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Hit the Trails:

Vision Iron County Public Lands Day Event for Community Health

from Vision Iron County

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Vision Iron County's Healthcare Team invites the community to its Public Lands Day event on **Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Southview Trail System Parking Lot (S. Shurtz Canyon Dr.). The event is a key part of their **#25Trailsin2025** campaign, designed to get residents of all ages and abilities outdoors and moving on local trails.

The **#25Trailsin2025** campaign runs through the end of 2025 and offers chances to win prizes. Completing just five trails earns you a chance for a prize, while finishing 25 trails puts you in the running for the grand prize: a National Parks Pass.

"Our **#25Trailsin2025** campaign is all about encouraging Iron County residents to get outdoors and be active on local trails", says Healthcare Team co-lead, Marcus Lawrence. "The goal is to promote healthy communities through regular physical activity and spending time outside."

Lawrence notes that many people are unsure where to find trail information or how to use them appropriately. "Our campaign hopes to fill that gap while getting people outdoors to explore our plentiful trails," he adds.

The Public Lands Day event will provide expert guidance from Southern Utah University's Outdoor Recreation in Parks and Tourism and Exercise Science programs, as well as other community partners. Attendees can enjoy guided hikes, pick

up information on how to access trail maps, and win prizes.

Ready to join the campaign? Simply explore an Iron Country trail, snap a photo, and share it on social media with the hashtag **#25Trailsin2025**.

For prize drawings, you can also complete an entry form (see QR code) to officially enter for 5 or 25 trails completed by December 31, 2025.

"Using trails for any human-powered movement – biking, rolling, walking, hiking, etc. – provides a powerful health boost from both physical activity and just being outdoors," Lawrence explains. "If you want to feel better now and enjoy long-term disease prevention, getting on the trails regularly is a great way to do it. We hope everyone participates!"

Vision Iron County is a 501(c)3 organization

that serves as a collaborative hub for community members, businesses, and organizations to address key community needs, implement impactful projects, and share resources for strategic future planning initiatives across sectors. These sectors include healthcare; economic development; community character; arts, entertainment, & tourism; education; infrastructure; land use/housing; parks, recreation, and open spaces; technology; and transportation. Visit visionironcounty.org or find Vision Iron County on Facebook for more information.

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Board considers calendar for 2026-27 school year

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-27 school year calendar before its adoption in October.

Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch shared the initial proposal with the Board of Education during the regular work meeting Tuesday.

"The calendar is a tough thing and you already know that," Hatch said. "We do have some long-standing community expectations and I learned those real quick when I moved here. Do not start school on a Monday or Tuesday. We tried that."

Other expectations, he said include:

- School ending before Memorial Day,
- Second quarter ending as students leave for

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Prosecutors seek death penalty in Charlie Kirk murder case

by **Tracie Sullivan**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Utah County prosecutor

announced Tuesday he will seek the death penalty against the man accused of gunning down the founder of Turning Point USA Charlie Kirk during a public event at Utah Valley University on September 10.

Tyler James Robinson, 22, appeared in court by video from the county jail wearing a green suicide-prevention smock. He spoke only to confirm his name as Utah 4th District Court Judge Tony Graf read the charges against him.

The office of Utah County District Attorney Jeffrey Gray charged Robinson with seven criminal counts including aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm causing serious bodily injury, two counts of obstruction of justice, two counts of witness tampering and committing a violent offense in the presence of a child. He is being held without bail.

Some politicians, including U.S. President Donald Trump, have called for capital punishment in the case.

At a press conference, Gray said he had made the decision to seek the death penalty "independently, based solely on the available evidence and circumstances and nature of the crime."

"The murder of Charlie Kirk is an American tragedy," Utah County Attorney Jeff Gray told the court. "I do not take this decision lightly, and it is a decision I have made independently as county attorney, based solely on the available evidence and circumstances and nature of the crime."

Court documents lay out a case of premeditation, citing notes and text messages Robinson allegedly left for his partner on the day of the killing.

Investigators said he told his partner to look under his keyboard, where a handwritten note read, "I had the opportunity to take out Charlie Kirk and I'm going to take it."

In a series of other messages sent within hours of the shooting, Robinson admitted to pulling the trigger.

"To be honest I had hoped to keep this secret till I died of old age. I am sorry to involve you," one text read. In another, he wrote, "I had enough of his hatred. Some hate can't be negotiated out."

Prosecutors said several cartridges were found with phrases etched into them. Some drew from internet meme and gaming culture, including "Notices Bulge OWO What's This?" and "If you Read This, You Are GAY Lmao."

Others carried anti-fascist references, such as the Italian resistance anthem "Bella Ciao" and the phrase "Hey Fascist! Catch!" Authorities have not said what significance, if any, Robinson attached to the inscriptions.

Prosecutors have also said DNA testing linked Robinson to the rifle and items recovered on the rooftop, including the trigger, cartridges and a towel wrapped around the gun.

Robinson's parents contacted authorities after recognizing him in news coverage, telling investigators the rifle resembled one his grandfather had given him as a gift. Investigators said he agreed to turn himself in following conversations with his family and a retired deputy who was a family friend. After surrendering, Washington County Sheriff deputies took Robinson into custody while they waited for the proper authorities including the FBI to arrive.

Kirk, 31, was killed while speaking at a student event. Witnesses reported chaos in the moments after the gunfire as people rushed for cover, including children who were present at the venue.

Graf entered a protective order on behalf of Kirk's widow, Erika, and set Robinson's next court date for Sept. 29. Robinson has not yet entered a plea.

SCHOOL YEAR

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winter break,

- Spring Break attached to Easter,
- Full week for Spring Break

The district also takes into consideration breaks at Southern Utah University and Washington School District. However, other expectations often make it impossible to align all breaks with those two entities.

The proposed calendar includes a start date of Aug. 12 and an end date of May 20, which is a Thursday. Spring Break is March 29-April 2.

The calendar includes 177 instructional days with three professional development days to equal the state's requirement of 180 days.

Board Member Tyrel Eddy said one of the difficulties is athletics and games scheduled during breaks. He suggested a dialogue with the Utah High School Activities Association about conflicting breaks and possibly adapting game days to early in the week when there's a conflict.

Board members also discussed the difficulty that set A days and B days has created at the high school level. Hatch did explain the change was made to better coincide with Southwest Tech and SUU to accommodate students who attend classes there and in their boundary school.

In other discussions:

- The super intendent outlined the boundary change process in preparation

of opening the new East Elementary in the fall of 2026. To initiate the process, the discussion will begin next week with a possible public hearing in February.

- Reviewed a more robust sexual harassment policy;
- Reconsidered changes made to the attendance policy;
- Heard from four schools about their school goals; and
- Learned more about the Government Data Privacy Agreement requirements.




IRON COUNTY FORECAST

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Last week I shared some of my own grief, shock, and reflections following the assassination of Charlie Kirk. Thank you to those who reached out to share a little of your story or your appreciation for the sentiments I shared.

It is moments like these that remind me why community matters so deeply. We will not all agree. We will not all see the world in the same way. But what we share is the responsibility to care for one another and to wrestle with difficult realities side by side. Evil seeks to divide and isolate us; goodness is found in listening, mourning, and standing together. Over this past week, I've also been reflecting on what it means to live more intentionally. To recognize that our words and our actions leave a legacy, whether small or large, public or private. Charlie's life, regardless of how one felt about his politics, was marked by boldness in sharing his convictions. For me, that has served as both a challenge and an invitation to live more authentically, even in the face of disagreement or criticism.

I know this is not the end of the conversation. In fact, it may only be the beginning. Our community will continue to process what happened. Our nation will continue to ask questions. And all of us, in our own way, will continue to search for hope and healing. As for me, I am choosing to focus on the values that outlast any one moment in history: faith, family, freedom, and the strength of community. These are the things that can anchor us when the world feels shaken. So let us not grow weary in doing good. Let us choose kindness when anger feels easier. Let us look for truth when confusion tempts us to give up. And let us continue to remember Erika Kirk and her children, lifting them in prayer and compassion in the weeks and months ahead.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To live is to suffer, to survive is to find some meaning in the suffering."

-Fredrick Nietzsche



Building a Better Life

PART 5

by **Edy Meredith**

FOR IRON COUNTY

Over 2,000 years ago, a master and a great teacher gave individuals the secret of life-long success. We would do well to apply that teacher's directions. To remind us, I will list his teachings that ring throughout the ages and now are especially pertinent for us over 2,000 years later. This teacher is known as one of the most influential people in the history of the world. He gave his followers a list of directions that are known as the Beatitudes or the blessed sayings. Go to Matthew chapter 5 in the Bible and follow along: "Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek (and humble) for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." The Teacher also told His followers to be salt and light to the world and to follow Him. He taught that murder begins in the mind and heart and that we should control our actions and thoughts and not be angry with others. In fact, Jesus the Messiah went so far as to say we should

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WORD OF THE WEEK

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love our enemies. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy, but I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you that you may be the children of your Father in heaven for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and the unjust for if you love those who love you what reward have you...Love your enemies, bless those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.”

This is a great calling to live on a high level of emotional, mental, spiritual, and even physical accomplishment, even to the point of praying for and forgiving others “seventy times seven” (Matthew 28:21-22). This teacher taught about the character of anyone who would be His followers during His earthly existence and after His Resurrection. The great prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 64:5 around 769-670 BCE said that that all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. While that might be referring to the Israelites in Isaiah’s time, it is a good reminder that we need to watch our thoughts because they precede our actions. The word filthy is a translation of the Hebrew word Iddah which literally means bloody fluids and polluted garments. In order to live as a Super Ager, we need to rule over our thoughts, emotions, actions, and make every effort to eliminate evil from our lives. Evil consists of actions and thoughts that are profoundly immoral and wicked (bad, wrong, and hurtful to ourselves and to others) such as any addictive behavior of body, emotions, or actions. We need to pursue what is good and virtuous. Super Agers are people who are living into their hundreds with excellent health and happiness linked not to genetics but to a healthy lifestyle with thoughtful and fit actions. Please consider purchasing several of the following books if you want to maintain a good physical condition: 1) Super Agers: An Evidence-Based Approach to Longevity by Eric Topol MD, and 2) The Longevity Diet: Discover the New Science Behind Stem Cell Activation and Regeneration to Slow Aging, Fight Disease, and Optimize Weight by Valter Longo Ph D. “Study to show yourself approved, unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). The Bible is good for body, spirit, mind, and emotions. Each of us, young and old, need all the help we can get to live happy, prosperous, and productive lives in these confusing times. “Train up a child in the way they should go and even when they are old, they will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6) Do not let your children have unrestricted use of the internet or phones. Love your children and direct their path so that they will not get caught up in the evil that is present in our current culture.

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SCOTT MATHESON AWARD GALA FOR CIVIC EXCELLENCE

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The first annual award gala for civic excellence was held at SUU on September

20, 2025. About 140 guests enjoyed an evening to thank and honor five outstanding individuals for their contributions to our community.

These individuals work together as friends for change in our local town and our nation as a whole. They all have something in common, helping to lift up and celebrate the heroic work of friends and neighbors in our communities.

Representative Grant Miller is a member of the Utah House of Representatives working with the public. Grant’s professional experience includes serving as a public defender. State Senator Nate Blouin brings experience as a renewable energy advocate. Landri Igiraneza holds deep gratitude for the Center for Diversity and Inclusion and understands the power of community and collective strength in shaping individual growth. James Jetton has dedicated his career to strengthening safety in rural Utah. He serves as Co-Chair of the Iron County Local Homeless Council.

James’s leadership is grounded in equity, compassion, and a vision of a community where all people have the opportunity to thrive.

Kael Weston has deep roots in southern Utah. Kael represented the U.S. government officially for over a decade in the U.S. State

Department — seven of those years in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is the current chair of the UDP’s Rural

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Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Planning Commission met for its regular session, approving September 2, 2025 minutes. Two Fiddler’s Canyon Hills items were delayed due to a consultant’s late arrival.

General Plan Amendment & Zone Change – 1157 S. Main

A public hearing was held on changing the property’s zoning from Highway Regional Commercial/R2 to Central Commercial (CC). A representative explained the change would align the entire parcel with surrounding CC zoning. The 65-foot-wide R2 section is too small and landlocked for housing and is under contract for future commercial use (details not disclosed).

