simplest ways to protect yourself and your loved ones. Accidents happen fast, even to strong swimmers. Let's keep our summer adventures fun, safe, and tragedy-free. Please wear your life jacket and encourage others to do the same.

Monroe Canyon Fire

The Monroe Canyon Fire, as I write this on August 4th at 2:00 pm, is almost 63,000 acres in size and is 13% contained. There are 1,503 personnel working the fire at a cost of \$41.6 million thus far. Mother Nature has dealt us some very difficult firefighting conditions wind, high temperatures, low humidities, and very low fuel moisture content. The fire has been very erratic, but there have been some major wins. The stop at Highway 24 was huge. There have been 14 structures lost. There are over 300 structures total on the Monroe and Cove mountains combined.

Fires are rampant throughout the West. We need more active management of our forests. The work done locally on these mountains by the Forest Service working with State crews has certainly slowed the fire in certain areas where this work has been done in the past.

Utah's Bold Crackdown on Fentanyl Is Saving Lives

Utah is cracking down on fentanyl like never before - and it's working. Thanks to H.B. 87 and the coordinated efforts of the Fentanyl Task Force, the state has already seized 4.3 million units of fentanyl in the first half of 2025 - nearly matching all of last year's record haul. Overdose deaths are also down compared to last year, a hopeful sign that these tough measures are saving lives. With strict new felony charges for major traffickers and law enforcement sending a clear message that fentanyl won't be tolerated here, Utah is proving that bold action can protect communities from this deadly opioid.

Utah Leads the Way in AI **Innovation and Consumer** Protection

Utah isn't just participating in the AI race: we're helping shape its future. Thanks in part to legislation passed this last session, Utah recently ranked third in the nation for AI preparedness. We are proving that innovation and consumer privacy can thrive together. The state is leading the way with practical policies that encourage tech growth while safeguarding Utahns' data and rights. By supporting smart AI legislation in the Legislature, Utah is making sure the Beehive State remains a hub for cutting-edge technology without compromising on the protection of its people.

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City woman

sentenced Tuesday to 40 years to life in prison for crimes involving child sexual abuse, in a hearing marked by emotional testimony and a sharp rebuke from the judge.

Angelica Rosalee Moody, 44, received the maximum possible sentence under Utah law after pleading guilty earlier this year to multiple felony charges including four counts of sodomy on a child and one count of a aggravated sexual assault, all first-degree felonies.

Fifth District Judge Meb Anderson ordered two prison terms — 25 years to life and 15 years to life — to run consecutively. Under this sentence, Moody will spend a minimum of 40

years in prison.

The announcement of the sentence came in a quiet courtroom. Moody sat at the defense table as attorneys on both sides made their final arguments.

Defense attorney Clifford Gravett asked the court to impose a concurrent sentence, citing Moody's cooperation with law enforcement and her willingness to testify against her co-defendant.

"My client has and does accept responsibility for the role she played in the abuse perpetuated on the child victims in this case," Gravett said. "She will live every single day for the rest of her life with the knowledge that at a critical and crucial moment, rather than standing up to hers and the children's abuser, her own husband, she gave in, she

participated and she took part." Gravett also cited her longstanding trauma and claimed his client had shown remorse. "She simply does not understand and cannot comprehend how or why she was engaged in this activity," he said. Prosecutor Trajan Evans, representing the state, argued for the harshest sentence allowed under the law and became visibly emotional during his remarks, pausing briefly to compose himself before continuing. "...the level and depth of the child sex abuse in this case is unprecedented, repulsive and evil," Evans said. Evans emphasized that

the abuse involved

multiple victims over a sustained period and asserted that Moody posed an ongoing threat. He pointed to her actions during her time in jail stating she had been written up by the jail staff for engaging in "sexual misconduct with another inmate." Moody addressed the court before sentencing, expressing regret but also referring to trauma in her own life and the influence of her husband, who also faces criminal charges in a related case. Her statement was delivered in an almost monotone voice, with little visible emotion. "I hope this court will show mercy in its sentencing and take into account the abusive, toxic environment we lived in. Incarceration takes my physical freedom, but it does not take away my newfound mental and spiritual freedom I finally found," she

"I promise to do my best. I am sorry for the pain and suffering I caused, and I look forward to healing from the 43 years of abuse I endured so that I can be the best person I am meant to be, and to be able to learn, and to be able to serve and support others in their suffering."

Anderson responded to Moody's crime with a forceful statement rejecting her claims that she lacked memory of the events or that she was not fully responsible for her actions.

"I do not believe that you do not remember these events, or that somehow you are not to blame for them," Anderson said. "You have not taken accountability for your actions. And the notion that you do not remember these events or are somehow sorry for how they happened, or your claim that you are rehabilitated or not a threat to your children or others is just not supported by the evidence.

Like Evans, Anderson cited reports of inappropriate behavior while Moody has been in jail, including violations of facility rules and misconduct that raised further concerns about her rehabilitation.

"Since you have been in jail, you have continued deviance and twisted behavior. It has been reported by jail

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Running Toward Rehabilitation

At the Utah State Correctional Facility, inmates recently ran a half-marathon organized by the Fit From Within Club – an inspiring program founded by incarcerated individuals aiming to support rehabilitation and reintegration through running. This initiative, which has been embraced by lawmakers, reflects the Legislature's growing commitment to fostering programs that promote mental and physical health, reduce violence, and prepare inmates for successful reentry into society. By supporting legislation that funds such efforts and encourages healthy habits, Utah is investing in real, transformative rehabilitation that helps break the cycle of incarceration and builds hope for a better future.

Utah's Fight to Keep Public Lands in Public Hands

The federal government currently controls more land in Utah than anywhere else in the nation, except Nevada – over 70% of our entire state! From wildfire mitigation to flood control, we have proven time and time again that Utah deserves priority when it comes to managing its land. Listen to the House's latest podcast episode as Rep. Logan Monson talks with Redge Johnson, director of Utah's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, about Utah's continued fight to keep public lands in public hands. Click here to listen.

Safeguarding National Security at the State Level

Utah is leading the way in safeguarding our land and military assets. A state law passed in 2023 and strengthened in 2024, which prevents restricted foreign entities from purchasing land in the state, blocked a land purchase last month. As foreign adversaries like China seek greater influence, Utah is showing how states can take proactive steps to defend their communities and critical assets. Utah's example underscores the vital role states play in safeguarding America's future.

Thank You

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

Respectfully,

Representative Carl Albrecht Utah District 70 435-979-6578 carlalbrecht@le.utah.gov



public & health

Intermountain's Downwinders Clinic **Available to Help the Public as Federal Law Reinstated**

by Brad Gillman

The federal government has reinstated the Radiation INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH Exposure Compensation Act, or RECA, after expiring over

a year ago, and Intermountain Health's Downwinders Clinic wants the community to know it is available to help families impacted by nuclear testing.

The RECA statute provides family compensation for health issues encountered from radioactive fallout during the federal government's nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site decades ago.

