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STORY IN LIFE

Maverik Station to be Built on Historic Downtown Main Street

from Cedar City Historic Commission

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A soon-to-open Maverik gas station on the corner of Main Street and 200 North in Cedar City has excited interest and some protests about the development on the historic corner as the city gets ready to celebrate its 250th anniversary of the United States

of America.

The southwest corner at Main and 200 N. has hosted popular downtown businesses for more than a century beginning in 1920 with the opening of the El Escalante Hotel across from the Union Pacific Railroad Depot. When a new rail- road spur opened in 1923 thousands of tourists, among them movie stars and one U.S. president, Warren G. Harding, poured in to visit nearby national parks.

The El Escalante was sold and demolished in 1971. In 1988 the Town and Country Inn leased the corner to a Sizzler restaurant. The popular restaurant operated for 36 years until last year when the lease expired and was sold to Maverik, Inc.

Maverik Agrees to Conditions to fit Historic Downtown Appearance

The corner is zoned as Downtown Commercial, which means it is legal for a gas station to build

there so long as it meets all zoning requirements for a space of 5,000 square feet or less. Maverik wanted to develop a slightly larger 5,400 square foot site, which made it possible for the City to negotiate some conditions to help preserve the historic feel of the downtown area:

- A main entrance on 200 South with a brick facade on the convenience store that matches the rest of Main Street— Trees, benches and landscaping along Main Street
- Number of pumps, signing and lighting limited
- As the Main/200 Intersection is heavily traveled, UDOT stipulated that the main entrance to the gas station will be right turn only, with divider islands controlling left turn traffic at the intersection

Why Don't We have an Official Historic District in Cedar City?

In 2023 the City attempted to have a downtown historic district regis-

tered with the National Register of Historic Places. Cedar City Councilman Scott Phillips said the State of Utah sent letters to all businesses in the proposed district notifying them that their property was being nominated as a historic district.

Many property owners protested, fearing government regulations would dictate what they could do with their property. The nomination was temporarily tabled. However, Phillips said the City plans to resubmit an application in the near future.

"There are actually many benefits to being listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including increased tourism and qualification for national and state funding grants," he said. It would also provide future protection and preservation of historic buildings on Main Street.

Cedar City already has one nationally recognized register of 172 historic buildings between College Avenue and 400 South, and between 100 West and 300 West. Regulations for a historic district are dictated by local authorities, who have not placed any onerous restrictions on owners and residents in the area.

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Clarification: In last week's edition, the story "Utah's classroom phone ban takes hold in Iron County: teachers hopeful, students skeptical" included comments from Aleese Cardon, an employee at Cedar Middle School. Cardon is not a spokesperson for the Iron County School District or Cedar Middle School; her remarks reflected her personal perspective only.

Board of Education delays vote on proposed certified tax rate increase

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education of the Iron County School District put off for a week the decision of whether or not to increase the certified tax rate.

Prior to a public hearing Tuesday, Business

Administrator Todd Hess outlined the need to adjust the certified tax rate. The adjustment equals about \$69.69 per year on a \$431,000 home. As property values in the county increase, he said, the revenue the district receives from property tax does not increase. Any property tax revenue increases would only come from new growth. The district does not receive inflationary adjustments in the property tax formula.

The increases to the voted local and board local levies would increase local revenue by about \$2.47 million.

Currently, ICSD is about 10th from the bottom for tax rates in the state and well below the state average. The proposed increase would only move the county up one spot above Washington County, but doesn't take into consideration the difference in property values.

In looking at tax yield per student, Iron County is fourth from the bottom. Tax yield refers to the amount of property tax revenue a school district collects divided by the number of students.

Hess further explained how the state's funding system attempts to better equalize funding for students. The state requires school district boards to adjust property tax rates periodically to receive equalization funding. With new legislation, the rates will be looked at every other year. The proposed tax increase this year would also increase state revenue under the equalization program for the district by somewhere between \$550,000 and \$580,000.

Prior to the discussion and public hearing, Board Member Tyrel Eddy said he had received new information about Utah's minimum school spending program. Eddy said with the legislative changes adopted in the 2025 session,

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Utah lawmakers 'impressed' by university budget cuts plans, give initial approval

The proposals, collectively, amount to \$60.5 million in cuts across Utah's eight public higher education institutions

by Courtney Tanner

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Utah lawmakers have given their initial signoff on each public college and university's proposal for cutting millions from their budgets under the state's mandate — and leaders of those schools promised the cuts would only be the start for how they plan to scrutinize programs and spending.

Overall, across the eight institutions, the cuts slashed \$60.5 million — discontinuing 271 degrees and certificates, and eliminating 412 positions. Several legislators said they were "impressed" by the plans, and applauded school presidents for following their direction under a pair of bills passed during the most recent legislative session this spring. Sen. Chris Wilson, R-Logan, said it was "the right direction that we need to go for higher ed." Sen. John Johnson,

R-North Ogden, called it "an outstanding job." "This was a big lift for all the institutions," added Rep. Jon Hawkins, R-Pleasant Grove. The restructuring for schools to cut "inefficient" programs, he said, will "better prepare our people for the job market." The Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee voted 13-1 to approve the plans; one Democrat voted against. The plans will go to the Legislature's main executive budget group for a final vote — with a hearing expected for next month.

Under the base budget bill this year, lawmakers slashed 10% based on the tax dollars the Legislature appropriates to each school to spend on public instruction. The University of Utah had the biggest cut at \$19.6 million. Snow College had the smallest figure at \$1.7 million.



(Rick Egan | The Salt Lake Tribune) Mindy Benson, president of Southern Utah University, is seen after a hearing of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee at the Capitol on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2025

Schools were told they could cut from any part of their budget, but were specifically asked to look at ways to reduce "administrative bloat." They were also told to analyze data and cut academic programs that have low enrollment, few graduates or lead to lower paying jobs.

Each institution could then earn its share of the money back under provisions in HB265, if they showed how the funds will be reinvested in degrees that lead to high-wage jobs the state needs.

On Tuesday, after just five months to come up with their plans, the presidents of the schools presented their proposals — which have all received preliminary approval from the overarching Utah Board of Higher Education — and their hopes for "strategic reinvestment."

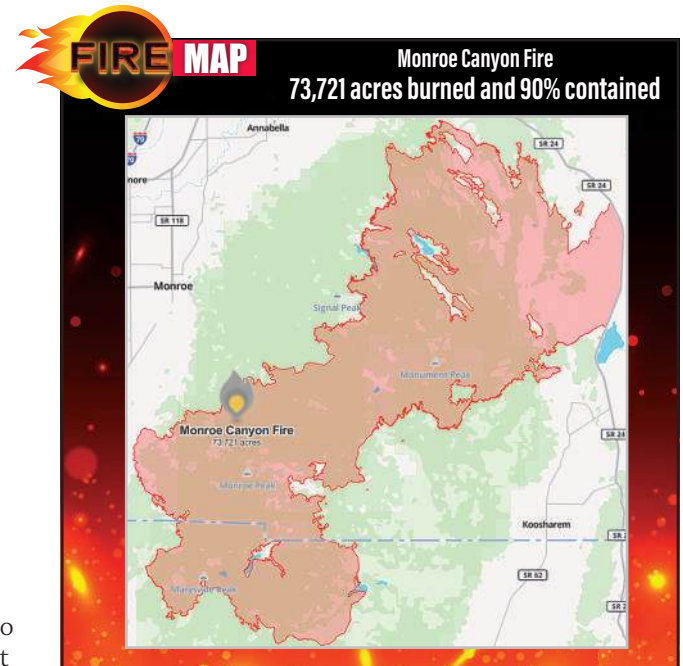
The point, lawmakers said, was for all eight schools to be more accountable when spending state funding and student tuition dollars, as well as to shift to be more relevant

for the future.

An overview of the plans

The University of Utah is cutting 81 academic programs that it says have just one or two students each enrolled; it also is merging several departments. Southern Utah University is eliminating 24 academic programs, largely in the liberal arts — including art history, French and philosophy.

Many faculty across the state had feared metrics used to make cuts would disproportionately affect the humanities and social sciences — and that has happened at every school where those programs have been the most affected.



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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

RAIN CHANCES BEGIN TO FADE LATE THIS WEEK AS THE MONSOON FLOW MOVES OUT OF THE AREA. LOOK FOR INCREASING SUNSHINE AND Milder TEMPERATURES INTO MOST OF NEXT WEEK.

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Labor Day weekend is here, and with it comes one of the best times of the year in Iron County. For many, Labor Day marks the “last hurrah” of summer—a chance to gather with family, enjoy the outdoors, and soak in the long weekend before routines settle fully into the school year and fall sets in.

Here in Iron County, Labor Day means more than just a three-day weekend. It’s a time when our community really shines. From the Iron County Fair in Parowan—with its parade, rodeos, concerts, and food booths—to neighborhood barbecues, trail rides, and camping trips in our beautiful backyard, this holiday is about celebrating both hard work and the chance to rest from it.

Labor Day has always been about honoring the contributions of workers, and I think it’s fitting to pause for a moment of gratitude. Our teachers, health care workers, farmers, ranchers, public servants, and small business owners (to name just a few) make Iron County the vibrant place it is. This holiday reminds us that behind every service, store, and event are hardworking people who keep our community moving forward.

However you choose to spend the weekend—whether it’s at the fair, around a campfire, or simply enjoying time at home—I hope it’s filled with fun, rest, and connection. May we all return to the week ahead refreshed, and ready for the exciting season just around the corner.

Happy Labor Day, Iron County!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Labor Day symbolizes our determination to achieve an economic freedom for the average man, which will give his political freedom reality."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt



Why is our lake at such a low level? It appears to be at the lowest level it has been in years. We are at the risk of damaging the fishing dock as it starts to rest on the rocks below it. The flotation bouys are designed to be on flat surfaces, not a rocky bottom.

While the lake appears to be emptying at an alarming rate, the baseball fields below have standing water in several areas. Does the city have two different departments (lake management and baseball field maintenance) which need to start speaking with each other?

Attached are a few photos from my recent morning walk on Wednesday, August 20th. The wasted, standing water next to the drying lake prompted me to let others know of the wrongful use of our precious water.

Rich Goulet

WORD OF THE WEEK

SALIENT

[sa-lient]

adjective

moving by leaps or springs or projecting beyond a line, surface, or level

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Live Long and Prosper

PART 1

by **Edy Meredith**

FOR IRON COUNTY

The Vulcan salute was a hand gesture popularized by the 1960s television series “Star Trek”. It consists of a raised hand with the palm forward and the thumb extended, while the fingers are parted between the middle and ring finger. The gesture was devised by Leonard Nimoy, who portrayed the half-Vulcan character Mr. Spock on the original Star Trek television series. Leonard Nimoy came from a Jewish background, and the Vulcan “salute” was described in a 1968 New York Times article as a “double-fingered version of Winston Churchill’s victory sign”. You can buy the complete Star Trek series on DVD on Amazon for about \$40.00. Those who are “Trekkies” may want to purchase it there because not everyone has streaming services (parade.com tv star-trek-shows-in-order) although it can also be found as well on YouTube. The Vulcan salute was a reference to the blessing phrase “Live Long and Prosper” which this written series will also use to remind us all that even though we live in challenging times, we can still not only just survive, we can also thrive, bloom, prosper, shine, and succeed when we keep realism and goals marching together as we live long lives and prosper. It has been shown that when women prosper, families and men also advance.

First, according to the following study by wallethub.com: the best and worst states for women’s equality (2025) study: the top 5 States for Women’s Equality are: 1) Hawaii, 2) Nevada, 3) Maryland,

4) Maine, and 5) Oregon according to 17 key indicators of gender equality. Chip Lupo, WalletHub analyst, is quoted as saying “Ensuring women’s equality requires more than simply giving men and women the same fundamental rights. States also need to work to make sure that women receive equal

treatment to men when it comes to financial opportunities, education, and politics. The best states for women’s equality have drastically reduced the disparities between men and women on multiple fronts.” Where does the state of Utah score in nationwide rankings? We need to remember that when women thrive, families (including men) flourish as well. Please go to the above wallethub.com website to see the overall ranking of the 50 U.S. states and note that in terms of women’s rights and family prosperity, the state of Utah’s overall ranking is number 50 or last in the list of all the states ranked by the following categories: Workplace Environment, Education and Health, and Political Empowerment.