Residents raised traffic safety concerns on Main Street and requested a signal at 860 W. and Main. City engineering staff said UDOT controls signals on Main Street and currently limits new ones; medians may be installed instead.

A resident asked developers to consider alternative vehicle and pedestrian access after a frontage road closure. The developer agreed to review options.

Due to incomplete public notice, the items were tabled until October 7, though

the public hearing proceeded.

Utility Easement Vacation – Hidden Canyon Road

The commission approved vacating a utility easement at Hidden Canyon Road/1600 South. A developer explained the easement was unnecessary after a church purchased adjoining lots for parking expansion. No utilities are in the easement, so no issues arose.

Development Agreement Amendment – 100 E.

Developers received approval to extend their deferral of infrastructure work on 100 East while the city advances plans to make it a through street to the Paiute Tribe area. They’ve already met earlier obligations, including sidewalks and fire hydrants. City engineering staff said phase one of the 100 East project is budgeted for this fiscal year.

Residents asked about neighborhood impacts and requested four-way stops at Knoll Street. The city will review traffic and safety once the road opens.

City Property Easement – 780 E. Highway 14

Approval was granted for a power line easement across city property to serve a 40-acre residential project near the water tank. The line will cross a creek and walking trail but won’t disrupt existing trails or city operations. Final approval depends on determining fair compensation as required by state law.

Fiddler’s Canyon Hills Plat Amendments

Two amendments were presented to correct building locations: one structure in Phase 1 was built 10 feet farther back than platted, and another in Phase 2 shifted two feet forward. Both still meet setbacks and zoning rules. As administrative items needing only public hearings, they were processed by staff.

Zoning Ordinance Review Initiative

The commission introduced a full review of the city’s zoning use tables—about 150 items across commercial and industrial zones—to clarify permitted, prohibited, and conditional uses and reduce confusion between similar zones such as INM1 and INM2.

City staff said the review will help define where uses like moving companies versus self-storage are allowed. Commissioners will study the materials at home and return with recommendations.

Parowan City Council Meeting 9-11-2025

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Public Comment - The meeting began with administrative items and a public comment period. Resident Hans

Frischknecht commented on the noise from the fairgrounds during events, asking the council to request that County officials could examine a lower announcer microphone volume for events like the Iron County Fair and Rodeo.

Action Meeting: Annexation Policy Plan and Map - The council discussed amending the annexation policy plan and map, to support the Rural Done Right initiative. The discussion centered on updating the plan to reflect current state codes and for the council to provide guidance to the Planning Commission. The current plan may be outdated and need review. A motion was made to send the Annexation Policy Plan to the Planning Commission for review and a recommendation, with a focus on potentially shrinking the annexation boundaries.

South Central Franchise Agreement - The council considered the approval of amendments to the South Central Franchise Agreement, which had been tabled since March. The amendments included language regarding modern telecommunications infrastructure and fiber optic deployment. The agreement aimed to ensure that the city could leverage South Central's investments for grant matching dollars.

Kay Geez Stock LC Development Agreement - The council discussed potential amendments to the development agreement for Kay Geez Stock LC, involving Kurt Goodfellow and Steve White. Due to procedural requirements for public hearings, the council could not take action on the amendment that evening. Instead, they considered changing the document format to a memorandum of

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	\$30,800,000,000	\$132,282,649	\$221,113,931	\$77,269,263	67,617	2.7
ANNUAL INCREASE	10.7%	15.5%	17.8%	0%	3.4%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

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understanding. The proposed infrastructure improvements would support Goodfellow's operations and unlock development potential in the area. The council agreed to table the item to the next meeting to allow for proper action.

Work Meeting: Short-Term Rental (STR) Draft Regulations - The council discussed potential amendments to the draft short-term rental regulations, focusing on noise control, occupancy limits, and enforcement. A consensus emerged to streamline the fees into a single STR fee, potentially set at the same rate as a business license. The council agreed to include language about owner-occupied properties and to schedule a public hearing to gather community feedback on the proposed regulations and fees.

Non-Standard Shared Right-of-Way - The council addressed a building permit request involving a non-standard shared right-of-way, focusing on access and fire safety requirements. The council considered the existing easement and its implications for access and utilities easements. Ultimately, the council decided to table the item to the next meeting to allow for further review and fire chief review.

Enoch City Cooperative Agreement - The council considered a cooperative agreement with Enoch City for building inspections, aiming to address staffing limitations and ensure timely inspections. The council expressed support for the agreement, recognizing its potential to improve efficiency and ensure compliance with building regulations.

SUU Head Start Building - The council discussed the SUU Head Start building, revealing new information that the building was not modular as previously believed, but stick-built. This significantly complicated the potential relocation of the building, a request of the Mortensen family during swimming pool remodel. Given the complexities and potential repercussions, the council decided to acknowledge the findings and cease efforts to relocate the Head Start program.

Water Board Recommendation - The council reviewed the Water Board's recommendation regarding water conservation policies and ordinances. The Water Board supported the existing rate structure and the use of incentives and disincentives to encourage conservation.

The council discussed the "My Water Advisor" app as an educational tool for residents to monitor their water usage. The council agreed to focus on education and outreach efforts to promote water conservation, rather than mandating new regulations.

Open Space/Parks Ordinance - The council discussed the draft open space ordinance. A consensus emerged to move forward with a flat 3% open space requirement across all zones, with the possibility of allowing alternative amenities of equal or greater value.

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

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary - September 17, 2025

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Initial Business and Updates

The mayor highlighted the new public works building and his participation in a Constitution reading earlier that day. Council members reminded residents about Saturday's downtown harvest decorating at 8 a.m. and noted a problem lot on 800 West has been cleared.

Infrastructure and Development

Concerns were raised about delays on the 1150 roundabout project; UDOT now estimates completion in November instead of October. Questions also arose about a weeks-long road closure on South Mountain Drive caused by developer utility work. Staff will review the extended closure and may involve the project engineer to speed it up.

Fossil Discovery & Youth Council

Researchers from St. George found small fossilized remains on city property west of Mills and plan to donate them to the Freighter Museum. The council expressed

support.

The youth city council is transitioning, with elections next month and a new class starting in November. Their final project will be sidewalk weed cleanup on 200 South in October.

Administrative Updates & Developing

Finance Director Terry Marsh was introduced in his new role with the city. The impact fee study timeline was discussed, with consultants awaiting information from Iron County to verify data before moving forward.

A public hearing was held on a general plan and zone change for property near 3000 North Canyon Ridge Ranch—part of a series of major development discussions.

Water Well Exploration

The council debated updated test well locations. Some members supported an aggressive approach, using a \$2 million budget transfer to drill up to five wells, including sites near existing infrastructure and Rush Lake. Others favored a cautious strategy, prioritizing wells that could quickly connect to pipelines. Concerns included interference with neighboring wells, groundwater decline, and water rights. A final decision was postponed pending more data.

Budget and Infrastructure

The council approved multi-million-dollar budget adjustments for Heritage Hall's roof, the Diamond Z Arena expansion, and utility projects. They discussed coordinating the 800 West road project with storm drain installation, which could cost about \$1 million but improve efficiency.

Federal Transportation Agreement

The council reviewed a \$1.427 million federal aid agreement for the 800 West project,

with the city providing a small match. The agreement would help resolve right-of-way negotiations with property owners, including potential eminent domain if necessary.

VA Cemetery Adjacent Lots

The council discussed four unused city lots next to the new VA cemetery. Originally planned for sale to offset road costs, they've sat vacant since 2017. Some members suggested turning the land into a quiet public space to complement the cemetery instead of selling it for homes. Staff will gather more information on these lots along with other pending issues such as water wells and storm drain costs.



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LaToya Ruby Frazier to deliver Grace Adams Tanner Lecture in Human Values

Esteemed photographer to present annual lecture through Eccles A.P.E.X. series

from Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City, UT — Acclaimed and highly awarded photographer LaToya Ruby Frazier will present “Art as Transformation: Using Photography for Social Change” as the 2025 Grace Adams Tanner Lecture in Human Values, part of the Eccles A.P.E.X. speaker series. Her lecture can be attended on Oct. 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Hunter Alumni Center on Southern Utah University’s campus. This event is free and open to the public.

“Art as Transformation” will frame photography as a battleground of representation. Frazier will discuss her experiences with photography as a means of combating various human injustices. In her lecture, she will open up about her conscious approach to photography, how to talk about family, place, and inheritance, and how images hold transformative power, both to paint a more accurate self-portrait of ourselves and to spur greater societal change.

Frazier’s artistic practice, in her words, spans a range of media, including photography, video, performance, installation art, and books.

Her work centers on the nexus of social justice, cultural change, and commentary on the American experience, using collaborative storytelling with the people who appear in her artwork to address topics of industrialism, Rust Belt revitalization, environmental justice, access to healthcare, access to clean water, workers’ rights, human rights, family, and communal history. As she describes, this builds on her commitment to the legacy of 1930s social documentary work and 1960s and ‘70s conceptual photography that address urgent social and political issues of everyday life.

Numerous public collections hold her work, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Carnegie Museum of Art, and the Library of Congress. She is also the recipient of various honors and awards, including MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships, a proclamation from the Allegheny County Council, and two honorary doctorates from Edinboro University and Pratt Institute.

The Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values, sponsoring this lecture, promotes human values by advancing cultural understanding, empathy, and social responsibility through critical thinking and dialogue in order to better appreciate the complexities of the human condition. The lecture provides a forum for scholarly and scientific learning in all areas of human values. For more information about the annual lecture or the center as a whole, visit suu.edu/tanner.

Eccles A.P.E.X., hosting this lecture, is SUU’s premier weekly lecture series, with speakers and presenters invited from all areas of the world. More information about Frazier’s lecture and others can be found at suu.edu/apex/.

Man Who Falsely Confessed to Charlie Kirk Shooting Now Faces Child Exploitation Charges

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 71-year-old man who falsely confessed to shooting conser-

vative commentator Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University is now facing charges after investigators say they discovered child sexual abuse images on his phone.

According to charging documents, George Hodgson Zinn of Salt Lake City approached officers moments after the Sept. 10 shooting and shouted, “I shot him now shoot me.”

UVU Detective Michael Dutson wrote that Zinn repeated the claim several times as panicked spectators fled the courtyard. Officers handcuffed him but found no weapon.

While being escorted away, Zinn allegedly told police he wanted to draw attention away from the real gunman and later admitted he had not fired the shot that killed Kirk.

“He stated he did it to draw attention from the real shooter,” Dutson wrote, adding that Zinn also told officers he wanted to be “a martyr” for the shooter.

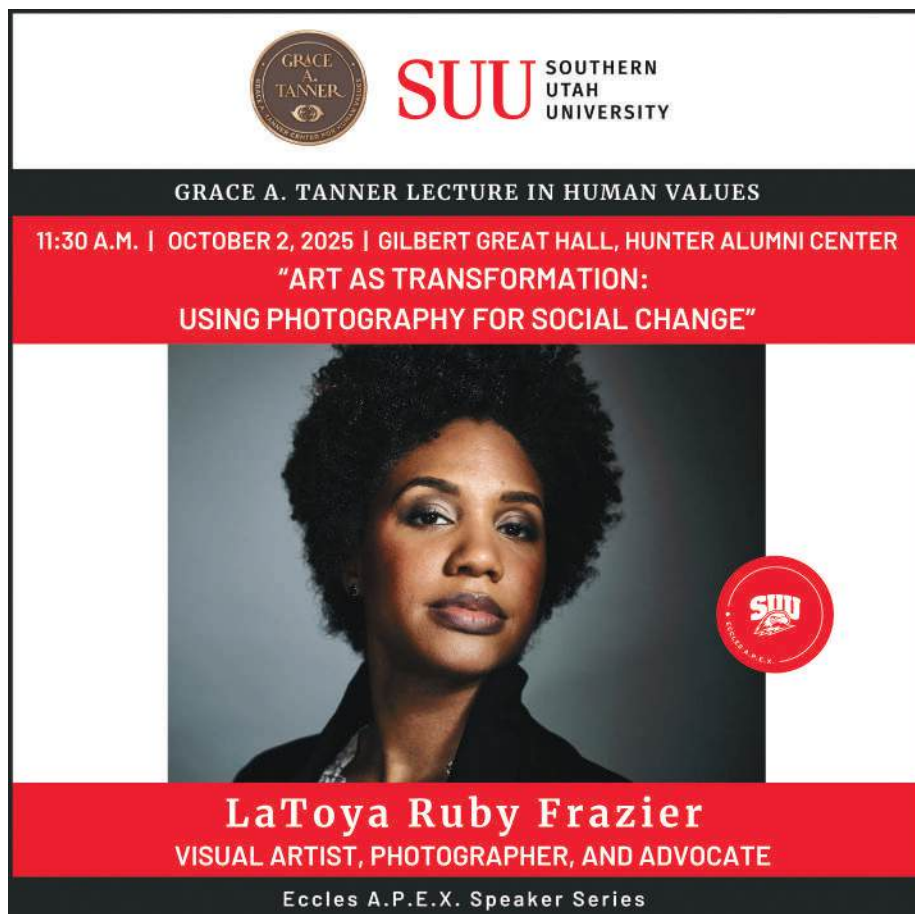
Zinn was booked on a single count of obstruction of justice, a second-degree felony, for diverting resources during the manhunt.