The Downwinders Clinic, located in Intermountain St. George Regional Hospital's Cancer Center, provides vital education, healthcare assistance, and help applying for RECA. The RECA federal statute provides compensation for qualifying people and their families who contracted certain cancers and/or other diseases as a direct result of their exposure to the atmospheric nuclear testing.

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The previous RECA compensation ended without an extension last year. The newly expanded version of the RECA compensation program's guidelines includes the following:

- All of Utah is now included as an affected area. Previously, it was just select portions of the state and nothing north of Fillmore and Richfield.
- Idaho and New Mexico are also now covered by the program.
- Compensation for new applicants increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. At this time, people

compensated previously are **not** eligible for the **new** amount.

who were

The length of required exposure time decreased from 24 months to 12 months; from January 1951 to November 1962.

Rebecca Barlow, project director for the Radiation Exposure Screening (RESEP) Clinic at Intermountain St. George Regional Hospital, has been working with families impacted by radiation fallout and setting up crucial screenings.

We have been working with families during the 13 months the program was expired to help gather the documents they would need when

RECA was reinstated. Now, we want people to know that the qualifying boundaries have expanded, as well as new applicants qualify for a larger compensation amount for the health issues they have encountered," said Barlow.

The cancers that qualify someone under RECA have not changed and include leukemia (but not chronic lymphocytic leukemia), multiple myeloma, lymphomas (other than Hodgkin's), and primary cancers of the pharynx, small intestine, salivary gland, brain, stomach, urinary bladder, colon,

thyroid, pancreas, breast, esophagus, bile ducts, liver, gall bladder, lung, and ovarian.

There is no charge for the help that the Downwinders clinic provides. However, since the expansion, many claimants have reported to Barlow that they have been approached by attorneys to help them apply.

"With rare exception, it is not necessary to pay a company or an attorney to help with the application process. The Intermountain Downwinders Clinic can send you an application and assist you in the application process for free," said Barlow. "The compensation should stay with those families that have been affected."

People can contact the Intermountain Downwinder's Clinic by calling 435-251-4760 and leave a message. Your call will be returned at the earliest opportunity.

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AARP OFFERS SMART DRIVING CLASSES

by Roland Shepard

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring a series of safe driving classes designed specifically for older drivers. The classes cover the many changes that occur within ourselves, in roadway design and in the

vehicles we drive. They also cover rules of the road, the latest technology, sharing the road with others and what to do when you can no longer drive. The class can also help you to be more comfortable in your vehicle by adjusting seats, mirrors, seatbelts and other items to fit you. CARFIT helps make you a safer driver, and is available to anyone who takes the class.

Classes are four hours long and are lead by local volunteers using materials specially prepared by AARP and other professionals. They cost \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members.

These lessons are designed to make drivers safer and more confident behind the wheel. They can help you save on your car insurance because many insurance companies offer discounts to individuals who have taken the course. These discounts generally last for three years from the date of the class.

The next event will be held on Monday, September 8, at the Iron County Visitors' Center, at 1:00 pm. This class will be lead by Roland Gow (435-592-0658). Please call to make a reservation. Space is limited.

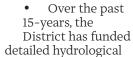
WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

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managed with care, to help Cedar Valley survive and thrive."

Sustainability is Built into the Design

- In 2019, the District secured 15,000 acre-feet of courtdecreed water rights in Basin 14.
- These rights are subject to strict sustainability rules, including no impairment of senior rights and no extraction beyond the safe yield (amount of water that is actually available).



and sustain ability studies conducted and peer-reviewed by the United States Geological Survey (USGS)—well in advance of any construction -to ensure a science-backed, adaptive approach to water transfers.

Environmental Review Resumes with BLM

In June 2024, the District requested that the BLM resume its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process after a two-year

pause to incorporate updated sustainability and modeling data.

• The BLM has restarted its NEPA process, with public scoping and stakeholder engagement to follow. The District expects a final EIS approval in late 2025.

Addressing a Local Water Challenges

- Cedar Valley (Basin 73) currently uses about 28,000 acre-feet of water annually, while only about 21,000 acre-feet are sustainably available.
- This imbalance has caused aquifer decline, ground subsidence, and threats to long-term water security.
- Without new supplies like PVWS, Cedar Valley municipalities face manda tory 75% reductions in groundwater rights under the State's Groundwater Management Plan by 2070.

Green Infrastructure Powered by Solar

The PVWS system will be powered by a 200-acre solar facility, providing renewable energy to run wells, pumps and delivery infrasttructureall designed to minimize carbon foot print while supporting water reliability.

 The pipeline system will include gravity-fed segments, reducing energy use and long-term costs.

Environmental Safeguards & Monitoring

- A comprehensive mitigation and monitoring plan will be built into operations. This includes real-time pumping adjustments, habitat protections, and guaranteed protections for senior water rights holders in Basin 14.
- Ongoing USGS monitoring will be used to validate aquifer conditions and protect long-term regional hydrology.

For more information on the PVWS Project, please visit https://cicwcd.org/pvwsproject

CHILD ABUSE

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staff that you and another inmate have engaged in sexual related

behavior that was flagged as highly inappropriate and unacceptable behavior," he said. "You have broken other jail rules as well." He also referenced prior incidents involving children previously in Moody's care, noting that her actions represented a "betrayal of trust" and a continued threat to public safety. "Miss Moody, you are a threat to society, let alone your children," Anderson said. "I take solace in the fact that your children are in state custody and in therapy and counseling, maybe someday, hopefully, they can succeed despite the hell that you put them through...I hope you use your time at the Utah State Prison to attempt to rehabilitate yourself. This is the maximum possible sentence allowed by

Moody was remanded to the Utah Department of Corrections following sentencing.

In a written statement following the hearing, Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson said: "I am tremendously proud of the hard work of the prosecutors, detectives, the CJC (Children's Justice Center) staff and advocates," Dotson said. "This case involving the Moodys is one of the most depraved set of facts that I have ever dealt with as a prosecutor. I hope that each of them serve the rest of their lives in prison. And I pray the victims can someday heal and find peace."



BURGLARY

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during the early morning hours of July 27 along with another man. Police say the pair forced entry into the store, stole jewelry

and other items valued at approximately \$70,000, and fled the scene.

Later that morning, Utah Highway Patrol troopers spotted a vehicle believed to be connected to the burglary traveling north on Interstate 15. The driver — later identified as Eric Resma — exited the freeway at Pintura and crashed on a frontage road near Exit 30. Police say a second man in the vehicle fled on foot and remains at large.

According to the affidavit, that accomplice later arrived at Melissa Resma's home in Las Vegas "without shoes" and told her that he and Eric were "in trouble." Investigators allege she provided the man with shoes and sent him away.

While court documents include the name of the suspect still at large, Iron County Today is withholding it because no formal charges have been filed.

Resma's charges stem from a recorded conversation she later had with her husband, in which she said she planned to remotely perform a factory reset on his cellphone to prevent it from being used by law enforcement.

"Melissa is being charged with obstruction of justice for attempting to destroy evidence and aiding in the escape of (the alleged accomplice)," the probable cause statement reads.

