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THE AEGEAN

103 min. (Australia) In English, Greek, & Lingala



Wed, Sep 24th, 6:15 PM & Thu, Sep 25th, 1:45 PM

Dramatic Feature directed by Jacob Richardson
Cast: Costas Mandylor, Nicky Dune, 'Light' (Christian Ioannidis), Nikolas Chalkiadakis, Eleni McDonald

In a world that has started to forget him, Hector, a widowed fisherman, feels the weight of his solitude. Everything changes when he encounters Theodore, a teenager desperately seeking a savior to rescue him from a dire situation. United by their shared struggles, they embark on a journey across the enchanting Aegean Sea, where amidst the azure waters, they discover a newfound purpose and a reason to carry on.

BLUE ZEUS

75 min. (USA) In English + short "The Angel"



Thu, Sep 25th, 8:45 PM & Sat, Sep 27th, 3:45 PM

Documentary Feature directed by Rocky Romano and Miranda Winters Cast: Clare Staples, Gerard Butler

Wild horse advocate Clare Staples attempts to rescue a horse named Blue Zeus after he and his family are captured by the US government. After 9 months, Clare is finally able to rescue him, but then she must beat all odds to find his family that are lost in an overcrowded system. With unparalleled access to government employees, their helicopter contractors, and a whistleblower, the film delivers jaw-dropping journalism through an emotional and visually stunning story.

THE CHAPLAIN & THE DOCTOR

85 min. (USA) In English + short "Chance of Rain"



Thu, Sep 25th, 8:50 PM & Fri, Sep 26th, 4:00 PM

Documentary Feature directed by Jessica Zitter
Cast: Betty Clark, Jessica Zitter

Betty Clark, 80-year-old, African American hospital chaplain on staff at Highland Hospital, trauma center in Oakland, California. Jessica Zitter, Anglo physician who has worked on the Palliative Care team with Betty for over a decade, caring for patients who are approaching the ends of their lives. Their relationship took years to develop, originally beset by racial tensions on the team and a professional hierarchy that siloes and divides with the Chaplain taking on the role of mentor for the Doctor.

GODDESS OF SLIDE

90 min. (Canada) In English + "Free to a Good Home"



Wed, Sep 24th, 2:30 PM & Fri, Sep 26th, 8:40 PM

Documentary Feature directed by Alfonso Maiorana
Cast: Ellen McIlwaine, Jimmy Hendrix (archival)

Ellen McIlwaine was a legendary – and largely forgotten – Canadian musician. Eight months after arriving in Greenwich Village with no prospects, she found herself opening for the biggest blues legends in the world, like Odetta, Richie Havens, and Mississippi John Hurt. But it's the six magical nights Ellen, a young fearless redhead, ignited the stage with Jimi Hendrix that changed the course of her life in this intimate look at a pioneer performer and her road trip to stardom.

OPERATION TACO GARY'S

86 min. (USA) In English + short "The Ride"



Wed, Sep 24th, 9:05 PM & Sat, Sep 27th, 8:55 PM

Comedy Feature directed by Michael Kvamme
Cast: Simon Rex, Dustin Milligan, Brenda Song, Jason Biggs

An off-the-grid conspiracy theorist takes his estranged brother on a road trip with a secret agenda. An adventure that delivers non-stop laughs and absurd charm from start to finish. With its zany premise, quick-fire dialogue, and razor-sharp comedic timing, the film manages to keep viewers on the edge of their seats. The writing is both clever and unapologetically bold, filled with one-liners and outrageous scenarios that land with impressive consistency with irreverent humor.

Thu, Sep 25th, 6:10 PM & Fri, Sep 26th, 1:45 PM

Documentary Feature directed by Kent Thalman, Anna Thalman Cast: Brad Behle

"Ride in Paradise" is a documentary film about the power of small, intentional acts of goodness. It follows Brad Behle, a motorcycle loving father who finds new meaning in life and his faith after developing a habit of delivering teddy bears to parents grieving the loss of a child. A documentary about helping people cope with loss through kindness and understanding delivered on a Harley.

Fri, Sep 26th, 8:35 PM & Sat, Sep 27th, 1:45 PM

Documentary Feature directed by Tanner Christensen
Cast: Ben Kjar, LaCol Grant, Anthony Robles, Colton Fielding

Born with a severe facial difference, a young man confronts overwhelming obstacles preventing him from living an ordinary life. Refusing to be limited by his appearance, he defies medical advice and societal prejudices as he attempts to become a world-champion wrestler. The film uses modern lighting and cinematography, flashy graphics and upbeat editing to keep the pace continuous without becoming tiresome.

Wed, Sep 24th, 8:15 PM & Fri, Sep 26th, 6:00 PM

Documentary Feature directed by Laura Paglin
Cast: The people of Pike County **WORLD PREMIERE**

Mounting pressures – including an unsolved family murder – test a close-knit rural community with farms and fairs. Between the temptation to give up and the urge to hold on, the film lingers on what it means to come of age in a place left behind.
"Haunting, quietly searing, hard to forget."
– Arlie Hochschild, Author, Strangers in Their Own Land.

Thu, Sep 25th, 3:50 PM & Sat, Sep 27th, 5:45 PM

Dramatic Feature directed by Chanho Lee
Cast: Hyowon Lee, Eunseo Choi, Seungyeon Lee, Incheol Park

Hyowon, who dreams of becoming an actress, runs away to Seoul with Eunseo, a high school dropout. The two girls step into the sprawling city with their fragile hopes, clutching at its promises like lifelines. Their first home is a basement room, dim and shabby, the air thick and heavy, but to them, it is a sanctuary, a nest of possibilities as Eunseo begins working odd jobs.

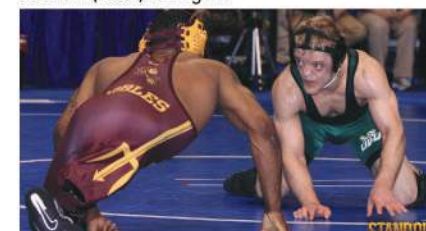
RIDE IN PARADISE

98 min. (Utah) In English



STANDOUT: THE BEN KJAR STORY

99 min. (Utah) In English



THIS IS PIKE COUNTY

80 min. (USA) In English + short "Darcine's Day"



WATER LILIES

119 min. (Korea) In Korean with English subtitles



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Remembering

Charlie Kirk

STORIES IN NEWS

Hundreds gather at SUU candlelight vigil to honor Charlie Kirk

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

They came with flags and handmade signs. They came with longboards and backpacks, fresh from class. They came with children in strollers and grandparents leaning on canes. By the time the first prayer was spoken, more than 650 people had filled the courtyard at Southern Utah University Thursday night, most of them holding a candle against the September night. They had come to mourn Charlie Kirk, the conservative influencer who was assassinated two days earlier while speaking at Utah Valley University. Some signs read "We ♥ Charlie." Others carried scripture: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul." A boy in a ball cap hoisted an American flag above the crowd while students linked arms and sang *America the Beautiful*. The glow

stretched across the campus, flickering on faces wet with tears.

Mari Eddy, chair of the Iron County Republican Party, organized the vigil with SUU's chapter of Turning Point USA, the student organization Kirk founded in 2012.

"I immediately ordered 600 candles and thought that would be way overkill," Eddy said. "But at 7 o'clock people just poured in, and we used all of them — not every-one even got one. I was shocked, because I knew people were scared. And yet, they came."

Eddy described the night as "spiritual, moving, uplifting." The event drew people from across the political spectrum. She said she invited local Democrat and Cedar City Councilman Scott Phillips, who attended.

"This isn't about Republican or Democrat," she said. "This is an American issue. We as Americans should be heartbroken. We should all be able to speak without

getting shot or being in fear. No American should ever be in fear of speaking."

Even students who hadn't planned on being there stumbled upon the gathering and stayed, Eddy said. "We had a cute boy ride up on a long-

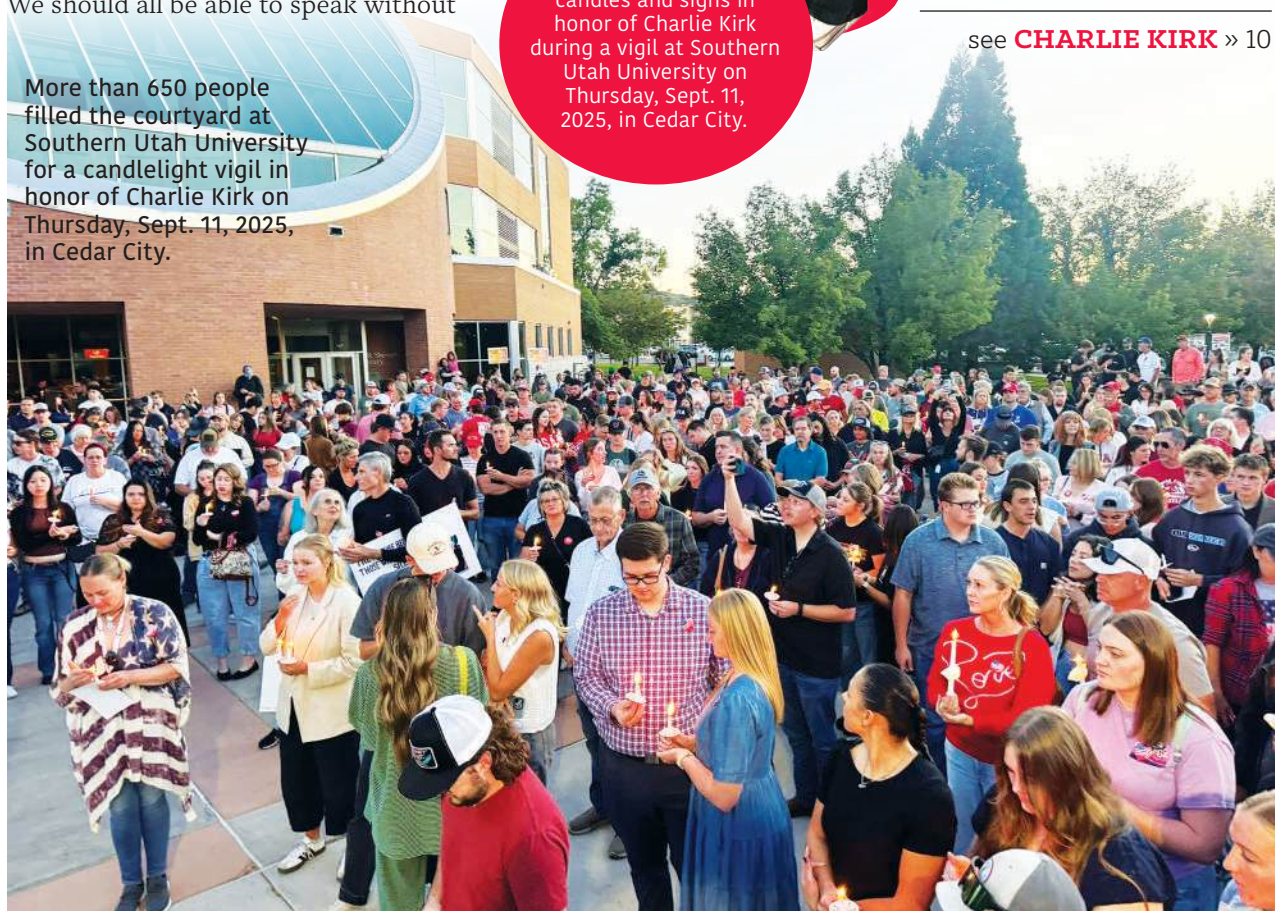
board and say, 'I'm not political, but I can't stand by. What happened yesterday was wrong,'" she said. "That is the movement Charlie Kirk created."

While there was a strong police presence at the event



Attendees hold candles and signs in honor of Charlie Kirk during a vigil at Southern Utah University on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, in Cedar City.

More than 650 people filled the courtyard at Southern Utah University for a candlelight vigil in honor of Charlie Kirk on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, in Cedar City.



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New VA Cemetery Cedar City Utah

VA DEDICATES NEW SOUTHERN UTAH NATIONAL CEMETERY

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Department of Veterans Affairs dedicated the Southern Utah National Cemetery in Cedar City, Utah, on September 10th, 2025.

Master of Ceremonies was Roderick "Tony" Thomas, Director of the Fort Logan National Cemetery Complex. Sydney Rasmussen, 2025 Miss Iron County, sang the National Anthem. Mayor Garth O. Green gave welcoming remarks, followed by keynote speaker The Honorable Sam Brown, Under

Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

His responsibilities include leading programs that honor and preserve the memory of Veterans through the Veterans Legacy Program and the Veterans Legacy Memorial. In his role, he oversees the operation and maintenance of 156 VA national cemeteries.

Patrick Cloud is the new sexton for the Cedar City Utah Veterans Cemetery.

The new grounds will accommodate both caskets and cremated remains, with approximately 215 interments each year and space to eventually hold 13,434 gravesites. The first burials will take place at the site

this month.

The Southern Utah National Cemetery is one of 157 across the nation. Nearly 94% of Veterans nationwide will now have a VA or VA grant-funded burial option within 75 miles of their homes. "Generations of families will come to visit and remember their loved ones here—a place of spiritual comfort and healing. We will not forget the sacrifices and commitment of those interred in this sacred ground."