Days later, while Zinn was under guard at Utah Valley Hospital, he told FBI and State Bureau of Investigation agents that his phone contained child sexual abuse material. Investigators obtained a warrant and, according to court documents, found more than 20 images of young girls ages 5 to 12, including four explicit images of nude children.

Detectives said Zinn admitted being sexually aroused by children and described sex acts in messages he sent alongside the images. In one text exchange cited in the affidavit, Zinn sent a photo of a girl around 5 years old. He allegedly told contacts online the children were his daughters and invited others to abuse them.

On Sept. 15, Zinn was charged with four counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, all second-degree felonies. He remains in the Utah County Jail.

Officials emphasized that Zinn had no role in Kirk’s killing.



The poster features a portrait of LaToya Ruby Frazier, a Black woman with short, curly hair, looking slightly to the side. The background is dark. At the top left is the Grace A. Tanner Center logo, a circular seal with the text "GRACE A. TANNER" and "HUMAN VALUES". To its right is the Southern Utah University (SUU) logo, with "SUU" in large red letters and "SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY" in smaller black letters. Below the logos, the text "GRACE A. TANNER LECTURE IN HUMAN VALUES" is written in white. A red banner across the middle contains the text "11:30 A.M. | OCTOBER 2, 2025 | GILBERT GREAT HALL, HUNTER ALUMNI CENTER" in white, followed by "ART AS TRANSFORMATION: USING PHOTOGRAPHY FOR SOCIAL CHANGE" in white. Below the portrait, a red banner contains the text "LaToya Ruby Frazier" in white, followed by "VISUAL ARTIST, PHOTOGRAPHER, AND ADVOCATE" in white. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text "Eccles A.P.E.X. Speaker Series" in white. A small red circular logo with "SUU" is visible on the right side of the portrait.

SCOTT MATHESON

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Caucus.

Mary Bennett Weaver has served as the Director of the Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service at Southern Utah University. She

enjoys working with SUU's exceptional students and mentoring them in professional and political skills.

R. Scott Phillips currently serves as the co-chair of Iron County's America 250 celebration. He serves on the boards of the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, the Utah Arts Festival, Cedar City Tourism, Friends of the Iron County Children's Justice Center, and has received numerous awards both regionally and nationally for his work in civic and cultural engagement. Among them are the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Staff Member Award from Southern Utah University.

Georgia Beth Thompson has served two terms on the Cedar City Council, where she was on the City Disability Team advocating for better physical access and services for Cedar City citizens and represented the City Council on the Planning Commission. Throughout her years of public service, she has championed opportunities, too numerous to mention, that have changed the lives of thousands of people. She is a hero to many and a friend to all.

"Because of all the good we see and feel in our community, the idea for the Governor Scott Matheson Awards for Civic Excellence emerged. There

is so much good being done in our community — so much empathy and compassion supporting the homeless, the poor and the hungry, college youth, young people, and more. The awards given were a commitment to the community for building a tomorrow with compassion, hope, and kindness."

— Schuyler Rhodes

The first annual Scott Matheson Awards Gala for Civic Excellence thanks everyone who joined in the celebration recognizing outstanding civic contributions in our community. This special evening honored individuals and organizations who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to public service and civic engagement.

Without political parties, electors would have to individually evaluate

every candidate in every election. Parties enable electors to make judgments about just a few groups and then apply their judgment of the party to all of its candidates. Political parties have played a significant role in shaping American presidential elections throughout history.

America is a song — it must be sung together!



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Dixie National Forest Fuelwood Permit Update

from Jenny Plecki

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

CEDAR CITY, Utah, September 10, 2025 - Until further notice, fuelwood permits at the Escalante Ranger District are unavailable for purchase. Fuelwood permits can still be purchased at the Public Lands Visitor Center in St. George, Utah, the Cedar City Ranger District in Cedar City, Utah, and Red Canyon Visitor Center in Panguitch, Utah.

Fuelwood permits can be purchased in person at the following locations:

- Public Lands Visitor Center
Open Monday-Friday 8:00 – 4:30 PM MST
4001 E. Aviator Drive, St. George, UT 84790
- Cedar City Ranger District
Open Monday-Friday 8:00-12 PM, 12:30-4:30 PM MST
820 N. Main Street, Cedar City, UT 84721
- Red Canyon Visitor Center
Call (435) 676-2676 to schedule an appointment to purchase wood permits.
225 E. Center Panguitch, UT 84759

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate these challenges. Contact the Dixie National Forest Supervisor Office at 435-865-3700 for more information.



Red Pen Logic

with Mr. B

Class is in session.

THE BIBLE:

Is what we read now really what they wrote back then?

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Wednesday, October 1st

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Legislative Redistricting Committee Timeline

from Aundrea Peterson

UTAH SENATE

SALT LAKE CITY – A Legislative Redistricting Committee has been formed, tasked to redraw Utah's congressional maps following a recent 3rd District Court ruling. The Legislature will adhere to the court's order by following the timeline outlined below:

Timeline

- **Sept. 22** – Redistricting Committee: Public Meeting
- **Sept. 24** – Redistricting Committee: Public Meeting
- **Sept. 25** – Legislature Publishes Proposed Map
- **Sept. 25–Oct. 5** – Public Comment Period on Proposed Map
- Submit feedback at redistricting.utah.gov
- **Oct. 6** – Special Session: Legislature Votes on Final Map to Submit to the Court

“Redrawing congressional districts is a detailed and intricate task that requires careful analysis, broad input and thoughtful decision-making,” Sen. Scott Sandall. “Our committee’s top priority is to create a fair and balanced map that complies with Proposition 4 and reflects Utah’s growth, incorporates the interests of all Utahns and ensures every voice across the state is represented. We are committed to openness and fairness at every step of the process.”

“Redistricting is a complex and important process and a responsibility that the Legislature takes seriously,” said Rep. Candice Pierucci. “Just as we did in 2021, our committee will work thoughtfully, considering the needs of all communities across Utah, while meeting the deadlines and criteria we’ve been given.”

Members of the 2025 Legislative Redistricting Committee

Sen. Scott Sandall – *co-chair*
 Rep. Candice Pierucci – *co-chair*
 Sen. Mike McKell
 Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
 Sen. Don Ipson
 Sen. Luz Escamilla
 Rep. Cal Roberts
 Rep. Walt Brooks
 Rep. Stephanie Gricius
 Rep. Doug Owens

View meeting times, agendas and additional resources on the Legislative website, <https://redistricting.utah.gov/2025-legislative-redistricting/>, and access the 2025 Legislative Redistricting website, <https://le.utah.gov/committee/committee.jsp?year=2025&com=SPELRD>.

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7:30 PM – Upper Quad

Featuring live music from *Good Vibrations: A Tribute to the Beach Boys* and *Rhinestone Rodeo*, games, inflatables, food trucks & a fantastic drone show sponsored by CareFree Homes.

Alumni **Band Concert**

7:30 PM – Heritage Center Theatre

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Homecoming **5K**

8:00 AM – Veterans Memorial Park



PANCAKE Breakfast

9:00 AM – Alumni Center Parking Lot

Everyone is welcome! Free pancakes before the parade.

Homecoming **PARADE**

10:00 AM – University Blvd.

SUU CAMPUS STORE
Grand Reopening

11:00 AM – Campus Store (located in the Student Center)

20% off SUU apparel.



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4:30 PM – Student Tailgate Parking Lot 14

6:30 PM – Kick Off at Eccles Coliseum

Purchase tickets at tbirdtickets.com

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showcase

ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

Cedar welcomes World Premiere of "Pike County" plus "Standout" Film and Free Wrestling Clinic with Ben Kjar

by Matt Marxteyn

RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL

Cedar City hosts a one-of-a-kind celebration of perseverance, resilience, and community as champion wrestler Ben Kjar comes to town with the film "Standout: The Ben Kjar Story" for the 19th Annual Red Rock Film Festival, which includes several films, seminars and the world premiere of "This is Pike County" a new feature documentary from Cleveland filmmaker Laura Paglin which plays with Aaron Goffman's short film "Darcine's Day".

Thomas Lennon, who served on the Red Rock awards jury in 2018, helped develop the project for "Pike County". Originally drawn to Pike County, Ohio by the Rhoden family murders, Paglin's camera instead captured the quieter but equally dramatic story of a rural community confronting economic decline and generational pressure, being filmed over several years.

Laura Paglin is the director of the acclaimed documentary "Unseen", about the Anthony Sowell case, now on national streaming platforms. Thomas Lennon won the Academy Award for the short "The Blood of Yingzhou District" and was nominated for "Knife Skills".

"Darcine's Day" is about woman who struggles to find work, food, and housing in Los Angeles, a social

commentary on the challenges of the post-pandemic job market, and the difficulties of finding affordable housing and nutritious food.

Kjar — Utah Valley University's first-ever All-American wrestler and a world champion in Greco-Roman wrestling — is the subject of the award-winning feature film "Standout". The film will have it's Cedar City premiere at the festival.

To mark the occasion, Kjar will lead a free wrestling clinic on Saturday, September 27, at Canyon View High School (166 W 1925 N). The clinic runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and is open to wrestlers of all ages, K-12 to college and adult athletes.

Directed by Utah filmmaker Tanner Christensen and produced by T.C. Christensen ("The Cokeville Miracle") and Jared Hess ("A Minecraft Movie"), "Standout" tells Kjar's journey growing up with Crouzon Syndrome — a craniofacial condition that made him stand out long before he ever set foot on a wrestling mat. The film has already earned multiple honors, including "Best Family Film" at the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival and the "Spirit of Slamdance" award at the Slamdance Film Festival.

Laura Paglin, Ben Kjar and director Tanner Christensen will be in attendance with a Q&A after thier films.

Both films will screen twice at the Red Rock Film Festival at the Frontier Homestead State Park on 635 N. Main, Cedar City, Utah. Each film is \$10 for adults or free for children with accompanied adult or included with a Day Pass. Tickets are sold at the door at the Frontier Homestead or at www.RedRockFilmFestival.com. Films and seminars run from Wednesday-Saturday September 24 -27.

"Standout: The Ben Kjar Story"

Friday, September 26
at 8:35 pm @ Frontier
Homestead

Saturday, September 27
at 1:45 pm @ Frontier
Homestead

"This is Pike County"

Wednesday, September
24th at 8:15 pm @
Frontier Homestead
Friday, September 26th
at 6:00 pm @ Frontier
Homestead



Darcines Day-Kyla Diane Kennedy



Red Rock Standout The Ben Kjar Story



This is Pike County



Tickets at the Door!
Free for Children 17
and under with Adult
Admission.

Tarantulas Were "Amazingly Good"

Guest Column by Toro Saniya Vaun

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

"My earliest memory is of starving," writes Toro Saniya Vaun in his book "The Refugee Journey". The local businessman survived a childhood full of turmoil and deprivation. "We ate anything we could find -- frogs, tarantulas, fish, papaya, mangoes, wild fruits that grew in the rice field in the countryside, snakes, crabs and fish in the ponds, and wild frogs in the grapes. Tarantulas were amazingly good."