Both Eric and Melissa Resma are being held without bail in the Iron County Jail. Eric faces multiple felony charges, including aggravated burglary, and is scheduled to appear in 5th District Court on Aug. 19. Melissa's next hearing is set for Aug. 12.

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The Festival's Words Cubed Program Welcomes wo Playwrights

by Marlo Ihler

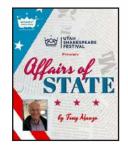
UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

CEDAR CITY—The Utah Shakespeare Festival is thrilled to announce the selection of two new plays and welcome their playwrights for the annual Words Cubed new play program. Affairs of State by Tony Manzo and Muse of Fire by Lauren M. Gunderson will be presented on select dates August 8 through 23 in the Anes Studio Theatre.

Words Cubed seeks to nurture and develop openly submitted and selected plays by providing a professionally supported platform to receive readings and workshops. Playwrights spend a week at the Festival in rehearsals with directors, actors, and stage managers as they refine and rework their plays. At the end of the week, the revised plays are presented as staged readings, followed by a lively, interactive discussion between the playwright, actors, and audience.

"The selection process begins about a year in advance," says Festival Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "This year, we received 275 play submissions, which were thoughtfully reviewed and narrowed down by our dedicated team of twenty play readers, ultimately leading us to the final two selections."

DiAntonio continues: "At the Festival, we're often immersed in the classics, but it's important to remember that even Shakespeare's plays were once world premieres. They had a first audience. They were tested. Characters were cut, scenes revised, and improvements made. Supporting new work honors that same spirit of discovery and evolution in the theatre." Join us this summer for these two new works, and contribute to their development. In general, the plays in this series are written for contemporary adult audiences, and may contain themes and language not appropriate for children and that some may find offensive.



AFFAIRS OF STATE by Tony Manzo August 20, and 22, 2025 9:30am

Affairs of State is a sharp, fast-paced

dramatic comedy about a scandal-hit Congressman and the reporter who could save—or ruin—his career. With just weeks left in his re-election campaign, he's facing criminal accusations, and she's chasing the story that could

launch her career. But as tensions escalate, their tangled past resurfaces, forcing them to decide how much they're willing to risk—for the truth, for power, and maybe for each other.

Tony Manzo

"What drew us to Affairs of State is its razor-sharp dialogue, rich characters, and the way it captures the urgency and complexity of our current moment. It's a play that's both entertaining and unflinchingly honest, asking big questions about integrity, ambition, and the personal cost of public life," explains DiAntonio. "As a Festival committed to both classical and contemporary voices, we're thrilled to champion a piece that feels this fresh, relevant, and theatrically electric. I cannot wait to see actors Walter Kmiec and Kathryn Tkel bring this two-person play to life."

Kmiec can be seen as Macbeth in this season's *Macbeth*, as well as roles in *Antony and Cleopatra* and *As* You Like It. Tkel is playing Cleopatra in Antony and Cleopatra and roles in both Macbeth and As You Like It, as well. Stage directions will be read by actor Evelyn Carol Case, who is performing as one of the Weird Sisters in Macbeth and Ouiser in Steel Magnolias.

Tony Manzo is a freelance writer for full-service advertising agencies in New York City. His comedies have been performed at regional theatres across the country. His theatrical credits include *On the*

Treetop, produced by The American Theater of Actors: Saving Allison, optioned by Miracle Entertainment; The Wedding, directed and produced

by Sherwood Arthur; and Waiting in the Wings. His one-act play, Flight to Paris, has been staged by

Know Theatre, The Lakeshore Players, Women in Theatre, and the Acme New Works Winter Festival. The Lifeguard was presented at the William Inge Festival, and Status of Forces was featured at the Cimientos Festival of New Plays. Most recently, A Heart-Warming Story was produced by the Barn Theatre.



Lauren Gunderson

MUSE OF FIRE by Lauren M. Gunderson August 15, 16, 21, and 23, 2025 9:30am

Muse of Fire is an intimate

two-hander diving into the life and love of William Shakespeare and his wife, Anne Hathaway, at the volatile moment of Will's retirement from London and a life on the boards. Exploring art, ambition, and the searing emotional and creative fuel behind the world's greatest playwright, *Muse* of Fire grapples with the sacrifices, joys, losses and loves of a life in the theatre, while excavating the muscular heart of a storyteller and his muse.

Conducting Icons with Utah Connections

by Sara Penny

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hel and Alsop are interna-

tionally recognized orchestral conductors who share Utah connections. Marin Alsop recently received a "Golden Baton" at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City from the League of American Orchestras for her dynamic leadership at the Baltimore Symphony, the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra, and numerous other orchestras.

Her father Keith Lamar Alsop was born in Murray, Utah and was hired by Utah Symphony Director Maurice Abravanel to play violin and bass clarinet at age 17. "Maurice also gave my dad the courage to pursue his musical dreams, and decades later, Maurice became my mentor, alongside Bernstein at Tanglewood," Alsop said. "One couldn't hope for a greater role model than Maurice, a profound musician and compassionate human being."

She was one of the first women to lead a major American orchestra. She sees the current upheaval in the music industry as an opportunity to embrace new audiences, explore a wider repertoire, and enhance cultural relevance. "We're not just presenting concerts — we're building community, sparking empathy and reminding people of their shared humanity," the conductor said.

Abravanel worked to create musical excellence in Utah. "The boy who was teased by Swiss children because of his Turkish/Greek origins, the student who was supposed to study medicine but was drawn to music instead, the musician who came to America to conduct the Metropolitan Opera

orchestra but ended up on Broadway ... found it in a place where he shared neither ethnic origin nor religion with most of the citizens, but where he found a common passion for music, for arts, for excellence," reported the

Deseret News. He led the Utah

Symphony from 1947 to 1979 and transformed it into a leading national orchestra. The recordings made under his leadership included the first stereo recordings of the Mahler 7th and 8th Symphonies. The

many fine recordings of the Utah Symphony under his direction helped the orchestra gain an international reputation for excellence.

New digital options have helped spark an increased interest in music exploration. For example, our local Orchestra of Southern Utah has over 300 videos on YouTube. Viewers from all over the world can access this collection which has helped promote contemporary composers like Marshall McDonald and Steven Sharp Nelson.

We also hope the videos propel music lovers from their screens to the Heritage Theater for live performances. Season tickets are now available at myosu.org. Information on the upcoming composer contest is also on the website under Competitions. Entries are due November 1.

Having a composition performed live is a huge milestone for a composer. Even with sophisticated music equipment it is a totally different experience to have a live performance rather than just hearing the electronic version. Part of meeting the challenge of the present musical moment is giving composers this opportunity.

Cedar City offers many opportunities to enjoy live music and we appreciate those who make this possible.

TWO PLAYWRIGHT

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Gunderson has been one of the

Lauren M.

most produced playwrights in America since 2015, topping the list three times. Her play *Silent Sky* was produced at the Festival during the 2024 season, as was her play *The Book of Will* during the 2019 season. She will also be acting in the readings of *Muse of Fire* on August 15 and 16.