Nationwide, according to the Pew Research Center, the gender pay gap in the U.S. has narrowed slightly over the past two decades, especially among young workers ages 16 to 34. The estimated 15-cent gender pay gap among all workers in 2024 was down from a 26-cent gap. The U.S. Census Bureau also analyzed and showed that in 2023, full-time, year-round working women earned 83% of what their male counterparts earned, while some try to explain this away such as educational attainment, occupation segregation, and work experience. The narrowing of the pay gap over the long term can be attributed in large part to gains women have made in education and receiving professional degrees, although Governor Spencer Cox and other elected officials have recognized the disparity in so-called women’s professions such as teaching in public schools by announcing a permanent statewide teacher salary increase of \$1,400 and by setting aside \$100 million from the state’s budget for support staff bonuses and teachers compensation changes as the permanent salary increase went into effect on 7/1/2025.

Pay for equal work is one measure of a state and nation’s health, while life expectancy is even more important. Check out the website of “worldometer” for the life expectancy of the world population with countries

ranked by life expectancy. Out of 201 countries, the United States ranks #48, lower than 47 other countries. Are Americans flourishing, thriving, and prospering? Could we do better? What changes in our country and lifestyles would make a big difference? Why and what countries should we emulate, match, and surpass to flourish, live longer, and prosper? What should we do in Utah to pro-

mote families, fathers, and mothers? Please think about this, and be ready to dig deeper into this conundrum, this confusing and difficult problem and question. How can one of the most prosperous nations in the world’s history be so lax in how it solves this problem? Maybe we need to rethink how we deal with being humans. What does it mean to be human?



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Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Planning Commission met to review an annexation request for 20 acres at 4500 West 800 North. The petition sought to bring the land into city limits and rezone it from agricultural (A20) to light industrial (INM1).

The property, split by railroad tracks, sits as a county island surrounded by city property. Nearby are Port 15 industries, the GAF plant, a plastic pipe factory, and the Buena Vista subdivision. Annexation would automatically rezone the land to INM1 under the city’s master plan. Access remains uncertain, relying on a proposed 4500 West crossing requiring Union Pacific approval, or less practical dirt road alternatives.

Residents from the Buena Vista subdivision attended the meeting to express concerns about the proposal. They pointed to existing issues with noise from the nearby pipe factory, light pollution, and traffic congestion that already causes delays of 15–20 minutes during peak times. They also emphasized the area’s rural character—dark skies, farmland, and recreational dirt roads—and voiced concerns that additional industry could increase noise, light, and traffic impacts. Some also raised concerns about the lack of adequate buffering between

industrial and residential areas.

City staff noted annexation would eliminate a county island that complicates service delivery. The planned 4500 West road is intended to serve future growth, though access challenges remain. Staff clarified that annexation is separate from zoning or development approvals, though the property would default to INM1. Development agreements could address some concerns, but enforcement is often difficult. Staff also emphasized that the land would likely see industrial development eventually, whether through city or county processes.

Discussion focused on whether annexation should include a development agreement. Residents referenced past examples where developers worked with neighborhoods to address concerns by including measures such as buffering, lighting limits, or recreational amenities. Commissioners considered whether similar conditions could apply here, including walls, landscaping, noise, and lighting controls, while also noting the difficulty of applying restrictions to current or future owners. Some supported agreements as protections for neighbors, while others questioned imposing conditions without knowing the property’s future use.

Following public input and commission discussion, the commission recommended approval of the annexation, contingent on a development agreement requiring walls and buffering between any

future industry and the Buena Vista neighborhood. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

The annexation request will now proceed to the Cedar City Council, which will review the recommendation, negotiate possible agreement terms, and make the final decision.

Parowan City Council Meeting Summary - August 14, 2025

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Action Agenda

Sweet Pea Farm and Orchard Liquor License - The council approved a single-event liquor license for Sweet Pea Farm and Orchard’s Farm to Table event on September 20, 2025.

Fiscal Year 2026 Fee Schedule Resolution - The council discussed approved the fiscal year 2026 fee schedule. City Treasurer Jerry Ross presented the proposed changes, highlighting adjustments to business license fees, cemetery fees, and library fees.

Cedar City Hospital –

Jamison Robinett, the new president of the Intermountain Cedar City Hospital,

provided updates on the hospital’s services, community benefits, and future plans. Of note to Parowan residents is that the new Intermountain Parowan clinic is on the short list for 2026 projects. Mr. Robinett urged the council to stay informed about the impacts of Medicaid changes on rural health as a result of the Big Beautiful Bill.

Prime West LLC Annexation Agreement - The council discussed the finalized terms for the Prime West LLC annexation agreement. Dan Jessen, the City Manager, outlined three key changes proposed by the developer:

1. Changing the section detail from A9 to A2 with no curb.
2. Increasing the allowable number of homes before requiring a second access from 30 to 80.
3. Allowing a gravel road for the second access within the on-site development.

Dallas Buckner, representing Prime West LLC, elaborated on the reasons for these requests, citing fire code considerations and cost savings.

- Council members expressed concerns about deviating from the fire code and the impact of 80 homes with only one access.
- The council agreed to maintain the 30-home limit before requiring a second access.
- The council discussed the specifications for the temporary gravel trail, ultimately deciding on a five-foot road base graded trail.

The council agreed to bring the revised

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

annexation agreement back for a vote at the next meeting, with the map added as an exhibit.

Potential Ordinance to Minimize Turf Use

Councilmember Downey initiated a discussion about a potential ordinance to minimize turf use and grass square footage in new construction.

- Council members expressed concerns about water scarcity and the need to be good stewards of water resources.
- The council acknowledged the importance of balancing water conservation with property rights.
- The council did not act on this issue and stated they may examine it in the future or ask the water board to consider this issue for new construction.

Procurement Policy Discussion

The council discussed a proposed new procurement policy. The City Manager presented the draft policy, highlighting updated thresholds and best practices for public entities in Utah.

- The policy aims to establish uniform purchasing procedures ensure fair competition, comply with Utah law, and promote fiscal accountability.
- The policy includes procurement thresholds for small purchases, informal competitive quotes, and formal bidding.
- The policy includes a local bidder preference, allowing a local bidder to be awarded a contract even if their bid is up to 3% higher than the lowest non-local bid.
- The policy includes ethics and conflicts of interest provisions to ensure transparency and accountability.

The council agreed to review the proposed policy and provide feedback at a later date.

Member Reports

- The council scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday August 19 at 4:00 PM to approve the new auditor.
- Council members provided updates on various committees and projects, including the Shade Tree Committee, fairground master plan, and America 250 celebration.
- The City Manager provided updates on construction projects and the Transportation Expo.
- The council discussed the library's ongoing maintenance issues and the possibility of building a new library.

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 Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

New Police Officers Sworn In

Police Chief Darren Adams introduced two new officers, Logan Scoresby and Brooke Renaultson. Scoresby, a former auto sales professional, shared his lifelong goal of becoming an officer, supported by his family. Renaultson, a Utah Tech graduate with a degree in criminal justice, previously worked in victim advocacy before moving into law enforcement. Both were sworn in with their families present, filling two of three new budgeted positions.

Water Well Development Strategy

City engineers presented six possible new well sites near Rush Lake and

Braditz Creek, ranking site 2.1 as most favorable, though it sits on private land. Previous plans to purchase Rush Lake water collapsed due to legal disputes, so the city will redirect \$4 million toward drilling its own wells.

The council reviewed challenges of connecting new wells to existing infrastructure. Site 2.1 would need miles of pipeline, while sites 2.4 and 2.5 may be more practical but risk affecting each other's output. The nearby BLM South well produces 1,400 gallons per minute, setting expectations for similar results.

Water Department representative Matt Baker urged focusing on sites closer to current infrastructure to reduce costs. Coordination with the water conservancy district and county's bypass road project may offer strategic connection points for the system.

Rotary Club July Jamboree Sponsorship Dispute

The Rotary Club raised concerns over nearly \$2,000 in unexpected charges for this year's July Jamboree—\$1,200 in park use fees and \$780 for electrical services.

Rob O'Brien highlighted the event's impact: 20,000 attendees, \$105,000 in sponsorships, 195 vendors, no police incidents, and continued reinvestment in the community, including \$25,000 for park electrical upgrades.

The disagreement centered on whether "in-kind" sponsorship covered direct fees. Staff noted that while the city provides many unpaid services—such as cleanup and traffic control—park reservation and stage setup fees have typically still applied, sometimes paid by individual Rotarians.

Economic Development staff acknowledged the event's value and offered to cover the fees from their budget, with the club reimbursing later. The council stressed the importance of formal agreements to avoid future disputes.

Development Projects and Zoning Changes

The council reviewed several projects, including zone changes for high-density housing near Cascade Springs Apartments. Residents raised concerns about growth pressures, while the Cedar 106 project required negotiation over vacating a road in exchange for better neighborhood connectivity.

Public Safety and Infrastructure

A resident highlighted ongoing Ridge Road crashes, tying safety concerns to rapid development. The mayor noted enforcement challenges but stressed the need for water projects to support growth. A street department employee was recognized for quickly resolving storm drainage issues in Cross Hollow.

Upcoming Business

Future agenda items include final well development approvals, development agreements, and fee schedule updates.



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But SUU President Mindy Benson stressed: “This was not just going to the arts.” She said she looked first at the her office for cuts, slashing 1.5 positions there.

At Salt Lake Community College, faculty looked through the course catalog to see what classes had remained on the books but had not been offered in a long time. President Greg Peterson said they found one that had not been taught since 2002. Trimming those doesn’t necessarily add up to big savings, but it was healthy to do, he added.

Similarly, Utah Valley University cut a business program that was meant to train administrative assistants with typing skills — which “really should have been eliminated decades ago,” said Jim Mortensen, UVU’s vice president of finance.

Some institutions said they mainly cut already vacant positions or came up with money through voluntary retirements. Overall, while more than 400 positions were cut, 362 jobs were added. Faculty and staff were repositioned or encouraged to reapply, presidents noted, though they acknowledged the pain of losing employees.

Many of the institutions noted that they are planning to reinvest in academic advising to help support students and get them to graduation. Utah State University said it wants to put its money back into “jobs and

technologies of the future.”

“I do see wisdom in the legislative approach where we’re reinvesting,” said interim President Al Smith.

USU’s plan was approved by lawmakers Tuesday, with the caveat that it will be reviewed and agreed on by the next president of the institution, when that person is appointed.

University of Utah President Taylor Randall, who was traveling and addressed lawmakers remotely, talked about how the school will shift spending to bolster engineering, artificial intelligence and nursing to be “very, very much workforce-aligned.”

Every school leader said going through the process was helpful, and all now plan to annually review their spending and programs — without the Legislature’s push. One school said it will no longer fill all open positions automatically, and will instead review if a job is needed first.

Most said they want to be able to pivot more quickly to the needs of the workforce and what students want. “This is not a one-time exercise,” said Snow College President Stacey McIlff. “We are committed to continuous improvement.”

Pushback on the purpose of education

Most of the lawmakers at Tuesday’s presentations signaled their support for the plans.

Sen. Ann Millner, R-Ogden, who cosponsored the legislation on the higher education budget cuts, said it’s in “the best interests of our students,

graduates and the state of Utah.”

When Millner first proposed the bill, she said the goal was simply to slash funding for schools. But Millner said the state wanted to give schools a change to shift and restructure to meet demands.

Not all legislators were enthusiastic. Sen. Kathleen Riebe, D-Cottonwood Heights, voted against the proposals. Riebe said she has heard from faculty who have lost their positions or programs and felt the cuts were arbitrary. “I think it’s odd you say it’s working,” she said.

Riebe, who works in education, also questioned why there was so much reinvestment by universities and colleges in business and science, and not in teaching — even though 23 of the state’s 29 counties have schools as their No. 1 employer.

The senator was a vocal opponent of the measures during the legislative session, saying she was worried about the effect to the liberal arts. That concern played out, she said, as she anticipated.

She was joined in that defense by Sen. Karen Kwan, D-Salt Lake City, who voted for the plans — but spoke out against college being defined only as a means to create a workforce.

