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# SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REPORTS STRONG ENROLLMENT TRENDS

STORY IN NEWS





by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Fall One Utah Summit is the premier rural event with a rich history of convening Utah's top leaders and decision-makers who influence the

economic viability of rural Utah. The two full-day Summit provided the ideal platform where partnerships discussed some of the most influential topics impacting rural Utah while strengthening leadership skills.

The One Utah Summit is the state's premier gathering for leaders, innovators, and community builders. The summit serves as a meeting place where people from all backgrounds come together and leave with the tools and energy to help shape Utah's future.

Previously known as the Utah Economic Summit, this event has been held for over a decade and celebrates Utah's unique and growing economy.

The Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunities has a long-standing tradition of honoring individuals and companies that significantly contribute to Utah's economic opportunities for local communities and industries.

The awards have been known by different names, but their recipients share one goal in common: to make Utah the premier destination

# ONE UTAH SUMMIT

for business and entrepreneurs.

This year's One Utah Summit was hosted by Southern Utah University and served as the stage for an extraordinary conversation between Utah First Lady Abby Cox and Academy Award-winning actor and filmmaker Kevin Costner.

Hosted by First Lady Cox, the discussion celebrated the enduring power of storytelling and explored how Kevin Costner's passion for the American West has led to a lasting legacy in Western filmmaking. Costner shared his vision for the road ahead, offering perspective and inspiration for the rising generation of storytellers in Utah.

Southern Utah University proudly hosted the 2025 One Utah Summit, welcoming over 1,500 of the state's top business leaders, policy-makers, nonprofit leaders, and innovators to Cedar City. The annual event, led by Governor Spencer Cox, is recognized as Utah's foremost gathering dedicated to bridging the gap between urban and rural areas to achieve responsible and lasting economic unity.

The Summit was marked by energetic discussions focused on housing accessibility, water innovation, technology entrepreneurship, and strengthening rural economic hubs. SUU's campus provided a dynamic backdrop for the event, showcasing its deep commitment to regional development and partnership with the state

government.

During the opening event of the Summit, Utah First Credit Union announced the establishment of a significant, multi-year Utah First Credit Union Music Scholarship dedicated to supporting talented students within the Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts. This investment aims to ensure that financial barriers do not prevent promising

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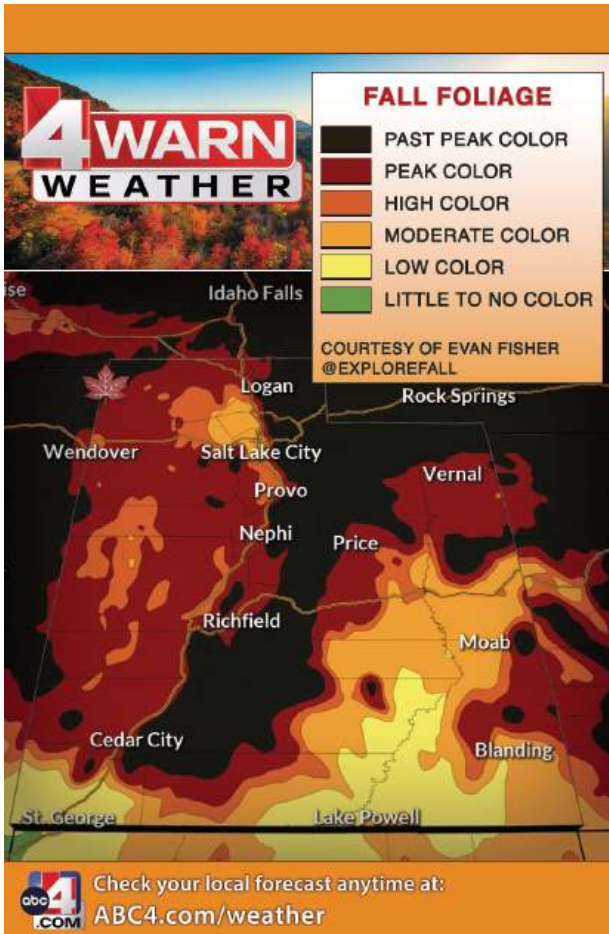
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musicians from pursuing their education and enriching the state's cultural landscape. "This scholarship is a natural extension of that effort and empowers the next generation of Utah talent to dream bigger."

The State Bank Business Challenge is intended to help identify and support high-potential early-stage businesses. With \$50,000 in cash prizes, the competition encourages all eligible entrepreneurs, especially those from rural and Southern Utah, to participate. State Bank of Southern Utah extends its gratitude for the generous support and unwavering enthusiasm that make this partnership invaluable in empowering the community's future business leaders.

The One Utah Summit would like to thank its speakers and attendees, highlight key themes like leadership and innovation, and express gratitude for the collaborative spirit of Utah. "This administration is focused on producing synergy between state and local government. This makes development faster and more efficient. From powerful keynotes to meaningful connections, Summit Day reminded us—this is what leadership looks like."

"Thank you to these extraordinary speakers for sharing their perspectives and helping shape the conversations driving Utah forward." And thank you to all who attended and supported this worthy cause.

# Informant pleads guilty to misdemeanor in case tied to Cedar City gym raid

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Southern Utah man accused of alerting employees at a local gym to a pending drug investigation pleaded guilty this week to a reduced misdemeanor charge. His plea marks the end of a case that followed a widely publicized police raid in January.

Chandler Jacob Cory, 26, entered a guilty plea Oct. 8 in 5th District Court to one count of obstruction of justice, a Class A misdemeanor. He was originally charged with two third-degree felonies for interfering with a peace officer but reached a plea agreement that reduced the charges.

Judge Matthew Bell sentenced Cory to 364 days in jail, all suspended except for 10 days, and placed him on 18 months of supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay a \$353 fine, write a letter of apology to the

Iron-Garfield-Beaver Narcotics Task Force, and submit a DNA sample. Other conditions of probation include maintaining employment, abstaining from drugs and alcohol, and submitting to warrantless searches.

The case stemmed from a January raid at a Cedar City gym, where police shut down the business for several hours while serving a search warrant for drugs and paraphernalia.

The warrant was based in part on claims that a K-9 detected the odor of narcotics — an assertion the gym's owner later disputed in a notice of claim, a formal filing that notifies the city of an intent to sue. No illegal substances were found during the raid.

Cory, who had been working as a confidential informant for the task force in exchange for leniency on a prior DUI charge, was later accused of jeopardizing the investigation by warning the gym owner and employees to "lay low"

ahead of the search. Investigators said his actions may have led to the destruction of evidence.

The gym's owner, who has denied any wrongdoing, later told reporters that police shut down his business for hours and searched patrons. He said officers found nothing illegal and called the investigation a result of "false accusations." He has since filed a lawsuit against the city, alleging the warrant used in the raid was improper.

In accepting the plea deal, prosecutors amended both felony counts to a single misdemeanor. Cory did not appear in person for sentencing, which was handled through a paper review by his attorney, Steven Nielsen, and Iron County Attorney Trajan Evans.

Cory must also complete private probation and may receive partial credit toward his fine for probation fees, according to the court's order.

### IRON COUNTY FORECAST

WE'RE GOING TO MOVE INTO THE WEEKEND WITH PLENTY OF SUNSHINE AND FALL-LIKE TEMPERATURES. HIGHS WILL BE IN THE 60S WITH MORNING LOWS IN THE 30S. OUR NEXT STORM SYSTEM WILL ARRIVE NEXT MONDAY INTO TUESDAY WITH MORE RAIN AND WIND.