VA acquired 8.14 acres for the cemetery in



Roderick Tony Thomas, Director National Cemetery Complex. **Honorable Sam Brown** VA Memorial Affairs. Unveil Southern Utah National Cemetery Dedication Site Plaque.

September 2018. Construction began in September 2023, with a 19-month completion timeline and a total cost of \$11.8 million. The project resulted in an estimated \$7 million impact on the local **see VA » 9**



Mayor Garth Green congratulates The Honorable Sam Brown VA Under Secretary Memorial Affairs

Flag Salute Cedar City VA Cemetery








IRON COUNTY FORECAST

A STORM SYSTEM WILL BRING INCREASING MOISTURE LEVELS TO THE REGION THIS WEEKEND. ISOLATED STORM CHANCES WILL RAMP UP, POTENTIALLY EXTENDING INTO NEXT WEEK. TEMPERATURES WILL REMAIN SEASONABLY WARM THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.

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SATURDAY	Isolated Storms 80°/52° PRECIP: 30% WINDS: W 5-15
SUNDAY	Isolated Storms 78°/52° PRECIP: 30% WINDS: W 5-10
MONDAY	Partly Cloudy 82°/52° PRECIP: 20% WINDS: N 10-10
TUESDAY	Partly Cloudy 76°/48° PRECIP: 20% WINDS: SE 5-10
WEDNESDAY	Partly Cloudy 75°/49° PRECIP: 20% WINDS: S 5-10

opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

I have heavily grappled with what I would write this week. There is so much I'd like to say but also wonder if there is anything left to be said. The horrors of Charlie Kirk's assassination last week are layered and it's difficult to pin which point to tackle. I'll start with this: like so many

others, I viewed Charlie as a friend despite never having met him. He and I are the same age. We started our families at the same time. He's been a mentor and someone I have looked up to as a giant of my generation. The impact this loss has had on me is something I can't quite account for. I am not unfamiliar with the darker aspects of life. In fact, I feel rather practiced in heartbreak, loss and depression. But I don't know that I have ever been touched by true evil or malevolence. I think it is this aspect of this event that has rattled myself, and so many others, so deeply

I found Turning Point USA and Charlie Kirk while working at a college campus in Northern Utah. During that time, I was often shocked by the conversations and bold declarations I heard from colleagues. As individuals, many of them were good and kind, but the ideas circulating were in stark contrast to my own. Sometimes filled with hostility, even violence. It made me nervous about the future, about the lack of balance and tolerance being offered to the rising generation. Campuses were supposed to be places of open dialogue, yet opposition was not welcome. That concern led me to research, which is how I found Turning Point USA. I found comfort that someone else held the same concerns and had founded this non-profit organization to bring free speech, the exchange of ideas and debate back to college campuses. It makes me sick to know that Charlie Kirk lost his life in pursuit of this simple mission.

This feels incredibly personal. Not just because of my own personal story or the similarity in age and life circumstance, but because this happened in our own backyard. The first successful political assassination since the 1960's happened in our quiet, wholesome state. It's difficult to wrap my mind around. To make matters worse, the individual responsible traveled through our community on his way home to Washington County. It feels personal because it is personal.

Some have reached out to me during my time at Iron County Today, concerned with the presence and placement of stories highlighting criminal



activities in our paper. I appreciate their apprehension and motivation. However, we are losing the security and safety of our nation, our state, and yes, even in our small community. We cannot turn a blind eye to the violence and evil that is creeping into every facet of our nation. It's not "out there," it's right here. And it's difficult to protect yourself and loved ones from this evil if you are unaware of it.

I have chosen to predominantly keep my perspectives and beliefs to myself because I am a private person, but also out of fear of the judgment of others and assumptions or labels that might be slung at me if I were to be more vocal. In the aftermath of Charlie's assassination, I feel compelled to be more myself and feel called to be less fearful to share my thoughts. Globally, we are seeing a huge outpouring of grief and the younger generation is seeking out Jesus Christ in the name of Charlie Kirk's influence and in reaction to bearing witness to such a horrific murder so casually displayed on our personal devices. This is a drive toward faith I have not witnessed in my lifetime. So, perhaps in the wake of such tragedy, we can be reassured that many are coming back to basics: faith,

family and courage.

I am a proud SUU alumna seeing the turnout for Charlie's vigil. I wish I could have joined. My heart is with the students and the community that had to witness the events of last Wednesday at the UVU campus. My thoughts are with the father in Washington County who had to make an impossible decision in helping turn his son over to authorities. I pray for our community that we may come together and lean on each other in a time of such uncertainty.

And above all, day and night, my prayers are with Erika Kirk and her two babies.

May God bless Erika, her family, and the legacy Charlie leaves behind. And may we all, in his memory, find courage to stand boldly for our faith.

Note: If these words stir frustration or if you've only heard of Charlie Kirk through the lens of criticism, I encourage you to seek out his work directly. Charlie left behind countless conversations, speeches, and interviews that reveal his heart, his mission, and his love for open dialogue. Take the time to listen, watch, and learn for yourself.

WORD OF THE WEEK

GROUNDSWELL

[ground.swell]

noun

A sudden gathering of force, as of public opinion.



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opinion

Thou Shalt Not Murder

PART 4

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY

The Ten Commandments from the Bible have been the basis of civil and religious law for thousands of years with about half of them dealing with a person's relationship with their Creator and the other half dealing with human relationships. Early in the Bible (Genesis 9:6, Leviticus 24:17, Exodus 20:13 and 21:12, Numbers 35:30-31) there are warnings against murdering others, and throughout the Bible even to the Book of Revelation 21:8 where murderers along with other sinners will be thrown in the final judgement into the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second and final death. This is what unrepentant murderers look forward to. We have just witnessed whether in person or over digital news the terrible murder of legendary conservative activist Charlie Kirk in Orem, Utah, a town of about 95,514 people, many of whom had gone to hear Charlie speak at Utah Valley University, where Charlie was engaging students on issues such as transgenderism and gun violence when as Charlie was about to answer a question from the audience, a shot rang out, hitting Charlie in the neck. He was immediately taken to a local hospital where he died shortly after arriving. The FBI has subsequently released a photo of the assassin with a substantial award for information leading to the arrest of the murderer who most likely was a member of Gen Z, born between 1997 to 2012. Even President Trump has recognized the important work (whether we like all of Charlie's beliefs) Charlie has done and has recognized Charlie's contributions to our country and to Trump's re-election.

Has our political language (such as politicians calling enemies fascists, authoritarians, white supremacists, even Hitler) led inevitably to such actions? While free speech is essential to our democratic republic's historical success, do we need to show our opponents respect or are we going to continue painting our opponents as existential threats to democracy, freedom, and life itself with some even cheering Charlie's death on X, Bluesky, Reddit, and other platforms. Ironically, Charlie believed in debating people no matter what their beliefs were, and he loved dialogue and supported free speech. Those who support the killing of Charlie have contributed to the use of bullets to silence the power of his words. His words will survive, while he has gone to his just reward. Charlie has become a martyr, and his followers say that his death will not be in vain. What kind of world are we inheriting when we cheer the killing of those who disagree with us? Are we destroying ourselves by supporting the murder of people we don't agree with as in the murder of Charlie, where murder was meant to destroy his voice? I don't necessarily agree with everything Charlie said, but I do agree with his right to express his beliefs and speak to others. Gen Z is having difficulty in an environment that suppresses free speech. Please go to Wikipedia to

check out their list of mass shootings in the U.S. just in 2025. You will be alarmed when you find out that virtually every day a shooting of four or more humans resulting in death has occurred. However, all is not lost. God is moving among young people, too. In Oklahoma and Ohio, a spiritual awakening is occurring as thousands of college students have turned their hearts toward Jesus, as the latest signs of spiritual awakening and calling out to God in praise and worship, seeking salvation, forgiveness, and help for our country. Remember that America has just marked 24 years since the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001. As Robert F. Kennedy said: "It is from the numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a person stands up for an ideal, we help all." Spread free speech, control our actions, and spread the love of God to all.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I want to be remembered for courage for my faith. That would be the most important thing. The most important thing is my faith."
-Charlie Kirk

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Iron County Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The county auditor reported a fraud case involving a former building department employee, uncovered by an anonymous tip. Several payments since 2018 were never deposited, and charges have been filed. The county has added stronger safeguards and encourages use of its fraud hotline.

Fewer board of equalization appeals were filed this year, credited to more accurate property valuations. About 300 residents are receiving property tax abatements for low-income and indigent households. Concern was raised over a proposal to replace abatements with a deferral system requiring repayment with interest, which could force vulnerable residents from their homes while saving taxpayers only \$3-7 a year.

The county reported stable jail meal costs at \$19 per meal in the third quarter. Daily population has decreased with greater use of ankle monitors, lowering costs and liability. Officials noted the system is effective but could pose challenges if use expands.

There have been 14 SWAT callouts this year, with the drug task force seizing large amounts of drugs and firearms. A second explosive detection dog will be added in January 2025 with outside funding.

The department declined to join the federal 287G immigration program, citing high training and staffing demands. It already houses ICE inmates under U.S. Marshals contracts.

Youth home incidents continue to strain resources, with costs rising from \$26,085 to \$32,347 since July. Many of the youth are from out of state, raising concerns about the county bearing costs for external issues.

Staffing updates include three deputies in field training and three more graduating soon, but five may leave for other agencies due to pay gaps with nearby departments.

The department also requested replacing aging M-wrap vehicles with Bearcat tactical vehicles, costing \$55,000-\$100,000 annually, to improve road safety and SWAT operations.

The county reported a slight decline in transient room tax collections and occupancy rates compared to 2024, while restaurant tax revenue rose nearly 11% due to improved collection from prepared food sales. Tourism remains more stable than in neighboring counties, supported by a focus on domestic visitors. The county also received a \$95,000 state grant for marketing and joined a pilot program to help local businesses develop bookable experiences.

The county commission approved two ordinances: one expanding conditional uses in the RA20 zone, updating encroachment fees, and aligning boundary adjustment procedures with state law; the other updating the transportation plan by designating 3700 West as a major collector road to support

future residential growth.

Action was taken against the Pleasant Hills subdivision, an illegal development lacking permits and infrastructure. Notices will be filed on property deeds to warn future buyers and prevent further expansion.

The commission also approved a resolution to join other counties in cross appeals on centrally assessed properties, a standard process for challenging valuation appeals by utility companies and railroads.

The county approved two billboards on South Old Highway 91 after the applicant reduced the height to meet requirements.

Personnel actions included hiring eight employees across multiple departments and discussing the use of temporary employment services to address staffing shortages, especially in the road department where CDL drivers are needed for essential services like jail waste collection.

Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

During the action meeting, the council approved a nearly \$24,000 bid to upgrade the Heritage Theater's lighting system to LED. A field tour was scheduled for September 15, with a councilmember

assigned. The new National Veterans Cemetery was dedicated.

Upcoming events include scarecrow decorating on Main Street, set for September 20 at 8 a.m. in front of Cache Valley Bank. Enrollment for the Cedar City Youth Council is now open.

Staff updates covered the recent rainstorm, which caused manhole covers to blow off at 200 N and 800 W. The council discussed extending storm drains to better handle future flooding. Flooding also occurred at 400 N near the freeway. Additionally, across from the Veterans Cemetery, the City owns four lots, and the council discussed the possibility of turning them into a park instead of developing housing as it is currently zoned.

Public comments focused on flooding issues that impacted neighbors, concerns about overgrown and rundown properties at 300 N and 800 W, and questions about abandoned houses.

On the consent agenda, the council approved meeting minutes, ratified debt bills, and accepted a petition to annex 19.18 acres of land near 3000 N 400 W. All items passed.

The council concluded the meeting with a closed session.

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.

public & health

Power in Pink-Iron County announces 2025 Walk and 5K to raise funds for local breast cancer patients



from *Rachelle Hughes*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On Saturday, October 4th, 2025, join other members from Cedar City and Iron County to support local women dealing with breast cancer. This is the 13th year of the Power in Pink-Iron County Walk and 5K, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Cedar City West Canyon Park, 151 S 400 E.

Registration is \$35. Breast Cancer Survivors register for free and SUU and Southwest Technical College Student Registration is \$15. Registration and information are available at powerin-pink-ironcounty.com where you can also make tax-deductible donations if you are unable to participate the day of the event. Registration on the day of the event begins at 8 a.m. Registered participants will receive an event shirt, swag bag, and event medal. Prizes will be awarded to the community and Southern Utah University team with the most participants.

"We encourage you to gather a team to win the coveted traveling trophies. These beautiful trophies are an homage to teamwork and support for a good cause. It is a badge of honor to have these in

your team's space for the year," said Deena Marchal, Power in Pink board member.

Started in 2013 by four young breast cancer survivors, this annual event helps meet the needs of local women rather than sending proceeds to national organizations. This year's theme will highlight a classic hero theme. "We will be honoring the heroes who have fought and continue to fight breast cancer in our community, along with the heroes who have helped support these local women," said Robyn Brown, one of the organization's founders.

"Along with raising funds to provide assistance for local women in the area battling the challenges of cancer, we find this event is an important time to recognize and cheer survivors and remember those who have lost their lives to this horrible disease," Brown says of the celebratory and fighting spirit this event brings each October to Iron County.