Kwan said students should have an opportunity to study the arts, and said she hopes those degrees are not eliminated at every college in the state. In response, UVU President Astrid Tuminez surprised lawmakers with an impassioned defense of the humanities. The purpose of higher education,

Tuminez argued, is “to make us more human.” And that comes from learning how to read and communicate, skills often picked up in the liberal arts classroom.

As part of this cutting and reallocating process, she added, UVU decided to reinvest in the general education classes that all students are required to take. Those classes, she said, expose students to literature and philosophy and deep thinking — which make them better citizens and more well-rounded people.

“They’re better engineers. They’re better scientists,” she said. “They’re better mothers. They’re better fathers.” She said the state needs to balance its desire for a strong workforce “with how to create a society that is decent.” Tuminez noted that she majored in Russian literature when she was in school, and now she is president of a university. “Nobody would say, ‘That’s a good major’ or ‘You can get a job with that.’” But she did, she said, and wouldn’t change it.

After Tuminez spoke, everyone in the meeting room Tuesday fell silent for a moment. Kwan responded: “I’m going to let President Tuminez’s mic drop stand.”

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Utah Water Conditions Update

by Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY (August 21, 2025)

– Utah’s reservoir levels are showing a drastic decline. Since June 1, the state has drawn down reservoirs at

a rate more than double the normal rate. This is due to increased demand, lower-than-normal spring runoff and an extremely dry summer.

“Reservoirs are our first line of defense against drought and are vital for our communities and ecosystems,” Candice Hasenyager, director at the Utah Division of Water Resources, said. “The rapid decline we’re seeing is a clear signal that we must be more vigilant and use less water.”

While current statewide reservoir storage sits at 67%, it is only slightly above the normal level of 65% for this time

of year and significantly lower than the 83% reported last year at this time.

According to the USGS, Great Salt Lake peaked in mid-April at an elevation of 4193.6 and is now at 4191.6 feet.

“A hot summer and increased demand have contributed to low reservoir levels and the decline of Great Salt Lake,” Hasenyager said. “We will continue to see these critical water bodies decline until temperatures cool and the irrigation season ends in October.”

In Utah, about 95% of our water supply comes from snowpack. Reservoir storage helps us preserve that water

for use in dry summer months and drought years. To encourage water conservation among Utahns, the Department of Natural Resources continues to promote initiatives such as the Agricultural Water Optimization Program for farmers and SlowtheFlow.org for residents. These programs aim to educate and incentivize water-saving practices, ensuring Utahns become more drought-resilient and prepare for future conditions. Many indoor water-saving tips are available on the Slow the Flow website.

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Defense asks judge to overturn child sex abuse conviction; ruling expected soon

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Attorneys for a Parowan man convicted of child sex abuse asked a judge Tuesday to throw out the jury's verdict, saying his trial was riddled with constitutional errors and improper arguments.

On Aug. 19, defense attorney Sean Hullinger pressed 5th District Judge Meb Anderson to arrest judgment in the case of Dylan Christian Stubbs, 30, who was convicted in June of aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

Stubbs, who ran an in-home daycare with his wife, was found guilty of abusing a six-year-old girl in 2016 and 2017.

Hullinger told the judge the prosecution unfairly reshaped the case in closing arguments. He argued the defense had warned before trial that disputed witnesses and evidence would prejudice jurors.

"The posture of the case and the witnesses that we objected to were going to cause the very effects that they did indeed cause," he said. "We believe those effects violate Mr. Stubbs' rights under the U.S. and Utah constitutions... You cannot make up a crime during closing argument, judge."

The defense further argued prosecutors improperly shifted theories in their closing argument by emphasizing Stubbs' "special position of trust," and said jurors deliberated too quickly to have fully considered the evidence.

Iron County Prosecutor Trajan Evans countered that the verdict was supported by both the evidence and the law.

"When the findings of all required elements of the crime can be reasonably made from the evidence... appellate courts will sustain the verdict," he said, citing Utah Supreme Court precedent.

Evans rejected the claim that prosecutors introduced new theories at the last minute, pointing out that the charging documents had included the "special position of trust" language from the beginning.

"The argument by the state was that the defendant was an adult at a daycare facility... he lived in the home, he was married to the daycare owner, he was seen frequently at this home by the victim, and therefore, he was in a special position of authority," Evans said. "Because of

that position, he was able to exercise undue influence over the victim."

As for the defense's claim that the jury reached its verdict too quickly, Evans said courts have consistently upheld verdicts returned after only minutes of deliberation.

"There's no rule that requires [jurors] to deliberate for any particular amount of time," he argued.

Hullinger also asked the court to delay sentencing until Stubbs' second case is resolved. Stubbs faces additional first-degree sodomy charges in an unrelated case.

Evans opposed the request, stressing the victim's right to a timely resolution.

"We have a 14-year-old girl who deserves to have this case, or the defendant sentenced for sexually abusing her," he said.

Hullinger, however, maintained sentencing should be delayed until Stubbs' second pending case is resolved, warning that a pre-sentence interview could jeopardize his client's Fifth Amendment rights.

"Mr. Stubbs is in a paradoxical position in that complying with the pre-sentence investigation fully would jeopardize his rights... with regards to the second case inasmuch as the state has chosen to interlace the two," Hullinger said.

Anderson, who inherited the case after the original trial judge retired, said he would review portions of the trial — particularly closing arguments — before issuing a written ruling. He took both the motion and the sentencing schedule under advisement.

"I'll try to get an order out by the end of the week that addresses all of these issues," Anderson said. "The reality is if I were to find in Mr. Hullinger's and Stubbs' favor on the motion to arrest judgment, then sentencing would be moot anyway."

This isn't the first time Stubbs' attorneys have advanced unusual legal arguments. Before trial, they filed a motion attacking Utah's Rule 404(c), which allows prosecutors to use unproven allegations of child molestation to establish a pattern.

In that filing, the defense claimed such defendants were treated like a "protected class" under Jim Crow-era laws — a comparison prosecutors sharply criticized.

Couple arrested after 26 felony firearm charges filed in Iron County

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City couple is facing a combined 26 felony charges after investigators say they recovered more than a dozen firearms from their home, despite both being convicted felons.

According to charging documents filed in support of the couple's arrests, Neil Wayne Hight, 46, and Rachael Cynthia Hight, 44, were each charged with 13 counts of possession of a prohibited firearm, a second-degree felony.

The investigation began when a runaway juvenile and several siblings told a school resource officer that their parents had drugs and guns inside the home. Agents obtained a search warrant and, because of the couple's prior convictions and reported access to weapons, called in Iron Metro SWAT to serve it.

"During the search agents were able to recover 13 firearms in the residence... Additionally, 9 other firearms were found in a wood gun cabinet... [and] in a small safe towards the foot of their bed was 2 pistols [sic] which were loaded," officers wrote in the affidavits.

One firearm — an AR-style pistol with an optic — was found in the grandmother's closet. Investigators also discovered a locked safe in the same room; Neil Hight allegedly retrieved the code from a jewelry box and opened it, revealing another pistol and ammunition.

When questioned, Neil Hight told officers the guns belonged to someone else and said he thought the laws had changed to allow felons to have them for home defense.

Court records show both have prior felony convictions. Neil Hight's criminal history includes home invasion, possession of a stolen vehicle, and obtaining money under false pretenses, along with a misdemeanor domestic battery. Rachael Hight has a felony burglary conviction.

Iron County law enforcement officials say the case is part of a broader trend. In recent years, investigators have reported seizing a growing number of illegal firearms during arrests and search warrants across the county.

"It's a problem," said Iron County Sheriff Lt. Shawn Peterson. "We're seeing an increase we haven't seen before and it's only growing."

Both suspects were taken into custody without incident and booked into the Iron County Jail.

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Public input invited for the 2026 State Water Plan

by Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY (Aug. 20, 2025) – The Utah Division of Water Resources is developing the 2026 State Water Plan — a strategic blueprint for managing Utah's water future — and is seeking input from the public.

"Updating the State Water Plan is a key step in preparing for Utah's water future," said Candice Hasenyager, Director of the Utah Division of Water Resources. "These Water Talks will help ensure the plan reflects both local issues and statewide priorities."

To gather public input, the division is launching a series of in-person (and some virtual) community events called Water Talks to be held across the state this August through October. These interactive meetings are designed to engage Utahns in conversations about current water challenges, local needs and future priorities.

The State Water Plan identifies current water use and projected future demand across the state. It provides

recommendations for policy, funding and implementation to help both governmental and private institutions manage water effectively. The plan is built on extensive data gathering, modeling and close collaboration with a diverse and balanced group of stakeholders at both the state and local levels, including:

- agriculture and other water-dependent businesses
- conservation organizations
- recreation groups
- government entities
- academia
- the public

Water Talks will take place in each of Utah's major river basins, providing residents a chance to share concerns, learn about regional water issues, and contribute directly to the planning process. All Utahns are encouraged to attend and help shape a more resilient water future.

For more information and to find a Water Talk near you, visit StateWaterPlan.utah.gov.

GAF Donates Roof for Intermountain Cedar City Hospital's New Emergency Department Expansion

from GAF Roofing

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Construction was recently completed on the roof on the Intermountain Cedar City Hospital's new emergency department expansion. GAF, North America's largest roofing and water-proofing manufacturer with 31 manufacturing locations across the country including Cedar City, UT, donated the roofing materials to support this critical project that will help meet the growing healthcare needs of Iron County and surrounding communities. Installed by local contractor, Skyline Roofing Inc., GAF provided the roofing material needed for the 5,000-square-foot

expansion. The GAF-Cedar City facility manufactured all of the roofing material locally — including GAF Self-Adhered Vapor Retarder, GAF EnergyGuard polyiso insulation, and GAF EverGuard TPO — to help protect this facility against the elements.

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grateful to GAF for their generous support of this important expansion,” said Jamison Robinett, president of Intermountain Cedar City Hospital. “This new space will allow us to serve more patients, more efficiently and it wouldn’t be

possible without committed community partners like GAF.”

The donation from GAF comes as construction is already underway and entering key development phases, with the new roof playing a vital role in keeping the project on track and ensuring the facility will be covered and secured ahead of Utah’s winter season. The expansion is expected to be completed in early 2026 and will significantly enhance emergency care capacity for residents and visitors alike. In 2024, the emergency department at Intermountain Cedar City Hospital provided care to over 20,000 patients. This expansion – its first major upgrade since 2006 – will add nine new rooms, including additional spaces for behavioral health care and trauma response.

“Supporting Intermountain Cedar City Hospital, and the emergency care it provides to our neighbors, coworkers, and families, is one way we can help ensure the long-term health and resilience of this region,” said Jeff Terry, VP of CSR and Sustainability at GAF. “We are proud to provide the locally-manufactured roofing materials to protect those inside this facility from the elements so that they can focus on the important work happening inside.”

This collaboration is part of GAF’s social impact initiative, GAF Community Matters, which is focused on making a positive difference as neighbors and partners in the community by leveraging roofing expertise, resources and products to help build resilient communities.

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the state would not deduct from the current level of funding until fiscal year 2028.

The potential grace period, however, comes with its own issues. Delaying an adjustment to property tax rates will likely lead to a significantly larger tax increase in 2028 due to ongoing inflation and the state law that ties equalization funding to districts maintaining a combined rate of .0020 in the board and voted property tax levies.

Eddy noted that the community is currently under “immense pressure” due to economic factors. He suggested waiting to see what happens with the economy.

Hess said the district understands the economic pressures and is proposing the second lowest increase among school districts in the state — about \$69.69 per year on a \$431,000 home. Waiting until 2028 will require a much larger increase all at once.

“I would much rather do small increases every few years or a couple of years than huge increases every 10 years,” Hess said.

The board members agreed to delay the vote as they gather and process all of the information related to the proposed increase.

Southwest Technical College Receives Major Contributions to Support Student Scholarships and Public Safety

by Karyn Keanaaina

SOUTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Cedar City, UT – August 18, 2025 — Southwest Technical College is honored to announce two significant contributions that will strengthen its “Give a Little, Change a Life” scholarship fund and also advance the development of its new Public Safety training center (STAC - Southwest Tech Training Advancement Center).