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| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Mostly Sunny<br><b>56°/29°</b><br>PRECIP: 10%<br>WINDS: NE 5-15         |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | Mostly Sunny<br><b>61°/30°</b><br>PRECIP: 10%<br>WINDS: N 5-10          |  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | Mostly Sunny<br><b>65°/34°</b><br>PRECIP: 10%<br>WINDS: S 5-10          |  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Mostly Sunny<br><b>69°/36°</b><br>PRECIP: 10%<br>WINDS: S 10-20         |  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | Partly Cloudy/Windy<br><b>63°/41°</b><br>PRECIP: 20%<br>WINDS: S 20-30+ |  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | Scattered Storms<br><b>57°/33°</b><br>PRECIP: 40%<br>WINDS: NE 15-25    |  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | Mostly Sunny<br><b>55°/31°</b><br>PRECIP: 10%<br>WINDS: NE 15-25        |  |



# opinion

## FROM THE EDITOR



**CASSI SCHMUTZ**  
COPY EDITOR

Last weekend, I took my boys to one of our local pumpkin patches, and we had the best time. It was such a simple outing, just picking out pumpkins to decorate our front porch and carve later, but the

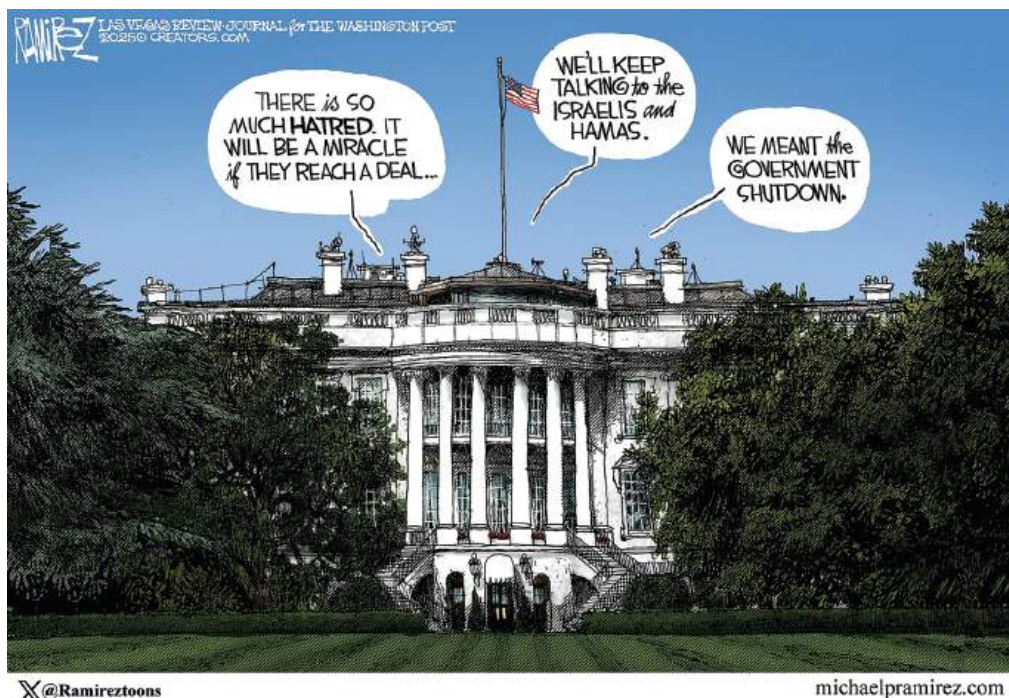
joy on my oldest son's face as he looked over the rows of pumpkins is a memory I'll never forget. My baby, now the happiest little bundle of smiles, was over the moon taking in all the new sights, colors, and sounds.

There are so many wonderful things about this time of year, but as a mom of two little ones, I'm especially reminded of the purity, magic, and wonder the season brings through their eyes. Watching the leaves in the canyon turn brilliant shades of red and gold and hearing them ask why. Seeing the excitement build as we plan Halloween costumes and notice the decorations popping up on homes across the county. Opening the door on a crisp morning and hearing, "It's cold!" for the first time this season.

This is truly a season of rediscovery, of beauty, of gratitude, and of slowing down. The pace of summer has eased, and we find ourselves settling into cozy routines, warm meals, and family traditions that ground us. Whether it's baking something sweet, sipping hot cocoa, or taking a drive through Parowan Gap or up the mountain to spot the changing leaves, these are the moments that remind me how precious time is and how fleeting childhood can be.

As we move into the holiday months, I hope we can all take a moment to pause and see the world a little more like our children do, with wonder, curiosity, and joy for even the simplest things. The world feels softer when viewed through their eyes.

Being able to witness my children discover life's magic, one pumpkin patch, one crisp morning, one question at a time, is a privilege I'll never take for granted.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently Iron County Today published an article - Proposed Redistricting

Standards Bill Now Includes Three Tests. The article explained State Senator Brammer's bill to change various parts of Proposition 4.

Back in 2018 Utah voters passed Proposition 4 which set up an Independent Redistricting Commission. The Utah legislature chose to ignore the will of the voters, and in 2020 passed

a partisan map. Eventually in 2024, the Utah Supreme Court decided that was not allowed under the Utah Constitution.

This is not just about adjusting districts to favor one party over another. This is about the right of Utah voters to vote and to have their vote count.

**Ron Wolter**  
Cedar City

## Trust or Distrust

### PART 8

by **Edy Meredith**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In order for a society or nation to function smoothly and fairly, trust must be a constant feature of life for its citizens. Trust is considered to be foundational, but do we have that in our society today? USAToday and other media have

reported that on October 7 of this year in Ellsworth, Maine, 250 missing blank ballots ended up in an Amazon delivery order announced by Maine's Secretary of State Shenna Bellows where an Amazon customer said that she found bundled, unmarked ballots inside her Amazon order. An investigation is ongoing.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### CONFLAGURATION

[con-fla-gra-tion]

Noun

a large disastrous fire; conflict or war

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### TRUST

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removed or resigned over immoral behavior. Is our leadership corrupt? What is the state of religion, behavior, and theology in the United States today? Do we trust each other? Some of our pastors definitely believe that religiosity pays because of their high salaries earning \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year. Is that what Jesus taught or what he rejected in moral leadership?

What do Americans in 2025 believe about God, the Bible, and salvation: Ligonier Ministries and Lifeway Research partnered in a survey to find out. Many of the survey answers from evangelicals revealed an alarming lack of biblical literacy, as well as a tendency to hold contradictory beliefs without seeming to recognize the incongruity. While the Bible allows everyone to be a theologian, the question remains as to whether a person is a good theologian or a bad one. Do we embrace confused ideas that will lead us astray? The responses of evangelicals in the 2025 State of Theology survey reveal that the true character of God as displayed in Biblical Scripture is either not being taught in many churches or is not understood by individuals. Many evangelicals hold theologically erroneous beliefs about the nature of God and the sinfulness of man—two critically important areas of doctrine that lay the foundation for all other theological beliefs. Specifically, 64% of evangelicals believe that everyone is born innocent in the eyes of God, and 53% affirm that “Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature” while only 31% disagree and hold to teachings of the Bible. The Bible teaches that all are sinners, fallen far from the glory and truth of God. Christian believers display a profound misunderstanding regarding original sin and the implications of Adam’s sin for all mankind (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:18-19;

In Texas, 5 notable Texas pastors have been

Ephesians 2:1-3).