During the walk, names and photos of those who have dealt with breast cancer line the trail. The Pink Team invites all who have someone they would like to honor and remember to send names and photos of loved ones to powerin-pinkcedarcity@gmail.com.

Ernie's Stores is again the generous lead sponsor for this year's event. Additional sponsors confirmed at the time of release include: Lavene and Donn Jersey, Jennie Hendricks-Century 21 Prestige Realty, State Bank of Southern Utah, Cedar City Rotary Club, Bristlecone, Intermountain Cedar City Hospital, SUU Athletics, SUU Community Relations, Mountain America Credit Union, BZI, Cache Valley Bank, Utah Shakespeare Festival, Davis Heating and Air, and the employees of the Iron County School District.

For more information, visit powerinpink-ironcounty.com, email powerinpinkcedarcity@gmail.com or follow the event on the Power in Pink-Iron County Facebook and Instagram pages.

VA

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testament to their service to the nation. These benefits are provided at no cost to the family and include a gravesite, government headstone or marker, perpetual care of the site, a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate, and military honors.

Special thanks go to former Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards for her diligence in securing Cedar City as the selected site for the "Beautiful National Veterans Cemetery." We honor all of the Veterans who serve to keep our country free, as well as the families who support them. If you see a Veteran, stop and thank them for serving our country and protecting our freedoms. "FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE."

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Having a VA National Cemetery is a way for the government to honor Veterans and their families by providing a respectful burial site and memorial benefits as a



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Candles burn beside a handmade sign reading "This is the Turning Point" during the vigil for Charlie Kirk at Southern Utah University on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025.



Mari Eddy, chair of the Iron County Republican Party, and her husband Tyrel attend the candlelight vigil for Charlie Kirk at Southern Utah University on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025.



A student holds an American flag as hundreds gather for a candlelight vigil honoring Charlie Kirk at Southern Utah University in Cedar City on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025.

CHARLIE KIRK

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— with SUU campus police, Cedar City Police and the Iron County Sheriff's Office on site — Sheriff Ken Carpenter said the vigil went forward without incident.

"Social media shows the worst of people," Carpenter said. "What I saw last night was the best of Utah — a community that stands together, that reflects who we really are."

The vigil closed with Kirk's own words:

"Good men must die, but death can't kill their names." Even after the music faded, people lingered. They stood in circles, shared memories, and embraced one another. The candles burned low, but the message carried on.

"I left at 9 and there were students still standing around talking to each other," Carpenter said.

In a statement, the Iron County Republican Party described the night as "both solemn and hopeful: a community united in grief, yet determined to honor Charlie's legacy

by standing firm in truth, liberty, and love of country."

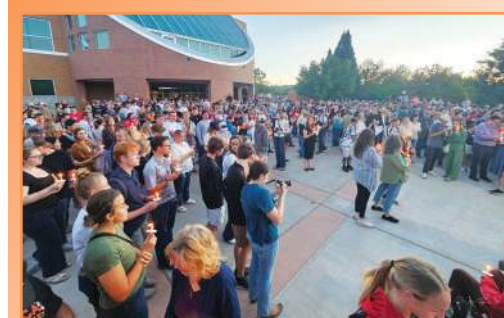
Eddy believes Kirk's voice will only grow louder in his absence. "I do believe that what happened will be turned for good," she said. "Charlie did not deserve to die. But I think this will amplify his message. My husband said it reminded him of how people must have felt when Martin Luther King was killed. That's how big this is." On campus, students described the vigil as a moment of healing. The SUU student newspaper reported that many were moved to tears, especially

during the hymns and candle lighting. While the candles burned, no one knew what the next day would bring and that within hours police would arrest the man responsible for Kirk's death. What they did know was the heaviness of loss and the need to stand together.

For those who gathered, the vigil was more than a remembrance. It was a statement — and a hope for a better tomorrow.

"Anyone who was there walked away changed and with so much hope for the future," Eddy said.

Iron County Honors Charlie Kirk



by Richard Genck

IRON COUNTY GOP

Over 650 people from all walks of life gathered in Iron County this week for a candlelight vigil honoring the life and legacy of

Charlie Kirk, hosted by the Iron County Republican Party and Turning Point SUU.

The evening opened with a prayer from Assistant Pastor Andy, from Sunrise Christian Church, followed by the crowd joining together in singing America the Beautiful. Later in the night, an impromptu chorus of The Star-Spangled Banner filled the air, with hundreds of voices raised together in unity.

The vigil grounds were adorned with students carrying American

flags, banners, and the glow of candlelight as attendees reflected on Charlie's dedication to uniting Americans around timeless principles of faith, family, and freedom. Many were moved to tears, both in mourning his loss and in gratitude for his life's work.

Quoting Kirk's own words, speakers reminded the crowd: "Good men must die, but death can't kill their names."

As inspiring music played to close the program, people lingered long after the formal event ended—

sharing memories, embracing one another, and pledging to carry forward the values Charlie championed.

Organizers described the gathering as both solemn and hopeful: a community united in grief, yet determined to honor Charlie's legacy by standing firm in truth, liberty, and love of country.

Thank you to all those who attended. Our hearts go out to the Kirk family, and all those suffering this loss.

Southern Utah man charged in assassination of Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox called it “a watershed moment in American history.” Standing before cameras Friday, his voice heavy, he asked whether Americans would choose escalation or “find an off-ramp” from political violence.

Hours earlier, state and federal officials confirmed the arrest of Tyler James Robinson, 22, of Washington City, in connection with the assassination of Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, a conservative student organization with chapters on college campuses nationwide.

Robinson, a Pine View High School graduate and third-year

student at Dixie Technical College, is charged with aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm causing serious bodily injury, and obstruction of justice.

According to the charging documents, Kirk was speaking under a canopy in the Utah Valley University courtyard west of the Losee Center on Sept. 10 when a single shot rang out at 12:23 p.m., striking him in the neck. He was rushed to Timpanogos Regional Hospital, and doctors pronounced him dead after arrival.

Surveillance video captured a man climbing onto the Losee Center roof minutes earlier

and assuming a prone shooting position. Investigators later recovered a Mauser Model 98, .30-06 bolt-action rifle wrapped in a towel near campus.

Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter said he was surprised by the choice of weapon.

“I was very surprised it was a Mauser — a World War II rifle, not something common anymore,” he said.

Authorities also documented inscriptions on several casings tied to the rifle. The engravings included phrases such as “Hey

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COUNCILMAN RON RIDDLE REFLECTS ON THE PASSING OF CHARLIE KIRK

Like many in our community, I have been deeply shaken by the tragic loss of Charlie Kirk. His passing is not just a national moment of sorrow but one that touches us here in Cedar City. Many of our residents have family connections to those involved, and many more looked up to Charlie as a voice for faith, family, and country.

Charlie once said the most important thing he could be remembered for was “courage for my faith.” Those words are especially powerful now. And they remind us that the strength of a community is found in how we live out our values day by day. What has always made Cedar City great is neighbors who know and serve one another. When problems arise, do our neighbors know us as someone who loves and helps, or simply as someone who prefers to spend time with virtual friends? That choice has and will define our future.

In this tragedy, I am grateful that our response was not riots or destruction, but prayer, compassion, and a candlelight vigil organized by the Iron County GOP. I also appreciate that the suspect's apprehension came about with the help of family and church leaders. That is who we are as a people: a community that meets challenges by standing shoulder to shoulder, solving problems together and taking accountability for our wrongs.

Charlie's legacy points us toward faith, family, and service. Let us honor him not just with words, but by recommitting to the neighborly love that has always been the foundation of Cedar City.

— Councilman Ron Riddle, Cedar City

“ I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR COURAGE FOR MY FAITH. THAT WOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. MOST IMPORTANT THING IS MY FAITH. ”

SOUTHERN UTAH MAN

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fascist, CATCH!” with arrows, “If you read this you are gay LMAO,” “Notices, bulges, OwO what’s this?” and lyrics from the protest song “Bella Ciao.”

Law enforcement officials and media outlets have noted many of the inscriptions reference video game or meme culture, including one phrase connected to the online game *Helldivers 2*.

Court documents state Robinson arrived on campus in a gray Dodge Challenger that morning. Surveillance footage, digital messages referencing a rifle and clothing changes, and family

outreach pointed investigators toward him.

Robinson was arrested at 4 a.m. Friday at his parents’ Washington City home after

his father recognized him in images and, with a youth pastor’s help, persuaded him to surrender.

For Sen. Evan Vickers, R-Cedar City, the weight of that moment extended far beyond the crime scene.

“This is a heinous crime,” he said. “And I still struggle with it — what drives people to do such evil? It’s heartbreaking for the Kirk family, and it’s devastating for the family of this young man. They’ll never recover from this.”

Investigators also reviewed Discord

conversations provided by Robinson’s roommate. The messages reportedly discussed retrieving or hiding a rifle, engraving bullets, wrapping it in a towel, and watching a drop point.

The messages also included references to changing outfits. Authorities have not confirmed whether the attack was planned on Discord or whether the content establishes motive.

Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson said the rumors and speculation spreading online illustrate another danger.

“There are a lot of false narratives going around,” he said. “People grab onto a rogue story and run with it, and the damage is immediate. We’ve got to pause, validate, and think before we just pop off.”

Prosecutors confirmed aggravated murder is a capital offense in Utah, carrying the possibility of the death penalty.

Since the arrest, Cox has said Robinson is not cooperating with investigators and that a motive has not been confirmed. He also noted Robinson had been in a relationship with a roommate who was transitioning.

Just before the shooting, Kirk was asked by a student how many transgender Americans had carried out mass shootings in the past decade. He replied, “Too many.”

Investigators have not said whether that relationship or the exchange was connected to the attack.

Since Robinson’s arrest, there has been quite a bit of misinformation put out by the media including that his father was a 27-year veteran with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Office was forced to correct the false reports after multiple news agencies reported the information as fact.

“Retired Deputy Matt Robinson is not connected or related to the individual apprehended,” the agency said in a statement.

Sgt. Lucas Alfred, a sheriff’s office spokesman, said several national outlets had conflated names.

“They probably pulled the parents’ names from LinkedIn and ran with it,” he said, calling the errors embarrassing.

Robinson grew up in Washington

County, attending Riverside Elementary before graduating from Pine View High School in 2021. He briefly attended Utah State University before returning home and enrolling at Dixie Tech.

For Iron County leaders, the shock wasn’t just that a national figure was assassinated in Utah. It was that the man accused of pulling the trigger grew up only 45 miles south, raised in the same communities as their own children.

“It just goes to show we’re not immune just because we live in Utah, with strong families and faith,” Carpenter said. “One person, evil-minded or mentally ill, can cause so much harm so quickly. We can’t be complacent.”

Commissioner Paul Cozzens said the killing may have backfired on those who sought to silence Kirk.

“This coward might have silenced him, but I promise you it’s woken a sleeping giant,” he said. “And now his voice has been amplified.”

As Utah grappled with the assassination and arrest, Cox urged citizens not to give in to rage.

“This is our moment. Do we escalate or do we find an off-ramp? I still believe there is more good among us than evil. We can change the course of history.”

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints issued a First Presidency statement condemning “horrific acts of violence worldwide, including the recent assassination in Utah,” and urging peace and unity despite differences.

“Jesus Christ teaches us to love one another, that hate is wrong and that human life is sacred,” the statement said. “We urge all to reject violence and instead build understanding.”

Erika Kirk, Charlie’s widow, gave her first public address Friday evening. Through tears, she condemned “those responsible” for his death, saying they “have no idea what they’ve done.”

“My husband laid his life down for me, his nation, his children...” she said. “If you thought my husband’s mission was powerful before, you have no idea. The cries of this widow will echo around the world like a battle cry.”

She promised the work her husband began would continue, saying his campus tour and podcasts will go forward.

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SUU Announces 2025 Homecoming Events

by **Brooke Heath**

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Southern Utah University invites students, alumni, parents, faculty and staff, and the rest of the T-Bird community to join in the 2025 homecoming celebrations held Sept. 21-28.

| **Sunday, Sept. 21**

Women's Soccer vs Portland State University

SUU's Women's Soccer team will compete against Portland State University in the Thunderbird Soccer Field at 1 p.m.

| **Monday, Sept. 22**

Homecoming Kickoff Party

Kick off Homecoming week with a party on the Library Quad from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The party will feature free activities and snowcones. Attendees can also grab a burger or hot dog from the Chartwells booth and hang out on the lawn as T-Birds celebrate the start of homecoming week.

| **Tuesday, Sept. 23**

Chillin' on the Quad

On the Library Quad from 2 to 4 p.m., students will be able to complete three traditions by taking a picture with President Jerry Sherratt's bust, the Leadership Spoon, and Gunther the Rock. The Sherratt Library will also be providing popsicles and music will be featured from Thunder 91.

Pep Rally and Powder Puff

Complete traditions and cheer on our student athletes at the Homecoming Pep Rally in the Eccles Coliseum at 7 p.m. The annual powder-puff flag football game will follow with a special half-time performance.

| **Wednesday, Sept. 24**

Service Event

The Community Engagement

Center invites you to attend a special homecoming service event at the Sharwan Smith Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at the event, including a \$200 Campus Store giftcard, along with SUU swag and HOPE Pantry giftbags.