He describes his journey of life and gratitude: "Born in 1977 amidst the breath of flame, war, and genocide in Cambodia, Toro's life story is a testament to resilience, hope, and the enduring human spirit. Growing up during one of the most tumultuous periods in history, Toro's early years were marked by chaos and upheaval, as his family faced the devastating realities of conflict and loss.

In 1981, seeking safety and a new beginning, his family escaped their homeland, journeying through five different refugee camps along the Thai border. These years in the camps were filled with hardship, uncertainty, and longing for peace. Despite these challenges, Toro held on to hope, dreaming of a brighter future beyond the confines of displacement.

In 1992, Toro's family made a life-changing move to America. Arriving with little more than hope and determination, they faced the daunting task of adapting to a new culture, speaking no English, and rebuilding their lives from scratch. The cultural adjustment was intense, but it also ignited within Toro a drive to succeed and a passion to honor his heritage while embracing new opportunities.

His journey became a testament to perseverance and the pursuit of the

American Dream. While navigating these struggles, Toro found solace and expression in art. He studied photography in college, discovering a talent for capturing life's raw beauty through his lens. As an artist, painter, and photographer, Toro has used his work to tell stories of resilience, hope, and humanity. His art reflects the depths of his experiences, blending cultural influences with personal narratives that inspire others.

Today, Toro resides in Cedar City, Utah, with his wife and three children.

His life is a vibrant tapestry of family, entrepreneurship, and creativity. He is the proud owner of Doughnutville, a local business that brings joy to the community and exemplifies his unwavering spirit of hard work and

dedication. Through his endeavors, Toro continues to give back, demonstrating gratitude for the life he's built despite the hardships faced.

Toro's story is a powerful reminder that even in the face of war, displacement, and cultural upheaval, gratitude and hope can flourish. His journey underscores the importance of resilience, the pursuit of peace and liberty, and the transformative power of art and family. From the flames of crisis to the bright horizons of success, Toro's life embodies the enduring human capacity to overcome adversity and forge a better future." His book is available at his business.

Notes from your Arts Council: Time is running out to get to the excellent indoor plays at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. See their social media for the reviews. It is an outstanding season.

Reminder that the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival Art and Photography Contest is open now. See the Cedar City Arts Council website for more information. Prizes provided by the Festival for Kindergarten through high school.

Toro Saniya Vaun with his photos and art in Cedar City



September 26 is the Final Friday Art Walk



by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

The Final Friday Art Walk on Sept. 26 features the Blue Ponies at the Shape Theory Ceramics Studio. Local violinists are invited to come and play the Bach Double during the community recital at 6:00 p.m. in the Johnson Center. Orchestra of Southern Utah musicians Crystal Van Duren, Ronda Gardner, Tanisa Crosby, April Richardson, Suzanne Tegland, and Kasey Hinton will perform in the recital. Several local string students will also join in, with music ranging from *Jurassic Park* by John Williams to music by Elgar. The popular SideNote vocal quartet will appear at the Southern Utah Museum of Art plaza, and the Jazz Alliance is set to perform at the IG Winery. More musician information is below.

"What makes these Art Walks so special is the way our whole community comes together," said Roger Gold, CCAC President. "We've loved

watching children discover new art, neighbors linger to hear a song, and artists generously share their time and talent. It's a reminder of how much creativity and connection we have right here in Cedar City."

The Art Walk includes artists

and live music from Artisans to the Southern Utah Museum of Art, as well as at the galleries at 111 South Main, and down 100 West to the Johnson Center and Shape Theory Ceramics. Events run from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

This free public event is coordinated by the Cedar City Arts Council. See [ART WALK](#) » 16



Jacob Humphreys



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SOUTHERN UTAH ART MUSEUM

Presenters: Cellomania, Micah Player & Michael Schmidt
Free public event. Refreshments will be served.

ART WALK

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City Arts Council. There is no vendor fee and the Art Walk is designed to be family friendly. Set-up on the lawn at 100 West Center begins at 4:30 p.m. Thanks to everyone who participates. For more information, or to schedule the open music spot, please contact us at cedarcityartscouncil@gmail.com.



Peter Buis

September 26 musicians
The Green, lawn at the corner of 100 West Center

5 to 6 Coyote Bluegrass
 6 to 8 OPEN, contact CCAC to Schedule
Artisans
 6 to 7 Coyote Bluegrass

Stone Path, 150 West Center
 5:30 to 6:30 Peter Buis

SUMA Plaza
 5 to 6:45 p.m. SideNote vocal quartet

Johnson Center
 5 to 6 p.m. Jacob Humphreys, keyboard
 6 to 7:30 p.m. Community Recital
 7 to 7:30 p.m. Heidi and Greta

Hodnett, harp and cello
 7:30 to 8 p.m. McKay Tebbs

IG Winery
 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jazz Alliance of Cedar City

Home On the Range, 97 W. Center Street
 7 to 8 pm Wes Nielsen

Shape Theory Ceramics
 Community Studio, 173 N. 100 West
 5:30 to 6:30 Blue Ponies, trio



Coyote Bluegrass

Utah Shakespeare Festival's Super Sale Coming Soon

by Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Looking for a unique Halloween costume? Or a piece of furniture or prop for an upcoming production? From October 2-4, the Utah Shakespeare Festival will host its annual Super Sale featuring costumes, props, and scenic elements. It takes place during this year's Shakespeare Competition, where nearly 3,000 high school and middle school-aged students fill the campus of Southern Utah University to perform, compete, and see Festival shows. "This sale is an opportunity to take home a piece of Festival history," says Costume Director Jeffrey Lieder. "There are hundreds of items from previous seasons that we no longer

need but could be used by schools, community theatres, or in individuals' homes." Scheduled for October 2 and 3 (8am to 6pm) and October 4 (8am to 2pm), competition participants, other theatre groups, and the general public are invited to check out the available merchandise. There will be hundreds of pieces from past productions such as costumes, fabrics, miscellaneous trims and decor, hand props, Cleopatra's throne, tables, other furniture, doors, gates, and more. "We have limited storage facilities and love to give the opportunity to other theatre groups and the community to find treasures from past productions at reasonable prices," says Lieder. Everything will be available

for bargain prices, sold "as is", and are non-refundable. Credit/debit cards, cash, and checks will be accepted. The sale will be held in the Festival Costume Shop. Entrance will be on Shakespeare Lane (the one-way street that runs along the back side of the Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre), between 100 West and 200 West. Please note that nearby parking may be limited and the adjacent administration parking lot is for Festival employees only, but there are places to pull over to load vehicles near the loading dock of the Engelstad Theatre and the Pedersen Shakespeare Character Garden on Shakespeare Lane. For questions or more information, email guestservices@bard.org.



Utah Chapter ICC was honored to make a donation to Happy Factory.

TOYS THAT LOVE BUILDS

UTAH CHAPTER of ICC PRESENTS HAPPY FACTORY WITH DONATION

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Utah Chapter of ICC is a statewide chapter of the International Code Council. The International Code Council is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. The Code Council's codes, standards, and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable, and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide. The Utah Chapter of ICC is dedicated to promoting public safety by providing education, training, and

support to its members. The membership consists of Building Officials, Building Inspectors, Plan Examiners, and Permit Technicians that work for various jurisdictions and private companies throughout the state of Utah. Members review plans, issue building permits, and inspect buildings to ensure they are built to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the building occupants and the public. The Chapter works hand in hand with the construction industry and the public for the enhancement of profes-

sionalism and uniformity in code enforcement and administration, to improve the safety of building construction in the great state of Utah. To give back to our local communities, the Chapter chooses a charitable organization to make a monetary donation each year. The Chapter was honored to be able to make this year's donation to "The Happy Factory" and proud to be able to assist them in furthering their noble mission.

The Happy Factory is

a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All the materials they use are donated and all of the toys are made by volunteers. Every toy is donated to a child in need. The toys are made of scraps of hardwood donated by a local cabinet maker. Unfortunately, there are a few expenses for wheels and axles, saw blades,

Donna Cooley (who just celebrated her 90th birthday) and Tim Dwyer go the Happy Factory every day

Greg Rockwood receives the Starfish Award for going Above & Beyond volunteer



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calendar

THURS, SEPT 25

FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES (10AM) @ CEDAR

City Family Search Center 95 N 2125 W, Cedar City, UT. This class will introduce students to the United States Census Records. US Census Records are the most used research tools in a Family Historian's toolbox. Come learn how to expand your researching skills using these helpful resources. Pam and Catherine are experienced teachers and professional Genealogists. Classes are about one hour and free!

FRI, SEPT 26

FINAL FRIDAY ART WALK (5-8PM) THE ART

Walk includes artists and live music from Artisans to the Southern Utah Museum of Art, as well as at the galleries at 111 South Main, and down 100 West to the Johnson Center and Shape Theory Ceramics. This free public event is coordinated by the Cedar City Arts Council. There is no vendor fee and the Art Walk is designed to be family friendly. Set-up on the lawn at 100 West Center begins at 4:30 p.m. For more information, or to schedule the open music spot, please contact us at cedarcity-artsCouncil@gmail.com.

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.

FUNDRAISER FOR PREGNANCY & INFANCY LOSS

(7AM-9AM) @ Cedar City, UT - Veteran's Memorial Park. Run, walk, stroll, or bike to support and raise funds for families who experience pregnancy and infant loss! Here are the basics: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 Registration and Check In, 8:00-8:45 Fun Run, 8:45-9:00 Grand Prize Drawing, Closing Remarks. REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-infant-loss-support-fundrais-er-fun-run>. This event is family and pet friendly, with 5k and 1 mile options. ALL funds go towards loss-related bill payments and care packages for

infant loss families. We're so excited to run with you to support and raise funds for families who experience the tragedy of infant loss. See you soon! Learn more at <https://www.simplyamiracle.com/>

TUES, SEPT 30

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](https://www.facebook.com/mystellarcrafts) or Email stellarcrafts@gmail.com or Text (435) 572-0585.

THURS, OCT 2

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10AM) @ CEDAR CITY

Family Search Center 95 N 2125 W, Cedar City, UT. This class will introduce students to the Civil Registration. This is the first of two classes focusing on Vital Records. Come learn how to expand your researching skills using these helpful resources. Pam and Catherine are experienced teachers and professional Genealogists. Classes are about one hour and free!

SAT, OCT 4

POWER IN PINK RUN. (8AM) @ WEST CANYON

Park - 133 S 400 E, Cedar City. Register at [powerinpink-ironcounty.com](https://www.powerinpink-ironcounty.com). Our non profit group helps local ladies and their families affected by breast cancer.

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.



"The Happy Factory" needs you, they don't have any paid staff, so they rely on volunteers, if you have any time, stop in, oil toys, put wheels on, if you have worked with wood before, sign a waiver and cut toys out in the shop. Volunteers Appreciated! 895 N 2175 W, Cedar City, Ut. 435-586-8352

FACTORY WITH DONATION

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building maintenance costs, and other miscellaneous items. The Happy Factory workers are toy makers, not fundraisers. It costs approximately fifty cents per toy for wheels and axles. They gratefully accept donations of materials, time, and money.

The Happy Factory started in 1995. Donna and Charles Cooley made wooden toys in their garage. The project grew from their garage into a large, all-volunteer operation that has sent millions of toys to children all over the world. Miracles happen when people willingly serve others. When they became aware that many children have never had a toy, they formulated their motto — "We may not be able to make a toy for every child in the world that needs one — but we're going

to try!" To date they have sent out approximately 1.8 million toys all over the world!

The Happy Factory has welcomed volunteers of every age. The Tale of the Starfish prompted them to give a "Starfish Award" to volunteers who give service above and beyond. Greg Rockwood received the award this year at The

Happy Factory Annual Fundraiser. Greg makes sure all the equipment is in tip-top condition, he replaces blades, sharpens blades, maintains the building, and does everything imaginable to make sure everything is safe and running smoothly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GREG ROCKWOOD!