In addition, who is the God of the Bible? More than half of evangelical Christians who participated in the survey over the past eleven years have agreed with the statement “The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being.” The Bible teaches that the original Hebrew word for God was the Achad, the true God revealed in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit” (See John 14:26; 16:13-14; Acts 13:2; Romans 8:26; 1 Corinthians 12:11; Ephesians 4:30). Regarding Biblical theology, the study of God, 47% or nearly half of evangelical Christians affirm that “God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam”, despite the fact that evangelical belief has always affirmed that “The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe”, now many evangelicals embrace unbiblical beliefs regarding the worship that God accepts. The Bible consistently teaches that true worship must be directed to the one true God as He has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ and that false worship is unacceptable to Him (John 4:24; 1 John 2:23). God in this age of information especially does not accept easy belief and worldly actions. The Bible is given to humanity as a verifiable history of God’s dealings with humanity through the Jewish nation, as God promised Abraham eons ago, that the nations of the Earth would be blessed through Abraham’s progeny. In fact, we need to study the Bible daily, and today in our Information Age, show ourselves approved by God, rightly dividing His word of truth. Look to the Land of Israel today, where every day archeologists are digging for evidence for the historical basis of the Bible. I recommend the following book for more such information: “Noah’s Flood Revisited” by scientist Hugh Ross, which through ancient events reveal timeless truths about God’s patience, provision, and plan that redeems our broken world, confirming and illuminating the truthworthiness of the Bible.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion.” -Henry David Thoreau*

## WOODEN SHEEP TAKE OVER CEDAR CITY, UTAH

by May Hunter

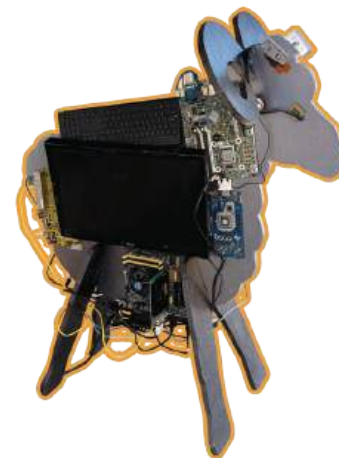
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Wooden sheep are displayed throughout

Cedar City, Utah in October. They are part of the annual Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival. Local businesses and individuals decorate these wooden sheep, which are then out on display as a community art project to celebrate the area’s agricultural heritage. You can see many of these unique, decorated sheep around town and, for those interested, they are sometimes available for purchase.

You can get wooden sheep in Cedar City from the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival Organization, which sells them as part of an annual fundraiser.

Cedar Livestock Market 2290 W. Highway 56-[www.cedarlivestockmarket.com](http://www.cedarlivestockmarket.com) The sheep festivities each year provide a unique glimpse into the Old West and its Livestock Heritage, bringing the community together to celebrate the agricultural roots of Southern Utah. The Sheep Parade is a highlight every year and takes place Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 10 am down Cedar City Main Street.



**“Sheep follow the crowd-the crowd follows a leader- BE THE LEADER.”** Steven Aitchison





IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff  
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The first major item involved general plan amendments and zone changes for property at 1157 South Main Street, presented by a representative from AWA Engineering. The proposal sought to rezone from Highway Regional Commercial to Central Commercial (CC), along with converting R2 zoning to CC. It was explained the changes would make the property more marketable while maintaining compatibility with surrounding areas. Commissioner concerns focused on pedestrian access and traffic flow, particularly regarding residents' ability to reach the Cedar Knolls stoplight. Citizens had previously expressed concerns about navigating the busy area. Despite physical challenges due to the terrain, the applicant committed to exploring connectivity options. Staff indicated that traffic signal requirements and approach lane configurations created additional constraints. The commission unanimously approved positive recommendations for both the general plan amendment and zone change.

The commission next reviewed a request to terminate a development agreement for 1221 South Main Street. The termination, tied to a pending property sale, was needed to allow a future project. City staff noted the original agreement had only benefited the developer.

Concerns about pedestrian access and delivery routes will be addressed in a new agreement. The commission approved the termination pending the sale's completion.

Next Items related to the Cedar 106 development (formerly Plum Creek), were tabled due to improper notice. The proposed changes would rotate zoning layouts to match new roads without altering acreage or unit counts. The developer highlighted a financial contribution to constructing 800 North and noted that the old layout risked traffic congestion. Commissioners discussed connectivity standards and the importance of connected street networks. The items will return on October 21.

The commission reviewed the required water use preservation element for the general plan update, addressing water demand, conservation, and waste reduction. Commissioners recommended targeting large water users, promoting education, and recognizing water-wise landscaping. Staff noted Cedar City already performs well in conservation through ordinances and incentives. Discussion emphasized public education on secondary water use and proper irrigation.

The commission's longest discussion focused on a housing concept called "mansion apartments." Inspired by ideas from the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the proposal envisions homes that look single-family but contain up to four two-bedroom units. The goal is to increase density while preserving neighborhood character and reducing the need for large apartment complexes.

Concerns included lot size, parking, setbacks, and design standards, especially near the university. Commissioners emphasized the idea as a limited but valuable tool that could help meet state housing requirements. The commission requested further research, including design examples and lot analyses, before drafting an ordinance.

The meeting ended with discussion on updating outdated commercial use tables. Commissioners cited inconsistencies—such as banning restaurants in industrial zones—and were asked to submit written feedback for staff to compile for future review.

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary - October 8, 2025

by Iron County Today Staff  
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation

Mayor Green declared October 15th as White Cane Awareness Day, recognizing the white cane as a symbol of independence for blind citizens. Representatives from the Red Rocks chapter of the National Federation of the Blind shared personal stories, including Don Anderson's inventive methods for working independently. The group invited residents to join their awareness walk on October 15th at 10 a.m., starting at the

city offices.

Community Announcements

Council members highlighted recent events, including National Bike and Walk to School Day—celebrated at local schools—and announced the upcoming Chamber Pumpkin Festival on October 11th at the Diamond Z Arena.

Water Issues in Old Sorrel Ranch

The commission's longest discussion centered on high water bills and pressure issues reported by Old Sorrel Ranch residents. Some households saw bills more than double, with additional complaints of air in the lines.

City staff explained that new Neptune ultrasonic meters accurately record usage and don't misread air as water. Data showed consistent pressure levels at the city's PRV station, suggesting any pressure problems were within individual home systems. Findings also indicated heavy watering schedules, longer billing cycles pushing users into higher tiers, and possible household leaks.

The city plans to convert all meters to the Neptune system by early 2026, allowing residents real-time water use tracking and consistent 30-day billing cycles

Councilman Resignation

Councilman Tyler Melling announced his resignation effective October 16, 2025, after relocating outside city limits for health-related housing needs. In his letter, he thanked the city for six years of service and noted his efforts on housing policy and "relegalizing starter homes."

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.



## IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

The council will post the vacancy Monday, accept applications until November 5 at 5 p.m., and hold applicant interviews that day. A vote to appoint his replacement is scheduled for November 12, after election results are finalized.

### Other Business

The council reviewed several items, including:

- A design contract for SUU's golf complex, with the city serving as financial agent.
- A public utility easement vacation near 1600 South and Hidden Canyon Road to allow construction of a new chapel.
- A \$1,200 power line easement for Rocky Mountain Power to serve private property up the canyon.
- A resolution to rescind a development agreement for property on South Main Street, pending a property sale.

### Police Officer Wage Approval

Police Chief Darren Adams requested approval to hire a lateral officer at a higher wage than the base rate, citing seven and a half years of combined patrol and corrections experience. While concerns were raised about pay equity, city staff noted the approach aligned with existing policy and remained more cost-effective than training a new recruit. The hire was approved for the consent agenda, effective the officer's start date.

### Water Well Exploration

The council discussed ongoing efforts to secure new water sources, including testing a nearby farmer-owned well and drilling projects at Martin's Flat and Rush Lake. They reviewed state chlorination requirements for existing springs. The discussion was tabled pending test results before the council entered closed session.