International Food Fair

The International Food and Festivals Fair will be held in the Sharwan Smith Student Center from 6 to 8 p.m. The fair will showcase the rich cultural heritage and cuisine of 15 countries represented by SUU's international student community. Hosted by the International Student Ambassadors (ISA), this event promotes cultural awareness and fosters a deeper understanding of global traditions across the SUU campus by celebrating the diversity and unique contributions of each nation.

Battle of the Bands

The hottest local bands will be competing in Thunder 91's Battle of the Bands. This annual event will take place in the Upper Quad from 7:30 to 10 p.m. It will be an electric night of live music, high energy, and local talent competing for the judges' choice and audience-choice prize.

| **Thursday, Sept. 25**

Signs and Snacks

T-Birds can show their school spirit at this come-and-go poster decorating party on the Library Quad from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables, chairs, and supplies will be provided. After the event, the artwork will be displayed around campus.

Rivalry Rally

T-Birds are invited to America First Events Center at 5 p.m., where they can get their faces painted, make posters, and get a snack before the rivalry match of SUU Women's Volleyball vs Utah Tech.

Women's Volleyball vs. Utah Tech

In this game, the Thunderbirds will compete against their WAC Conference rival, Utah Tech. The game will be played at 6:30 p.m. in the America First Events Center.

Alumni Awards Banquet

The annual Alumni Awards Banquet will take place on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gilbert Great Hall of the Hunter Alumni Center. Three individuals will be recognized for their contributions in their respective professions and for their exemplary service to SUU and their communities. Members of the Class of 1975 will also be recognized as the newest members of the 50 Year Club.

| **Friday, Sept. 26**

Parent and Family Weekend

SUU is excited for the Parent & Family Weekend on Sept. 26 & 27. Check-in starts at 6:30 pm on Friday, Sept. 26, before the Forever Red event.

Forever RED, White & You

Held on the scenic Upper Quad, this event will feature live music from *Good Vibrations: A Tribute to The Beach Boys* and *Rhinestone Rodeo*, food trucks, scholarship giveaways for current students, and much more. The night begins at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude at 11 p.m. with a thrilling nighttime spectacular you won't want to miss. This event is free and open to all; so bring your dancing shoes, your T-Bird pride, and join in a magical night of "Surfin' SUU"!

| **Saturday, Sept. 27**

Simply a Miracle 5K Fun Run

All proceeds from the 5K will support families who have experienced infant loss, including families in southern Utah. Students can come and check off the "Pay It Forward" tradition on their Tradition Keeper by taking part in this meaningful event. There will be both a 5K and a 1-mile option.

Registration, check-in, and events will begin at 7 a.m. Registration will close at 7:45 a.m. The race will begin promptly at 8 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast

This delicious event will take place in the R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center (CC), Parking Lot at 9 a.m. The pancake breakfast is a free family-friendly event that is open to the public, with fresh hot pancakes served by SUU's retired faculty and staff. Attendees can enter to win swag, a SUU quilt, jump in a bounce house, and reconnect with classmates and friends!

Homecoming Parade

The Homecoming Parade takes place on University Boulevard at 10 a.m. and features a combination of floats, vehicles, marching bands, dancing groups, and plenty of candy!

Football Student Tailgate

Students are invited to get their faces painted, make posters, eat food, and hang out with campus clubs before the homecoming football game from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Parking Lot 14.

Football vs University of West Georgia

The T-birds will take on West Georgia in the Eccles Coliseum at 6:30 p.m.

| **Sunday, Sept. 28**

Women's Soccer vs Utah Tech
SUU's Women's Soccer team will compete against Utah Tech in the Thunderbird Soccer Field at 1 p.m.

| **More Information/Tickets**

Join us in the celebration! Check SUU.edu/Homecoming for the full schedule of Homecoming Events. Purchase tickets to any event at tbirdtickets.com or call 435-586-7872.

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CACC Connects With Local Businesses

by Sally Hunter Jensen

CCAC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

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As the Membership Director of the Cedar City Arts Council, I have the privilege of helping create meaningful connections between the arts community and the businesses of Iron County. To strengthen this connection, we've developed a way for artists and arts organizations to discover and support local businesses – and for businesses to, in turn, support our vibrant arts culture.

Each time I send out a membership renewal notice, or a request to join CCAC, I'm able to include our Business Discount Brochure: a diverse listing of local businesses offering CCAC members special discounts on goods and



services. These business discounts serve a dual purpose. They provide our members with added value for joining CCAC, while also shining a spotlight on our business partners, broadening their customer base, and encouraging community-wide engagement. In short, the brochure is a bridge – bringing the arts community and local businesses together in shared support of Cedar City and Iron County.

At present, we are proud to partner with 20 local businesses, and we welcome more to be part of this growing publication. This initiative reflects our belief that strong connections are essential to everything we do. It ties directly into our mission: fostering a thriving arts community in Iron County through advocacy, appreciation, education, and support. By including local businesses in our work, we not only strengthen the arts, but also build mutual support, attract diverse audiences, and cultivate a deeper sense of community pride.

We go to print with our 2026–2027 Business Discount Brochure for CCAC members during the first quarter of 2026. Please contact me at cedarcity-artsCouncil@gmail.com if you would like to become a business partner. Feel free to email me with any questions.

Also, a reminder that the Arts Council is coordinating the Art and Photo Contest in conjunction with the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival. Prizes up to \$100 provided by the CLHF. Entries being accepted at the Southern Utah Museum of Art through Sept. 26. For the entry form and more information check our website at cedarcityartscouncil.org or our social media. This contest is for kindergarten through high school. Thanks to everyone building our arts community.



Utah Shakespeare Festival Artist Housing Makeover Returns

by Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

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Now in its
second

year, the Windsor Court Apartments Renovation Project invites the community to help refresh housing for the Utah Shakespeare Festival's seasonal staff. These 1960s-era apartments have supported artists for decades, and the goal is to create a more comfortable, welcoming space for those who bring live theater to Cedar City.

The Windsor Court apartment complex has been used by the Festival for the past 25 years. As a part of the college town of Cedar City, it can be difficult to find and keep housing year-round for Festival company members and staff. This apartment complex is used to house those in residence during the late winter, spring, summer, and early fall, giving only a small window of time to perform any kind of improvements.

Although the Festival's Company Management team does an excellent job of making sure these apartments are clean and ready for the company before their arrival each season, age and use have taken their toll. In an effort to keep these apartments habitable for as long as possible, the Festival created the idea of teaming up with the campus and community to invite individuals and businesses to adopt apartments to help improve their living conditions.

"Last year we had a very successful first year for this renovation project," says newly-appointed Company Manager Bailey Rodriguez. "Ten of the 35 apartments received customized attention last time and we're excited to invite interested businesses, families, and individuals to participate again."

But it's more than just a home improvement project. It is an opportunity for the Festival and community members to work together and transform Windsor Court into a space that is safe and reflective of the high caliber work these artists bring to the Festival.

Company member and actor Blake Henri (Macbeth, Antony and Cleopatra, and As You Like It) comments, "One of the hardest things about taking long contracts out of state, is the feeling of missing home, family, friends, pets, etc. The apartment makeovers may seem small, but to us, they mean the absolute



world. Walking in and seeing plants, decorations, paintings, furniture, the walls painted, knick knacks, it immediately feels like a home and not a 'place to stay' for half a year. The community is the best part about the Festival and knowing that they helped with the apartments truly, truly, truly makes it feel like a home away from home where we can rest, recharge, regroup, and do our best work. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!"

Whether you're able to adopt an apartment, donate, or lend a hand, there are many ways to get involved. Round up friends, family, or coworkers and create a team to take on the improvements of an entire apartment. Or monetary donations are also a huge help. Also, financially sponsoring a team to do the work; donating resources; contributing specific labor like cleaning, painting, adding flooring or countertops; or simply decorating are critical to the project.

"We want to continue growing a sense of community where everyone is invited to be a part of the Festival," says Rodriguez. "By working together on Windsor Court, we're hoping to continue to connect the town and the organization in a new and meaningful way."

Sign-ups run through October 17. There is no fee to enter or participate. Renovations will run from November 1 through February 20, 2026. To celebrate, there will be a community open house in the spring to view the renovated apartments.

For more information on this project or to fill out an interest form, contact Rodriguez at bailey@bard.org or call 435-586-7883.

CELEBRATE FALL EQUINOX AT THE PAROWAN GAP

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The equinox is being celebrated around the world—bringing autumn in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere. It is the day of the year when all points on Earth’s surface have the same length of daylight and darkness—12 hours of each. The autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere (and the spring equinox in the Southern Hemisphere) always falls on September 22, 23, or 24. The actual date varies because our calendar year does not exactly match the time it takes Earth to complete one

orbit around the Sun. Earth takes approximately 365 days, 6 hours, and 9 minutes, not the exact 365 days of a standard calendar year. This extra time means the September equinox occurs about 6 hours later each year. A leap day every four years “resets” the calendar. If Earth didn’t tilt, every day would be an equinox, as the Sun would always be closest to the equator. There would be no winters or summers as we know them. On the equinoxes, the part of Earth closest to the Sun is the equator, so everywhere from the North Pole to the South Pole receives the same number of daylight hours, just for those two days each year.

The Fall Equinox is upon us once again. We can

feel it in the cooler temperatures, changing leaves, and equal length of day and night. This year it occurs on September 22. The perfect place to experience this spectacular event is at the Parowan Gap, about 13 miles north of Cedar City, where towering stone walls are etched with petroglyphs. This amazing site has many wonders, including an “equinox cairn” where you can watch the sunset align perfectly with the formation.

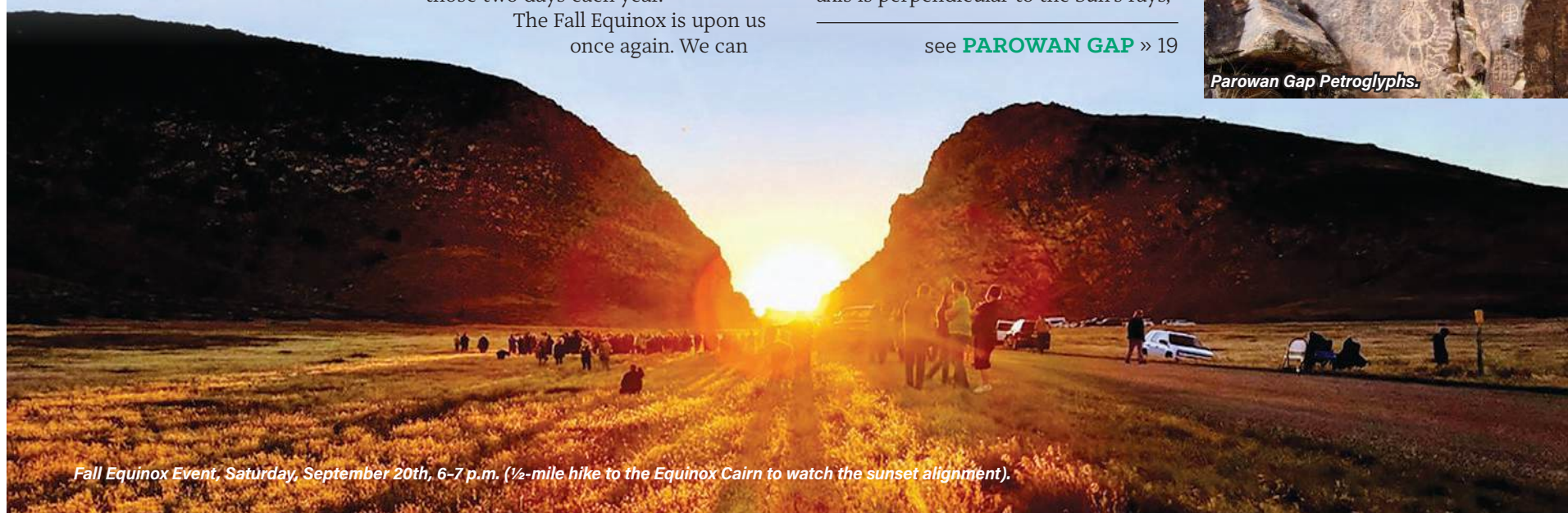
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On the days of the equinox, Earth’s axis is perpendicular to the Sun’s rays. On the days of the equinox, Earth’s axis is perpendicular to the Sun’s rays,

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Parowan Gap Petroglyphs.



Fall Equinox Event, Saturday, September 20th, 6-7 p.m. (½-mile hike to the Equinox Cairn to watch the sunset alignment).

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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

North Elementary

North Elementary has been so excited to get to know all our new polar bears this school year! Classrooms have been busy getting into their routines and learning our S.T.A.R. expectations. One great tradition students look forward to is our 2nd/5th grade buddies. Students mentor and complete a variety of activities through the year together. This week Ms. Fotheringham and Mrs. Wright's classes were working on a "Get to Know My Buddy" activity. As part of remembering September 11th, students and teachers read stories and engaged in activities that highlighted themes of hope, service, and caring for our community. We had a great turn out during our Watchdog Kickoff event

and are excited to see our Watchdog's volunteering already.

South Elementary

South Elementary is off to a fantastic start! Our hallways are filled with creativity and color, thanks to beautiful bulletin boards designed with the help of our students and volunteers. One highlight is the "Where will your wings take you?" display, featuring hundreds of unique feathers decorated by our Eagles and lovingly stapled to the wall by amazing parent helpers.