Volunteer tracing toy pattern

schools

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Alivia Winzenried

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Layers of CVHS Theatre

This year's fall musical is "Shrek: The Musical". Theatre students have been preparing for their performances in November, dating all the way back to before this school year started. This musical is such a great and heartfelt musical, with the central meaning of true acceptance. The story follows closely to the Shrek movies, focusing on the idea that true beauty comes from within and everyone should be accepted and loved, whether they're an ogre, a princess, or even a talking cookie. The actors aren't the only component of this show though. CVHS has many backstage opportunities. Stage crew are the main people behind the set, lighting, costuming, and many other backstage components many people might not even realize. They're the unseen helpers aiding the actors in all of their off stage needs. This year's show also has a pit, consisting of many talented students who perform all of the musical numbers live on stage. The choir teacher, Mr. Byers, helps direct and plays with the pit and leads them to perfection. CVHS StageCraft classes help make the props and set for the show, consisting of small things like logs or handcuffs, to painting backgrounds and sorting items. Theatre parents run a Booster Club, which raises money for things like costumes, concessions, and any other prices they might need. The booster club also helps with things like checking tickets, making programs, and selling snacks during the shows. Rochelle McLelland, a booster club member, says, "The CVHS Theatre Booster Club has been a work in progress and a labor of love from many dedicated parents. It gives us the opportunity to support the arts in our schools and let the kids who work so hard to compete and put on fabulous shows know we love them and see their hard work." Cynthia Rushton, this year's theatre teacher and director of the show, works hard making sure everyone has a part and making sure all things run smoothly. She takes on the responsibility of managing an entire production, while still teaching her students, and she does an amazing job! Last but not least, we have the actors. They put in so much hard work for months preparing for show week. From memorizing lines to perfecting dances, they are the cherry on top of the layered and complex theatre program at CVHS.

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

*Three Peaks Elementary*

Three Peaks Elementary second grade classes had the opportunity to visit Cedar Breaks National Park. Students learned some important park rules such as; "leave no trace" and take only pictures and leave only footprints, everything in the park stays in the park, enjoy wildlife from a distance, stay on the trails. Cedar Breaks is a wonderful place to learn about why the environment is noticeably different from the more familiar environment in Cedar City and to understand the effects of elevation on

precipitation, temperature and dominant plant life in each ecosystem. After hiking at Cedar Breaks, the students ate lunch down the canyon at Woods Ranch. Thank you to the volunteers that spent the day helping teachers on this field trip. We are also so grateful that the school district allows the students and teachers to participate in field trips so that we can enjoy the beautiful scenery that surrounds us and learn about nature.

Escalante Valley Elementary

Thanks to the SUU STEM Center, we hosted the 5th annual Title 1 STEAM Night for students and families. The theme "Into the Wild" did not disappoint as many of the activities and lessons revolved around animals, including: live animal meet & greet,

creature comparison, wild prints (painting animal tracks), and animal vision. With over 250 people in attendance, the evening was a great success! Our school is grateful for the time and effort the SUU STEM Center put into making the evening memorable, and look forward to many more STEM nights to come!

Canyon View Middle School

Sixth-grade social studies students at CVMS became chocolate chip archaeologists, carefully excavating delicious "artifacts" from cookies! They learned that being gentle is key to uncovering hidden treasures without breaking a single piece. Talk about a sweet way to learn!

South Elementary

We've had such a great start to our adventures in 4th grade and we're so excited for what's next. We've learned about all the rules and procedures of our classrooms. We've met new friends and gotten to know our new teachers. We've had assemblies and guest speakers and our 4th grade field trip to Fremont Indian State Park. Thanks to our wonderful PTA, our Color Run fundraiser earned close to \$17,000. It's going to be a great year!

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

Exciting news for Fiddlers Canyon Elementary! Fiddlers PTA worked with parents, students, teachers, and staff for several years to raise the \$17,000 to pay for the marquee. It was installed earlier this month and will be fully up and running soon.

obituaries

Ethan Reed Robinson



Ethan Reed Robinson passed away on September 10, 2025, in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Ethan was born on June 8, 1999, to Brandant and Naomi Robinson in Logan, Utah. He spent most of his childhood in Cedar City, Utah where he grew up alongside his five brothers and five sisters. He was a passionate swimmer and water polo player, learning sportsmanship and the importance of teamwork. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America, where he developed important life skills and ultimately earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

After graduating from Cedar High School, Ethan served an honorable mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Hong Kong and gaining a great love for the people and their culture. Following his mission, Ethan's heart was set on serving his country in the armed forces. In 2023, he enlisted in the army and began his military service. He and his family were incredibly proud the day he donned his tan beret and became an Army Ranger. He loved his Ranger brothers and formed strong bonds with many of those brave men.

In 2024 Ethan reconnected with Kaylee Hillyard from Enoch, Utah and began a long-distance courtship. He loved Kaylee and always treated her with tenderness and respect. In the summer of 2025, while on military leave, he proposed to Kaylee on the Bristlecone Pine Trail on Cedar Mountain. They had planned to be wed on October 10, 2025.

Ethan is survived by his parents Brandant and Naomi, and siblings Cody (Paige), Sariah (Jacob) Fox, Amber, Joshua (Kalissa), Megan, Ryan, Matthew, Mary, Adam, and Chloe.

The family would like to thank the military personal, ward members, and all those who were so sensitive and thoughtful in their diligent service during this difficult time.

Funeral Services for Ethan will be held at the Greens Lake building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 1120 West Greens Lake Drive in Cedar City, Utah on Monday, September 22 at 11:00 AM. A Viewing will be held before the Funeral Services from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. Interment will be in the Enoch, Utah Cemetery following the Funeral Services. Services are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

obituaries

Derrick James Anderson



Beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on September 13, 2025, at the age of 31. He was born on December 8, 1993, to Rick and Pam Anderson, and from the very beginning, Derrick was the highlight of their lives—mischievous, full of energy, and always ready for the next adventure.

Derrick had a smile that could light up a room, and he was always smiling. His hugs and his signature “I love you” goodbyes made everyone feel special and at home. He never let anyone leave his presence without knowing they were loved. To know Derrick was to feel welcomed, cherished, and seen.

Family was at the center of Derrick’s world. He shared a unique and unshakable bond with each of his siblings, his mom, and his dad. He especially loved watching football and hockey with his mom, and the two never missed an opportunity to share a game together. Derrick

wanted nothing more than to make his dad proud, and he did so in many ways—most notably in his career. He worked as a heavy equipment operator, running a gravel pit with skill and dedication. He was proud of the work he accomplished and was truly gifted in his trade.

As an uncle, Derrick was unmatched—his nieces and nephews adored him. Whether he was picking them up for ice cream, bringing them a new monster truck, or running them around the farm, Derrick was their greatest hero and favorite playmate. Their squeals of joy when he arrived said it all: Uncle Derrick was their everything.

Though Derrick was allergic to animals, he loved all creatures of life. Because of his allergy, he found a deep love for reptiles from a young age. He also had an unquenchable thirst for adventure, and he lived life at full speed. From racing Baja trucks and dirt bikes, to snowmobiles flying down mountainsides, to boats cutting across Lake Powell, Derrick never shied away from the fast or the daring. He loved to golf, rooted passionately for the Raiders and the Golden Knights, and shared in sports bets and laughs with his brothers.

Derrick was also blessed with a lifelong friendship that meant the world to him. His best friend and sidekick, Bryton, was always by his side—through every adventure, every laugh, every late night, and every challenge. Together, they created a bond that was more like brothers than friends, and Derrick cherished having Bryton in his corner.

He was also the king of mischief and teasing. Strangers didn’t stay strangers for long—he had a way of making everyone feel like family. He might call you the wrong name, jokingly tell you that you were ugly, then pull you into a hug, tell you he loved you, and remind you just how beautiful you really were. He was known for leaving his special “X” tag all over Parowan, Mesquite, and everywhere else he went—an unmistakable mark of his playful spirit and presence. And if you knew Derrick, you knew one thing for certain—he was never on time. He was notorious for being late to everything, but in true Derrick fashion, he always showed up with a smile, a story, and a hug that made the wait more than worth it.

He had his quirks, too, that everyone loved him for: his obsession with hot sauce and salt (he wouldn’t eat a dish without them), and his unmatched candy stash, which he hoarded like no other. These small things made Derrick, Derrick—and those who loved him wouldn’t change a thing.

Perhaps Derrick’s greatest gift was his ability to inspire loyalty and joy. He could persuade anyone, and no matter where he went, people wanted to follow him. That same spirit lives on now, as Derrick leads his next great adventure in heaven, surrounded by angels, continuing to bring light, love, and laughter to all around him.

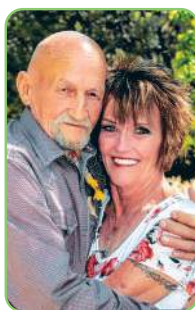
Derrick is survived by his parents, Pamela Anderson, and Rick and Leslee Anderson; his brothers Andrew (Abbey) Anderson, Lyle (Abbey) Anderson, Jacob (Ali) Matheson, and Matthew (Ashlyn) Matheson; his sisters Vanessa Anderson, Avia Anderson, Josie Anderson, and Katlynn (Dusty) Hone; and two nephews and one niece, whom he adored. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Grandpa and Grandma Anderson, and Grandma Harrison.

Services will be held in Parowan, Utah, at the LDS West Church Building. A viewing will take place on Friday evening, September 19, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and again on Saturday morning, September 20, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The funeral service will follow on Saturday, September 20, at 11:00 a.m.

Derrick will be deeply missed by his family, his many friends, and all who had the blessing of knowing him. His memory will forever be carried in their hearts.

“Families are forever, and love is eternal.”

Jerrilyn Jo Bentley



Jerrilyn Jo Bentley, age 72, passed away September 14th, 2025 at her home surrounded by family in Cedar City, Utah. She was born to Martin Anderson and Alyce Adams on June 7th, 1953 in Hawarden Iowa. At the age of 17, she moved to St. George with her sister Marla and continued her education, receiving her high school diploma in 1971 from Dixie High School. After graduation, Jo started working as a waitress at a local restaurant, known as Trafalga Restaurant and Travel Lodge.

While working as a waitress, Jo met the

love of her life, Rodney Bentley. Jo and Rod later married in May of 1980 in Pioche, Nevada. Jo gained six amazing step-sons who became great brothers to the three daughters Jo and Rodney had.

For many years Jo was a waitress at Hugh’s cafe and then she started secretarial work. She was a secretary at several different places including Color Country Underground, Rolling Rubber, and D&P Performance. Throughout her time at each place, she made lifelong friendships that were dear to her heart.

Jo had a great love and special talent for sewing and crocheting. She made clothing, blankets, stuffed animals, and much more for family and friends. In the last few years, she made and donated animals and children’s clothes to local facilities to help those in need.

Jo also had a great love for baking—especially her pumpkin chocolate chip cookies, bundt cakes, and cheesecakes. She was always one to bring a sweet treat to work, family events, or just because she made too much. Jo was always one to help and serve others.

Jo loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. When her grandchildren were younger, she would take every opportunity to make the most of each holiday or special event. She always made her daughters and grandchildren feel loved. Her laugh was contagious and there was never a dull moment around her. She kept everyone on their toes until the very end. She is very loved and will be missed by everyone that knows her.

She is survived by her daughters; Tammy (Merle) Davis, Sharity (Jeremiah) Hunter, and Amanda (Tod) Spencer. Her step-sons; Chris (Deborah) Bentley, Karl (Trieste) Bentley, Ken (Joyce) Bentley, Blair (Cheryl) Bentley, Roger (Angie) Bentley, and Blake (Stephanie) Bentley. Her siblings; Rick Andersen and Kim Cordes. Her 32 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Reunited in heaven with her husband Rod, parents, sister Marla Gillmore, brother Terry Anderson, in-laws Maxine and Deward, grandson Jarrett Jensen, and many other beloved family members.

We would like to thank her special nurse Bailey Coombs for the amazing care she gave Jo and her family during her final time earthside.

Her final wish was to be cremated. Services will be held Wednesday September 24, 2025 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 W. Cedar City, UT 84720). There will be visitation from noon to 1:00pm and the funeral service will follow. To view a livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Her hands may be still, but her touch will be felt for generations.

Christine 'Oma' Armbruster Spencer



Christine “Oma” Armbruster Spencer slipped away from this life in the o’dark hours of September 17, 2025. Christine was born to Mitzi Pfeiffer on October 16, 1944. She was a blond-haired, blue-eyed cutie. After a few years on their own, Christine helped her mom find her a dad, Joseph Armbruster. They were soon joined by a handful of kids: Henry, Helen, Joseph Jr., Robert, and Richard.