## southern utah university

# Southern Utah University Reports Strong Enrollment Trends

by Brooke Heath

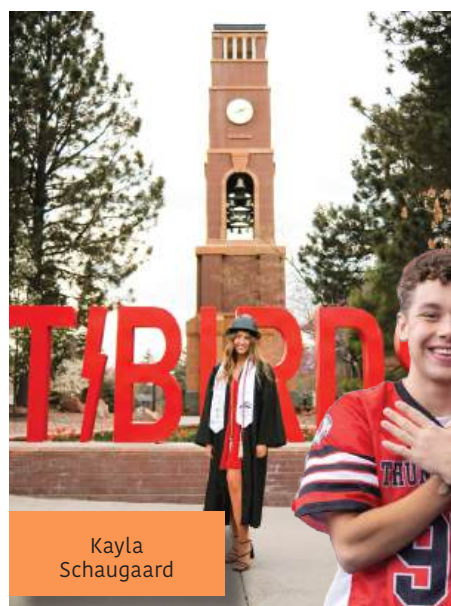
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

CEDAR CITY, UT - Oct. 13, 2025

- Southern Utah University (SUU) continues to meet significant milestones as the University's student population is at 15,825 - a healthy 2.47% increase from last fall. This achievement is reflected in the latest third-week enrollment data released by the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE).

Contributing to this growth is the University's robust online program, which now serves over 3,691 fully online students, marking a new high for the institution in digital learning. Additionally, the University saw growth among incoming and transfer students, with an increase of 4.5%.

"These strong enrollment numbers demonstrate that SUU is effectively meeting the evolving educational needs of our state," says SUU President Mindy Benson. "We aren't just counting heads; we're demonstrating our ability to deliver flexible, high-quality pathways that make college accessible to every Utahn, from high school students to working professionals, ensuring we continue to grow the talent pool that powers our future economy."



Kayla Schaugaard

The noted metrics are translating into real-world success for SUU graduates. Employment rates for recent graduates are trending upward year-over-year (YOY). This is especially true for the University's advanced degrees, as 97.1 percent of recent graduates from SUU masters programs are employed.

Kayla Schaugaard is among recent SUU graduates who have been able to secure employment quickly after she received her bachelor's degree in both construction management and engineering technology this last April. She currently works full-time as a project engineer for Layton Construction on the Iron County Jail project in Cedar City - where she started as an intern.

"SUU truly helped prepare me for this career," explains Schaugaard. "The Construction Management program gave me valuable hands-on experience on job sites and connected me with internships early on. Those opportunities not only helped me realize that construction management was the right path for me, but also gave me the confidence and preparation I

needed to succeed."

Other highlights from SUU's enrollment data include:

- 27.4% of students are first-generation (the first in their family to pursue a college degree).
- SUU's student body represents all 29 counties in Utah, all 50 U.S. states, and 87 countries.
- The average undergraduate class size remains small with an average of 19.8 students in each class, ensuring a high level of personal attention.

"These numbers aren't just statistics; they're proof of the deliberate and personalized experience SUU works to deliver every day," says Brandon Wright, Associate Vice President for enrollment. "Our commitment is simple: we ensure that as SUU grows, the quality of mentorship, the access to resources, and the small-class feel remain the

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SUU Bell Tower



## southern utah university

### ENROLLMENT TRENDS

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SUU President Mindy Benson poses with students



SUU Thunder U Event

priority.”

Southern Utah University is a caring campus community where students realize their potential through personalized mentorship from people dedicated to helping them soar. Offering a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, SUU provides hands-on, career-focused learning to prepare students for the future. Located in the world's best backyard, SUU's safe and vibrant campus offers a welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels supported and inspired by both the natural beauty and a strong sense of community. Whether on campus or online, SUU provides an education that is competitively priced and highly valued, giving students the skills and confidence to thrive in any professional setting. This is where students soar.

## SUU's Utah Center for Rural Health Welcomes Dr. Tyler Watson as New Executive Director

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

**CEDAR CITY, Utah** — The Utah Center for Rural Health (UCRH) is pleased to announce that Dr. Tyler Watson will succeed longtime Executive Director Rita Osborn, who is retiring after decades of dedicated service advancing healthcare access and workforce development in rural Utah.

Dr. Watson brings more than 28 years of experience in healthcare leadership, public health, and education. He most recently served as a professor and Public Health Program Director at Brigham Young University–Idaho. He is also a Lieutenant Colonel with the Idaho Air National Guard's 124th Medical Group and co-founder and CFO of the Rexburg Free Clinic. His career has spanned roles in epidemiology, health promotion, compliance, training, infection control, and occupational safety and health, all with a strong focus on underserved populations.

“The Utah Center for Rural Health was the birthplace of my professional career. I worked as an intern for the Community Clinic in Enterprise, UT, where I wrote my first grant 3 decades ago. I hope I can contribute and build upon the tremendous legacy that Rita has created,” said Watson. “Rural Utah is home to resilient, resourceful communities, and I am committed to advancing programs that strengthen healthcare access, workforce pipelines, and the health of the people we serve.”

Dr. Watson holds a Doctor of Arts in

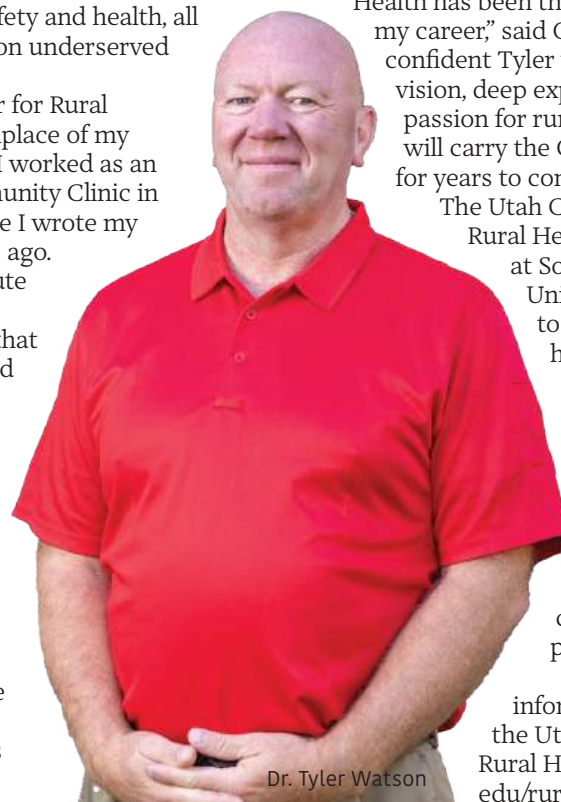
Political Science with an emphasis in Public Administration and International Relations as well as a Master of Public Health from Idaho State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education from the University of Utah. His experience in both civilian and military healthcare leadership, along with his commitment to mentoring the next generation of health professionals, positions him to continue UCRH's mission of improving access to quality healthcare in rural communities.

Rita Osborn has led UCRH since its inception, growing it into a statewide leader in healthcare workforce development and rural health advocacy. Her tenure saw the launch of numerous pipeline programs, student training opportunities, and rural health initiatives that have impacted thousands of Utah residents.

“Leading the Utah Center for Rural Health has been the privilege of my career,” said Osborn. “I am confident Tyler will bring fresh vision, deep expertise, and a passion for rural health that will carry the Center forward for years to come.”

The Utah Center for Rural Health, based at Southern Utah University, works to improve healthcare access and quality for Utah's rural residents through education, training, workforce recruitment, and community partnerships.

For more information about the Utah Center for Rural Health, visit [suu.edu/ruralhealth](http://suu.edu/ruralhealth).