The AJM Foundation has made a generous donation to support students enrolling in high-demand technical programs, including Welding, Electrical and Plumbing Apprenticeships, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, and Firefighter. This scholarship funding will help remove financial barriers for new students entering these vital construction and public safety fields.

In addition, Alex Meisner Construction is sponsoring the Fire Training Tower within the new Public Safety training center, reinforcing their commitment to enhancing the local workforce and addressing critical community safety needs.

Jennifer Meisner of the AJM

Foundation shared, “We believe wholeheartedly in technical education and specifically removing barriers and providing opportunities for individuals to gain the skills they need to improve their lives.”

Southwest Tech President Brennan Wood expressed his gratitude, saying, “I’m so thankful for our community members’ willingness to support technical education and the needs of our students. This type of generosity helps empower individuals and ensures our programs can continue to thrive and serve Southern Utah.”

The mission of Southwest Tech is to empower individuals through innovative, hands-on technical education that builds careers and strengthens communities. These contributions align perfectly with that mission and will have a lasting impact on students pursuing essential careers.

For more information about the “Give a Little, Change a Life” scholarship program or to learn how you can support the Southwest Tech Training Advancement Center, contact Donor Liaison Christy Hugh at christyhugh@stech.edu or visit www.stech.edu.

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August Art Walk
Adds New Musicians

by Sara Penny
CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

The Final Friday Art Walk on Aug. 29 introduces some new musicians. Terry Hermansen plays guitar and sings. "Though most of my life has been in California, I grew up in Parowan, Utah. Now that I'm retired, I've returned to lovely Southern Utah where I have a lot of friends and family. Also, I love singing and playing music from nearly every decade." Art Kaufman is a favorite local

musician who is joining the Art Walk at the Johnson Center. Jacob Humphreys will have his keyboard at the lawn on the corner of 100 West Center. More musician details below.

"It has been fun having the artists doing live demonstrations this year," said Roger Gold, CCAC President. "We appreciate all of the artists and musicians who share their art."

The Art Walk includes artists and live music from Artisans to the Southern Utah Museum of Art as well as at the galleries at 111 South Main, and down 100 West to the Johnson Center and Shape Theory Ceramics. Events are from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, August. 29. This is a free public event coordinated by the Cedar City Arts Council. No vendor fee. Family friendly. Set up on the lawn at 100 West Center from 4:30 p.m. Gwen Moodie is helping with event photos. Thanks to everyone who participates. For more information contact us at cedarcity-arts council@gmail.com.



*Photos from previous art walks this summer

Musicians Scheduled for August 29

The Green, lawn at the corner of 100 West Center

5 to 6 Open

6 to 7 Jacob Humphreys, keyboard

7 to 8 Jim Howells, guitar and vocal

Artisans

6 to 7 Peter Buis, guitar

Stone Path, 150 West Center

5:30 to 6:45 SideNote vocal quartet

Johnson Center, 59 N. 100 West

5 to 6 p.m. Art Kaufman, piano and vocal

6 to 7 Sara Penny and Sally Hunter Jensen, violin and piano

7 to 8 Cedar Jazz Project

SUMA Plaza

5:30 to 6:45 David Williams

IG Winery

6 to 7 p.m. Terry Hermansen, vocal and guitar

Home On the Range, 97 W. Center Street

7:00-8:00 pm Lonely Cactus Band

Shape Theory Ceramics Community Studio, 173 N. 100 West

5:30 to 6:30 Heidi and Greta Hodnett, harp and cello

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Gold River Gallery and The Kolob Gallery at 111 S. Main

Art Conjures Magical Moments

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

The arts can conjure all kinds of magic. The character Hecate is usually left out of *Macbeth*. The play will never seem complete without this superwitch in future productions. Her entrance with a huge set of wings that need a team of helpers to navigate is an ultimate diva moment. The wings reminded me of the puppet animals in *Lion King*, but on a grander and more diabolical scale. Arts leadership workshops stress creating a memorable experience for the audience. That is part of the programming decisions for art museums, theaters, concerts, and dance companies. How can you add the sizzle that makes the audience sit up and take notice? Even better, how can you make it so good they share with their friends or come for a second performance?

The children attending the Utah Shakespeare Festival Greenshows have obviously found performances they want to see more than once. They jump up to participate in the tug of war and to dance along with the energetic cast. It is apparent that they have attended many times. All ages are enjoying the free performances that start at 7:10 p.m. from Monday through Saturdays. Take your lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a Greenshow before the final performance on Sept. 6. Sometimes the extra touches don't work out as planned and you just have to go with the flow. We had balloons for decorations at one of our Orchestra of Southern Utah family matinees. Of course, one popped during the music. Fortunately the percussive effect came at an appropriate time in the music.



I silently thanked the music sprites and did not use balloons again when I was directing operations. There were lots of balloons during a later orchestra fundraising event and the musicians were fortunate that night because not even one popped while they were playing. During the cleanup we had fun popping them. Technical glitches with projections can be annoying. The wrong image or a computer screen with icons can appear rather than the planned artwork. We are increasingly seeing projections that change the set magically from a city to the countryside with the ease of a computer click. Sound system malfunctions are also not the magic that we want. The goal is hearing the words clearly and it is an art for the sound technician to adjust

microphones precisely. For the shows that rely on actor projection it takes a lot of skill to clearly speak so the back row can hear every word.

Unexpected noises can be distracting during music performances. One time I was conducting the Suzuki Strings student orchestra in a piece from a Harry Potter movie. There was a loud percussive bang. A bridge had popped out from under a viola's strings. The student was extremely calm. She "air bowed" to the end of the piece as if nothing had happened. The rest of the orchestra managed to keep playing. The video of the performance shows the bridge jumping out and her calm demeanor. We all had a good laugh later.

Whatever happens in live performances is part of the package. When there is a problem we keep going. When everything works properly it feels great. No two performances are exactly the same and that is part of the magic of the arts.

2025 Military Appreciation Days

by Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

CEDAR CITY—The Utah Shakespeare Festival is celebrating our Armed Forces by offering free tickets to military personnel for performances from September 1 to 6, 2025. Our Military Appreciation Days recognize the invaluable sacrifices, commitment, and unwavering dedication of our veterans and active-duty members.

Eligible patrons—those with a military ID or DD214 form, whether active or veteran—can receive two complimentary tickets per ID to certain shows during the specified dates. These tickets can be split between two shows or used for a single performance. Please note, these tickets cannot be redeemed for

premier seating sections or used for closing performances.

"Performing in the World War II love story Ken Ludwig's *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* at the Utah Shakespeare Festival this season is profoundly meaningful to me," says Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "Both of my grandfathers served in that war and this play allows me to honor not only their memory but also the sacrifices of all veterans and their families. Sharing a story rooted in love, resilience, and hope is both a privilege and a personal tribute, and I am deeply grateful to bring it to this stage in their honor."

In addition to our regular shows, the Festival is also offering a Sensory-Friendly performance on Wednesday, September 3, for *As You Like It* at 8pm. This performance is designed for individuals with sensory sensitivities,

those on the autism spectrum, and other neurodiversities. The Ticket Office team is available to answer any questions and to help ensure a memorable theatre experience for all.

Reserve tickets now by calling 800-PLAYTIX or by visiting the ticket office near the Anes Studio Theatre. Please note: this special offer cannot be reserved online.



Photo credit: John DiAntonio (left) as Jack and Caitlin Wise as Louise in the Utah Shakespeare Festival's 2025 production of Ken Ludwig's *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*. (Photo by Karl Hugh)



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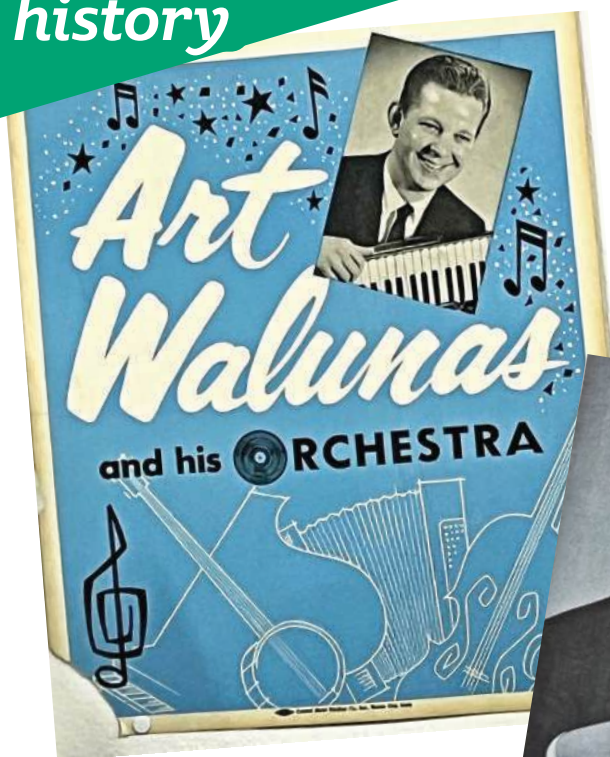
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There was once Polka in Parowan

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



Not all of the history here in Iron County dates back to the pioneers, covered wagons and outhouses of the mid-1800's. After writing several articles about that era, I was contacted again by Parowan's long-time history buff Dr. Ron Roth and he suggested I speak with former mayor, Ron Smith and his wife Cherie and learn some more recent local history about a Parowan family who left quite a mark here in town toward the end of the 1900's.

The family I began to research was the Walunas family (pronounced *wall-nus*) which was headed up by father Art, his wife Chic, daughters Anna and Mary-Ann and sons Ed and Joe. As the story goes, the Walunas family story began in Michigan and Art had a strong yearning to "go West", and so they did. Art was an accomplished accordion player, with his own orchestra, his best-known

song was an old polka standard named "In Heaven there is no Beer." Check out You-Tube if you need to lift your spirits with some contagious toe-tapping music. He first settled with the family in Las Vegas, performing at a well-known restaurant called the Alpine Village. His musical reputation grew, and after 18 months he heard about an opportunity at our own Brian Head Resort. His stay at Brian Head was less than a year, and in addition to performing his music, he was also appointed PR Director for the newly founded resort and was briefly involved in the early development of Brian Head. After that short stay in the mountains, in the early 70's he brought the family down to Parowan for their final settling. Way up at the end of Main Street, just after the road jogs toward Paragonah,

on old Highway 99 and the remaining part of the Old Spanish Trail, Art quickly established himself in the community. He took over the old Bright Spot restaurant and turned it into more of a Supper Club as a venue for continuing his music. Everyone in the family became his new orchestra and he named the restaurant the Swiss Village. His new endeavor was a definite destination restaurant serving a multi-course dinner of primarily German food. The menu included wiener schnitzel, and their famous sauerbraten soup, which many people today still remember fondly. His wife

to me, that so many of the local *over 60 crowd* had such fond memories of the Walunas family and the supper club. It became the go-to restaurant to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, good report cards etc. The cool thing about telling this story was encountering the many Parowanians who actually lived through this era and to hear their first-hand memories of the place. Art definitely left his name and musical memories in Parowan, in addition to the Swiss Village, he built and ran a 30-room hotel right behind the restaurant, and it was a family business in every sense of the word. He was known to be a taskmaster and the captain of his own ship, but it got the job done. The era of the Swiss Village lasted from 1973 to 1978, at which time, the family's musical reputation was discovered by the Coors Brewing Company. They were invited to form the Coors Cowboy Band, thrilled to get their own matching sequined shirts, and traveled nationwide for 9 years, representing Coors and entertaining at National rodeo finals, conventions and sporting events. Youngest son Joe who still lives in Parowan and is still making music shared with me his memories of feeling like a rock star whenever the family band took the stage. Along with all of this, Art also found time to be the manager of the Iron County Fair for about 20 years. While on tour for Coors, he ran into some folks from the competition, Budweiser, and somehow talked them into sending the Clydesdales to Parowan to appear



Walunas family

Chic, and two daughters Anna and Mary-Ann greeted guests, waited tables and joined Art and his sons, forming a new musical group who entertained the diners with Art schmoozing from table to table, working the room with his accordion magic. The whole place was entertained by the Walunas family playing a variety of toe-tapping polka and western music.