"We're beyond excited that Ms. Gunderson herself will be joining us to read the role of Anne Hathaway during the first two performances of *Muse of Fire*. To have the playwright embody this richly-drawn character adds an extraordinary layer of intimacy and insight to the experience," says DiAntonio. She will be joined by actors Casey Murphy as Will and Nic Sommerfeld for stage directions.

For its last two readings, Festival company members Melinda Parrett and Geoffrey Kent will step into the roles, with Gabriel W. Elmore reading the stage directions. Parrett is performing in this season's A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder and The Importance of Being Earnest. Kent can be seen as Antony in Antony and Cleopatra, and roles in As You Like It and Macbeth. Elmore is Orlando in As You Like It, as well as roles in Antony and Cleopatra and Macbeth.

Gunderson is a two-time winner of the Steinberg/ATCA New Play Award for *1 and You* and

The Book of Will, the William Inge Distinguished Achievement in Theater Award, the Lanford Wilson Award, the Otis Guernsey New Voices Award, and was a finalist for the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, the Arthur L. Weissberger Award, and John Gassner Award for Playwriting.

Her musical adaptation of *The Time Traveller's Wife* premiered in London in 2023 and her new play *Billie Jean* about tennis icon Billie Jean

King is Broadway bound after premiering at Chicago Shakespeare this summer. *Revolutionary Women*, her new anthology of five plays, was published by Bloomsbury in 2023.

Her play *The Catastrophist*, about her husband virologist Nathan Wolfe, premiered digitally in January 2021 and is now in The COVID Art Capsule in the Library of Congress. She co-authored the *Miss Bennet* trilogy with Margot Melcon. The Half-Life of Marie Curie premiered off-Broadway and at Audible.com.

Her picture book *Dr. Wonderful: Blast Off to the Moon* is available from Two Lions/Amazon. She is the book writer for musicals with Dave Stewart and Joss Stone (*The Time Traveler's Wife*), Ari Afsar (*Jeannette and 1 and You*), Joriah Kwamé (*Lady M*), Kira Stone (Built for This) and Kait Kerrigan and Bree Lowdermilk (*Justice and Earthrise*).

For more information or to purchase tickets for Words Cubed or for the 2025 season at the Festival, please visit the Festival Ticket Office, bard.org, or call 800-PLAYTIX.





Miss Iron County Named

by Karen Ence

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

month of Iron County Fair events began with the annual Miss Iron County Pageant, held on Saturday, August 9, at Canyon View High School. Eleven young women from around the county vied for the two titles of Miss Iron County and Miss Iron County's Teen. After all eleven young women were interviewed in the early afternoon on Saturday by a panel of six judges from around the state and Arizona, the young ladies then prepared for an evening of competition.

The Miss Iron County pageant was emceed by former Miss Iron County 2023-24, Natalie Anderson Bennett and former 2024 Miss Iron County's Teen Nicole Jacobsen. The event opened with all eleven girls participating in an opening production number and were introduced to all those in attendance. The young ladies then went on to compete in the areas of OnStage Conversation, Health and Fitness, sporting Rebel wear, talent, and evening gown. Exceptional talent was displayed by the contestants including painting, photography, violin, piano, car restoration, cooking and

dance. It was an evening of varying talents and wonderful entertainment. The pageant was also pleased to have as guests, the Miss Iron County Rodeo Royalty: Queen, Princess and Jr Princess and their attendants. The evening concluded with the awards as follows: Awarded for Community Service Initiatives were Scarlett Jessen and Catalina Rogers, the top fundraiser for the American Heart Association was Margarita Pasdilla. Most photogenic and obtaining the most in community sponsorship went to Jaidyn Braggs. Other awards were Evening Gown,

won by Chloe Horito, Talent was won by Kaylee Melessa, Interview was Maggie Smith and the Spirit of Iron County, voted on by the contestants, was Shelby Springall. After all tallying was complete, the newly crowned Miss Iron County was Shelby Springall, who is a pre-dental student at Southern Utah University and would like to inspire young girls to engage in STEAM with a Sparkle. You can see Shelby's fun experiments on her Instagram page, @steam.find.your.sparkle. 1st Attendant for Miss Iron County was Catalina Rogers with 2nd Attendant being named RaeLee Johnson

Sydney Rasmussen was named Miss Iron County's Teen and presented a beautiful vocal number to "Don't Rain on My Parade." The named 1st Attendant was Jaidyn Braggs, with 2nd Attendant Jordan Brown. You will be able to see all the royalty throughout the month of August at all the fair events, rodeo and parade and throughout the upcoming year, giving service to Iron County. Please visit ironcountyfair.net

Please visit ironcountyfair.net to see a list of all events and to get your tickets.



faith

Church of Jesus Christ donates \$5.1 million to support American Red Cross initiatives in Utah and nationwide

In addition to monetary donations, the Church provides in-kind donations, such as disaster relief kits, holds thousands of blood drives and mobilizes thousands of volunteers.

by Keith Paul

AMERICAN RED CROSS

SALT LAKE CITY — The American Red Cross of Utah today announced a significant \$5.1 million contribution from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The gift will support critical efforts, including blood donation programs with equipment for new donor centers and programs supporting sickle cell disease treatment

"

Through our collaboration, we are increasing blood donations, advancing sickle cell disease treatment and strengthening our ability to bless millions of lives," said Blaine Maxfield, managing director of Welfare and Self-Reliance Services. "By uniting our efforts, we extend the Savior's love to those in need."

This year's donation will enhance the Red Cross's ability to support patients with sickle cell disease by expanding donor outreach and adding critical blood collection equipment. The funding supports the purchase of specialized platelet and red blood cell collection machines, helping increase the availability of compatible blood units for individuals living with sickle cell disease.

"The Church's donation will support Red Cross efforts and initiatives in Utah and across the country," said Heidi Ruster, Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Utah/Nevada Region. "But this partnership goes far beyond funding. It's a testament to our shared dedication to serving and supporting those in need."

Church members have been active blood donors since the Church hosted its first blood drive in 1996. Today, the Church is the largest single contributor to American Red Cross blood drives, with members donating approximately 97,000 units annually across thousands of drives. Over the past three decades, more than 1 million units of blood have been collected from over 37,000 Churchhosted drives.

A Century-Long Partnership

The relationship between the American Red Cross and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints began over a century ago through joint humanitarian initiatives during the Spanish-American War. The partnership dates back to Red Cross founder Clara Barton and the Church's Relief Society President Emmeline B. Wells, whose joint efforts in assembling comfort kits for soldiers led to the creation of the Salt Lake City chapter of the Red Cross.

A Tradition of Generosity

This \$5.1 million donation builds on a legacy of giving. Last year, the

Church contributed \$7.35 million to support Red Cross blood donation initiatives and other programs. Additionally, in 2025, the Church donated \$1.2 million to assist the relief efforts for Southern California wildfires, helping provide food, shelter and emotional support.