Dr. Tyler Watson

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## public & health

# Alzheimer's Association Utah Chapter, Area Agency on Aging Five County, Memory Matters Utah, The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Four Points Health, Molina Healthcare Utah and Family Healthcare TO HOST the 3rd Annual

## "Alzheimer's Community Health Conversation"

*Town hall-style meeting to mobilize local community members in the fight against Alzheimer's disease*

from Tracy HeavyRunner

UTAH CHAPTER

**Cedar City, October 6, 2025**—Iron County and Washington County residents are invited to take part in a Community Forum regarding dementia and the impacts on the community. The forum provides an opportunity for residents of all ages to come together to ask questions about the disease, share their personal experiences, brainstorm solutions to improve access, learn about available resources and discover volunteer opportunities to support families affected by the disease.

**"We understand and recognize the importance of Alzheimer's disease care, and support caregivers, programs and services in our Five County area"**

said Sheri Reber, Home and Community Based Program Director for Area Agency on Aging-Five County Association of Governments. "

**"Community Forums have been hosted by the Alzheimer's Association in communities across the country, where families are invited to come together with Association staff, community professional and volunteers to mobilize our community in the fight against Alzheimer's disease and other dementias"**

- Tracy HeavyRunner  
Program Manager Utah Chapter Alzheimer's Association

The hosting agencies believe no individual or family should navigate the challenges of dementia and related diseases alone. The community forum is hosted by multiple community agencies, bringing together families affected by the disease with dedicated staff and volunteers to open conversation in an effort to increase and improve resources, programs and services to support families in their County.

Working together with Iron County and

Washington County, volunteers can ensure families have the resources needed to face the many challenges associated with the disease. Community volunteers are essential in helping serve the needs of families affected by the disease, in driving awareness and in mobilizing the Iron and Washington County community in the fight against Dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

There are two meetings and details are below:

### Iron County:

Where: Cedar City Public Library  
303 N, 100 E. West room  
Cedar City 84721  
When: Oct 23, 2025  
Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00PM

### Washington County:

Where: Family Healthcare Riverside Clinic  
2276 E Riverside Dr  
St. George UT 84790  
When: Oct 29, 2025  
Time : 1:00 PM to 3:00

Register: [heavyrunner@alz.org](mailto:heavyrunner@alz.org) 385-831-7123

There are more than 6.9 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease in the United States. In Utah alone, there are 38,300 people in Utah living with Alzheimer's disease/

For more information on Community Forums, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call 800.272.3900.

### About Alzheimer's Association®

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# Judge orders jail for Cedar City man who admitted unlawful sex with teen

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man was sentenced Thursday to one year in jail after admitting to unlawful sexual conduct with a teenage girl.

Justin Blake Driffill, 27, pleaded guilty in July to unlawful sexual conduct with a 16- or 17-year-old, a third-degree felony. During Thursday's hearing, Fifth District Judge Matthew Bell imposed a one-year jail sentence — a tougher punishment than the 120 days recommended by Adult Probation and Parole — and ordered Driffill to begin serving the term immediately.

Bell said Driffill's actions were intentional and damaging, describing the offense as "a crime of invitation and anticipation, not a momentary lapse of judgment." He also criticized Driffill for blaming alcohol and showing little remorse, noting, "It does seem that your remorse is driven primarily by being found out."

Deputy County Attorney Shane Klenk argued for the full year,

saying evidence and statements revealed a pattern of conduct rather than a single lapse in judgment.

Driffill's defense attorney, Treyson Park, asked the court to follow the lower recommendation, citing Driffill's cooperation, lack of prior criminal history, and letters of support. When given a chance to speak, Driffill declined, saying only, "My attorney's covered it all."

Before sentencing, Kimberlee Dutton addressed the court, describing the pain her family continues to endure.

"You took advantage of a young girl who trusted you," Dutton said. "Because of what you did, my daughter's life spiraled, and we've all been living with the pain ever since. You may never understand how much damage you caused, but we live it every day."

Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson followed by reading a written statement from the victim's father, Wayne Dutton, who was unable to attend. In it, Dutton said the family had trusted Driffill, who had

known their daughter since she was a child.

"He used that trust to get close to her and cross lines no grown man should ever cross with a teenager," he said, speaking on behalf of the father.

Driffill was placed on 48 months of supervised probation following his jail term and ordered to pay \$265.38 in restitution and a \$53 court security fee. He must also complete counseling, abstain from alcohol, and comply with sex-offender probation conditions.

Driffill was charged in October 2024 after 17-year-old Kaylee Dutton disclosed the sexual relationship. Charging documents say Driffill had hired her to work for him and that the two had known each other since she was a child.

In a separate incident, Kaylee was shot and killed in January near the Three Peaks area after two men allegedly chased her from a Cedar City townhome complex. Prosecutors have said there is no evidence linking Driffill to the shooting.



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ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

An unidentified group performs during the 49th Annual Shakespeare Competition.



Three adjudicators work with theatre students while another group prepares to perform in the Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre at the 49th Annual Shakespeare Competition.

## Results of the 2025 Shakespeare Competition

from Utah Shakespeare Festival

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

This past weekend the Utah Shakespeare Festival and Southern Utah University hosted the 49th annual Shakespeare Competition where dozens of awards and scholarships were given to drama, dance, and music students.

The competition is the largest scholastic Shakespeare competition in North America, and this year, over 3,000 students from 102 schools

attended from Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California, Colorado, and Wisconsin. More than 300 coaches and teachers helped prepare these students for the competition.

From October 2 to 4, students competed before numerous adjudicators on the Festival's stages and on SUU's campus. More than 80 judges consisting of arts professionals with strong literary and performance backgrounds, including company members from the 2025 season at the Festival, provided feedback to participants.

The competition recognizes and educates students between second and twelfth grade in four areas: acting, dance/choreography, music, and technical theatre. At the conclusion of the competition, selected students received trophies, plaques, and scholarships to study with professionals at Southern Utah University and the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

The competition is divided into six divisions: Buckingham (large schools), Oxford (medium schools), Cambridge (medium small schools), Westminster (small schools), Stratford (junior high and middle schools) and Essex (schools or groups which are not members of state high school associations).

Education Director Stewart Shelley is thrilled with how this year's competition went. "This weekend has

been truly inspiring, seeing so many young people deeply engaged with Shakespeare and theatre. It's an honor to witness the exceptional work showcased throughout the competition and to watch students thrive, surrounded by peers who share their passion and dedication."

### ACTING COMPETITION

For the acting portion of the competition, students compete in monologues, duo/trio scenes, and ensembles.

Monologue competitors present a two- to four-minute monologue from a Shakespeare play or sonnet for the judges. In the duo/trio scenes competition, two or three actors present a three- to five-minute scene from a Shakespeare play or sonnet. In the ensemble competition, a group of students from a school present a six- to ten-minute Shakespearean scene.

In addition, first, second, and third place overall sweepstake prizes were awarded to the school in each division with the most total points from all categories.

Also, several scholarships are

An unidentified student actor prepares for performances at the 49th Annual Shakespeare Competition hosted by the Utah Shakespeare Festival.



Shakespeare  
COMPETITION  
2025 SEASON RESULTS



Unidentified participants at the 49th Annual Shakespeare Competition.

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From October 2 to 4, students competed before

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# How We Feel

Guest Column by Russell Wrangle

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**T**rying something new can feel intimidating. That's why at Shape Theory Ceramics we focus on creating experiences that make people feel welcomed, and seen. That philosophy reminds me of a trip to Canterbury, England, to pick up our daughter after her semester abroad. I wanted to treat her, and her sister, to a few fine and interesting restaurants. I've always loved the dining experience: not just the food, but the atmosphere, the performance, the way a meal can become an event.

We didn't "do fancy" when I was growing up. My parents weren't comfortable around wealth or polished spaces, and in Palm Springs, one of the wealthiest communities in the country, there were plenty of both to avoid. When I became a dad, I wanted something different for my kids. I

recommendations.