Our annual Running Club is already underway, and students are hitting their stride! Even more fun is the Yo Yo activity and the Color Run. We can't wait to see our Eagles in action—Level Up!

Canyon View Middle School

Students in exploring tech classes at CVMS have been working diligently on engineering and constructing bridges. Each group will compete to see which bridges have the greatest load capacity. 6th Grade classes also celebrated a successful first week of middle school with a Frozen Fiesta ice cream social!

Three Peaks Elementary

We would like to thank Mrs. Susan Parker for organizing our Three Peaks Elementary Dasher's Club for the past twelve years. Each week, students are given the opportunity to walk and/or run together on the track and record the amount of miles they have progressed



towards better health and wellness. Students receive a charm every 5 miles to wear proudly on a necklace. Last year, Three Peaks Elementary students ran over 14,000 miles collectively. Six students recorded over 80 miles each, with one student logging 130 miles for the year. At the end of the year, all students who run more than 25 miles are recognized in a celebration party with a Tiki Shack treat in the spring. We had 380 students with more than 25 miles last year.

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Alivia Winzenried

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Homecoming comes to a close



Last week was Homecoming Week at CVHS. Everyday had different and fun activities to participate in. Monday was Twin Day, and Mr. CV, the boys pageant, was held later that evening. Ryker Poulos, with his amazing dance number, is Mr. CV 2025, with First Attendant Cole Pace and Second Attendant Gideon Rock, and Cole Stanley won Fan Favorite. Tuesday was Country VS Country Club, and the Pickleball Tournament was after school. The competition was fierce, but in the end, Jaxon Bealer & Crue Peterson came in first, Devin Duncan & Gabe Alton came in second, and Kyler Wood and Bracken Losee came in third. Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday and the annual PowderPuff game, where the senior and junior girls face off in football. The senior class of 2026 won this year's game. Thursday was USA Day, in honor of 9/11, and Karaoke & S'mores at Second East, where he had a feature performance of a student run band. Friday was Whiteout and the Homecoming tailgate and game against North Sanpete. CVHS Marching Band led students to the assembly where the 2025 Homecoming Royalty was announced by Mr. Comstock and Mr. Barton. King is Sam Harris and Queen is Payton King, with their 1st Attendants Wyatt Zimmer and Avery Huff, and 2nd Attendants Caleb Askeroth and Paislee Barlow. The Homecoming Prince and Princess this year are Seth Sackett and Jazmine Barr. Royalty this year was crowned by last year's Prom King and Queen, Cole Cavaleri and Evelynnn Stein. Royalty gets driven around the field during the game, and then gets a featured dance during Homecoming. At the game, students in a sea of white cheer on their Football Team. This brings CVHS Homecoming 2025 to an end.

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Gateway Academy



from Joni O'Hanlon

GATEWAY ACADEMY

Last week, Gateway had a truly thrilling visit from the Iron County Rodeo Queens as part of the Iron County Fair Days celebration! The energy on campus was electric as the Queens—graceful, talented, and full of school spirit—took time out of their busy rodeo schedules to spend the day with our students. They even brought along a special guest: the ever-entertaining rodeo clown, who had everyone laughing and joining in the fun!



This wasn't just any visit—some of the Queens were part of our very own Gateway family! Current student Delialah Young and former Gateway students Cassidy and Claire Severe proudly represented the rodeo royalty, showing our students that hard work in and out of school truly pays off.

The Rodeo Queens shared not only their love of the sport, but also powerful messages about dedication, school success, and community involvement. They talked about balancing academics with their rodeo commitments.

Gateway students were full of curiosity and excitement, asking great questions about life as a Rodeo Queen, the rodeo world, and even the clown's funniest moments in the arena. It was a day filled with laughter, learning, and inspiration.

A big thank you to the Iron County Rodeo Queens and clown for bringing their enthusiasm, wisdom, and rodeo spirit to Gateway!

PAROWAN GAP

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meaning all regions receive about the same number of daylight hours. Night and day are nearly equal all over the world. The word “equinox” comes from Latin, meaning “equal night.”

Equilux: When Day and Night Are Actually Equal

The September equinox marks the beginning of spring and autumn. There are two equinoxes each year: one in March and one in September. In September, the Sun crosses the

equator from north to south. Celebrate the Fall Equinox with sunset viewing on Saturday, September 20th. The event begins between 6–7 p.m. at the Parowan Gap Historic Site, 13 miles north of Cedar City off Hwy 130. From Parowan Main Street, turn left at 400 North and drive straight west to the Gap.

Admission is free, and everyone is welcome! Please dress for cool fall weather and wear sturdy shoes for the short hike to the Equinox Cairn (½ mile each way).

For more information, call Nancy Dalton at 435-463-3735.

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calendar

THURS, SEPT 18

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10AM) PAM AND Catherine will continue their beginning level Family History classes at the Cedar City Family Search Center located in the NW corner of the Cedar North Stake Building, 95 N 2125 W, Cedar City, UT. This class will introduce students to FamilySearch WIKI and more Compiled Records. FamilySearch WIKI offers Guided Research, Record Selection Tables and Preferred Online Databases for users. Compiled Records are contained in FamilySearch Books and Ancestry Databases. Come learn how to expand your researching skills using these helpful resources. The classes will last about one hour.

SAT, SEPT 20

FREE CERT CLASS (9AM-4PM) @ FESTIVAL Hall, Room 1. 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, Utah. Community Emergency Response (CERT) teaches first aid, incident command systems, light search and rescue, emergency communications and more. For questions, contact Terry Meissner at 435-691-3742. RSVP

CELEBRATING THE FALL EQUINOX AT THE PAROWAN GAP (6PM-7PM) Parowan Gap, 13 miles north of Cedar City. Come join us for a short program and a short 1 mile round trip hike, each way, and watch the Fall Equinox.

MON, SEPT 22

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM) Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E, in the East Room. Come and learn and do Ancient Judeo-Christian dances, no cost. Observers welcome also. Info@ (702)460-2317.

TUES, SEPT 23

WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (1-2PM) The Art of Making Music & Motion. Held at The Lighthouse Art & Learning Center (between Sweet Basil & Subway restaurants). Select Tuesdays Oct 7th & 21st, Nov 4th & 18th, Dec 2nd & 16th. Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT! (5:30-6:30PM) @ GREAT Harvest Bakery in Cedar City! Every Tuesday. \$30-45 a class. Join me and an amazing group of creative women for a night full of crafting, laughter, and connection — hosted by Stellar Crafts. We've got a few tickets left, and trust me... you don't want to miss this! Think: Great conversation, Hands-on crafting fun, Delicious eats from Great Harvest and New friendships

waiting to happen. Want the details? Facebook. com/mystellarcrafts or Email stellarcrafts@gmail.com or Text (435) 572-0585.

SAT, SEPT 27

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. Come experience this powerful practice used for centuries to unite body, mind and spirit. No experience required; facilitators are present. Last Saturday of each month.

WRESTLING CLINIC (9:30-11AM) AT CANYON View High School (166 W 1925 N, Cedar City). Open to K-12, college, and adult wrestlers across the community. Cedar City will host world champion wrestler and Utah Valley University's first All-American, Ben Kjar, for a special weekend of inspiration and community. Kjar will lead a free wrestling clinic at Canyon View High School open to anyone in the community. The clinic coincides with the Red Rock Film Festival screenings of Standout: The Ben Kjar Story, a new feature film about Kjar's life growing up with Crouzon Syndrome and becoming a champion on and off the mat.

TUES, SEPT 30

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Want your event on our calendar?

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

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 35 E 100 N • (435) 477-3331

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Tris Colman (805) 268-4287.

Bikers Against Child Abuse

2nd Thurs 7 pm • Courtyard Marriott, 1294 S Interstate Dr (Cedar Breaks Conference Rm)

Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance (CAIFA)

3rd Tues 10:30am @ Cedar Library, West room. Help us plan and organize fundraising projects and quarterly community events.

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

3rd Tues, 11:30 AM @ the Cedar City Brian Head Visitors Center.

Elks Lodge #1556

111 E Freedom Blvd. Cedar City, (435) 586-8332

Lion's Club

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

Marine Corps League

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

Rotary Club

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

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

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

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

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Caregivers

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

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

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

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

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

Fri 5 pm • KKCB 203 Cobble Creek Dr. Ste. 201 (North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Reel Mental Health

1st Tues, 6PM • Mountain View Lodge 625 W 200 S Parowan UT 84724 • A fun interactive support group focused on your mental health and well-being.

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widows Ministry

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

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

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

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

Cedar City ESL

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

Cedar City Toastmasters

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

Cedar City Unitarian Universalists

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

Cedar Professionals

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

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Community Band

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

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

Iron County Moms For America

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

Labyrinth Walk

Last Saturday, 12:00-2:00. 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. No experience required, facilitators are present.

Local Cub Scout Pack (K–5th).

Wednesday @ 6 p.m. For more information, go to myscouting.org or contact local Cubmaster Tristin L. at CubScoutTroop1848UT@gmail.com

Parkrun

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

Parowan Pickleball

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

PB&J Therapy Groups

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

College: forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6zD8k9

Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

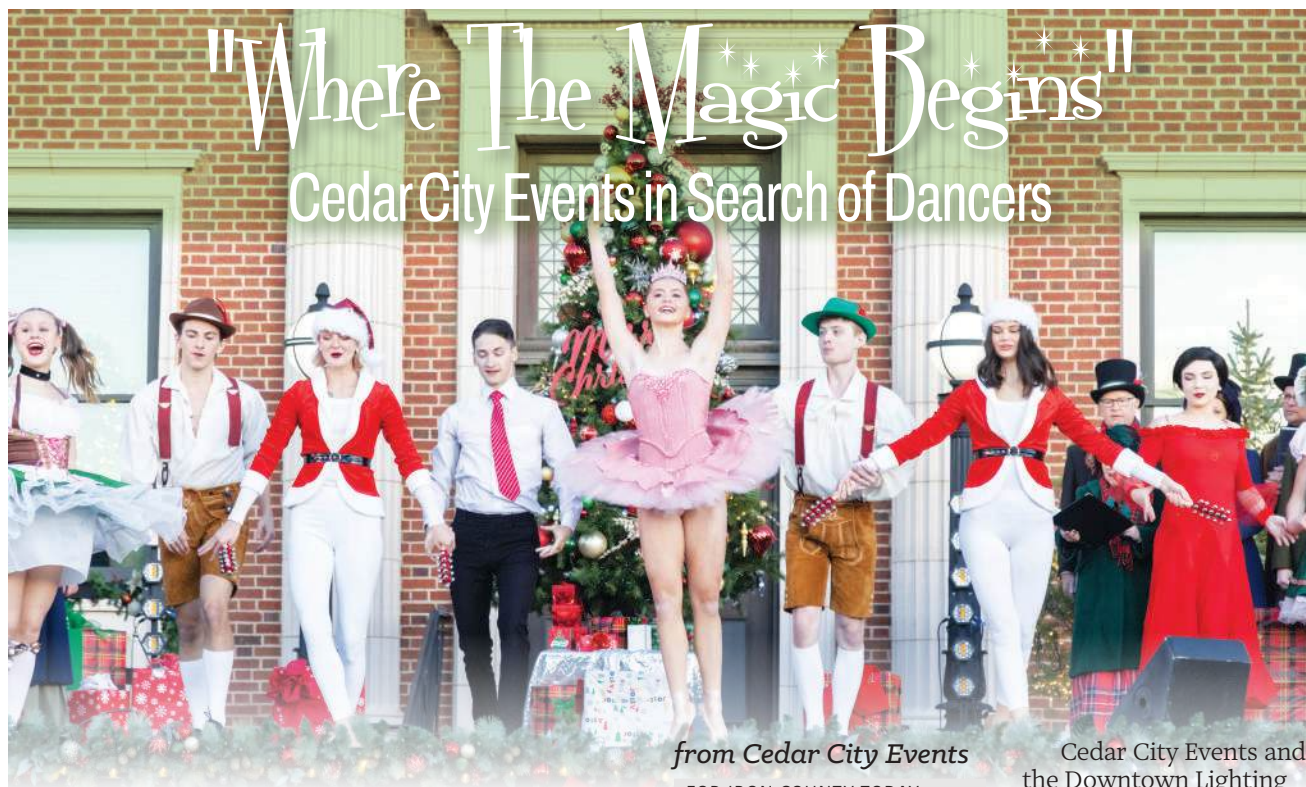
Wed Noon-1 pm • Create Better Health. ZOOM Mtg ID: 841 6308 8990, PW: health, Info: Kristi Sharp (435) 986-2564, ksharp@swuhealth.org

Youth Group

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

"Where The Magic Begins"

Cedar City Events in Search of Dancers



from Cedar City Events
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City Events and the Downtown Lighting Committee are in search of dancers male and

female to work with world renowned choreographer Mic Thompson. The one-hour high energy variety show is part of the annual holiday lighting of the Historic Downtown Cedar City and to officially welcome in the Christmas season. The participants should be 17 years of age or older and some dance/stage experience, any style. Dances MUST be available on Saturday, November 29, which is the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. The program features music, a live community sing-along, and dancing with the culmination of Santa Claus's arrival to greet the children and open the Jubilee of Trees.

There will be approximately seven-ten intermittent required rehearsals between October 27th to November 29th. The schedule will be as flexible as possible in order to work with the dancer's schedules.