As I began my research for this story, it soon became obvious and fascinating

history



Coors Band

POLKA IN PAROWAN

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in the Annual Labor Day Parade, a treat for everyone that year. Once, Art and his orchestra even appeared on the Laurance Welk show, for those of you who remember it.

As I continued to learn

about this *Jack of All Trades* and the discipline required to keep all these balls juggling in the air, it ran through my mind that Art and his singing family could be compared to the Von Trapp family featured in the movie *The Sound of Music*... but with no sign of Julie Andrews to rein him in and lighten him up as in the movie. To be fair, none of the people I interviewed told me that Art called his kids to order with a shrill whistle!

As with many restaurants, the era of the Swiss Village was coming to an end. It has changed hands several times since. Diane and Jerry Bixman owned and operated it for several years and eventually changed it to an Italian restaurant and then later reversed course completely and operated it as a private school for girls. The motel portion was used for dorms and the restaurant became a dining hall. Later, it also became a home for troubled boys, and in other years it sat empty and was used for storage. The 30 motel rooms are now rented out as apartments and the only remaining evidence of Art Walunus and his family are carved into the cement at the north end of the motel sidewalk.

The restaurant was rescued about 2 years ago by a couple named Andrea and Cade Boardman who's dream was to offer delicious high-end smoked meats, roasts and sandwiches. Previously they operated a catering truck you may have patronized out by the fairgrounds. They have found a home in the old Swiss Village and call themselves High Voltage Barbeque, one of the many popular restaurants here in Parowan. As a reminder of the past, several 8x10 glossies of the Walunus family are framed on the dining room wall.

So, our little town remains Fast-Food franchise free except for the Subway and Taco Bell hidden inside the TA truck stop, and all our local eateries remain family-operated! That's just fine with most of us, although it wouldn't break my heart if the In-n-Out Burger chain suddenly decided to open a drive-through here; who knows they may even consider hiring an accordion player to play on weekends in honor of Art.



Interior of Alpine Village in Vegas

The Magic of the Iron County Storybook Parade Returns November 8, 2025

by the Iron County Storybook Parade Committee
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

CEDAR CITY, UT
– Fairytales, fables, and your favorite storybook characters

will come to life as the Iron County Storybook Parade returns to downtown Cedar City on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM. This whimsical event begins at 300 E University Blvd, then turns North onto Cedar City's Main Street, and ends at 400 North.

The Storybook Parade is a celebration of imagination, featuring vibrant floats, lively music, and costumed characters straight from the pages of beloved children's books. Founded in 2003 by Cedar City Mayor Gerald R. Sherratt, the parade is a beloved community event and that brings the magic of the holiday season to children and families.

With the parade's return after a three-year hiatus, the Storybook Parade Committee is inviting community members to help bring the parade to life! Volunteers are needed to assist with float and costume preparations, participate on parade committees, help with parade set-up and takedown, and even step into costume and ride on floats during the parade. It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved, have fun, and help create a magical experience for all ages. The committee also seeks parade sponsors, and sponsors of floats, inflatables and costumed-characters.

To volunteer or become a sponsor, please contact the Iron County Event Center at (435) 477-8381 or visit ironcountyfair.net.

Don't miss your chance to be part of one of Iron County's most enchanting traditions!



business



Patriotism, Community & Competition Shine at Cedar City Chamber Golf Tournament

by Cedar City Chamber of Commerce

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Iron County's longest running golf tournament, the annual Cedar City Chamber of Commerce Tournament, hit a hole-in-one with a day full of fun, networking, and of course—golf! This year's event featured a patriotic theme in recognition of the America

250 celebration. Teams representing many of the Chamber's partners dressed in their best red, white and blue, adding to the festive spirit of the competition. The morning kicked off with an inspirational program that included a flag raising by the American Legion, the National Anthem sung by quartet Side Note, and a helicopter flyover.

In all, 32 teams competed. The tour-

namment winners were Cedar Band Travel Plaza's team of Darin Humphries, Pup Davis, Skyler Davis, and Afa Vasi. The winner of the Longest Drive contest was Johnny Jenkins and Closest to the Hole was Justin Peterson. Hughes Construction, in matching stars and stripes, also won the prize for "Best Dressed Team."

"Our goal with this tournament was two-fold; to provide value to our sponsors and to ensure our participants had a great time," said Tessa Douglas, CEO and President of the Chamber. "Based on the feedback we received throughout the day and since, I'd say we achieved our goal! We are very grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, and players. They are the reason this event was a success."

Proceeds from the tournament support the Chamber's mission of serving Iron County's business community. "As a nonprofit, every dollar we raise is invaluable, and we take our stewardship seriously," Douglas added. "These



funds allow us to continue offering networking opportunities, training, promotional support, and legislative advocacy on behalf of our members." For more information about the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, benefits, and how to become a member, visit www.cedarcitychamber.org



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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.ironcounty-fair.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

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LABYRINTH WALK (12-2PM) AT ST

JUDE'S Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, 1 block north of W University Blvd) No Charge. Please join us in a sacred, calm environment for walking prayer on the largest indoor labyrinth in the state of Utah. Replica of the Chartres Cathedral's labyrinth (ca.1200 A.D.). Come experience this powerful practice used for centuries to unite body, mind and spirit. No experience required, facilitators are present.

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET

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

Nancy (435) 463-3735.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET

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

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.

MON, SEPT 1

*Labor Day***IRON COUNTY FAIR PARADE**

(10AM) @ Parowan Main Street. Theme "Adventure Awaits!"

IRON COUNTY FAIR OUTLOW CAR

SHOW (10AM-2PM) @ Lion's Park 145 S 300 E Parowan UT. The Outlaw Car Show is an opportunity for owners to display vintage antique, classic, hot rods, and customized cars, as well as fancy motorcycles, for the public to enjoy.

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PAROWAN AREA LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL LABOR-DAY BREAKFAST (7:30-10AM) @ 90 South Main St. Parowan, Utah. Breakfast \$7 per person or \$30 for a family of 5.

WED, SEPT. 3

CCAC BOOK CLUB (7PM) @ MAIN

Street Books in Cedar City. This month's book is *The Court Martial of George Armstrong Custer*, by Douglas Jones (fiction). We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.

obituaries

Marvin Hofeling



Marvin Blaine Hofeling ("Blaine") passed away peacefully on August 19, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was 90 years old.

Born March 14, 1935, Blaine was the son of Thomas Hofeling and Leah Johnson Hofeling. He grew up in Murray, Utah, one of six brothers and one sister. While serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Toronto, Canada, he met Luana Jean MacLachlan. They were married on December 17, 1958, in the Salt Lake Temple.

In the early years of their marriage, Blaine worked the graveyard shift with the Salt Lake City Police Department while attending law

school at the University of Utah by day. In 1964, he graduated from the University of Utah College of Law (now the S.J. Quinney College of Law) and later earned an MBA through the Executive MBA program at the University of Utah's David Eccles School of Business. His career took him to Utah Power & Light, where he became risk manager and developed models that became standards adopted by large public utilities across the country. He was instrumental in helping the company recover from the disastrous Wilberg Mine fire and, even more importantly, in ensuring that families devastated by the loss of their loved ones were cared for. Much of his career was spent in the insurance and reinsurance markets of London, Munich, and elsewhere, where he was highly respected for innovative thinking and integrity—the true currency in those markets. When the 2002 Olympic Winter Games sought coverage, international markets strongly encouraged Blaine's involvement; once he joined the effort, the markets responded positively and provided the necessary insurance programs.

After retiring from Utah Power & Light, Blaine spent the next fifteen years teaching Business Law and Business Management at the David Eccles School of Business (University of Utah). His rigorous, real-world curriculum earned him lasting respect from students who often wrote years later to thank him for teaching them how to learn, think, and create real-world solutions to complex problems.

Blaine loved to read and learn; his most cherished material possessions were his books—tens of thousands of them. Every child and grandchild knew that a visit to his house meant going home with several carefully recommended titles. He was invested in exposing his posterity to new and challenging ideas. He loved to travel, especially to Europe, and took his last trip there with a grandson in 2023 at age 88. His family estimates he made more than 110 trips to Europe for personal and professional reasons throughout his life. He was passionate about family history and genealogy, spending many nights throughout Europe combing through parish registers and other records. Blaine connected hundreds of family members around the world who had not known of each other before his work.

Blaine's life was defined by integrity, faith, and a gentle strength that steadied those around him. His highest devotion was to his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Luana; their children Blaine T. (Kirsten), David (Belinda), Mark, and Douglas; grandchildren Blaine N., Dustin (Andrea), Nathan (Kelly), Catherine (Josh), Christiana (Garrett), Matthew, Daniel, Caroline (Dallin), Callista (Maguire), Carissa, and Keira; and great-grandchildren Fintan, Samuel, Abigail, Nelson, Lucas, Elaina, Adam, Milo, and Avery. He is also survived by his brothers Allen Ross Hofeling and John Martin Hofeling, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Arlene, Richard Lee, Melvin "Craig", and Thomas ("Tom"); and other loved ones who welcomed him home.

A viewing will be held Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 West 200 South, Cedar City, Utah.

A viewing (10:00 a.m.) and memorial service (11:00 a.m.) will be held Monday, August 25, 2025, at Redwood Memorial Cemetery, 6500 South Redwood Road, West Jordan, Utah. Interment will follow under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.

Family and friends are invited to view the livestream of the service and share condolences online by visiting www.mortuary.org

Clarence Newton Carleton



Clarence Newton Carleton, affectionately known as Newton, passed away on August 21, 2025, in Cedar City, Utah, leaving a legacy of faith, family, and kindness. Born November 25, 1936, in Kingsland, Georgia, to Clarence Cecil Carleton and Anna Isobel Clark, Newton faced early challenges. His father died of throat cancer when Newton was 20 months old, leaving his mother, Anna, a registered nurse, to raise him and his infant sister, Ella Marion, with support from their Aunt Alice Clark. The family moved

to Jacksonville, Florida, and after Anna's remarriage to Royal Swasey Jr., relocated to Molen, Utah, in 1946, later settling in Ferron and Price, Utah, where siblings Annette, Frances, Wayne, and Beverly joined the family.

Newton's work ethic was evident from childhood. At eight, he shoveled irrigation ditches; as a teen, he sacked grain and worked on a dairy farm. From 18 to 20, he managed the family farm, later taking jobs in Price detailing cars, at a service station, and on a survey crew. In 1960, he served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Great Lakes Mission, covering Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan. In 1961, after serving as a National Guard mail clerk, Newton's prayers for employment were answered with a 30-year career at the US Forest Service, retiring in 1993.

November 25, 1964—his 28th birthday—Newton married his eternal companion, Ella Dean Powell, to ensure he'd never forget their anniversary. They raised six children: Lee, Connie, DeAnn, Jed, Janna, and Joy. Newton balanced roles as a bishop, dairy farm owner, and Forest Service employee. The family moved to Alamosa and Delta, Colorado, to pursue Newton's farming dreams, but later relocated to Cedar City, Utah, sacrificing the farm to secure in-state tuition for their children's education. All six children earned bachelor's degrees, three earning master's degrees, and one a doctorate.

Despite health challenges, including Parkinson's for Newton and heart issues for Ella, their devotion endured. They returned to Wellington in 2008 and moved back to Cedar City in 2023 for family support. Newton's kindness was boundless, always offering a "Thank you" and sharing his cherished sweets—pie, brownies, ice cream, and candies. In his final years, despite physical limitations, Newton's focus remained on Ella, assisting her with tasks like putting on her shoes and constantly seeking her presence.

A faithful servant, Newton served as bishop of Wellington 2nd Ward, in four other bishoprics, numerous years on the high council, and as an ordinance worker in the St. George Temple. He loved watching and collecting movies, reading Louis L'Amour novels, raising sheep, and farming alfalfa.

Newton is survived by his beloved wife, Ella Dean; children Lee (Connie), Connie (Corey) Beck, DeAnn (Earl) Sevy, Jed (Janece), Janna (Trevor) Bundy, and Joy (Nick) Sorenson; 18 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and siblings Marion (Gary) Bowie, Annette (Chall) Cook, Frances Swasey, Wayne (Earlene) Swasey, and Beverly Fryer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Cecil Carleton and Anna Isobel Clark Carleton Swasey; stepfather Royal Swasey Jr.; and siblings Cecil Carleton and David Fryer.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to DeAnn and Earl Sevy, Atlas Homecare & Hospice, Three Peaks Assisted Living, and Holly Clark for their compassionate care of Newton in his final years.