One of our first stops was the Sky Garden, perched atop one of London's tallest buildings, "offering sweeping views of the Shard and Tower Bridge." We dressed up for the occasion, it was beautiful, and a little intimidating. The intimidation factor seemed intentional, oh so fancy. What it lacked was a sense of human connection. It was impressive, yes, but in a way that felt distant, all surface, little warmth, opulence and style without human connection.

That might have been our peak dining experience, if we hadn't also dined at a small, family-run Italian spot: Enoteca Turi on King's Road. The dining room was modest, maybe 20 tables, dressed in white linen. The host greeted us warmly, and before long we met the

wanted them to feel like they belonged anywhere. So before we arrived in London, I asked for

owners, an elderly Italian couple who instantly made us feel at home. Seated at our table midway down the room, I opened the menu and froze. The prices looked far beyond what we had planned to spend. For a moment, I thought we might need to make a quick, embarrassing exit. But when our server arrived, she explained, in her broken English, (she was from a small coastal town in Italy) that what we thought were mandatory wine pairings were simply suggestions. She said it kindly, without a trace of judgment, and we relaxed.

Later, as we shared an appetizer, someone, probably me, dripped red sauce onto the crisp white tablecloth. The spot was glaring. Already feeling out of place, we laughed nervously, unsure of what to do. Sensing the moment as she walked by, our server quietly set the small dish of olive oil and balsamic vinegar, over the stain, her smile teasing, warm and reassuring.

I don't know what story she told herself about us. Maybe she understood that new spaces can feel

intimidating. Or maybe she simply trusted her instincts. Whatever it was, her gesture carried grace and understanding. From that moment, we felt at home, safe, welcomed, and seen.

That was five years ago, and the only thing that lingers is that intimate act of kindness.

By contrast, I also remember the Sky Garden: elegant, polished, curated to perfection. Yet the human connection was missing. The servers had all the right moves, but weren't interested. Both places remind me that what we remember is how we feel.

Maya Angelou said it best... "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

This feeling is what we aspire to create at Shape Theory Ceramics. As adults, we resist trying something new, because we don't want to look foolish. But at Shape Theory, we flip that script. We laugh at the spills and missteps. We celebrate the failures as much as the wins. And most of all, we make sure people feel what matters most: safe, welcomed, and seen.



## SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

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presented in the acting competition.

The first place winners in the duo/trio scene and monologue categories are awarded scholarships to either Southern Utah University or the Utah Shakespeare Festival summer classes, depending on the grade of the student.

Ray Jones Award: Given to seniors, this award is a \$1,000 scholarship to Southern Utah University.

Barbara Barrett Award: Given to juniors and under, this award is a \$500 scholarship to the Festival's summer acting intensive Actor Training Camp

or Junior Actor Training Camp.  
Larry Lott  
Acting Award: In conjunction with

the ensemble competition, judges annually recognize the best actor in an ensemble scene in each division. The recipient of this award received a trophy for his or her accomplishments and, if a senior, a \$1,000 scholarship to SUU.

For more information on the participants and winners of the 2025 Shakespeare Competition visit <https://www.bard.org/news/results-of-the-2025-shakespeare-competition/>.



An unidentified group warms up in preparation to perform at the 49th Annual Shakespeare Competition on the Southern Utah University campus.





## Dixie National Forest at its Best:

# A guide to enjoying Autumn on Cedar Mountain

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**A**utumn colors at the higher elevations are probably waning by the time you read this, but, if you haven't been up there already to enjoy all that color, there is at least a week or so left to take one of several drives to our local mountains to see the stunning colors that never cease to amaze. Just up the canyon from Cedar City, on most days, you can take a drive and be sure to see red rocks, green trees and a blue sky. This is the time of year when you get a bonus from Mother Nature and you can enjoy your mountain surroundings in a whole new dazzling light. Below are some suggested routes if you can find the time.

**The elevation of the trees is key to when the colors are peaking.** At the very top, they are probably at their best in late September, and the colors move down the mountain as the season progresses. You will still see colors at lower elevations well into October. There are a number of ways to check the status and location of the colors. Try [visitcedarcity.com](http://visitcedarcity.com) and click on the Fall Colors link for the progress of the colors in our local mountains, look at live traffic cams in the specific areas on the UDOT app, or call one of the stores in Duck Creek Village. You can even just look across the Walmart parking

lot toward the "C" on the hill and get a pretty good idea.

If you do plan a trip beginning from Cedar City on Highway 14, you will start to ascend the mountain and pass by at least a dozen different spots that are overflowing with yellow, orange and red shimmering leaves, but unfortunately, at mile one, you will pass a hideous looking quarry that our local authorities seem to think is appropriate along a National Scenic Byway. After the quarry, you will encounter many cottonwood trees along Coal Creek, also showing off their beautiful display of colors to enjoy. For best color viewing, you will have a 2 to 3-week window that begins near the end of September and peaks and then disappears in mid-October. It's interesting to note that each aspen grove, or sometimes an entire forest all originate from the same root system, that can spread for many dozens of acres. Each tree has identical DNA so it is all one giant organism.

Some other good locations along Highway 14 are Webster Flat at the sand cut near milepost 16, where you drive through some very mature groves of aspen. Mileposts 17 through 21 cover several miles of meadows surrounded by trees of varying colors. At mile 25 take the turn-off for Navajo Lake, and continue on this road for about 6 miles to the end of the lake where there is a campground set amidst a dense mature

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*Welcome to the 20th Annual*

# **CEDAR LIVESTOCK & HERITAGE FESTIVAL!**

## **SHEEP PARADE**

Saturday, Oct. 25th at 10 AM on Main Street

### **Howdy Folks,**

This year the Festival will be held the weekend of October 24-26th. As we gather this year to celebrate two decades of tradition, community spirit, and agricultural excellence, we are filled with pride and gratitude. What began as a small local event has grown into a beloved annual tradition—one that honors our heritage, showcases the hard work of our farmers and ranchers, and brings families together from near and far. This year marks a significant milestone: 20 years of livestock, laughter, and lasting memories.

We're thrilled to have you as part of our celebration. We've planned a full lineup of events including, live entertainment, delicious food, an amazing Parade down Cedar's Main Street, antique tractor and horse pulls, a Ranch Rodeo and plenty more family events and fun. We also take time to recognize the generations of agricultural families whose dedication continues to shape our rural community. To all our volunteers, sponsors, and attendees—THANK YOU!! Your support has been the backbone of this festival's success over the past 20 years. We look forward to honoring the past, celebrating

the present, and looking ahead to a bright future.

Visit our website at [www.cedarlivestock-fest.com](http://www.cedarlivestock-fest.com) for a full schedule of this years events. On behalf of the entire festival committee, welcome and enjoy the 20th Annual Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Donna Christensen*

*Chair, Cedar Livestock and Heritage  
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## ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL

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# History of Livestock in Iron County

By Chad Reid, Janet Seegmiller and Dr. Jim Bowns

**M**ormon pioneers entered what is now Utah in 1847 and colonization soon spread throughout the area. Cedar City was settled in 1851 and livestock production, a significant part of the agrarian society, was the main source of income from meat, milk, butter, cheese, hides, and wool. By the late 1860's, the local residents took up homesteads in the nearby mountains and the first agriculture activity was dairying. Women and children moved to the mountains for the summer and set up dairies while the men and older boys remained in the valley to farm. Thus, dairy cows were the first livestock to utilize these mountain ranges.

as many ewe lambs as they could and selling only the 2- or 3-year-old wethers that were driven on foot or horseback to market in Chicago or Kansas City. Livestock men soon realized that sheep were ideally suited to southern Utah ranges, especially the mountain summer ranges where Larkspur (*Delphinium barbeyi*) was common. This plant is highly toxic to cattle but is well tolerated by sheep and is considered valuable forage for them.