As soon as she turned 18, Christine was off on one adventure after another. She lived life to its fullest. She worked hard and played harder. After trying out several kinds of jobs—chicken farmer, telephone operator, dude rancher, waitress, among others—she decided to join the Army. She did that for a few years, and then got out and used her military benefits to get a “free education.” Going to BYU was one of the highlights of her life. She was a lifetime Cougar fan.

After she finished, she decided that civilian life wasn’t for her and

reenlisted in the Army as an officer. While in the Army, she picked up a few dependents: her husband, Raleigh Spencer, and daughters Faline, Teralee, Shirah Jo, and Cheerie. She was recognized as the first woman warrant officer in the automotive field. After she got pregnant with Cheerie, she left the Army for good.

She returned to school and earned her teaching degree. She taught computers to all the students at Ramona Elementary in Hemet, California, for 16 years. When she retired in 2004, she moved to Cedar City, Utah, to be closer to her grandkids.

Her retirement years were spent watching all the grandkids play sports or be in plays, fulfilling church callings, going to the temple, teaching at least six grandkids how to drive, playing games, organizing cousin camp, spending time at the pool, and being “Oma” to everyone she met.

One month ago, after a fall, she found out that she had a fast-growing brain tumor. The doctors gave her 3–6 months. She had her own timeline. After she said goodbye to all of “her people,” she couldn’t wait to meet the Savior and passed one month to the day after her diagnosis.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Mitzi Armbruster; brothers Richard and Joseph Armbruster; and Raleigh Spencer Jr. She is survived by her daughters, Faline (Aaron) Cheney, Teralee Spencer, Jody (Jon) Groom, and Cheerie (Richard) Madsen; siblings Hank (Barbara) Armbruster, Helen Gleave, and Robert (Carrie) Armbruster; and her 17 grandkids.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sept. 27, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the LDS Chapel, 1650 W. Center St., Cedar City, Utah 84720.

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Room Remodeling at the Top of the World - Part 1

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

90 years ago, in 1935, this country was in the midst of the Great Depression. Under the leadership of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was formed as a way of putting millions of young men to work in a way that is still benefiting our country today. They were a lost generation who couldn't find work in those stifling times when the unemployment rate was 25% with 12.6 million people out of work and no hope in sight.

As part of FDR's **New Deal** agenda, the CCC was formed to alleviate part of the huge problem facing the country: Putting people to work! I have watched many old black and white documentaries of men wearing hard hats and carrying a shovel, marching off in military style to National and State Parks throughout the country. They planted trees, cut trails and roads, laid telephone lines and built flood barriers and you can still see the fruits of their labor when you visit one of our nation's parks. These young men were paid \$30 a day, given medical care, fed very well and in many cases, \$25 was sent home to the families they left behind, and many learned a trade!

Here in Iron County, we too benefited from the work of the CCC, primarily at Cedar Breaks National Monument. Although the new visitors center was opened last year, the work of the CCC in the mid-1930s is still quite visible and still in use. The roads, the fences, trails and the first visitors center and ranger quarters are dated but still used today.

A few miles down the road, at Brian Head

Peak, above the present-day ski resort, another, less prominent project was also targeted by the CCC. Two men from Parowan were commissioned by the CCC as **LEM's** (Local Experienced Men) to build a pavilion at the 11,307 ft peak, which was called "The Monument" or "Monument Peak" at that time. Their assignment was to build a stone visitor's shelter on the rocky but level mountain top, and they had only the summer months to work at that elevation. The two men were **Deb Mortensen**, a master stone mason, and **Charles Barton**, a local sheep rancher who owned grazing property near the job site. They were both from original families who first settled Parowan and many of their relatives still call Parowan home.

They began with no semblance of a road leading to the peak, and

not a back-hoe or skid-steer in sight. They hacked their way up to the 11,307 ft summit where the air is thin and the view is spectacular. They used draft horses and skids made from logs to form a sled which allowed them to drag spring water, mortar, timber, shingles and native stone to the elevated site, to construct a stone pavilion up higher than any other structure in Southern Utah. As you can see from the photos, the pavilion looked sturdy enough to last many years, however the weather at that altitude can be unforgiving and the wind gusts and storms took their toll over that past 90 years, and the overlook stone shelter now has the look of an old Roman ruin and is badly in need of repair, after winds said to be over 100 miles per hour, recently blew the roof off and took parts of

the stone wall with it, down the cliff. It's a memorable site to enjoy a 100-mile view into 4 different states and see the splendor of Iron County and way beyond.

The CCC hasn't been around in decades, it was disbanded in the early part of World War II when all those men were asked to go to battle, but thankfully the crumbling building was taken in under the wings of the Zion for Ever Project and HistoriCorp, both



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Another Act of Kindness in the MotherTown

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Last Monday evening, September 15th, sirens could be heard blaring and chirping all across the MotherTown of Southern Utah, and once again, the tight-knit town of Parowan showed its true-blue community colors. Local resident, 5-year-

old Blain Howard, was released from the Primary Children's Hospital in Salk Lake City, after being treated for leukemia. The community had arranged for a police and EMT escort down Main Street as he returned to his home, and word had gone out on the Parowan/

Paragonah Face Book page to rally friends, family and townsfolk to line the street with banners and posters to welcome young Blain home. Several folks handed him gifts through the car window, and with all that commotion and attention, he was able to smile, wave his little hand and put his

problems aside for a short while.

I always relish the opportunity to interrupt the constant barrage of negative news and point out the kindness of so many and, as often as I can, remind you to take pride in the town where you reside.



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ROOM REMODELING

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non-profit organizations whose goal is to restore historic sites, and also in partnership with the United States Forestry Service, they are now all working to restore this monument to its original condition.

The work is now being done by a group of volunteers who were recruited by HistoriCorp, and are being supervised by skilled craftsmen. Their goal is to complete the work by October 10th, they are camping near the site, the volunteer crew changes once a week, and they tell me the food is great!

In the next couple of weeks, once the work has been completed, I plan to visit the site, take more photos, attend a ribbon cutting and write more to share with you about the results and elaborate more on the charitable organiza-

tions who made this project possible. Please check back, in mid-October, for Part II, and learn more about this sort of volunteer work and if it is something you may be interested in – they are always in need of more help. See their website at: www.Historicorp.org



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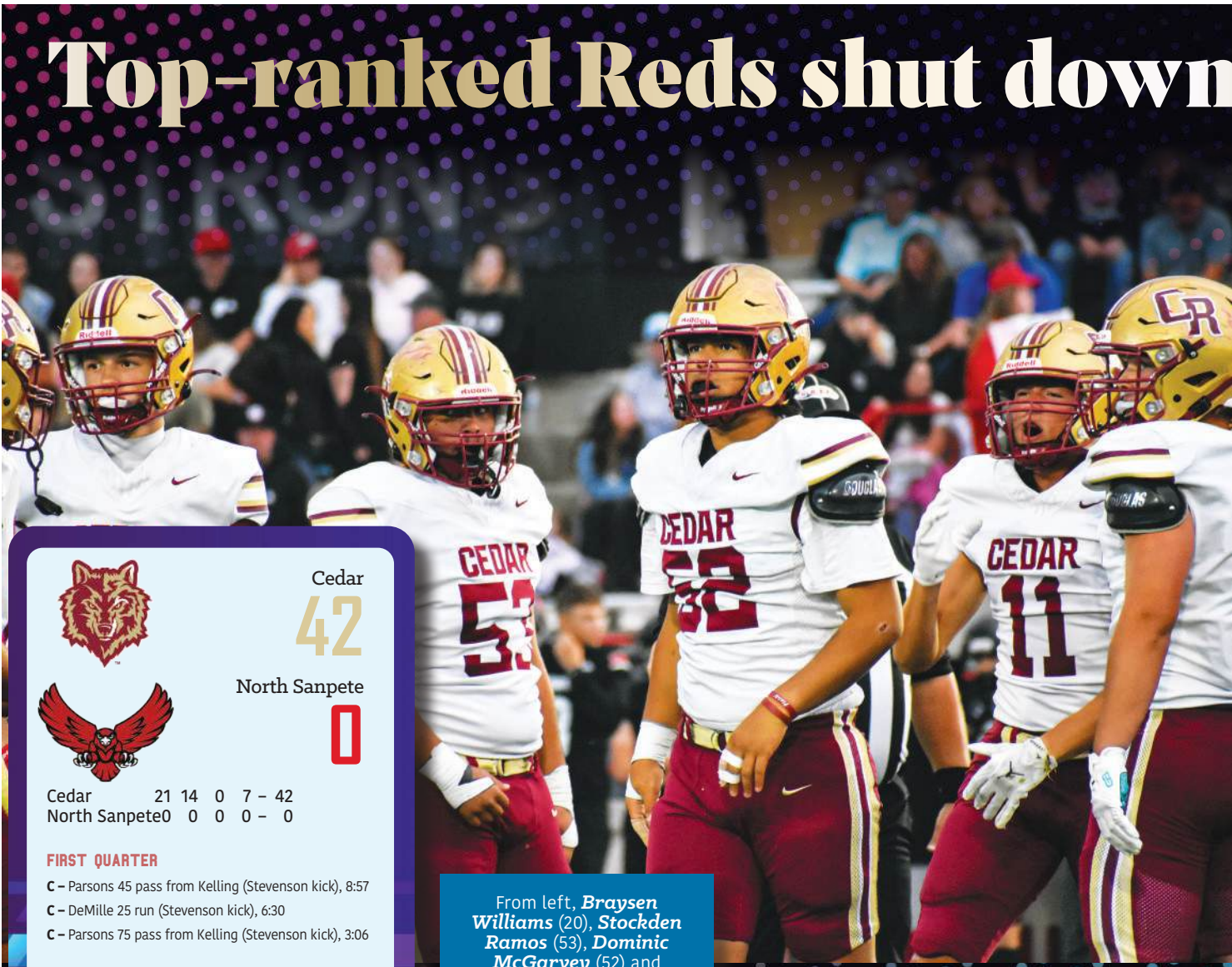
by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Everett Kelling threw three touchdown passes to Slade Parsons and added a touchdown run of his own as the Cedar Reds went on to rout the North Sanpete Hawks, 42-0 on Sept. 19. The Reds were ranked No. 1 in the debut RPI rankings for the season and improved to 6-0, 2-0 in 3A South play.

Cedar struck first early when Kelling connected with Parsons for the first time as he beat his defender on a 45-yard score and a 7-0 lead. After a poor Hawks punt put the Reds in business again, Daxton DeMille scored two plays later on a 25-yard touchdown and a 14-0 lead with 6:30 still to play in the first quarter.

Parsons would turn on the jets to help Cedar add to the lead on its next possession when he took a quick screen pass from Kelling, found a seam, and beat everyone to the end zone for a 75-yard score that put the Reds up 21-0 after a

see **TOP-RANKED REDS** » 28





Cedar
42

North Sanpete
0

Cedar	21	14	0	7	-	42
North Sanpete	0	0	0	0	-	0

FIRST QUARTER
C - Parsons 45 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), 8:57
C - DeMille 25 run (Stevenson kick), 6:30
C - Parsons 75 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), 3:06

SECOND QUARTER
C - Kelling 13 run (Stevenson kick), 9:12
C - Parsons 23 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), :35

FOURTH QUARTER
C - DeMille 29 run (Stevenson kick), 7:18

From left, **Braysen Williams** (20), **Stockden Ramos** (53), **Dominic McGarvey** (52) and **Trent Twitchell** (11) celebrate a successful play during Cedar's 42-0 shutout over North Sanpete on Sept. 19. (Carly Martin/For Iron County Today)



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Falcons rebound, beat Spartans

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Quarterback Ryder Miller threw for a touchdown and ran for another score as Canyon View got off to a fast start and beat the Emery Spartans, 27-12 on Sept. 19 in the non-region road game played in Castle Dale. CV shook off last week's loss to North Sanpete and improved to 4-2 on the season.

The Falcons took a while, but found the end zone with a pair of touchdowns late in the first quarter. Cam Sheridan got the scoring started on a 2-yard run with 3:23 to play in the period, then Miller matched the effort with a 2-yard run of his own with only 9 seconds remaining to give the Falcons a 14-0 lead.