The Church's generosity extends beyond financial donations. Church members are among Red Cross volunteers providing disaster relief nationwide. The Church also provides in-kind donations such as disaster relief kits with essential hygiene items. These contributions align with the Church's global philanthropic efforts, which in 2024 exceeded \$1.45 billion to help those in need worldwide.





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IRON ORE SHOVEL ON MAIN STREET

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Ithough there had been earlier pioneer efforts to mine and refine iron locally, the first large-scale mining of iron ore in Iron County began in the 1920s. A major milestone was the construction, in 1923, of a

railroad connecting Cedar City to the iron mines and the main rail line running between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. The Columbia Steel Company built a smelter south of Provo (known as Ironton) which was completed in 1924. Columbia Steel contracted with the Utah Iron Ore Corporation to supply 500 tons of iron ore per

day, which came from Desert Mound in Iron County.
In the 1930s, iron mining expanded in Iron County, and massive shovels were needed to excavate the ore. According to company delivery records, two Bucyrus-Erie 120-B shovels were delivered to the Utah Construction Company in Cedar City in September

1936 for use in the iron mines. The electric 120-B shovel had a six-cubic-yard

digging capacity, able to scoop up six tons of dirt—enough to fill the bed of a full-size pickup truck. AC power was supplied to the shovel via a trailing 23,000-volt electric cable, which powered a 275-horsepower motor-generator set. When moving the shovel from pit to pit, bulldozers were used to prevent the massive tracks from slipping down hills. Shovel Excavator SHE-22 was used continuously until the 1970s. It then sat west of town for many years. In 2012,

in partnership with Utah State Parks, Cedar City, Iron County, Gilbert Development, Inc., and Construction Steel Inc., the shovel was relocated to Frontier Homestead State Park.

In 1936, the wage for a shovel operator was \$0.48 per hour.

Katherine Ross, Curator,Frontier Homestead State ParkMuseum

The Comstock Mine is located within the Iron Springs

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Construction of a rail access to transport iron ore, in 1950s, photo Special Collections SUU.

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(Pinto) mining district, which was the most productive iron ore district in the western United States. The Iron Mountain area was a key part of that production.

Located near Cedar City, Utah, the Comstock Mine historically supplied iron ore to Geneva Steel. The ore was transported by Union Pacific Railroad from the Iron Mountain District (which included the Comstock Mine) to Geneva Steel's plant in Vineyard, Utah. This transportation route was vital for supplying the steel mill with raw materials, especially during times of high demand, such as World War II. Iron mining played a crucial role in Iron County's economy, particularly in the early days of Cedar City. The Iron Mountain District, near Cedar City, was a major source of high-grade iron ore. However, mining ceased in the mid-1980s due to factors like rising production costs.

The shovel located in front of Frontier Homestead State Park in Cedar City stands as a historical reminder of the iron ore miners at the Comstock Mine. Their work was vital to the development of Cedar City and the surrounding region and their contributions should always be remembered.



Massive Electric Shovel, now located at the Frontier Homestead State Park, was used to

calendar

THURS, AUG 14

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 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

MON, AUG 25

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM)

Cedar City Library, East room, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn and do or observe fun Ancient Judeo-Christian Dances and Songs. No cost. Info @ (702)460-2317.

THURS, AUG 28

IRON COUNTY FAIR CARNIVAL THURSDAY

AUGUST 28 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1 @ Iron County Fair Grounds. For tickets and more information go to www.ironcountyfair.net or call 435-477-8380

FRI, AUG 29

FINAL FRIDAY ART WALK (5-8PM) FREE

and open to everyone and is held the last Friday of the month, June – September, at various locations along Center St / University Blvd and 100 W (from about Main St to 300 W along University Blvd). Visit with artists, see beautiful art pieces made using a variety of mediums, and maybe purchase a new piece to add to your collection. Listen to live music. For more information, visit them on Facebook: /CedarCityWalks or /CedarCityArts.

PRCA PRO IRON COUNTY RODEO (7PM) @

Iron County Fairgrounds Arena. Come and enjoy all the excitement of a PRCA Pro Rodeo with exciting events and professional entertainers. Tickets available at ironcountyfair.net

SAT, AUG 30

IRON COUNTY FAIR FIREWORK SHOW.

Following the PRCA Pro Iron County rodeo. @ Iron County Fairgrounds.

PRCA PRO IRON COUNTY RODEO (7PM) @

Iron County Fairgrounds Arena. Come and enjoy all the excitement of a PRCA Pro Rodeo with exciting events and professional entertainers. Tickets available at ironcountyfair.net

SUN, AUG 31

MINI GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE - THE

deadline for the CCAC mini grants is fast approaching, offering a fantastic opportunity for artists of all disciplines to secure funding for projects that foster community and connection through art. If you're an artist passionate about bringing people together and celebrating shared experiences, we invite you to apply and receive support for your creative endeavors

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.

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

2nd & 4th Tues, 1 pm • Brian Head Town Hall, 56 N. Hwy 143

Cedar City Council

Wed (except 5th), 5:30 pm • City Hall, 10 N. Main St (435) 586-2950

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

3rd Thurs., 6:30pm. 710 S. Westview Drive

Enoch City Council

1st & 3rd Wed, 6 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

Enoch Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Tues, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

Iron County Commission

2nd & 4th Mon, 9 am • Commission Chambers, 68 S 100 E, Parowan

Iron County Democrats

3rd Sat, 10 am-11:30 am • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E

Iron County Republican Women

3rd Wed, 11:30 am. Tickets \$20, https://www. ironcountyrepublicanwomen.com

Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 35 E 100 N

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

Tues, 12 pm • Call Pres. Michelle Wilson for mtg. info. Everyone welcome! (802) 359-2183

Marine Corps League

Detachment 1315, 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm Elks Lodge (303 N 100 E)

Rotary Club

Tues, 12:15 • Southwest Tech, 757 W 800 S, Cedar City • (435) 233-0244

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

1st Tues, 6PM, Post 10846 meets @ Elks Lodge, 111 E 200 N. Email: VFWinCedarCity@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John 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

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.

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Caregivers

3rd Thurs, 5:45-7 pm • Zion's Way Home Health, 369 N 100 W #1, Cedar. All levels of the caregiver's journey from pre-caregiving to bereavement and rebuilding welcome. INFO: Kat at 702-292-9911.

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm Just for Today • Wed. 8 pm

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

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Reel Mental Health

1st Tues, 6PM • Mountain View Lodge 625 W 200 S Parowan UT 84724 • 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 @ Sonrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@ sonrisehurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

Wed, 11 am-noon, Spirit Wellness Club, 1615 N Main, Cedar City • All levels, Free to members,

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.

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 ekimiacobs@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@amail.com.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun. Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. cedarchestquiltersguild.org

Cedar City ESL

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

Cedar City Toastmasters

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

Cedar City Unitarian Universalists

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

Cedar Professionals

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

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Community Band We offer a wealth of opportunities for

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

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

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@

Iron County Democrats

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

offers Dog Training classes and therapy dogs for libraries, schools, and more. We also have events like animal adoptions and microchip clinics. Call Gail Workman at 435-592-5487

Parkrun

Sat, 8 am • Canyon Park West 133 S 400 E Cedar City. A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate - it's up to you! www.parkrun.us"

Parowan Pickleball

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 Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about

geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

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.