Funeral services will be held on August 30, 2025, at 11:00 AM, with a viewing from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM, in Wellington, Utah at the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 47 N 100 E. Newton's family invites friends to join in celebrating his life.

obituaries

Ryan Quinn Chamberlain



With heavy hearts, we share the passing of our beloved Ryan Quinn Chamberlain on August, 21, 2025 at his home in St. George, Utah. He was our hero, son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and dear friend.

Through our grief we find comfort knowing he has embarked on his next great adventure.

Ryan Quinn Chamberlain was born October 4, 1949 in St. George, Utah, to Quinn and Sylvia Jones Chamberlain. He grew up in Cedar City, Utah where he played little league baseball and enjoyed playing the piano. He graduated from Cedar High and attended CSU (now SUU). He had an amazing memory for the scientific facts he learned.

A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ryan faithfully served a mission in Argentina, where he shared his testimony and love for the gospel with humility and heart. His faith guided his actions and shaped the devoted husband, father, and friend he would become.

He lived a life defined by faith, family, friendship, and a deep love for the outdoors. A true country boy through and through, Ryan found peace and joy in the simple things—fly fishing in a quiet lake, hunting in the early morning light, panning for gold, or camping under a starlit sky. He had a deep appreciation for nature and all of God's creations. He wouldn't pass up a chance to tell you the campfire version of his favorite hunting story "The Big One."

Ryan married the love of his life, Karen Lee, and together they built a home full of warmth, laughter, and love. He was a proud and dedicated father to their four children—Amber, Kim, Michael and Nichole. They spent many hours making memories together.

Ryan worked tirelessly to provide for his family, first as a skilled butcher, and later as a dependable facilities maintenance technician for the Washington County School District. He took pride in a job well done and was respected for his quiet strength and unwavering work ethic. His positive outlook and optimism brightened the lives of everyone around him.

Ryan loved old westerns, country music, and riding his beloved horse, Banjo. These weren't just pastimes—they were a reflection of his spirit: steady, grounded, and full of heart. He formed lifelong bonds with his friends, many of whom he considered brothers, and was the kind of man others could count on without question.

He is survived and cherished by his devoted wife of 53 years, Karen, and their four children, who carry forward his legacy of love, resilience, and quiet strength: Amber (Jess) Milne, Kimberly (Kevin) Stephens, Michael (Jessie) Chamberlain, and Nichole Chamberlain; his loving mother Sylvia, sister Madelyn (Larry) Liston, and brothers Ferl (Tina) Chamberlain and Curtis (Ava) Chamberlain. Ryan was the proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, with one more expected next month. Among his many accomplishments in life, one of his greatest, was being the best, most devoted grandpa. His grandkids were the light of his life, and he poured his heart into creating memories with each of them.

Ryan Quinn Chamberlain lived a good life—a life of service, sacrifice, and enduring love. He leaves behind a legacy that will echo through generations.

Private family services were held Aug 23, 2025. In lieu of flowers, please honor Ryan by sending support to Karen. Venmo: @karen-chamberlain-14.

Craig Halterman Stubbs



May 10, 1950–August 13, 2025

Craig Halterman Stubbs, 75, passed peacefully with his loving family around him at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Dana Stubbs, in Holly Springs, North Carolina. Craig fought his battle with cancer bravely, with positivity through it all.

He was born May 10, 1950, in Cedar City, Utah, to Howard LeFevre Stubbs and Elna Halterman Stubbs. Craig had a curious nature and adventurous spirit throughout his life. He was known for his fun-loving personality and unique sense of humor. As a young man he owned and trained horses, even jockeyed for a time. He raised dogie lambs, and proudly won the grand prize at the Iron County Fair with his impressive Suffolk Blackface ewe. He was always busy raising pigeons, rabbits, and training hawks, even sewing the little training hood. He worked on the farm with his father and enjoyed hunting in the fields, mountains, and the West Hills of Parowan. Fishing at the Yankee was also a favorite pastime. Stories he told about antics with his friends in these places were very entertaining.



He grew up in Parowan, graduating from Parowan High School where he was active in sports, leadership, agricultural studies, and all things creative. His artistic talent was shared generously throughout his life. His early pencil rendition of the Old Rock Church is still currently being displayed. After high school he attended Brigham Young University, majoring in art.

He was married to Ember Lambert for 25 years, later divorced. They made their home in Westminster, California where they raised two wonderful sons. Craig operated Stubbs Construction. In his last hours his sons reminded him of how much incredible work came from his mind and his body over the years, and how he had produced so many beautiful creations that enriched and improved other people's lives. Craig earned a stellar reputation for his craftsmanship, honesty, and dependability. He taught his sons illustration, finish carpentry, drafting, how to hang drywall, ride a horse, hunt pheasants, and, most importantly, to respect others. He shared his passion for horse racing by taking them to the races at Santa Anita Park.

He later moved to Fountain Valley California. In retirement he enjoyed traveling, writing stories about his life, sketching comic strips, riding his bike along the Santa Ana River Trail, from the mountains to the ocean. He went hunting in the Tehachapi Mountains with friends, and loved watching endless documentaries about history and nature. Of course, there was always a painting in the back of his mind. A week before his passing he started a new painting of a horse race: hooves pounding the dirt, rounding the bend, and coming into the final stretch for a victorious finish!

His landscapes, wildlife, and equestrian art remain part of his legacy. University of Utah recently acquired one of his masterpieces entitled "Zion Beyond." The painting captures the stately aspen trees and nine horizons beyond, ending with the backside of the Great White Throne in the distance. Breathtaking!

He is survived by his children, Sam (Dana) Stubbs, Ben (Lupita) Stubbs; his mother, Elna Halterman Stubbs; his sisters, Cheryl Lynn Johnson, Jolene Dalley, and Janeal Magalei; 4 grandchildren, Abbey, Jack, Mila, and Roman. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard LeFevre Stubbs.

Daniel Reed Walker



Daniel Reed Walker was born October 3, 1948 at the Iron County Hospital in Cedar City, UT and came home with his adoptive parents Betty & Reed Walker. He joined his family in the after-life August 10, 2025 at his home in Mesquite, NV.

Danny grew up in Cedar City on 100 East (dog town), then on 700 West after his mother remarried. He graduated from Cedar High as a proud "Redman". He wishes to say "goodbye to the class of 67".

Upon graduation he entered the US Coast Guard. He chose the Coast Guard to avoid the Vietnam conflict. However, he was assigned to the USCG Cutter Wachusett, one of many USCG cutters to patrol the Mekong River off the coast of Vietnam and Thailand. After returning, he was assigned to several stations on the West Coast.

In the early 70s while stationed in Oakland he met the love of his life Penny Turner. Together they had one son Jonathan. They spent many years chasing each other's jobs around the Western states finally settling down in Portland, Oregon. They were married in 1996 in Reno NV.

Danny went to work for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office as a Jailer. Many of his fellow deputies became his best friends & motorcycle riding companions.

Danny had three passions in addition to his family. The first was motorcycles. His first bike was a Briggs & Stratton mini-bike and his last a full-dress Harley Davidson which he had to give up riding for health reasons in his later years. He enjoyed many different bikes throughout his life. He maintained that "trailers are for boats" and rode his Harley's throughout the West and rented them to ride on the East Coast.

Second was fishing, ranging from teaching his little brother to fish at Duck Creek to deep sea fishing off the West Coast. His best friend and fishing buddy was Gary Goodwin. He would visit him in Moses Lake and they would fish the surrounding waters. Danny was always able to catch either the most or the biggest fish.

Third was guns which he collected, puttered on and shot. He got his first deer at 16 and decided "the work began when you pulled the trigger" and from then on, he was a varmint or paper shooter. He was thrilled when he discovered that all 5 shots had passed through the same hole inside the bullseye.

Danny and Penny were together for 36 Years until she passed on in 2007. He retired in 2012 and moved to Mesquite, Nevada where he could get out of the rain and be closer to his brothers. Jonathan joined him in Mesquite in 2014. Jon passed in 2019.

He was also preceded in death by his parents Reed Walker and Betty (Joesph) Prince, sister-in-law Susan Prince and nephew Tony Prince. He is survived by his brothers Joel Prince & Ken (Maree) Prince along with two grandchildren and numerous nieces.

Danny, Penny and Jon will be interred in the Cedar City Cemetery at a later date.

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schools

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Alivia Winzenried

First Week at CVHS

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

August 13th marked the start of school for Iron County students.

Our school theme this year is "Win The Day C.H.A.M.P.S". Winning the day isn't just getting a touchdown or passing a test. It could be making a new friend, learning something new, or stepping outside of your comfort zone. CVHS Student Body President, Evelyn Stein, says "The student government picked 'Win The Day' because high school isn't something you conquer all at once, it's something you win every day. I encourage every person to wake up in the morning and choose to win the day, however that may be for you."

The second part of our theme is an acronym. C.H.A.M.P.S. stands for Capability, Heart, Attitude, Motivation, Purpose, and Success. These are attributes we encourage our students to have or strive for. Everyone can be a CHAMP and Win The Day if they just try.

Many things have changed coming into this year. New policies have been introduced, such as the new schedule and the hall pass systems. 11 new faculty members were introduced this year, as well as the incoming Class of 2029. To help the incoming Freshmen, CVHS held our Freshman Orientation on August 12th. Club and sport leaders were invited to showcase their club, recruit new members, and encourage new students to get involved in extracurricular activities. The first day kicked off with a red carpet welcoming teachers and students into the building. The first week is always one of the most crucial and important weeks of the school year. It's when students build relationships with their teachers and their classmates. It's also a great time to create routines, explore new opportunities, and get ready for the year ahead. It's going to be a great year, Go Falcons!

CEDAR CITY ROBOTICS TEAM COMPETES AND SERVES IN INTERNATIONAL ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

by Diana Blodgett

CEDAR CITY PERFECT PARADOX COACH

Months of designing, prototyping, building, and testing, come down to two minutes and thirty seconds in an intense robotics competition. The excitement of those short minutes can only truly be felt in person at an FTC competition. We are PERFECT PARADOX 8400, our robot is Lady Nancy the Destroyer, and we love robotics. Perfect Paradox competes in a challenge within an organization called FIRST; a global organization in which teams build a custom robot to meet each year's unique game challenge, announced in September. FIRST has three levels of competition; First Lego League for grades 4-8, First Tech Challenge for grades 7-12, and First Robotics Competition for grades 9-12. FIRST's motto is, "We are not using kids to build robots, we are using robots to build kids."

At the state championship in March we won second place in the Inspire award which is the highest award that a team can earn in the FTC program. It is given to the team that performed well in the robot games and placed high in all other award categories (think, innovate, design, control, motivate, connect). That award earned us the opportunity to compete internationally at a premier event in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada this last July.

In Canada our team competed against 38 other top teams from China, Jamaica, Israel, Brazil, Puerto Rico, South Korea, Malaysia, Canada, and the United States. It was an incredible opportunity for our team members to meet teams

from different backgrounds and make fast friends.

During the three-day event we learned about several teams that needed help with their robots. Our team jumped in to help our competition with zero hesitation. The Jamaican team had a motor break. We gave them a spare motor, and helped them get it installed. We helped the Brazilian team pass inspection while one of our mentors translated Portuguese. Their gratitude was profound. Because of this interaction our team received an invitation to compete at an FTC event in Brazil! It's a privilege to be invited.

A Californian team was devastated to learn that the wheels on their robot had been damaged during shipment to the event. We helped take apart and rebuild their wheels and get their bot ready to compete again. When their team won the first place Inspire award they gifted us one of their Inspire award medals. Receiving that medal in gratitude from their team was a true honor.

At the awards ceremony we were awarded first place in the Connect award. When our team name was read, our Perfect Paradox chant exploded from

the crowd cheering for our team. Those people cheering? We knew them, knew their names, knew their struggles. We came together across borders, barriers, languages, and cultures. This program we are a part of, it was never about the robot.