Submissions are due by Oct 24. Please submit audition videos with contact information of phone and email or questions to R Scott Phillips at 435-701-7884, rscottphilips53@gmail.com.

The participants selected should watch for an email from Mic Thompson shortly after submission.

Be prepared to participate in a high energy, family friendly show that has been performed for more than 6 years in front of city hall in Historic downtown. Show your talents to your friends, family and 6,000 to 8,000 of your neighbors.



celebrations



PHS Football Team with Carter

Way to be "Helmet Strong"!

The Parowan High School football team made a special visit to 7th grader Carter Lovell's home to send a powerful message: it's cool to wear a helmet.

Carter began having seizures last November and was recently diagnosed with Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, a rare and severe form of epilepsy. His seizures often cause sudden falls, and wearing a helmet helps keep him safe. The Rams showed up to remind Carter—and all of us—that courage comes in many forms, and protecting yourself is something to be proud of.

We're proud of Carter's strength, proud of our team, and proud to be part of a community that lifts each other up.

obituaries

Thomas Leslie Laursen



Thomas Leslie Laursen, age 77, passed away in his home on September 6, 2025, in Cedar City, Utah.

He was born in Logan, Utah, to Douglas Otto Laursen and Margaret Jean Meyers, and grew up in Granger-Hunter Utah. Tom attended Granger High School, where he made many lifelong friends.

After high school, Tom married Judy Cluph. Together they raised seven children: Stephen, Richard, Jennifer, Joanna, Leslie, Amie, and Dana. Though they later divorced.

In time, Tom met the love of his life, Alene Durrant. They were married and sealed for time and all eternity in the St. George Temple. Through this union, Tom's family grew to include five more children: Kristie, Stephanie, Tyler, Cody, and McKenna whom he took in as his own and loved unconditionally.

In his younger years, Tom proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He later went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business at the University of Utah. Over the years he held several jobs, but the one that brought him the most joy was his work with TW Recreational Services, where he was responsible for purchasing souvenirs for the national parks throughout Utah. He loved the outdoors and found great satisfaction in sharing the beauty of the state through his work.

Tom was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many callings throughout his life, including high priest group leader, teacher, home teacher, and temple worker. One of his favorite callings was serving in the nursery, where he loved being with the sweet little children. He was dedicated, active, and served faithfully wherever he was needed.

Tom loved the outdoors and spent much of his free time hunting, fishing, and telling embellished stories about his many adventures. His greatest joy in life, however, came from his family. He loved being surrounded by his children and grandchildren, and he will be remembered for his generosity, humor, and the warmth he brought to every gathering.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas Otto and Margaret Jean Laursen; his father-in-law, Ronald Durrant; and his beloved son, Cody James Davis.

He is survived by his loving wife, Alene Laursen; his children Stephen Laursen (Sharla), Richard Laursen (Lisa), Jennifer Nielson (Jeff), Joanna Cuthers (Ryan), Leslie Tyler (Nate), Amie Wilcock (Adam), Dana Miskell (Jason), Kristie Swindlehurst (Weston), Stephanie Davis, Tyler Laursen (Ashley), and McKenna Cordova (Jaron); his siblings Becky Jones (Darwin), Lee Laursen (Valorie), Paul Laursen (Janell), and Jon Laursen; his Mother-in-law Lorea Durrant. He also leaves behind 33 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, all of whom adored him.

Tom leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a lifetime of storytelling that will continue to inspire his family for generations to come.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday September 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Willowwood Ward Chapel (638 E. Canyon Center Drive, Cedar City, UT). Viewings will be held on Friday September 12th, 2025, from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City, Utah), and again prior to the funeral service at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.

To view the livestream of the funeral service and to share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

obituaries

Ellen Mae Chryst Gray



Our dear mother, Ellen Mae Chryst Gray, passed away peacefully on September 11, 2025 in Cedar City, Utah, having lived a full 100 years. She was born in Silver City, Utah on February 2, 1925 to Jewel Evelyn Bone and Floyd Arthur Chryst. She grew up in Salt Lake City, Murray, and Moroni, Utah, where she graduated from Moroni High School.

During WWII, Ellen worked in an aircraft factory in San Diego, California. She married Volma Heaton in the St. George, Utah temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They welcomed nine children and settled in Kearns, Utah, to raise their family. Ellen worked at a wide variety of jobs from manufacturing, to serving, to working as a key punch operator and clerk in the translation department at the LDS Church Office Building. After Ellen and Volma divorced, she married Elting Gray. Ellen was an accomplished, self-taught pianist and organist, and learned to play the strummed dulcimer. Ellen and her husband Elting, who played the harmonica, performed to the delight of many different audiences and even cut a CD. Ellen also enjoyed the crafts and enjoyed knitting, sewing and quilting.

Ellen was a faithful, lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She served in Relief Society presidencies, and as a teacher, chorister, and organist. Ellen is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Marion, her brother Art, her husbands Volma and Elting, and three of her sons: Jerris

Volma Heaton, Joel Chryst Heaton and Glen Chryst Heaton; two grandsons, Aaron Seth Anderson and Aaron Glen Heaton. She is survived by sons Jonathan Gregory Heaton (Connie), David Von Heaton (Brynn) and Mark Shane Heaton, and her three daughters: Kristin Heaton, Janet Fleming (Sam) and Janeal Guertler (David). At the time of her passing, Ellen left a large posterity of 28 grandchildren, and 80 great-grandchildren and great- great-grandchildren. Ellen's family would like to express our sincere appreciation to Ethan Bunker and his team at Mission Healthcare for the loving and tender care they gave Ellen. Thank you!

A simple graveside service is scheduled for Monday, September 15 at 1 P.M. in the West Jordan cemetery, 7960 S 1300 W., West Jordan, Utah

Betty Jean (Shurtliff) Cowley

February 2, 1929 – September 11, 2025



Betty Jean Cowley was born on February 2, 1929, in Salt Lake City, the youngest of five children of LaVina Card and David "Vern" Shurtliff. She came into the world at home, delivered with the help of her grandmother, LaVina Rigby Card, and a neighbor. From that day forward, Grandma Card played a central role in Betty Jean's life, nurturing a bond that shaped the way Betty Jean herself would later mother and grandmother with such devotion.

From an early age, Betty Jean was industrious, self-sufficient, and committed to her church. Her first babysitting jobs paid just ten cents an hour if she stayed overnight and helped with ironing. In junior high, she scooped ice cream at Garden Gate. By college, she was operating Utah's first electric elevator at the Hotel Newhouse, and she continued to lend her talents as a piano accompanist for a local dance teacher and as the pianist in her church's Primary program for decades.

Education was always one of Betty Jean's greatest joys. At East High School, she sang in the women's a cappella group, and she went on to graduate from the University of Utah with a degree in secondary education. She taught home economics, passed down her quilting skills at the College of Southern Utah

(now Southern Utah University), and never stopped learning herself—pursuing yoga, sign language, Spanish, and maintaining her teaching certificate well into her sixties.

It was at a church Halloween activity in college that Betty Jean's lifelong love story began. She needed a ride to transport balloons; Dex Cowley had a car. That chance moment blossomed into nearly six decades of marriage. Betty Jean and Dex married on May 31, 1951, and settled in Cedar City, where they carried on the family legacy of Cowley Drug. Together they raised five children, a dream Betty Jean cherished as she continued the tradition of mothers before her. She adored Dex and would regularly reflect, "I'm just so lucky." In the 1950s, they helped build a cabin at Lake Mead—a simple retreat that became a gathering place for laughter, memory-making, and connection across generations.

Her life was a testament to love and care. She devoted herself to raising her children, tending to aging parents, caring for Dex, and doting on family pets, especially her beloved dog Darcy. Betty Jean's legacy lives on in her children—Lynette, Dale (Michelle), Darryl, Boyd, and Corene—her 17 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Betty Jean shared her wisdom with gentle simplicity. She believed the recipe for a happy marriage was as straightforward as holding hands. She reminded others to show kindness, because "you never know what people are going through." And she saw each new day as a chance to find joy. She joyously gave two dollar bills, suckers, and chocolate coins generously to all those she encountered.

On September 11, 2025, Betty Jean passed peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by the family she loved and who loved her fiercely in return. Her humor, kindness, and love of learning shaped a family and a legacy that will carry forward for generations.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 20th at 11 a.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary. A viewing will be held one hour prior to services.

John Richard Black



John Richard Black, 78, passed away peacefully September 11, 2025, at his home in Cedar surrounded by his family and close friends after battling Parkinson's for the last 12 years. He was born on December 3, 1946, in Cedar City to Alton Clark and Vie Louise Gillies Black. He spent the first five years of his life in Beaver where he was blessed to live by many close relatives. He moved to Cedar City at 6 years old after his dad passed away. When his mom later married Milt Jolley, he was blessed with a wonderful dad to raise him. John attended school at three elementary schools (East, West, and North), Cedar Jr. High, and Cedar High School. He was part of the class that attended the new high school for a full year before graduating. "Johnny Black" was a star athlete as a football quarterback, baseball catcher, and basketball point guard. He cherished his Class of 1965 classmates and teammates and remained close to many of them. He was proud of and loyal to his Cedar Redmen until the end.

John started working at a young age. He worked for Parry Sand and Gravel, 7-Up Distributing, Safeway, and the Department of the Interior (Cedar Breaks) before serving his mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Gulf States mission from 1966-1968. Shortly after returning, he married his sweetheart Sonja Sue Miller, on November 2, 1968, for time and all eternity in the St. George LDS Temple.

John continued his education at CSU (now SUU) where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration. He worked for Coleman, Blackburn and Gower, Jay Prisby, Leigh Furniture, and Sandberg Engineering. John and Sonja moved to Price, UT in 1972 where John worked for David Crofts Motors and then Four Corners Mental Health. They moved to Richfield, UT in 1977 where he worked for Central Utah Mental Health and later the Six County Commissioners Organization. In 1985, they moved to Las Vegas where John worked 23 years for the city of Las Vegas in various positions, the last being Chief of Parks Maintenance. He retired in 2008 and moved back home to his beloved Cedar City.

After returning home, he worked for Cedar City Corp. as Director of Park Maintenance for a little over a year. He served 4 years on the City Council and 3 years on the Central Utah Water Conservancy District Board.

John was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. He loved being a finance clerk and serving on the High Council for the Married Student Stake. He enjoyed serving along with Sonja in the Baptistry of the Cedar City Temple when it first opened until it closed temporarily due to COVID-19.

Family meant everything to John. As a young boy, he loved helping his dad at Milt's Stage Stop. He loved sports and was an avid NY Yankees fan. John loved to play golf and to spend time with his sons, son-in-law, and grandsons on the golf course. He was a hard worker and loved to help improve his community. He spent countless hours working on fields at the little league baseball park and local high school fields. He was the biggest fan of his kids and grandchildren and was always there to cheer them on and support them in everything they did. Always there with words of advice and encouragement, he was forever a "coach." He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, 4-wheeler rides, spending time at the family cabin, and playing cards and dominoes.

He is survived by his wife of almost 57 years, Sonja Miller Black, son Gavin (Danelle) Black, son Derek (Alisha) Black, daughter Trisha (Shon) Spevak, 9 grandchildren (Jaden, Quinn, Jantzen, Lawson, Bailei, Grady, Jaxen, Laini, Oaklei), sister Vie Louise Marshall, brother-in-law, Ross (Debbie) Miller, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton Black, Milt and Vie Jolley, his in-laws, Nyal and Faye Miller, his sisters, Mary Manzione Clark, Merle Gillins, brothers-in-law, Duke Manzione, Richard Clark, Wayne Gillins, Don Marshall, and Tex Marshall.

The family would like to give special thanks to Zion's Way Hospice, especially Rachel, Hilda, Zhailaa, Tauna, and Bailee, for their loving care.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 11am at the Cross Hollows LDS Stake Center located at 2830 W. Cody Dr., Cedar City, UT. Viewings will be held Wednesday Sept 17th from 6-8pm at Southern Utah Mortuary and Thursday Sept. 18th from 9:30-10:30am at the Stake Center. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a life stream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org



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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

Kelling carries Reds to rout of Templars

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Everett Kelling threw three touchdown passes in the first half and added three scoring runs in the second half to lift the Cedar Reds to a convincing 51-27 rout over the visiting Manti Templars on Homecoming night Sept. 12. With the win, the Reds stayed unbeaten at 5-0 on the season and won its first game as the newest member of the 3A South region.

The Reds, who scored over 50 points for the fourth time in its five wins, built a 29-14 halftime lead with the help of two second-quarter touchdowns that broke a 14-14 tie. The last came when Kelling found Dylan Crowley on a 20-yard TD with only 48 seconds left before the break.

Manti gave Cedar a jolt when Tala Taulapapa scored touchdowns on consecutive plays. The first came on a 7-yard run early in the third quarter, and when Cedar (1-0, 5-0) fumbled the ensuing kickoff that the Templars recovered, Taulapapa, who scored all of the Templars' touchdowns in the loss, ran the ball into the end zone from 20 yards out.

After two scores in 13 seconds, Manti was within 29-27.

Kelling ignited the Cedar offense with his legs after that, scoring on a 40-yard run in the third quarter, then added touchdowns from 2 and 65 yards to complete the scoring and hand Manti their first region loss (1-1, 3-2).