Even today despite the declining numbers of sheep in the West, sheep are still the dominant livestock species on Cedar Mountain. In the first decade



Milk was used mainly for making butter and cheese which was taken to town each week or two and sold or traded for needed items. The McConnell family was one of the first to have a mountain dairy in 1869 and a granddaughter described the "top of the mountain as a sylvan paradise and everywhere grass and wild barley, waist high, browse and vivid wild flowers carpeted the meadows and hillsides. Compared to the arid valley below, such untouched beauty and bounteous feed were overwhelming."

In approximately 1890, some prominent Cedar City cattlemen went into the sheep business by purchasing a herd of sheep from Colorado. These early sheep men built up their herds by keeping

of the 21st century, Iron County had some 160 farms involved with cattle and sheep. In 2002, the number of cattle and calves was 25,683, with sales of cattle in the year of 14,467. The number of sheep was 34,908. Neither the acreage devoted to livestock, nor the number of animals tells as much about the county's dedication to its livestock industry as does the seasonal movement of cattle and sheep to and from the summer ranges on the mountains and the winter ranges in the valleys. The pattern of livestock and ranching continues, with families relishing the traditions being passed on to the fifth and sometimes sixth generation. This makes the celebration of our livestock heritage a natural festival for the community!

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# Dean & Kathy Lamoreaux

Dean Lamoreaux grew up in Cedar City, Utah and found his love for sheep helping his Grandpa Perry with his small herd and started showing lambs at the Southwest Livestock show when he was nine years old.

In 1976, Dean married Kathy Jenson and got put to work on David Jenson's large-scale sheep range operation. Kathy grew up in the livestock industry. Her Father ran sheep in Iron, Washington, Beaver and Sanpete Counties from 1960 until 2010.

In 1990, Dean and Kathy purchased their farm and herd of sheep from her Dad and lambed 2,600 ewes and summered the sheep on Cedar and Kanarra Mountains with the help of Dean's dad, their children, Kelee, Dirk and Janelle; and many sheep herders. Dean spent many years improving the herd and always loved going to the Utah and National Ram Sales. The operation continues today with their son Dirk taking over the responsibilities of their farm and the sheep. Kelee, Janelle, and their husbands are always willing to help out when needed.

Dean has volunteered at the Southwest Livestock Show for 50 years. Last year was the first year he missed because of health issues. Kathy continues to volunteer at the stock-show.

Dean has been on the Cedar Livestock Association Board for more than 40 years, and active in the Utah Woolgrowers Association for many years. Dean has loved the sheep industry and enjoyed his association and friendships with sheep producers from Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

In 2024 Dean was recognized as Utah Sheepman of the Year at the Tri-State Woolgrowers convention in Boise, Idaho. The Lamoreaux family now has a 1,000 ewes and Dirk takes care of them and also puts up all of the hay on the Lamoreaux farm.



DEAN & KATHY LAMOREAUX





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# Dutch Oven Contest

**SAT OCT 25, 12:30PM**

## WHERE:

South East Corner of the Diamond Z Arena.

## WHY:

Dutch Oven cooking is a time honored tradition. Southern Utah was settled by pioneers cooking from a cast iron pot. Dutch Oven cooking remains a coveted skill and enjoyable pastime.

## CONTEST CONTACT:

Alisha Hawk at 805-504-6657 or alhawk2209@gmail.com.

We will have five areas of competitions

- Best Side
- Best Main
- Best Dessert
- Best Overall Team

...all voted for by our community.

Our competition will even help you get started. We will provide the charcoal to cook on, \$350 worth of food expense, tables to decorate and display your food and the serving items for the tasting part of the comp.

## TASTING:

Cost for the tasting is just \$5.00, which includes samples of hearty main dishes, succulent side dishes, savory breads and delectable desserts. Also, you'll learn more about Dutch Oven cooking, including the history, clean and care instructions and pick up a few more recipes. Buy your tickets that day at the Utah Wool Growers Education Trailer near the Sheep Camps. Tasting begins at 12:30 pm and goes until the food is all gone!

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## Schedule of Events

# CEDAR LIVESTOCK FEST

Unless noted otherwise, all events are free and take place at the Cross Hollows Events Center (Iron Rangers Outdoor Arena and Diamond Z Indoor Arena) located at 11 North Cross Hollows Drive.

### THURSDAY OCT 23RD

#### HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILING 6:00 PM TO 6:15 PM

The Cedar City Council will be unveiling two historical markers to commemorate our livestock heritage. Start at Bulloch Drug 91 N Main St, Cedar City, UT 84720, end at Vittles Cafe 155 N Main St, Cedar City.

### FRIDAY OCT 24TH

#### CEDAR CHEST QUILTERS QUILT SHOW 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

The Cedar Chest Quilters Guild will display their pieced textile art, beautiful machine made and handmade quilts. Limited quantity available for purchase. In the Heritage Center Lobby, 105 N. 100 E. Cedar City, UT 84720..



#### ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL 12 TO 3 PM

The antique tractor pull is an action packed event featuring tractors built before 1960. Come see how much weight these antique powerhouses can drag! Iron Rangers Arena

#### COWBOY POETRY & MUSIC 1:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Listen to authentic cowboy music and poetry written about western life. Located at the Southwest Area of the Diamond Z Arena.

#### LIVESTOCK FESTIVAL 1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Help up celebrate and honor Cedar City's rich agricultural heritage. Visit western vendors, agricultural displays, and more! Located at the Cross Hollows Events Center

#### ART & PHOTO DISPLAY 3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

View a display of western artwork and photography submitted to our contest. Inside Diamond Z Arena, Specific Area TBD

#### STOCK DOG DEMONSTRATION 4:30 PM TO 5:30 PM

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#### JUNIOR RANCH RODEO 4:30 PM TO FINISH

Kids can compete in ranch skills including team roping, wild goat milking, and branding. Located South West Corner of the Iron Rangers Arena

#### DRAFT HORSE TEAMSTER DEMO 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Come get up close and personal with these tremendous animals and see teamsters show off their driving skills. Held at the Iron Rangers Arena at Cross Hollows.

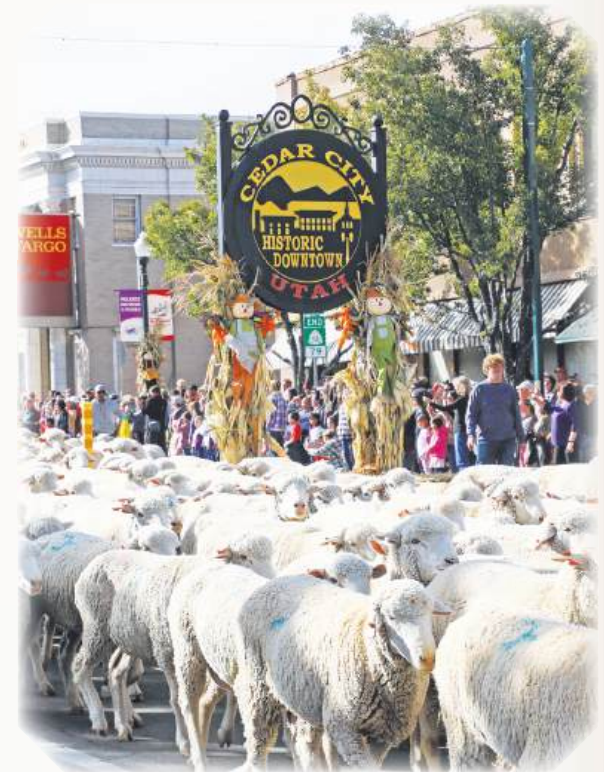


### SATURDAY OCT 25TH

#### SHEEP PARADE 10:00 AM

The sheep parade is the highlight event of the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival and is one of the most unique parades in the country. Approximately 1,000 sheep will be herded down

Cedar City's Main Street. There will be historic sheep wagons, antique tractors, vintage cars, and so much more. Parade route is from 200 South to 400 North. For your safety, please leave dogs at home, stay to the sides of the street and do not get in front of the sheep.