We were so proud to represent Cedar City Lions Club, Iron County 4H, Cedar City, Utah, and the United States of America in Canada. We are always looking for ways to connect with our STEM community, learn from experts in our area, and for sponsors who are ready to help the next generation of STEM professionals.

Interested in being a part of our amazing program? Reach us at perfectparadox@gmail.com. For information about joining a lego league contact the 4H office at 435-586-8132. These programs rely on parent volunteers. A background in robotics isn't necessary. Consider volunteering!

THANK YOU to our Perfect Paradox sponsors! View them on our website, <https://perfectparadox8400.github.io/>. Thank you for helping us be more than we ever thought we could. And thank you to our community for supporting our team!

celebrations

Ron Banks is celebrating 30 years at Rustys Ranch House!

Thank you for your dedication to this Cedar City staple!

Note from the Editor:

I worked at Rustys Ranch House for a few months in college before I found a job on campus. Ron was a great manager, and while I quickly learned restaurant work was not my forte, Ron made Rusty's a welcoming place to work. Congrats on 30 years Ron



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Falcons miss chances, Flyers win

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View football head coach Burke Miller called his team's performance against the Dixie Flyers "the most disappointing loss we've ever had" in his four years as head coach.

Once the Flyers got on the board and built an early lead, the Falcons couldn't capitalize on its chances and came out on the short end of the scoreboard.

Deacon Virgin threw two touchdown passes and Krew Berezay ran for two scores that led Dixie to a 27-13 win over Canyon View on Aug. 22 for the Flyers' home opener at Walt Brooks Stadium in St. George. After both teams failed to score on their initial drives, the Flyers (1-1) went to work with a short field as Virgin found Tano Anzalone on fourth down with a 24-yard touchdown pass and a 6-0 lead with 8:30 remaining in the first quarter.

"We had too many things left out on the field, too many missed chances," Miller said. "We felt like the better team, but definitely, 100 percent, didn't play like it.

Maybe a little overconfident from last week, but we'll get it fixed."

Later in the first quarter, Dixie got the ball back with another short field after a fourth-down attempt by the Canyon View offense fell short. Berezay would strike for the first time with a 2-yard run and stretch the Flyers' lead to 13-0 with 1:03 to play.

Neither side could score in the second quarter, but Canyon View had its best chance with time winding down in the period. After a double pass put the Falcons in business at the Dixie 7-yard line, two running plays got the ball to the 2 as CV called its last timeout with 10 seconds left.

Ryder Miller threw two incomplete passes to close out the first half as Dixie kept its 13-0 lead.

"I challenged Ryder at the half. He was too worried about throwing interceptions," Burke Miller said. "In the second half, he played much better."

Dixie 27
Canyon View 13

CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS

Canyon View	0	0	6	7	-	13
Dixie	13	0	6	8	-	27

FIRST QUARTER
D - Anzalone 24 pass from Virgin (kick failed), 4:48
D - Berezay 2 run (Klingonsmith kick), 1:03

THIRD QUARTER
CV - Miller 9 run (kick failed), 8:55
D - Berezay 9 run (kick blocked), 2:24

FOURTH QUARTER
D - Holbrook 40 pass from Virgin (two-point conversion), 10:53
CV - Floyd 5 run (Roundy kick), 7:41

The Falcons (1-1) got the ball first to start the third quarter, and Miller completed an 80-yard drive by scoring on a 9-yard touchdown to cut the Dixie lead to 13-6. As they had done all game long, Dixie used ball control and answered with a drive that ate up more than six minutes.

When Berezay scored on a 9-yard run of his own, the Flyers regained a two-score lead at 19-6 with 2:24 to play in the period.

Virgin added to the Dixie lead early in the fourth quarter when he found Chaz Holbrook wide

open as he easily scored on a 40-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion gave the Flyers a three-touchdown lead.

Canyon View answered on its next drive when Jace Floyd scored from 5 yards out with 7:41 remaining, but the Falcon offense never saw the football again. Dixie converted three 3rd-down passes along the way, including one on 3rd-and-12 that helped seal the

CV volleyball sweeps aside Panthers

by Tom Zulewski

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In its first two matches of the 2025 season, the Canyon View volleyball team had challenging moments, but came away splitting the matches – a loss to Crimson Cliffs and a road win at Enterprise, both ending in three-set sweeps. On Aug. 20, the Falcons had an easier time putting With the help of 12 service errors, CV cruised after a tough opening set to beat the visiting Pine View Panthers, 3-0 – 25-23, 25-14, 25-17 – and improve to 2-1 on the early season. Head coach Lynette Whittaker said her team took another step with its developing

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victory.

"The kids got served humble pie tonight," Miller said. "They weren't relying on the coaching they were receiving, but we'll fix that."

CV headed to Moapa Valley for this week's game against the Pirates on Aug. 24, scheduled for an 8 p.m. Utah time kickoff. The Pirates lost at Hurricane, 35-28, last week.

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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. BYU football made history when Bear Bachmeier was named the starting quarterback for the Cougars' season opener against Portland State on Aug. 30. What class level is Bachmeier?
2. At age 41, Aaron Rodgers will be the starting quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers when they open the 2025 NFL season Sept. 7 at his former team, the New York Jets. Not to be outdone, Joe Flacco will have his own starting job at age 40 for what AFC North team when it opens at home in Week 1 against the Cincinnati Bengals?
3. As if he hasn't done enough in the NBA already, LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers is about to reach another milestone when he begins his 23rd season in October. What NBA legend was the previous record holder after playing for eight different teams in a 22-year career (1999-2020)?
4. As of Aug. 19, what two MLB teams hold the best overall record – one in each league?
5. True or False: With its 13-3 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Aug. 19, the New York Yankees hit nine home runs in a game for the second time this season.
6. Cincinnati Bengals edge rusher Trey Hendrickson has recorded 17.5 sacks in each of his last two seasons. What brothers – one who retired after the 2022 season and is now working for CBS Sports – have recorded a total of three seasons with 20 or more sacks?
7. In a memorable pitching duel played Aug. 19 at Comerica Park, the Detroit Tigers beat the Houston Astros, 1-0, on a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the 10th inning. Tarik Skubal started for the Tigers. Who pitched for the Astros – a Detroit native who ranks second to Skubal in ERA?
8. After taking his team to the NBA

Finals in 2025 for only the second time in franchise history, what head coach was rewarded with a multi-year contract extension last week?

9. Notre Dame named C.J. Carr its starting quarterback for the Aug. 31 season opener at Miami. His grandfather is former head coach Lloyd Carr, who coached at what Big Ten school until he retired in 2007?
10. "Roundball Rock" is the iconic theme song that will return when NBC begins its NBA coverage in October. Who composed Roundball Rock – a man who hosted "Entertainment Tonight" for 10 seasons (1986-1996)?
11. Seattle Mariners catcher Cal Raleigh has hit 47 home runs through games of Aug. 19, one short of the all-time single-season record for players at the position. What Kansas City Royals catcher set the mark with 48 in 2021?
12. What former No. 1 pick of the Washington Wizards in 2010 announced his retirement from the NBA on Aug. 19 after 11 seasons with three different teams?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Venus Williams is 45 years old.
2. Kansas.
3. Milwaukee Brewers. The streak grew to 14 in a row before the Cincinnati Reds beat the Brewers, 3-2 in 10 innings on Aug. 17.
4. The Twins' last World Series title came in 1991 when they beat the Atlanta Braves in seven games.
5. Rodgers called the new helmet "a spaceship."
6. True.
7. Ohtani lined into a triple play, the third in MLB this season.
8. Detroit Lions.
9. Fresno State.
10. NBC.
11. Justin Rose.
12. New Heights.

MLB madness is real...and crazy

Football season may be here at long last, but there's still a full month remaining in the MLB season. Playoff spots are out there, division titles are up for grabs, and I've been on the worst roller coaster of emotion when it comes to the Detroit Tigers.

In the insanity that is a 162-game season, there are always a full share of ups and downs. On July 8, the Tigers had a 59-34 record and led the AL Central Division by 14 games over the Kansas City Royals and Minnesota Twins.

On July 26, Detroit was 60-46 after losing 12 of its next 13 games. The lead was down to 7 over the Cleveland Guardians, and panic was starting to take hold.

A brief respite of normalcy – what's that? – followed, but after a 7-4 loss at home to the L.A. Angels on Aug. 9, the lead was down

to 5 games. Detroit sports radio talk shows – hosts and callers – felt the anguish.

Even with a tough 10-8 loss to the Royals on Aug. 24, the Tigers are back to where they were the week before the All-Star break. They have the American League's best record at 78-54 – only the Milwaukee Brewers are better – and their divisional lead is up to 10.5 games over Kansas City.

So let's ask the big question. With 30 games left to play, what's the problem?

The Tigers are playing three games at Kansas City this weekend and still have to deal with the suddenly-slumping Guardians six times in September, but all the pressure is on the chasers. The top two division winners have a first-round bye, and the Houston Astros – leaders of the AL West – would have to face whoever sneaks in the side door as the third wild card in a best-of-3 opening-round playoff series.

The Tigers were in that position a year ago and beat Houston twice. Let the moments evolve, let the base hits find grass, and let the home runs reach the seats.

Game on. Let's go.

A little closer to home, there were highlights worth noting that we couldn't fit as their own stories, but here they are.

– Canyon View girls soccer is struggling with low roster numbers – head coach Steve

Newman said only 21 players are on this year's team – and on the pitch in the early season. The Falcons are 2-6 overall after a pair of losses last week.

Sienna Goulding scored a hat trick to lead Hurricane over CV, 7-0, on Aug. 18, and Orem scored twice in each half to come away with a 4-2 win in the Falcons' first match on its home pitch this season Aug. 21. Erin Hallows and Nellie Carter scored in the loss for Canyon View.

– NASCAR has announced its schedule over all three national series for the 2026 season, and there are more changes to keep things fresh and interesting. Las Vegas will still have two races – the first coming with the

Pennzoil 400 on March 15 – but the fall race has been moved up a week. After leading off the Round of 8 the last two seasons, the South Point

400 will be the middle race of the Round of 12 on Oct. 4.

For the first time, the Craftsman Truck Series won't be racing at LVMS on either race weekend, and the XFINITY Series will become the O'Reilly Auto Parts Series in 2026.

The road course rotation has a new track and a new venue. On Father's Day weekend (June 21), the Anduril 250 will run on a street course at Naval Base Coronado near San Diego. The first race of the new In-Season Challenge happens at Sonoma Raceway on June 28, and the Toyota/SaveMart 350 gives the series road-course racing on consecutive weeks.

While the Chicago Street Race has ended its 3-year run, the Cup Series will return to Chicagoland Speedway in nearby Joliet, Ill., on July 5.

After five seasons as host of Championship Weekend, Phoenix Raceway moves its fall race in 2026 to the leadoff spot for the Round of 8 in the NASCAR playoffs. The series will return to Homestead-Miami Speedway for the title races Nov. 8, and official starting times have not been determined.

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RANDOM thoughts

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CV VOLLEYBALL

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minimum.”

In the opening set, Pine View and Canyon View battled through a myriad of ties before the Falcons scored the final four points to grab the early lead. K.J. Attig clinched the set with a powerful kill at the net.

Over the course of the final two sets, the errors on serve – some sailing long, others splashing into the net – began to mount for the Panthers, and the Falcons took full advantage. After an early tie at 4-4 in the second set, CV ran off the next five points and built the lead from there to take a 2-0 lead in the match.

The final set proved to hold more of the same, although the Panthers stayed close before a late run finished the match and gave Canyon View the win.

“We keep getting better every set,” Whittaker said. “We love our student section, too. They help our girls play better.”

CV finished the week with four matches at a tournament played at Dixie High. On Aug. 22, the Falcons earned a split, beating Westlake, 3-0 (25-12, 26-24, 25-13), but falling in five sets to the host Flyers – 21-25, 25-18, 25-20, 25-27, 17-15. On Aug. 23, Canyon View played matches against Maple Mountain and Morgan, and the results will be updated in next week’s issue.

chemistry.

“The girls are learning how to play with each other. They’re meshing,” she said. “I felt like we were more powerful at the net and kept our errors to a



Canyon View's K.J. Attig celebrates a winning point with her teammates during the Falcons' match against Pine View on Aug. 20

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Rams shut down Eagles in second half

by Tom Zulewski

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The Parowan Rams found themselves in the middle of a battle, clinging to a six-point halftime lead on the road.