Crowley caught two touchdowns from Kelling (25, 20 yards) and Breven Williams added an 11-yard scoring catch early in the second quarter. The Reds have scored two touchdowns in seven of their last eight quarters of football.

Cedar traveled to North Sanpete for a Sept. 19 road game that started at 7 p.m. The Hawks got a field goal on the final play and beat Canyon View, 17-14, in last week's outing.


 Cedar
51

 Manti
27

Manti	14	0	13	0	27
Cedar	14	15	7	15	51

FIRST QUARTER

- C – DeMille 10 run (Stevenson kick), 6:58
- M – Taulapapa 40 run (Steinfeldt kick), 4:04
- C – Crowley 25 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), 2:31
- M – Taulapapa 7 run (Steinfeldt kick), 2:04

SECOND QUARTER

- C – Williams 11 pass from Kelling (Williams pass from Kelling), 8:27
- C – Crowley 20 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), :48

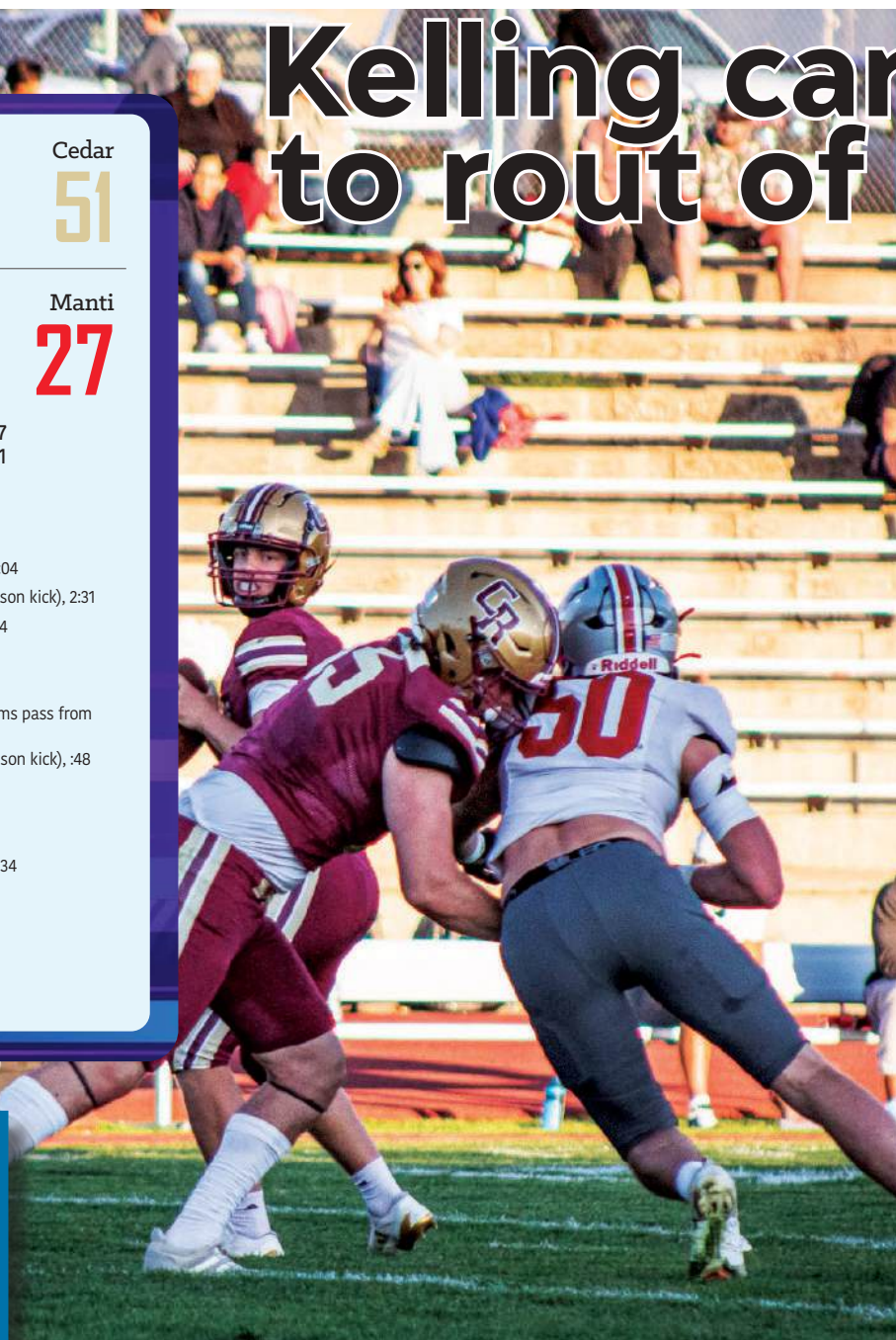
THIRD QUARTER

- M – Taulapapa 7 run (kick failed), 9:47
- M – Taulapapa 20 run (Steinfeldt kick), 9:34
- C – Kelling 40 run (Stevenson kick), 7:02

FOURTH QUARTER

- C – Kelling 2 run (Kelling run), 10:29
- C – Kelling 65 run (Stevenson kick), 6:29

Cedar quarterback Everett Kelling looks to pass against the Manti Templars on Sept. 12. Kelling threw three touchdown passes and ran for three more scores as the Reds won, 51-27. (Carly Martin/For Iron County Today)



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Rams hang on, edge Gunnison

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Hunter Bettridge threw a pair of touchdown passes to Gradey Osborne, and the Parowan Rams held on to beat the Gunnison Bulldogs, 14-13 on Sept. 12. The Rams broke a two-game skid and improved to 3-2 overall on the season.

Gunnison (2-3) struck first on the first play of the second quarter when quarterback Talan Dyreng scored on a 1-yard run for a 7-0 lead, but Bettridge helped Parowan answer on its next drive when he found Osborne on a 35-yard touchdown that evened the score at 7-7 and held up until halftime.

Late in the third quarter, the Bettridge-to-Osborne connection worked again for a 20-yard touchdown that put Parowan ahead for the first time at 14-7 with 2:42 remaining in the third quarter.

The home-team Bulldogs made the Rams sweat a bit when Dyreng hit Waylon Sorenson for a 33-yard touchdown, but the point-after try was missed with 3:53 remaining. Parowan was able to hold on the rest of the way and finish off the victory. For this week's game, the Rams returned home to face the Milford Tigers on Sept. 19 for a 7 p.m. kickoff. Milford beat Lincoln County (NV), 46-6 in last week's game.



Parowan

14



Gunnison

13

Parowan	0	7	7	0	-	14
Gunnison	0	7	0	6	-	13

SECOND QUARTER

G - Dyreng 1 run (Sevilla kick), 11:57

P - Osborne 35 pass from Bettridge (Bettridge kick), 9:53

THIRD QUARTER

P - Osborne 20 pass from Bettridge (Bettridge kick), 2:42

FOURTH QUARTER

G - Sorenson 33 pass from Dyreng (kick failed), 3:53

T-bird volleyball picks up season's first win at NAU Lumberjack Classic

by Spencer Rodak

STADIUM SPORTZZ

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - Traveling to Northern Arizona University to compete in the Lumberjack Classic, the SUU volleyball team picked up its first win of the season against UC San Diego on Friday, 3-1.

The T-birds also faced Texas Tech on Thursday and NAU on Saturday, dropping matches 3-2 and 3-0, respectively.

Read about the matches, beginning with Friday's first match against Texas Tech.

Friday vs. Texas Tech

SUU's first match in Flagstaff was a battle against the Big 12

Conference's Red Raiders, as the match went the full five sets but ended in a narrow T-birds defeat. Set one saw Texas Tech jump out to an 18-12 lead, but Southern Utah would begin to chip away. Using a 10-4 run, the T-birds would even the score at 22, but the Red Raiders would take the final three points to win the set, 25-22. Texas Tech would once again take the lead in set two, going up 19-14. The Thunderbirds would record the next three points to cut the deficit to two (19-17), but a 6-1 spurt by the Red Raiders sealed the set win (25-18) and made it a 2-0 match advantage.

It would be Southern Utah that would get in front in set three, leading by five through 33 points, 19-14. Texas Tech would cut the

SUU lead down to just one (20-19), but the T-birds were able to stay in front to win the set 25-22 and make it a 2-1 match.

Set four was nearly identical to the third set, as the T-birds held a slim lead throughout before the Red Raiders came charging back. SUU led 20-16 before Texas Tech went on a 3-0 run to cut the lead to one, but the Thunderbirds responded with five points in a row to close out the set 25-19 and force the deciding fifth set.

The fifth set was close, as Texas Tech took a 12-9 lead before back-to-back SUU points made it 12-11. The Red Raiders would answer by recording the final three points, winning the set 15-11 and

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SCORES

3A South Football

9/12 Cedar 51, Manti 27
North Sanpete 17, Canyon View 14
Richfield 39, Carbon 7
Juab 36, Grantsville 35, 2 OT

1A South Football

9/12 Parowan 14, Gunnison 13
Duchesne 41, Enterprise 7
Beaver 41, Millard 0
Kanab 41, North Summit 13

Region 9 Girls Soccer

9/9 Snow Canyon 2, Cedar 0
Crimson Cliffs 2, Dixie 0
Hurricane 2, Pine View 0

9/11 Desert Hills 4, Dixie 1
Crimson Cliffs 4, Pine View 0
Snow Canyon 3, Hurricane 0

Region 14 Girls Soccer

9/9 Juab 2, Richfield 2, Wasps win 4-3 on PKs
Delta 4, Providence Hall 0

9/11 Canyon View 8, Providence Hall 0
Richfield 1, Delta 0

2A South Girls Soccer

9/9 Parowan 6, Gunnison 0
Enterprise 2, Beaver 1
Grand 6, South Sevier 0
Millard 2, San Juan 1

9/11 Millard 6, Parowan 0
Beaver 4, Grand 2
San Juan 2, Enterprise 0

South Sevier 9, Gunnison 1

Region 9 Girls Volleyball

9/9 Cedar 3, Dixie 1
Desert Hills 3, Crimson Cliffs 0
Snow Canyon 3, Pine View 2

9/10 Crimson Cliffs 3, Hurricane 1

9/11 Desert Hills 3, Snow Canyon 0
Dixie 3, Pine View 1

Region 14 Girls Volleyball

9/9 Canyon View 3, Providence Hall 0
Delta 3, Juab 0
North Sanpete 3, Richfield 0

9/11 Canyon View 3, Juab 0
Richfield 3, Providence Hall 0

Region 18 Girls Volleyball

9/9 Enterprise 3, Beaver 0
South Sevier 3, Kanab 0

9/11 Beaver 3, Kanab 0

9/12 San Juan 3, Parowan 0
South Sevier 3, Grand 1

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Football

3A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield	2-0	4-1

Cedar	1-0	5-0
North Sanpete	1-1	4-1
Canyon View	1-1	3-2
Manti	1-1	3-2
Juab	0-1	4-1
Carbon	0-2	2-3

1A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver	0-0	4-1
Kanab	0-0	4-1
Parowan	0-0	3-2
Enterprise	0-0	2-3

Girls Soccer

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (3)	5-1	9-2
Crimson Cliffs (4)	5-1	9-2
Snow Canyon (6)	5-1	8-2
Hurricane (15)	2-4	6-5
Cedar (16)	2-4	5-5
Dixie (20)	2-4	3-7
Pine View (26)	0-6	2-10

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab (8)	1-0	5-5
Canyon View (9)	1-0	4-7
Richfield (4)	2-1	10-3
Delta (10)	1-1	6-7
Providence Hall (15)	0-3	1-8

2A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Grand (8)	4-1	6-3
Beaver (9)	4-1	6-4
San Juan (12)	4-2	6-5
Millard (11)	3-2	5-5
South Sevier (14)	2-3	3-7
Enterprise (16)	2-3	2-7
Parowan (19)	0-6	1-11

Girls Volleyball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (2)	6-0	11-4
Cedar (8)	4-2	10-6
Crimson Cliffs (6)	4-2	15-6
Snow Canyon (12)	3-3	8-10
Dixie (10)	2-4	9-6
Hurricane (11)	2-4	7-9
Pine View (16)	0-6	4-8

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	2-0	11-5
Delta (3)	1-0	9-2
Richfield (9)	1-0	5-11
Providence Hall (10)	0-2	6-3
Juab (11)	0-2	5-5

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Enterprise (2)	5-0	12-4
San Juan (1)	3-1	9-2
South Sevier (10)	3-1	9-5
Beaver (13)	2-4	6-8
Parowan (8)	1-3	9-5
Grand (15)	1-3	2-8
Kanab (22)	1-4	1-11

Maybe 3A isn't so bad after all

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



When the work was being done for the latest high-school sports realignment, it was interesting to see how the Cedar athletic programs may have felt like a ping-pong ball as it moved back and forth across the net. First, they were moved to 3A for all sports. Then it was only for football. After another switch for the Reds to 3A for all sports, the final

decision was made to be in 3A for football for the next two seasons. So far, the move has been a shining light for Cedar. After five weeks, the Reds are the only unbeaten team in all of 3A and joined the 2010 team that also started 5-0. Nowhere has the turnaround been greater than on the offensive side of the football. Cedar has been kept off the scoreboard twice in 20 quarters of play, both coming in the Week 3 game at Dixie, where they rallied for 13 points in the 4th quarter and beat the Flyers, 16-13. Senior quarterback Everett Kelling has already thrown 14 touchdowns on the season and rushed for five scores in the last two games. Kelling's runs were memorable, covering 61 and 68 yards in the rout over Logan, then adding on second-half scores from 41, 2 and 65 yards last week

to beat Manti. When you can make plays with your legs as well as your arm, that's a dangerous weapon for any defense to face. Cedar had a serious challenge when they faced North Sanpete on Friday. The Hawks are coached by Dave Peck – who led Bingham to five 5A state titles between 2006 and 2014 – and he has spread his vision that the Hawks clearly understand. Case in point came with last week's comeback win over Canyon View. The Hawks were averaging more than 33 points per game, but were shut out through three quarters against the Falcons. Thanks to a big 90-yard, nine-minute scoring drive and opportunistic play by the defense and special teams, North Sanpete beat the Falcons thanks to a 40-yard field goal from Rafael Contreras on the game's final play. Having seen it live, Contreras could have easily made the kick from 50 yards.