Miller went to work with his arm early in the

second quarter when he found a wide-open Brock Neighbors, who easily raced into the end zone for a 19-yard touchdown and a 21-0 lead with 7:20 to play until halftime.

Emery got on the board for the first time on its next drive when quarterback Beau Stilson found Traxton Conover for a 48-yard touchdown that cut

the Canyon View lead to 21-6 at the half. Both teams couldn't score in the third quarter, but the Falcons were able to add on in the fourth when Cade Haymore scored on a 2-yard run with 4:25 left. The Spartans finished the scoring when Conover ran the ball into the end zone from 3 yards out with 1:09 to play.

CV returns home for this week's game when they face the Juab Wasps on Friday starting at 7 p.m. Juab beat the Carbon Dinos, 38-3, in last week's matchup.



Canyon View

27

Emery

12

Canyon View	14	7	0	6	-	27
Emery	0	6	0	6	-	12

FIRST QUARTER

CV - Sheridan 2 run (Beckstrom kick), 3:23

CV - Miller 2 run (Beckstrom kick), :09

SECOND QUARTER

CV - Neighbors 19 pass from Miller (Beckstrom kick), 7:20

E - Conover 48 pass from Stilson (kick failed), 4:25

FOURTH QUARTER

CV - Haymore 2 run (kick failed), 4:25

E - Conover 3 run (kick failed), 1:09



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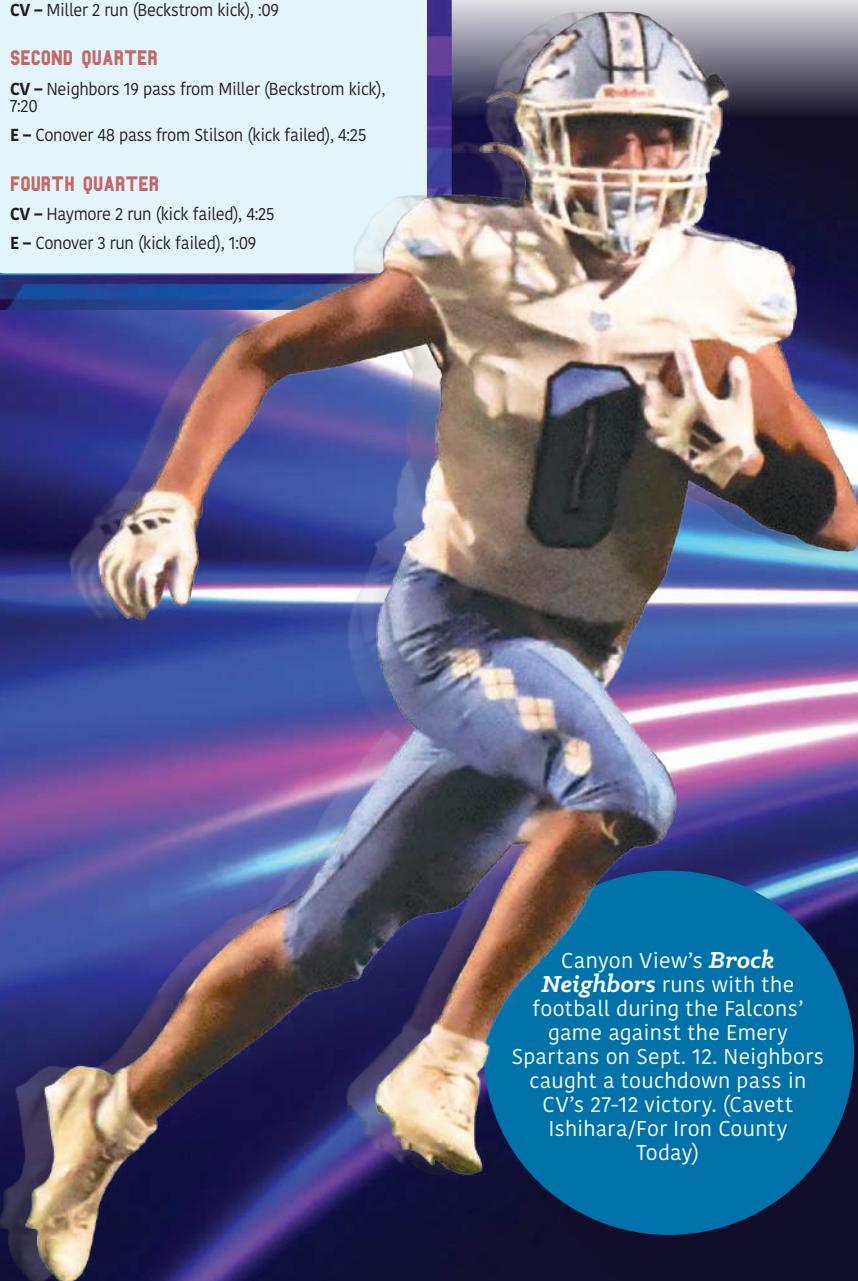
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Canyon View's **Brock Neighbors** runs with the football during the Falcons' game against the Emery Spartans on Sept. 12. Neighbors caught a touchdown pass in CV's 27-12 victory. (Cavett Ishihara/For Iron County Today)

Doing the time warp, NFL edition

On Sept. 21, 1975, CBS changed the way sports would be presented on TV forever when the NFL Today made its debut. Fifty years to the day later, the network went retro on us all and absolutely nailed the production as if it was done for the first time all over again.

The current desk crew of James Brown, (Coach) Bill Cowher, Nate Burleson and Matt Ryan dressed their parts to perfection, and they were joined by the one and only, the original host of the NFL Today, Brent Musburger.

Let's face it here...Musburger is 86, but still has the energy for what he does. It was great to watch, even if it probably won't continue. But that's the power of sports – do what you love, and you'll never work a day in your life.

As I watched the broadcast, the wardrobe and hair changes worn by the guys at the desk got me thinking out loud.

And yes, these were guesses...don't judge.

James Brown looked like...the singer James Brown without the shades. Bill Cowher had the vibe of Richard Kiel from the "Jaws" days – that movie turned 50 this year, too – Nate Burleson could have passed for Isaac the Bartender from "Love Boat," and Matt Ryan was given a look that resembled David Soul of "Starsky and Hutch" fame – minus the Gran Torino car.

For one excellent hour, all was right in the TV universe. Simple stuff presented well, and tributes timely delivered to all who came on the NFL Today before, including Phyllis George, Jayne Kennedy, Irv Cross and even Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder – the man who made football predictions a thing. Embracing and honoring those who made our sports viewing what it is today can be tricky, but CBS handled the moments with humor, respect and fun. Deep down, fun is what sports is supposed to be all about. In the other girls sports from the week that was, the No. 2 Canyon View girls volleyball team got a strong test from the visiting Delta Rabbits, who were directly behind them in the most recent RPI rankings at No. 3 overall.

After dropping the first set and falling behind by a big margin early in the second,

the Falcons were able to rally for a 3-1 victory (23-25, 25-21, 25-15, 25-19) on Sept. 16 to improve to 12-5 overall and 3-0 in Region 14 play.

The visiting Rabbits (13-3, 1-1) scored the last six points of the opening set, then led 13-5 in the second when Falcons head coach Lynette Whittaker called a timeout. "It was probably the one time you saw the coach get a little bit angry," she said. "It fired the team up on the bench, then they went out with a little more aggressiveness and better tactical play."

When play resumed, CV was able to slice the Delta lead to 15-11 before the Rabbits burned a timeout of its own. From there, the Falcons reclaimed the lead and went on to win the second set to tie the match.

"They chipped away, point to point," Whittaker said.

CV was in control throughout the third set before Alyssa Haller finished it with a

solid kill and a 2-1 lead, then the fourth set saw a back-and-forth battle before an ace finished off the match and secured the win for the Falcons.

Across town, Cedar volleyball split two matches last week, falling 3-0 to Hurricane on Sept. 16, then rallying to beat Pine View, 3-2 two days later and improve to 5-3 in Region 9 play. The Reds are No. 8 in the latest RPI poll.

On the pitch, the Cedar Reds pulled off two impressive girls soccer wins during the week, starting with a 3-0 shutout over Pine View on Sept. 16, then stunning Region 9 challenger Desert Hills in a 1-0 shutout at home Sept. 18. The Reds got the game's only goal from Tylee Nielson in the first half, and the defense made sure it held up the rest of the way.

Canyon View came through with a pair of 2-1 wins in regulation last week, beating Richfield on Sept. 16 then matching that score in a win over Delta two days later. The Falcons are the only undefeated Region 14 team at 3-0 and ranked No. 6 in the latest RPI.

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RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



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!

- As the 2025 MLB playoffs close in, two teams have playoff droughts of a decade or more. The L.A. Angels lead at 11 years, but which NL franchise has missed the playoffs for a 10th straight season?
- Speaking of playoff droughts, what NFL team that once had Aaron Rodgers as its quarterback has gone the longest – 14 years – without qualifying?
- Through Week 2 in the NFL, only one team has scored more than 50 points in a game. Name that team.
- What Seattle Mariners catcher nicknamed "the Big Dumper" set a new record for most home runs by a switch hitter (56) when he hit two in a win over the Kansas City Royals on Sept. 16?
- True or False: the Las Vegas Aces saw its 17-game winning streak end at the hands of the Seattle Storm in Game 2 of the first round of the WNBA playoffs Sept. 16. It fell one short of the league record set in 2001 by the L.A. Sparks.
- The Utah Mammoth will open its 2025-26 season with a new name and a new goaltender. What player did the team put on waivers before training camp started last week?
- As he heads into what could be his final NHL season, Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals has surpassed Wayne Gretzky as the all-time career leader in goals scored. How many more goals does Ovechkin need to reach 900?
- What New England Patriots wide receiver is about to have a baby with rapper Cardi B, who announced it in an interview with Gayle King on CBS Mornings last week?
- The University of Miami (FL) athletic department received a donation of nearly \$2 million and plans to use a portion to build statues in tribute to two Hurricanes quarterbacks who won the Heisman Trophy – one in 1986, the other in 1992. Gino Torretta was one. Who was the other?

- Through games of Sept. 17, three National League teams have clinched playoff spots. Which Central Division team was the most recent to do it after an 8-4 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates, its first berth since 2020?
- What Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher threw five no-hit innings, hit his 50th home run for the second straight season, and saw the Philadelphia Phillies rally for a 9-6 win Sept. 16?
- What actress and singer did Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen marry on May 31?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- Aroldis Chapman
- Matt Prater
- Josh Allen threw for 394 yards in the Bills' win over the Baltimore Ravens, Smith threw for 362 yards in the Raiders' win over the New England Patriots, and Herbert threw for 318 yards in the Chargers' win over the Kansas City Chiefs.
- Ward was sacked six times.
- Derrick Henry ran for 169 yards against the Bills, Etienne had 143 in the Jaguars' win over the Carolina Panthers, and Hall ran for 107 in the Jets' loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- Boswell's winning kick came from 60 yards.
- False. After Week 3, the Cougars are first in the "others receiving votes" category.
- Oregon. The Ducks had one first place vote.
- Chicago Cubs.
- Seattle Mariners.
- Max Fried.
- True. Through his last start Sept. 10, Skenes has a 1.92 ERA. Detroit's Tarik Skubal is closest to Skenes with a 2.26 ERA.