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

obituaries

Lois Williams



Lois Linford Williams passed away on August 4, 2025, after a life filled with purpose, passion, and profound impact. Born in Panguitch, Utah, to loving parents Bob and Helen Linford, she was raised in Cedar City and went on to live more in one lifetime than most could in three. Her boundless energy, creative spirit, and deep compassion touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

A gifted musician from a young age, Lois excelled in both piano and violin, eventually becoming a concert pianist and accomplished violinist. She attended Cedar City High School and later Southern Utah State College, where she earned a degree in business. It was there that she met and married her first husband, Joe Petty. Together, they moved to Logan, Utah, and welcomed their daughter, Kim.

After becoming a single mother, Lois's determination only grew. She moved to Salt Lake City and began working for the State of Utah, rising through the ranks from an assistant role to become Deputy Director of Community Affairs. During this time, she married Michael Strand, and her life continued to expand in both complexity and purpose.

In 1981, Lois followed her entrepreneurial spirit and founded *Rice & Strand Interiors*, a bold move that launched a 30-year career in interior design. Her natural talent, hard work, and eye for beauty made her a standout in the field. She participated in numerous Parade of Homes events—earning awards and acco-

lades—and developed lasting relationships with clients who became dear friends. Her business was a mainstay in the Davis County community and a source of pride and joy, especially during the years she worked side by side with her daughter Kim Strand.

Lois was deeply involved in her community. She served on the North Salt Lake City Planning Commission, was active in the Davis County Chamber of Commerce, and held leadership roles in Soroptimist International, eventually becoming Regional Director—an honor that reflected her commitment to empowering women and giving back. Her spirit of service also extended to her faith; she found great joy in serving in the Bountiful LDS Temple and playing piano for her ward each week, even into her final days.

Later in life, Lois found love again and married Hugh Williams. They shared 25 years together until his passing in 2018. Lois and Hugh loved traveling—often joined by her parents—and they served side by side in many church callings. One of her most cherished experiences was opening their home to several LDS missionaries.

Lois had many passions, among them ballet—an art form she adored and shared with her daughter and grandchildren. She was a longtime season ticket holder at Ballet West and found particular joy in seeing her grandson perform on the same stage she had cherished for decades. Music remained at the heart of her life; a true virtuoso, she played piano throughout her life and delighted in watching her grandchildren, Emmett and Lola, carry on the tradition.

Throughout both the hard times and the good, she leaned most on her family—especially her sister Bobette and brother-in-law Wayne Manzione, as well as her brother Byron and sister-in-law Terri Linford. Their love and support were constant, and they came to her aid many times. She was also deeply grateful for her son-in-law Michael Black, whose care and fierce advocacy helped preserve her dignity during the most difficult moments.

Lois leaves behind a legacy of creativity, resilience, generosity, and fierce love for her family and community. She would want all women to be vigilant about their health, especially encouraging them: "Get your mammogram—even if you're afraid."

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Red Cross or Ballet West in her honor.

Her funeral will be on Tuesday August 12th 2025 at 10am at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 W., Cedar City, UT). A viewing will be held prior to the service from 9-9:45 am. Lois will be buried in the Cedar City Cemetery, near her parents, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the live stream of the funeral service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Gaye Carter



Gaye Black Carter, age 97, died Monday, August 4, 2025, in Cedar City, thus fulfilling her dearest wish to end her mortality strong in the faith of her Savior, at her beloved home in the arms of her children. She was born in Moab, Utah to W. Lawrence Black and Eva Bailey, and spent happy years growing up in Monticello before moving to Cedar City in 1962.

She met her eternal sweetheart Calvin Carter in Salt Lake City, and their love story was a family legend. She married Cal in Manti, Utah in 1948. They are the parents of six children: Jill Elliss (Joe), Jan Wilson (Jim), Eric Carter (deceased), Curtis Carter (Emily), Kelli Olsen (Dan), and Chad Carter (Sherene). Cal and Gaye had over 73 Grandchildren who always made a trail to her house whenever they were in the area. She was an avid gardener and the home front force behind Carter Enterprises, the family construction business, which built hundreds of projects in southwest Utah. She and Cal served an LDS service mission to Deseret Ranches in central Florida and later served as ordinance workers in the St. George Temple.

Preceding her in death were husband Calvin, son Eric, parents, and siblings: Rust Black, Lee Zinke Dibble, and Doris Pehrson.

Contributions to honor Gaye's memory may be sent to the Humanitarian Fund at https://philanthropies.churchofjesuschrist.org/humanitarian-services?OR=OfficeMobile

Graveside services will be held at the Cedar City Memorial Cemetery, on Monday August 11 at 9.a.m. under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. The family has requested no flowers. To share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Betty Stubbs



Betty Louise Wilcock Stubbs, 92, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2025, in Cedar City, Utah.

She was born on October 5, 1932, to Alfred Sharp Wilcock and Emily Mabel Stevens at the old hospital in Cedar City.

Betty graduated from Parowan High School and went on to attend Branch Agricultural College (now Southern Utah University) before marrying the love of her life, Bobbie Mickelson Stubbs, on March 22, 1951, in Parowan, Utah. They were later sealed in the St. George Temple.

Shortly after their marriage, the couple lived at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

After Bob's discharge from the U.S. Airforce, they returned to Parowan to raise their family. Betty worked as a waitress at the Ponderosa Café in Beaver. She later worked at Valley View Medical Center as a nurse's aide and eventually became an EMT, offering care and comfort to many in her community.

Betty had a deep love for family, nature, and tradition. She treasured time spent swimming and playing cards with loved ones in Warm Springs, Nevada. In 1975, Bob and Betty built their beloved cabin at Strawberry Point, where they created countless cherished memories together. One of her most unforgettable gifts was in 2013, when she took her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren on a Disney Cruise—a trip the entire family remembers with fondness and joy.

A passionate gardener, Betty took great pride in her yard, always ensuring her flowerpots overflowed with blooms and her garden was lovingly tended. She was a proud member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, found joy in giving tours of the historic Parowan Rock Church, and served faithfully on her ward Compassionate Services Committee for 20+ years, which brought her great fulfillment.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren will fondly remember trips to the Dairy Freeze for ice cream and fries. Betty always had ice cream and Coke at the ready—just in case someone stopped by. She loved the holidays, especially making popcorn balls for Halloween, her famous stuffing for holiday dinners, and decorating her Christmas tree each year.

Betty is survived by her children, Mike and Shanna Stubbs, and Chuck and Dianna Harris; her sister, Emily Rhodes; six grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Bob, her parents Alfred and Mabel, her brothers Carl and Alfred Jr., and her grandchildren Heidi Stephensen, Heather Guymon, and great- grandchild Tyler Stephensen.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Marilyn Allred, Jahaira Vargas, Bailey Coombs with Zions Way, and the staff at Three Peaks Assisted Living for the kindness and compassion shown to our Mom and Grandmother.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Parowan LDS Chapel (59 S. 100 W., Parowan, UT). A viewing will be held prior to the service from 9 – 10:30 am. Interment will take place in the Parowan City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.