Reds coach Tye Hiatt said the Hawks' kicker has "a college-level leg." And that's why you should never sell kickers short, regardless of level. Among the other high-school sports highlights from the week...After going 4-2 at the prestigious UVU Invitational the previous week, the Canyon View volleyball team picked up where it left off in a pair of three-set sweeps to start Region 14 play. CV shut down Providence Hall at home Sept. 9 (25-12, 25-7, 25-14) and did the same to Juab on the road Sept. 11 (25-18, 25-14, 25-16). The Falcons are 11-5 overall and 2-0 in Region 14 with a No. 2 ranking – only trailing North Sanpete – in 3A. Despite already having three more losses than they did in winning last season's state title for the first time, Falcon head coach Lynette Whittaker is feeling just fine with all of



Canyon View's **Brock Neighbors** runs with the ball on a fourth-quarter punt return during the game against the North Sanpete Hawks on Sept. 12. (Cavett Ishihara/For Iron County Today)

Last-second FG helps Hawks beat Falcons

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

The North Sanpete Hawks were having a hard time

finding any offense in its Sept. 12 game against the Canyon View Falcons. Once the fountain of points was discovered, the Hawks' defense made the stops and Rafael Contreras secured the victory. Contreras hit a 40-yard field goal with no time left as North Sanpete scored all of its points in the fourth quarter and stunned Canyon View, 17-14 on Sept. 12 to spoil Homecoming and even its 3A South region record at 1-1 (4-1 overall), CV fell to 1-1 and 3-2.

"We didn't come to play," said head coach Burke Miller. "We didn't understand the game plan and we've got to figure out our offense. We're making way too many mistakes to be a good football team right now."

Both teams struggled on offense through the first quarter, but the Falcons caught a break in the second

and used it to strike first. Quarterback Ryder Miller picked up a loose ball and ran 43 yards to the North Sanpete 25-yard line, then finished an 80-yard drive by finding a wide-open Brock Neighbors for a 37-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead with 9:39 to play in the half.

A holding penalty wiped out a potential rushing score from Miller later in the period, but the Falcon defense came through with an interception that set the offense up at the Hawks' 41-yard line in the final minute. The North Sanpete defense came through and blocked a 32-yard field goal try by Jaxon Beckstrom on the final play before the break and kept the score at 7-0.

Canyon View was forced to punt on what turned out to be their only possession of the third quarter, and the Hawks went to work from its own 10-yard line with 7:29 to play in the period. With the help of a fake punt

near midfield on fourth-and-3 that kept the drive going, North Sanpete went 90 yards and tied the game when Maddox Madsen hit Seth Burningham on a 16-yard touchdown. The drive ate up more than nine minutes, and the score was tied at 7-7 with 10:18 to play in the game. It wouldn't take nearly as long for the Hawks to claim the lead. On the first play of Canyon View's next possession, a tipped pass led to an interception the Hawks returned to the Falcon 3-yard line. Two plays later, Madsen ran through the offensive line for a 2-yard score and North Sanpete had a 14-7 lead with 9:31 remaining. Two scores in 47 seconds

was a shock for the home team, but CV still had plenty of fight left. After North Sanpete was forced to punt, Neighbors put the Falcons in business with a 42-yard return to the Hawks' 27-yard line. On a third-down play, Miller connected with Caden Greenland on a 16-yard touchdown that tied the game at 14-14 with 1:35 to go. Canyon View burned its last two timeouts and forced another punt by North Sanpete, but when Neighbors fumbled, the Hawks had the ball at the Falcons' 30 and didn't miss the opportunity. After two plays gained seven yards and the Hawks used their last timeout, Contreras delivered the game-winning kick. The Falcons went on the road and played a non-region game at Emery on Friday, while North Sanpete headed home to face the undefeated Cedar Reds. Both games kicked off at 7 p.m.

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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. What Boston Red Sox reliever gave up his first hit in a game since July 23 – ending a streak of 50 straight batters retired over 17 appearances – before Lawrence Butler hit an RBI single in the bottom of the 9th inning to give the Athletics a walk-off 5-4 win on Sept. 10?
2. The Buffalo Bills scored 16 points over the final four minutes and stunned the Baltimore Ravens, 41-40, in the Sunday Night Football opener played Sept. 7. Who kicked the game-winning 32-yard field goal with no time left that completed the improbable comeback?
3. Only three NFL quarterbacks – Justin Herbert (LA Chargers), Geno Smith (Las Vegas Raiders) and Buffalo's Josh Allen – threw for more than 300 yards in Week 1. Which QB threw for the most yards in his game?
4. Tennessee Titans rookie quarterback Cam Ward had a rude introduction to the NFL when he led his team against the Denver Broncos on Sept. 7. How many times was Ward sacked in the Titans' 20-12 loss?
5. In Week 1, three different AFC running backs – Baltimore's Derrick Henry, Jacksonville's Travis Etienne and Breece Hall of the New York Jets – rushed for more than 100 yards. Who had the most?
6. Aaron Rodgers threw four touchdown passes in his debut as quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sept. 7, but the team needed a Chris Boswell field goal with 1:03 remaining to help them beat the New York Jets, 34-32. How long was Boswell's winning kick?
7. True or False: BYU football made it to the AP Top 25 last week after its win over Stanford.
8. The top four teams in this week's AP Top 25 received first-place votes. Of Ohio State, Penn State, LSU and Oregon, which school received the fewest first-place votes?
9. After 14 MLB seasons, Anthony Rizzo announced his retirement on Sept.

10. Of the San Diego Padres, Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees, which team – the one he led to the 2016 World Series crown – is Rizzo joining as a team ambassador?

10. Sept. 10 was a day in Major League Baseball that featured several walkoff wins in addition to the one featured in Question 2. In one of the longer games played this season, Leo Rivas hit a walkoff home run in the bottom of the 13th inning that gave what AL West team a much-needed 4-2 win over the St. Louis Cardinals?

11. Carlos Rodon took the loss for the New York Yankees in his Sept. 10 start against the Detroit Tigers and still has 16 wins on the season. Which of Rodon's teammates also has 16 wins, tops in the American League?

12. True or False: Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Paul Skenes is the only one in MLB who has an ERA under 2 through games played Sept. 10.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Taylor Fritz.
2. Top of the 1st inning. The Giants went on to beat the Rockies, 7-4.
3. George Raveling.
4. True.
5. TCU.
6. The Wolverines scored 34 points, but beat the Lobos by only 17. (34-17).
7. Micah Parsons.
8. Arch Manning.
9. Bethpage Black.
10. False: As of Sept. 8, no MLB team has clinched a playoff spot.
11. Minnesota Lynx.
12. Amanda Anisimova. Anisimova reached the women's final at the U.S. Open, but lost to Aryna Sabalenka in straight sets Sept. 5.

T-BIRD VOLLEYBALL

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the match 3-2.

Addyson McArthur led the T-birds in kills in the loss, tallying 16. Asya Akbulut added a team-high 26 assists.

Friday vs. UC San Diego

Facing the Tritons from the Big West Conference, the Thunderbirds would record a 3-1 victory in Friday's second match.

The first set was filled with runs from each team, as UC San Diego would record the first four points. After falling behind by six (11-5), SUU went on a 5-0 run to make it 11-10. A few moments later, the T-birds would jump in front (14-13), but another 4-0 spurt made it 17-14 Tritons. Southern Utah would make it a two-point set on the next point, but UCSD was able to keep a slim lead the rest of the way for a 25-21 set win and 1-0 advantage.

SUU would run out to an 8-2 lead in the second set, and the lead turned out to be

enough to hold off the Tritons to win the set, 25-20.

With the match tied at 1-1, the Thunderbirds would once again storm out to an 8-2 advantage in set three. UC San Diego would cut the deficit down to two late (23-21), but Southern Utah grabbed the final two points to win the set 25-21 and take a 2-1 match lead. Set four saw the Tritons take a five-point advantage (14-9), but a quick 5-1 SUU run cut the lead to just one (15-14). Minutes later, a 3-0 spurt by the T-birds put them ahead 18-17. Both teams would continue to battle, but Southern Utah would make it 24-22, needing just one point to win. UCSD would record three of the next four points, however, making it a 25 all deadlock. The Thunderbirds would then notch the final two points, winning the set 27-25 and the match 3-1.

Kaitlyn Hoelker led SUU in kills with 13, while Asya Akbulut tallied 28 assists. The win was Southern Utah's first of the season and is also the first career win at the school for first-year head coach Danielle Jensen.

Saturday at Northern Arizona

Facing the host school on Saturday, the Thunderbirds were no match for the Lumberjacks as they fell in straight sets (3-0).

NAU would cruise to a 25-15 set one win, before closing out the T-birds late for a 25-20 win in set two. SUU would hang around in the third set, but the Lumberjacks kept their distance to secure a 25-19 set win and 3-0 match victory.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

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the effort.

"I knew going into this season there would be a tough schedule on purpose," she said. "Everyone looks great, even with the tough schedule, and I'm pretty proud of that."

The Falcons had a single match this week and hosted the Delta Rabbits on Tuesday. Delta had a 9-2 overall record and is directly behind CV in the RPI at No. 3.

Cedar volleyball had a single match last week and came through with a 3-1 win over the Dixie Flyers at home Sept. 16, finishing the match by taking the fourth set, 27-25.

The Reds are No. 8 in the latest 4A RPI rankings. If the season ended today – yeah, there's an over-anxious brain at work again – Cedar would have a first-round bye and report directly to UVU for the 4A quarterfinals that start Oct. 27.

On the pitch, Cedar soccer fell in its only match of the week, losing a 2-0 shutout to the Snow Canyon Warriors. The Reds are at No. 16 in the latest RPI and would host a 4A state playoff game in the opening round Oct. 9.

Cedar began the second half of region play with a road match at Pine View on Tuesday and will host region co-leader Desert Hills on Thursday starting at 4 p.m.

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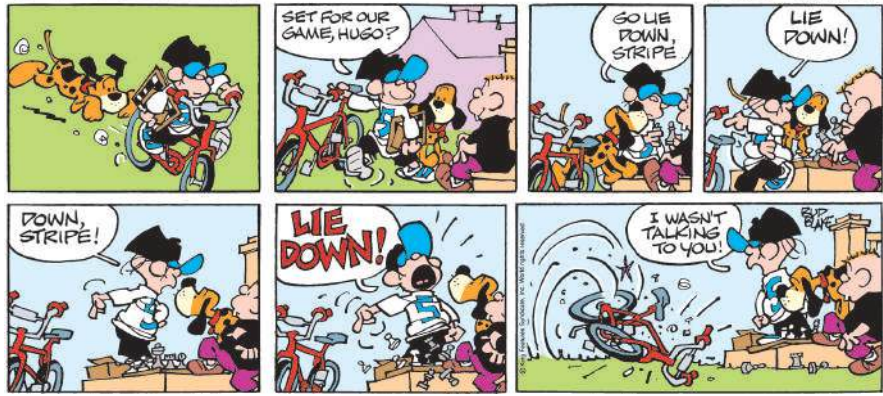
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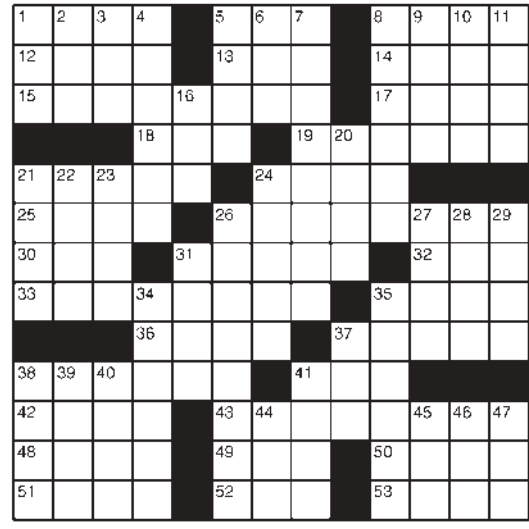
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- 43 Good-looking person
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- 34 Mr. Brezhnev
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- 37 Chest muscle
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- 39 Marisa's "Only Love" role
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by Fifi Rodriguez

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- 2. LITERATURE: The middle school student Greg Heffley is the protagonist of which book series?
- 3. SCIENCE: What is the Abyssal Zone in the ocean?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Aruba located?
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