TOP-RANKED REDS

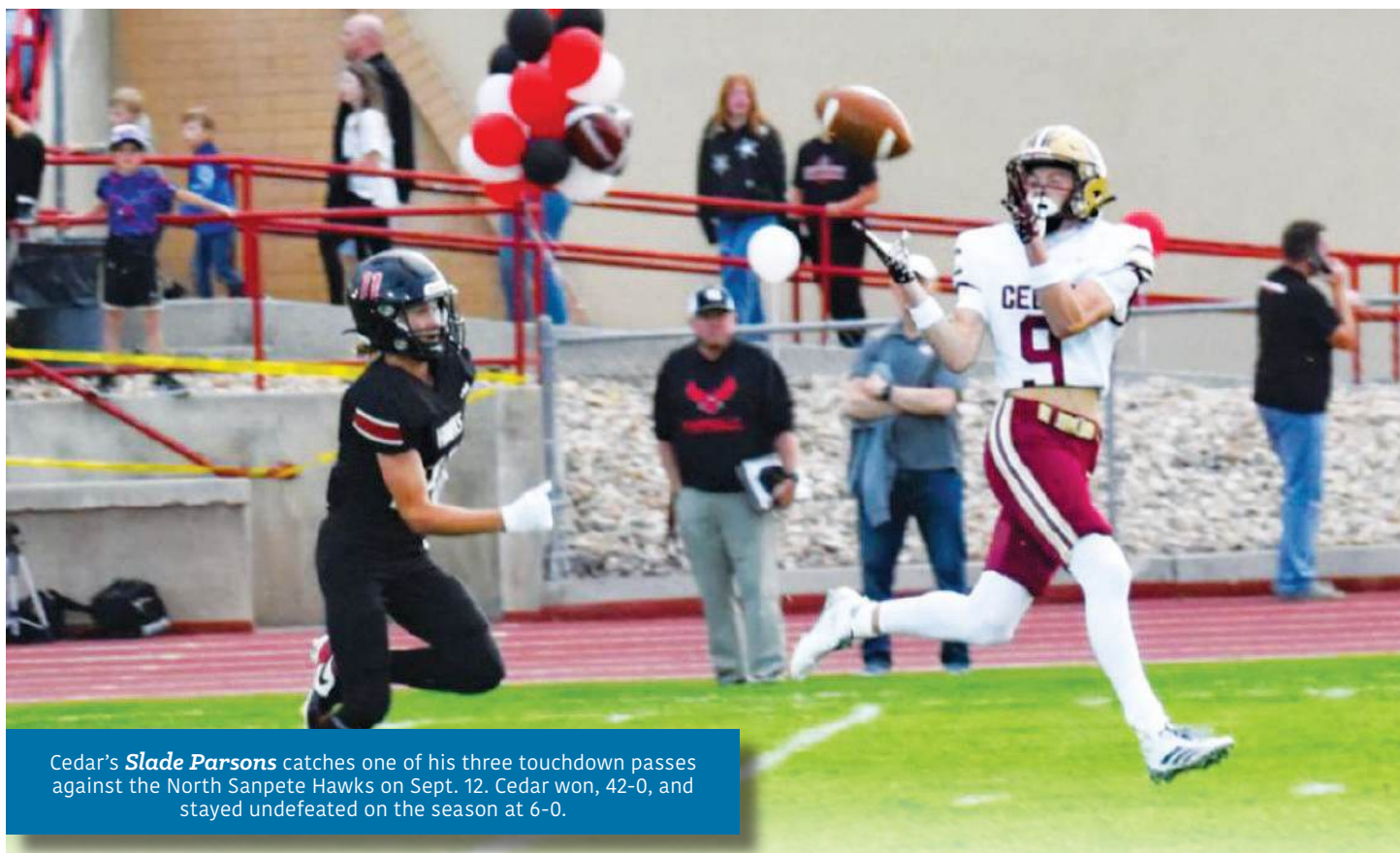
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quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Kelling added another touchdown with his legs as he faked a handoff and took the ball into the end zone from 13 yards out. With time winding down before the half, Kelling connected with Parsons for the third time on a 23-yard touchdown that pushed the lead to 35-0 with 35 seconds left in the half.

With a running clock in full effect for the entire second half, Cedar was able to add one more score to finish off the win when DeMille reached the end zone on a 29-yard run with 7:18 remaining in the game.

The Reds returned home for this week's game to face the Richfield Wildcats on Friday for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The 3A runner-up in 2024, Richfield improved to 3-0 in region play after beating the Manti Templars, 40-18 last week.



Cedar's **Slade Parsons** catches one of his three touchdown passes against the North Sanpete Hawks on Sept. 12. Cedar won, 42-0, and stayed undefeated on the season at 6-0.



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Tigers run over Rams

by Tom Zulewski

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Merryweather caught a touchdown pass and

returned an interception for another score as the visiting Milford Tigers rolled to a 35-6 rout over the Parowan Rams on Sept. 19 at Alma Richards Stadium. The Rams fell to 3-3 on the season while the Tigers improved their record to 4-2.

Merryweather got the scoring started for Milford in the second quarter when he returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 lead,



Milford

35



Parowan

6

Milford	0	13	8	14	-	35
Parowan	0	6	0	0	-	6

SECOND QUARTER

M - Merryweather 60 interception return (Williams kick), 9:41

P - Biasi 41 pass from Bettridge (kick failed), 4:19

M - Merryweather 15 pass from Cheney (kick failed), 1:16

THIRD QUARTER

M - Blackburn 9 run (Cheney 2-point conversion pass), 8:29

FOURTH QUARTER

M - Thompson 3 run (Williams kick), 11:57

M - Merryweather 1 run (Williams kick), 6:18

see **TIGERS** » 29

PREP SCOREBOARD

SCORES

3A South Football

9/19 Cedar 42, North Sanpete 0
Canyon View 27, Emery 12
Richfield 40, Manti 18
Juab 38, Carbon 3

1A South Football

9/19 Milford 35, Parowan 6
Millard 33, Enterprise 23
Kanab 26, Beaver 14

Region 9 Girls Soccer

9/16 Cedar 3, Pine View 0
Desert Hills 2, Crimson Cliffs 1, OT
Dixie 1, Hurricane 0

9/18 Cedar 1, Desert Hills 0
Crimson Cliffs 6, Hurricane 0
Snow Canyon 3, Dixie 1

Region 14 Girls Soccer

9/16 Canyon View 2, Richfield 1
Delta 2, Juab 0

9/18 Canyon View 2, Delta 1
Juab 4, Providence Hall 0

2A South Girls Soccer

9/16 South Sevier 4, Parowan 2
Millard 4, Beaver 3
Enterprise 6, Gunnison 2
Grand 2, San Juan 1

9/18 Millard 3, Enterprise 0
Grand 8, Gunnison 0

Region 9 Girls Volleyball

9/16 Hurricane 3, Cedar 0
Desert Hills 3, Dixie 0
Crimson Cliffs 3, Snow Canyon 1

9/18 Cedar 3, Pine View 2
Desert Hills 3, Hurricane 1

Region 14 Girls Volleyball

9/16 Canyon View 3, Delta 1
Richfield 3, Juab 0

Region 18 Girls Volleyball

9/16 Parowan 3, South Sevier 2
Enterprise 3, Kanab 0
Beaver 3, Wayne 0

9/17 San Juan 3, Grand 0

9/18 Beaver 3, Parowan 2
South Sevier 3, Enterprise 1
San Juan 3, Kanab 0

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Football

3A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (3)	3-0	5-1
Cedar (1)	2-0	6-0
Juab (5)	1-1	5-1
Canyon View (9)	1-1	4-2
North Sanpete (7)	1-2	4-2
Manti (4)	1-2	3-3
Carbon (10)	0-3	2-4

1A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	1-0	5-1
Parowan (7)	0-0	3-3
Enterprise (6)	0-0	2-4
Beaver (3)	0-1	4-2

Girls Soccer

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (3)	6-1	9-2
Desert Hills (4)	6-2	10-3
Crimson Cliffs (2)	6-2	10-3
Cedar (15)	4-4	7-5
Dixie (19)	3-5	4-8
Hurricane (16)	2-6	6-7
Pine View (26)	0-7	2-11

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (6)	3-0	6-7
Juab (10)	2-1	6-6
Richfield (5)	2-2	10-4

Delta (8) 2-2 7-8
Providence Hall (15) 0-4 1-9

2A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Grand (8)	5-1	8-3
Millard (10)	5-2	7-5
Beaver (9)	4-2	6-5
San Juan (12)	4-3	6-6
South Sevier (13)	3-3	4-7
Enterprise (16)	2-4	3-8
Parowan (19)	0-7	1-12

Girls Volleyball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (2)	8-0	13-4
Crimson Cliffs (6)	5-2	16-6
Cedar (8)	5-3	11-8
Snow Canyon (12)	3-4	9-11
Hurricane (10)	3-5	8-10
Dixie (11)	2-5	9-7
Pine View (15)	0-7	4-9

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	3-0	12-5
Richfield (8)	2-0	6-11
Delta (4)	1-1	13-3
Providence Hall (9)	0-2	6-3
Juab (11)	0-3	5-6

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Enterprise (2)	7-0	14-4
San Juan (1)	6-1	15-2
South Sevier (10)	4-3	10-7
Parowan (7)	3-4	11-6
Beaver (11)	3-4	7-8
Grand (17)	1-5	3-10
Kanab (19)	1-6	1-15

TIGERS

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Mason Biasi provided the only points for Parowan later in the period when he caught a 41-yard touchdown from Hunter Bettridge. The conversion was missed, and the Rams trailed 7-6 with 4:19 to play until halftime.

Merryweather went to work on the offensive side of the football when he caught his first touch-down of the night on a 15-yard pass from Carson Cheney that gave Milford the lead for good at 13-6 heading to the break.

The Tigers got scoring runs from Tayon Blackburn (9 yards) and Boston Thompson (3 yards) in the second half, and Merryweather

finished the scoring on a 1-yard run with 6:18 left in the game.

Parowan begins 1A South region play this week when they welcome the Kanab Cowboys for a Friday night game that starts at 7 p.m. Kanab is 5-1 overall and beat the defending 1A champion Beaver Beavers, 26-14, in its region opener last week.

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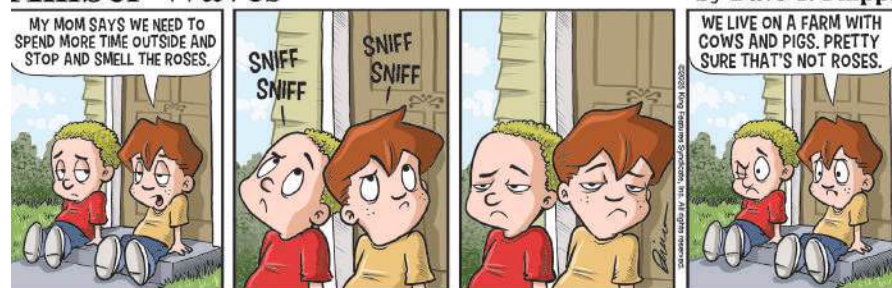
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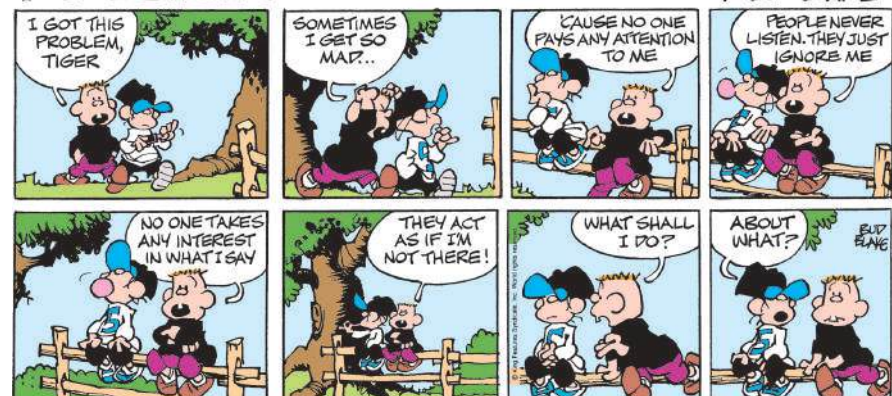
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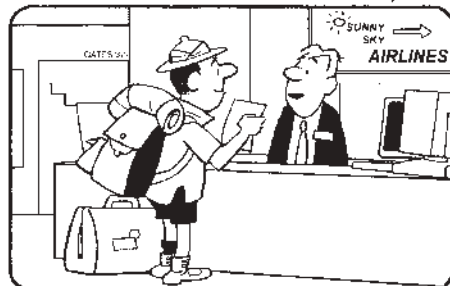
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Answers

— King Crossword



1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The children's novel "Black Beauty" is about what kind of animal?
2. MOVIES: Which actor narrates the 1980s film "Stand by Me"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which world city is home to Saint Basil's Cathedral?
4. U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city sits on top of a working salt mine that has been operating since 1910?
5. LITERATURE: What is the name of the country where "The Hunger Games" takes place?
6. MATH: How many sides does a trapezoid have?
7. ASTRONOMY: How long does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does a lobster have?
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