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by Taun Beddes

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION HORTICULTURIST

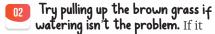
Over the past few weeks, I've had a flood of questions about brown lawns. In most cases, the culprit is simple: drought stress from our hot summer

insects and fungal diseases are also common this time of year. Fortunately, you can do a few quick tests to help narrow down the

weather. However, lawn-feeding problem.

Why Is My Lar Turning Brow

Start with the screwdriver test. Push a long screwdriver into the soil in the brown areas. If it slides in easily, the soil has enough moisture, and drought likely isn't the issue. If it's tough to push in, the soil is dry, and your lawn may not be getting enough water.



lifts easily, like a loose carpet, insect pests may be feeding on the roots. If the lawn is well-rooted and moist, but still turning brown, it could be a fungal disease.

13 Watch for drought stress.

Depending on the temperatures, drought stress usually starts showing up in late June or early July, especially along sidewalks, park strips, and lawn edges where sprinkler coverage tends to be spotty. Weedy plants like creeping spurge, crabgrass, and black medic often take advantage of these dry spots and start popping

To repair these areas, you can adjust your sprinkler system to improve coverage, set up a hose-end sprinkler for once-a-week watering, or even consider converting trouble spots into waterwise landscape beds with more drought-tolerant plants.

Don't overdo it. Keep in mind that lawns mowed too short, watered too often, or fertilized heavily tend to have more insect and disease problems. On the flip side, lawns that are mowed high, fertilized a few times a year, and occasionally go a little dry tend to have fewer issues.

Watch for insect pests. Some on the watchlist in Utah include billbugs, white grubs, and sod

webworms. Webworm damage can occur anytime between spring and fall but tends to be worst in August and September. Grub and billbug damage usually starts showing in mid-July. But unfortunately, once the damage is done, those areas usually need to be reseeded or re-sodded.

If you've had pest issues before, applying a preventative insecticide in late May or early June can help. Also, billbugs are less common in fescue or ryegrass lawns, so you may consider those grasses as options.

Watch for fungal diseases. Likely summer diseases include ascochyta leaf blight, summer patch, and necrotic ring spot, especially in overwatered lawns or those with a thick thatch layer. If you suspect disease, send a sample to the USU Extension Plant Pest Diagnostic Lab. Accurate diagnosis helps with targeted treatment.

Resist spraying broadleaf weed killers especially products containing **2.4-D** or Dicamba. Now is not the

time. High temperatures increase the risk of damaging your lawn or nearby plants like tomatoes and grapes. If you must spray, do it in the evening and limit it to small areas.

Try general prevention tips. These include hollow core aerating each fall or spring to loosen the soil and reduce thatch, choosing grass varieties resistant to common diseases like necrotic ring spot, and avoiding excessive thatch and watering.



For more information or help diagnosing your lawn, contact your local USU Extension office or visit garden.usu.edu.



Falcon volleyball falls in opener

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

anyon View volleyball entered the 2025 season with the high expectation that comes with being the defending 3A state champion. After the opener played Aug. 8, the Falcons got an introduction to the work still to come to defend its crown.

The Crimson Cliffs Mustangs were able to pull away late in each set and finish off a 3-0 sweep over CV by scores of 25-20, 25-22 and 25-22. When asked about the match, head coach Lynette Whittaker was pleased with the Falcons' total effort throughout.

"It was our first game of the season. I loved it," she said. "I thought my girls did great. We passed exceptionally well and I thought we just had nerves in the match with too many errors."

Even with the struggles, Canyon
View challenged Crimson in
a back-and-forth battle that
saw the Mustangs produce the
needed points when they mattered.
In the opening set, CV led 20-19 before

Canyon View volleyball coach Lynette Whittaker talks with her team after the Falcons lost to Crimson Cliffs in three sets Aug; 8.

Crimson Cliffs scored the final six points to get started on the right foot. In the second, Canyon View led 17-13,

but the Mustangs were able to counter with a 6-0 run. The Falcons scored the next three to go back in front at 20-19,

but Crimson finished off the set and grabbed control of the match. Canvon View fell behind 9-4 in the final set. but rallied to cut the Crimson lead to 11-10. The Mustangs would never trail and held on to finish off the victory, snapping the Falcons' 17-match winning streak. Despite the loss, Whittaker said the challenges as the defending champ are just beginning. "We've got a target on our back all season.

our back all season.
We're going to use that pressure to make us better," she said. "Give credit to Crimson Cliffs for their defense. They picked off some really hard hits from us and the girls got frustrated. We'll get back in the gym and figure out how to go back at 'em."

CV traveled for a road game at Enterprise on Aug. 14 and will return home to face Pine View on Aug. 20.

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TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

- 1. With multiple quarterbacks working through injuries in training camp, Utah grad Tyler Huntley signed on with which AFC North team that drafted Shedeur Sanders in this year's fifth round?
- 2. Cleveland Guardians pitcher Nic Enright – who was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in 2022 – gave up an unearned run in the 10th inning to earn his first majorleague save Aug. 4 when the Guardians beat what NL East team at CitiField?
- 3. What sports network acquired the NFL Network and NFL RedZone, among other properties, in a deal announced Aug. 5?
- 4. After two years away, what wide receiver returned to the Los Angeles Chargers on a 1-year deal and will wear No. 13?
- 5. What team is sharing its training camp facility in Oxnard, Calif., with the Dallas Cowboys?
- 6. Who signed a four-year, \$229 million contract extension with the San Antonio Spurs last week? This player was acquired in a trade deadline deal from the Sacramento Kings.
- 7. What catcher for the Athletics hit three home runs for the second time in his career in his team's 16-7 win over the Washington Nationals on Aug. 5?
- 8. What SEC team topped the rankings in the first coaches poll of the new college football season ahead of defending national champion Ohio State?
- 9. True or False: The NCAA will

not be expanding the fields for the NCAA basketball tournaments from the current 68 teams.

- 10. The Seattle Kraken mascot had a close encounter with what animal during a promotional video shoot and fly-fishing trip in Alaska's Katmai National Park?
- 11. Cameron Young not only won his first tournament at the Wyndham Championship last week, but he became a milestone. With Young's win, how many unique winners have there been in the long history of the PGA Tour?
- **12.** How many different winners have there been on the LPGA Tour in the 2025 season?.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- 1. Los Angeles Clippers.
- 2. Ohtani struck out in his first four plate appearances against the Reds.
- 3. The top 70 players qualified for the FedEx Cup playoffs.
- 4. London and Berlin.
- 5. Bubba Wallace.
- 6. Chicago White Sox.
- 7. Spain.
- 8. Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka.
- 9. A waiter.
- 10. Bad Bunny.
- 11. New York Giants.
- 12. False: Tiger Woods won two of the first three FedEx Cups (2007, 2009), but Rory McIlroy is the only three-time winner of the season-long event (2016, 2019, 2022).