Hunter Bettridge did his part to make

sure the Rams would pull away and leave with another win.

Bettridge threw two touchdown passes and ran for two scores as Parowan broke the game open in the second half to rout American Leadership, 39-14 on Aug. 22 and improve to 2-0 on the season.

The Rams led from the start, but saw ALA (0-2) pull within 20-14 after Kael Worthen caught his second touchdown of the game from quarterback Nico Horner from 23 yards out with 31 seconds to play in the first half.

From there, Bettridge came out of the locker room and went to work. He would hit Mason Biasi on an 8-yard touchdown late in the third quarter, then delivered a 2-yard score early in the fourth. Cooper Heath finished off the victory on an 80-yard interception return with 9:02 to play in the game to complete the scoring.

Bettridge also had a 61-yard touchdown run in the first quarter for the Rams and threw a 67-yad score to William Eisenach with 8:15 to play in the first half.

The Rams will go for a third straight road win Aug. 29 when they travel to Millard to face the Eagles in a 7 p.m. kickoff.



Parowan

39



Am. Leadership

14

Parowan 12 8 7 12 - 39
Am. Leadership 7 7 0 0 - 14

FIRST QUARTER

P – Hoffmeier 40 run (kick failed), 10:22

P – Bettridge 61 run (kick failed), 6:28

AL – Worthen 13 pass from Marble (Haston kick), 3:26

SECOND QUARTER

P – Eisenach 67 pass from Bettridge (Bettridge run), 8:15

AL – Worthen 23 pass from Marble (Haston kick), :23

THIRD QUARTER

P – Biasi 8 pass from Bettridge (Bettridge kick), 1:11

FOURTH QUARTER

P – Bettridge 2 run (kick failed), 10:56

P – Heath 80 interception return (kick failed), 9:02

Reds get big first half, rout Panthers

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Everett Kelling threw three touchdowns to Slade Parsons, Braxton and Gavin DeMille ran for two scores

apiece, and the Cedar Reds built a huge halftime lead on the way to a convincing 50-34 win over the Pine View Panthers on Aug. 22 to start the season 2-0 for the first

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PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

3A South Football

8/22 Cedar 50, Pine View 34
Dixie 27, Canyon View 13
Carbon 68, Grand 6
Grantsville 32, Richfield 0
Manti 65, Juan Diego 7
North Sanpete 49, Deseret Peak 9
Juab 38, Payson 33

1A South Football

8/22 Parowan 39, Am. Leadership 14
Beaver 33, San Juan 30
South Sevier 52, Enterprise 12
Kanab 36, North Sevier 0

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Football

3A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Carbon	0-0	2-0
Cedar	0-0	2-0
Juab	0-0	2-0
North Sanpete	0-0	2-0
Canyon View	0-0	1-1
Richfield	0-0	1-1
Manti	0-0	1-1

1A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	2-0
Parowan	0-0	2-0
Beaver	0-0	2-0
Enterprise	0-0	2-0

Girls Soccer

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs	1-0	5-1
Cedar	1-0	4-1
Dixie	1-0	2-3
Snow Canyon	0-0	3-1
Desert Hills	0-1	4-2
Hurricane	0-1	4-2
Pine View	0-1	2-5

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield	0-0	6-1
Delta	0-0	3-4
Juab	0-0	3-4
Canyon View	0-0	2-6
Providence Hall	0-0	1-5

2A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Grand	1-0	2-0
San Juan	1-0	2-3
Beaver	0-0	1-3
Millard	0-0	0-3
South Sevier	0-0	0-3
Enterprise	0-0	0-3
Parowan	0-2	0-6

Girls Volleyball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills	3-0	5-1
Crimson Cliffs	1-0	5-1
Snow Canyon	1-0	5-2
Hurricane	2-1	4-3
Cedar	1-1	2-1

Dixie	0-3	5-5
Pine View	0-3	3-5

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Providence Hall	0-0	4-0
Delta	0-0	7-1
Canyon View	0-0	3-2
Juab	0-0	2-3
Richfield	0-0	2-6

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
San Juan	1-0	6-1
Enterprise	1-0	4-1
Beaver	1-0	3-2
Grand	0-0	1-3
Parowan	0-1	3-2
Kanab	0-1	0-3
South Sevier	0-1	0-4

REDS

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time since 2014.

Braxton DeMille got the scoring started midway through the first quarter with a 4-yard touchdown run, then Kelling went to work, finding Parsons from 33 yards out to push the lead to 14-0 with a minute left in the period.

Pine View (1-1) got on the board early in the second when BYU commit Brock Harris caught a 13-yard touchdown from quarterback Levi Shaw, but it would take all of one play for Cedar to score again as Parsons caught an 80-yard strike from Kelling with 7:50 remaining in the half.

The Reds would seize full control of the game by scoring 10 more points over the last 1:23 before the break. Parsons caught a 4-yard touchdown from Kelling, and Cody Stevenson nailed a 30-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to give Cedar a

31-7 lead at the intermission.

Gavin DeMille would join the touchdown parade for the Reds when he bulldozed to the end zone with a 1-yard run, but the visiting Panthers – who scored 51 points in last week's win over Manti – pulled a little closer late in the third quarter as Corbin Yoacham scored from 1 yard out and Shaw threw a 3-yard touchdown to Carter Buchanan in the final minute of the third quarter.

When Max Yoacham scored on a 10-yard run with 10:12 to play in the game, the Panthers were within nine at 37-28.

Cedar would seal the win in the later stages of the fourth quarter with two touchdowns in less than two minutes. Gavin DeMille scored on a 20-yard run with 3:42 remaining, and Braxton DeMille found the end zone on a 4-yard run with 2:02 to play.

The Reds will travel to St. George to face the Dixie Flyers for a non-region matchup Aug. 29 in a 7 p.m. kickoff.



Cedar

50



Pine View

34

Pine View	0	7	15	12	-	34
Cedar	14	17	6	13	-	50

FIRST QUARTER

First quarter

C – B. DeMille 4 run (Stevenson kick), 5:49
C – Parsons 33 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), 1:01

SECOND QUARTER

PV – Harris 13 pass from Shaw (Luekenga kick), 8:17
C – Parsons 80 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), 7:50
C – Parsons 4 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), 1:23
C – FG Stevenson 30, :00

THIRD QUARTER

C – G. DeMille 1 run (kick failed), 5:21
PV – C. Yoacham 1 run (Luekenga kick), 4:46
PV – Buchanan 3 pass from Shaw (two-point conversion), :45

FOURTH QUARTER

PV – M. Yoacham 10 run (run failed), 10:12
C – G. DeMille 20 run (Stevenson kick), 3:42
C – B. DeMille 4 run (kick failed), 2:02
PV – Harris 8 pass from Shaw, :00

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Fujie Iwata Vitarbo

Deceased Probate No. 253500156

Laura Vitarbo Howell, whose address is 4428 N Tumbleweed Dr, Enoch, Utah 84721, has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate. Pursuant to Utah Code Sections 75-3-801 and 75-3-804, creditors of the estate are notified to: (1) deliver or mail their written claims to the personal representative at the address above; (2) deliver or mail their written claims to the Personal Representative's attorney Timothy P. Daniels at 51 E 400 N Ste 1, Cedar City UT 84721, or (3) file their written claims with the Clerk of the Fifth Judicial District Court in Iron County, 40 N 100 E, Cedar City UT 84720, or otherwise present their claims as required by Utah law within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Dated this August 22, 2025.

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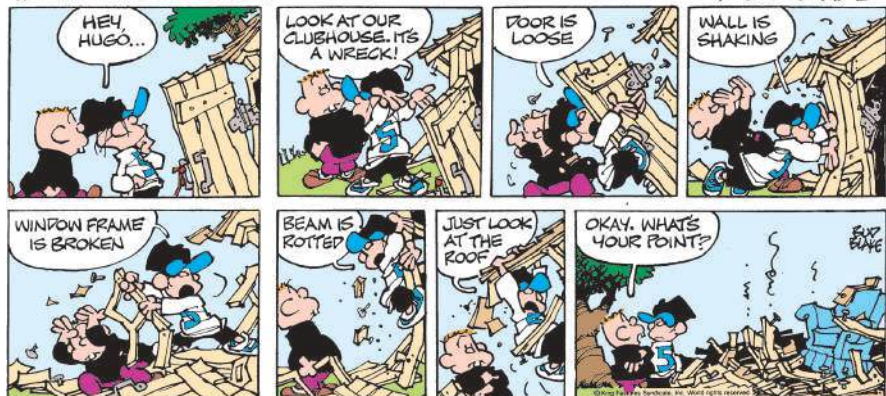
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Weekly SUDOKU

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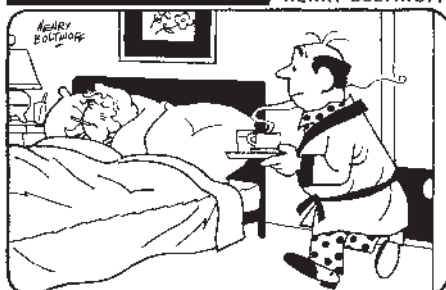
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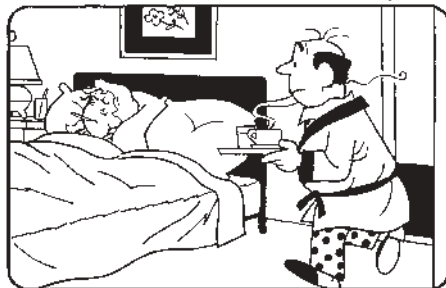
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



collar is different.

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King Crossword_____

ACROSS

- 1 Poke
4 Sneaky chuckle
7 Niagara sight
12 Dos preceder
13 X-ray's cousin
14 "— Gold" (Fonda film)
15 Rx writers
16 Salad dressing order
18 7, on older phones
19 Capital of South Korea
20 Salty waters
22 Soon-to-be grads
23 Desist
27 Drench
29 "Constant Craving" singer
31 Places in the heart
34 Indian yogurt dish
35 Wards off
37 However
38 Corridor
39 Expert
41 Foundered
45 "Peachy!"
47 Cravat
48 Tangential topic
52 Eggs
53 Zodiac ram
54 Khan title

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| 56 | | | | | | | 57 | | | | | 58 | | |
- 55 Rent out
56 "Live at the Acropolis" performer
57 "Way cool!"
58 Vegas opener?

8 Gore and Green
9 Floral neckline
10 Guided
11 Compass dir.
17 Corn cover
21 Marble cake pattern
23 Bed boards
24 — chi
25 Toronto's prov.
26 Links org.
28 Have lunch
30 Actress Joanne
31 Sound of relief
32 FDR project

33 Seminary subj.
36 Tools with teeth
37 Whale variety
40 Activist Chavez
42 Coral island
43 Skin care brand
44 "Endymion" poet
45 Spanish ayes
46 Pencil filler
48 Utter
49 Glass of public radio
50 Cacophony
51 Still, in verse
- DOWN
- 1 Checker moves
2 Tennis great Agassi
3 — nova
4 Med. plan options
5 Papa Hemingway
6 — -miss
7 Tank filler

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ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

[illegible]

Solution time: 26 mins.

ANSWERS

King Crossword



1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What canal connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea?
2. **MOVIES:** Which of Disney's animated princess movies was the first to get a live-action version?
3. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a male duck called?
4. **LITERATURE:** In which famous museum does a murder take place in the novel "The Da Vinci Code"?
5. **SCIENCE:** What part of the plant is responsible for photosynthesis?
6. **TELEVISION:** When did the animated TV sitcom "The Flintstones" debut?
7. **U.S. CITIES:** Which city is known for the saying, "Where young people go to retire"?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** Which Southeast Asian fruit has such a strong smell that it's banned on public transportation?
9. **ASTRONOMY:** Which star is the brightest in the night sky?
10. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many meters are in a kilometer?

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Trivia Test Answerst

1. Suez Canal; 2. "Cinderella"; 3. A drake; 4. The Louvre in Paris, France; 5. The leaves; 6. 1960; 7. Portland, Oregon; 8. Durian; 9. Sirius; 10. 1,000

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