Football is back...almost

hen the NFL preseason kicked off July 31, the Detroit Lions had the honor of playing in the annual NFL Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio. While you may know I'm a fan, I'm also a responsible one.

The excitement of a new season is one thing, but the preseason opener is something that doesn't require appointment viewing for a number of reasons. First and most obvious:

You won't see any of the regulars and projected starters on the field. Unfamiliar names will be plentiful, and it will take multiple



multiple big-time efforts for the lucky ones to secure a roster spot when the regular season opens Sept. 4 and the full schedule hits our TVs/ streaming devices Sept. 7.

As for the game played in Canton, the Lions faced the Los Angeles Chargers and you just knew things were going to go south when they fumbled on the opening kickoff. The guilty party was Grant Stuard, likely one of the many names you'll forget before the regular-season opener.

It would be the first of five Detroit turnovers in the game, and the Chargers took full advantage of the short fields when they had them on the way to a 34-7 rout.

Once we get three preseason games out of the way – hopefully with a roster reasonably close to full health – the regular season will offer interesting viewing choices. We open Sept. 4 with the Dallas Cowboys at the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles on NBC (yay...Channel 5 on your TV locally), then the Kansas City Chiefs open in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Sept. 5 against the Chargers.

Bad news: Chiefs vs. Chargers will only be available on YouTube or at your favorite local restaurant. If you want to correct the issue and secure the freedom to see all the games, it'll set you back \$276 as long as you're a new subscriber. Add NFL RedZone, and the cost will be \$318 for the season.

If you're a returning subscriber, the cost balloons to \$480 for the season pass and \$522 if you add NFL RedZone. Monthly payment

plans are also available.

Games on Monday Night Football have their own interesting distribution. Week 1 will feature the Minnesota Vikings at Chicago to play the Bears on ESPN and ABC (Channel 4 locally), but Week 2 will have a doubleheader – Tampa Bay at Houston on ESPN and ABC at 5 p.m., and the nightcap is the Chargers traveling to Allegiant Stadium for the Las Vegas Raiders home opener at 8 p.m. only on

ESPN.

For the rest of the season, MNF games will be on ESPN and ABC with some exceptions. Here they are...

Sept. 29: Jets at Dolphins on ESPN at 5:15, Bengals at Broncos on ABC

at 6:15.

Oct. 13: Bills at Falcons on ESPN at 5:15, Bears at Washington Commanders on ABC at 6:15

Oct. 20: Buccaneers at Lions on ESPN and ABC at 5:15, Texans at Seahawks at 8 p.m. on ESPN Plus (subscription required).

Nov. 24: Panthers at 49ers on ESPN at 6:15. Dec. 1: Giants at Patriots on ESPN at 6:15. Dec. 15: Dolphins at Steelers on ESPN at 6:15.

Dec. 22: 49ers at Colts on ESPN at 6:15. Dec. 29: Rams at Falcons on ESPN at 6:15.

The Thursday Night schedule on Amazon Prime (another subscription necessary!) opens with the Commanders at Green Bay on Sept. 11. This year's Black Friday game is the Bears at the Eagles on Nov. 28 at 1 p.m., and the Broncos play at the Chiefs as one of the Christmas Day games.

Want to see more football on Christmas? You'll need Netflix to see the Cowboys at the Commanders at 11 a.m. and the Lions will play at Minnesota at 2:30 p.m.

In a word, there's a ton of chaos to make sure your football viewing fix is satisfied. May your wallet be secure and your team have all the success in the world for the 2025 NFL season.

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Hiatt, Reds ready for Year 2

by Tom Zulewski

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Hiatt's first year as head football coach at Cedar, the Reds finished with a 4-7 record and closed with a first-round playoff loss to Hurricane he'd much rather forget. As Hiatt closes in on his second season leading the Reds, the optimism is on the rise heading toward the season opener at home against Bear River on Aug. 15 at the newly-named Legacy Field. "As we head to year 2, the kids understand the expectation and the standard at which we need to practice," Hiatt said. "That has been a huge difference for the program the past 365 (days)." Adding to the challenge, the new realignment has moved Cedar out of Region 9 and into 3A South, joining Canyon View, Juab, Richfield, Manti and North Sanpete. Even with the change

their coaching staff and have a full complement of 26 seniors on the

"I think any time you're 25 to 30-plus with seniors, you have a chance to build a good program," Hiatt said. "It's hard to win games when you don't have older players, so the fact we have this many seniors is a great thing." The biggest senior for Cedar may be found at quarterback as Everett Kelling returns from an injury

suffered late in the regular season against Logan that knocked him out for the final two games. Over nine games in his junior year, Kelling completed 61 percent of his passes and threw for 1,933 yards with 22 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

Kelling's dad, John Kelling, is the defensive coordinator at Southern Utah University, which keeps football in the family and at the top of his mind.

"Everett is a great player with great leadership (skills)," Hiatt said. "He's a football junkie, and that's all he does. He's really enjoying this time going into the season and I think he'll be a great player in our region."

To kick the running game into gear, junior Braxton DeMille drew praise from Hiatt.

"He's a north-south runner, and I think that's a sign we've got a good running team," Hiatt said. Dylan Crowley, who was an all-Region 9 player last season, is among the primary targets Kelling will have at the wide receiver position along with tight end Brent Martin. Crowley caught 36 passes for 702 yards - a 19.3-yard average – with nine touchdowns, while Martin had 17 catches. The pair will likely be counted on to replace Krew Giles and Trace Oveson, who combined to catch 96 passes for over 1,300 yards with 16 touchdowns.

After facing the Bears in the opener, Cedar will welcome former Region 9 foe Pine View in Week 2

> before heading on the road to face Dixie in consecutive weeks leading up to the 3A South opener at home against the Manti Templars on Sept. 12. For the third straight year and first as region foes, the Reds will face Canyon View at Eccles Coliseum on Oct. 3, then finish the regular season with a road game at Juab on Oct. 10 and a Senior Night game against the Carbon Dinos on Oct. 16.



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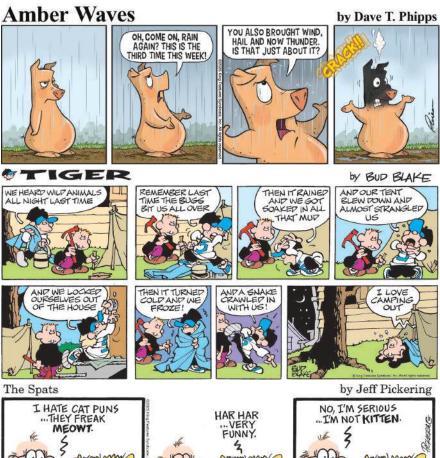
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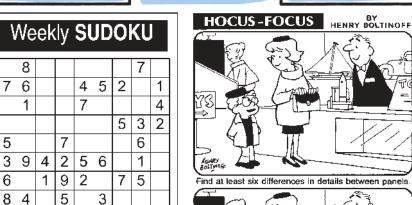
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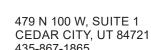
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