#### QUILT SHOW 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

The Cedar Chest Quilters Guild will display their pieced textile art and beautiful machine made and handmade quilts at the Heritage Center Lobby located at 105 N. 100 East..

#### LIVESTOCK FESTIVAL 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Help up celebrate and honor Cedar City's rich agricultural heritage. Visit western vendors, listen to cowboy poetry, agricultural displays, and more! Held at the Cross Hollows Events Center.

#### ART & PHOTO DISPLAY 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

View a display of western artwork and photography submitted to our contest. Inside Diamond Z Arena, Specific Area TBD



# OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

Updates are made to this schedule as they occur, please check back. <https://cedarlivestockfest.com/schedule/>

## Schedule of Events

### ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL & MACHINERY SHOW

**11:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

Take a step back in time and take a look at the tractors and machinery used to build farmer's lives. Located in the parking lot of the Cross Hollows Event Center.

### DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF TASTING

**12:45 PM**

Taste the food of the west as dutch oven chefs work to win our Dutch Oven Cook Off. Tickets go quick, so don't wait! Purchase tickets 11:15 am to 12:30 pm or until sold out; Tasting takes place at 12:45 pm. South East corner of the Diamond Z Arena.



### KID'S PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

**12:00 PM**

Ages 10 and younger compete with miniature pulling sleds similar to the ones used in the Antique Tractor Pull. Register from 11:30-12 Near the North East Corner of the Iron Rangers Arena **\*Please note there is a 75lb weight limit for the pedal tractors.**



### VINTAGE AUTO DISPLAY

**12:00 TO 5:00 PM**

Stock automobiles built before 1950 will be on display, featuring the fully restored autos of the Cedar Breaks Model A Club. Located at the West Side Parking Lot of Diamond Z Arena



### DENNIS STOWELL MEMORIAL RANCH RODEO

**12:00 PM**

Teams compete in authentic ranch skills including branding, sort and rope team doctoring, trailer loading and sorting, and more. Located at the South West Corner of the Iron Rangers Arena

### SHEEP SHEARING DEMOS

**12:00 PM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM & 3:00 PM**

Get an up close look at how sheep shearing is done. Diamond Z Arena, Specific area TBD



### ANTIQUE TRACTOR & DRAFT HORSE PULL

**1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

The antique tractor pull is an action packed event featuring tractors built before 1960. Held in conjunction with the Tractor Pull will be a Draft Horse Pull featuring 12 teams including the World Champion Horse Pull Team. Located at the Iron Rangers Arena

### COWBOY POETS & MUSICIANS

**1:30 PM TO 5:00 PM**

Listen to authentic cowboy music and poetry written about western life. Located at the South West Area of the Diamond Z Arena

### UTAH MAKE IT WITH WOOL FASHION PARADE

**1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

Check out the Make It With Wool fashion show, where everything is... you guessed it... made with wool Located at the South West Area of the Diamond Z Arena



## SUNDAY OCT 26TH

### COWBOY CHURCH

**10:00AM**

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## FRIDAY OCT 24TH

- 1:00 ..... Dave Anderson | Sam DeLeeuw
- 1:30 ..... Bimbo Cheney | Coyotee Bluegrass
- 2:00 ..... Kenny Hall | Kelton Iverson
- 2:30 ..... Mike Dunn | Manystrings
- 3:00 ..... Jerye Lee | C.R. Wood
- 3:30 ..... Bimbo Cheney | Saddlestrings
- 4:00 ..... Dave Anderson | Kelton Iverson
- 4:30 ..... Jason Robinson | Manystrings

## SATURDAY OCT 25TH

- 11:00 ..... Coyotee Bluegrass | Mike Dunn
- 11:30 ..... Bimbo Cheney | Kenny Hall
- 12:00 ..... Jerye Lee | Sam DeLeeuw
- 12:30 ..... C.R. Wood | Saddlestrings
- 1:00 ..... Make it With Wool Fashion Show
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- 2:30 ..... Jason Robinson | Kenny Hall
- 3:00 ..... Dave Anderson | C.R. Wood
- 3:30 ..... Bimbo Cheney | Jerye Lee
- 4:00 ..... Saddlestrings | Mike Dunn
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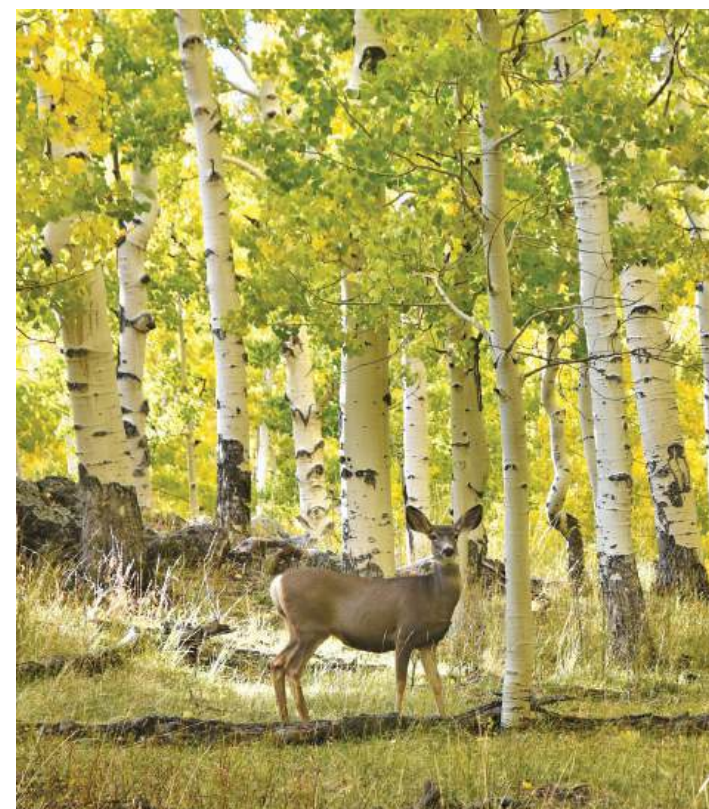
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## DIXIE

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aspen grove. If you continue your trip toward Duck Creek Village at around mile 26, you will see aspens growing out of the lava fields. Duck Creek Pond is on your left and just past that is a gravel road turn off going toward Aspen Mirror Lake which is about a half a mile in and out hike. Both of these lakes have aspen reflecting off the water which is nature at its best, and a scenic spot to have a picnic.

Duck Creek Village has a variety of restaurants if you didn't bring a picnic, and just past the Village you'll find plenty of other groves along Mammoth Creek Road at milepost 31 and Strawberry Point Road at milepost 33.

If I were to suggest just one location to visit, and if you only have a couple of hours, I would highly recommend a drive just up the canyon from Parowan, on Highway 143. At mile 10 there is a right-hand turn with a sign to Dry Lakes Road. From here you will begin an eight-mile drive where you will see the tallest and most dense aspen forest I have ever seen in this area. Once you turn off the highway, you will first ascend into a couple of miles of maples and scrub-oaks, but soon after you will start seeing 60 to 80 ft tall large aspen

groves. The canopy of color filters the sunlight but the glow from the turning leaves will dazzle you. Much of the drive is fenced private property that you need to be aware of. There are a few clearings with some cabins, where, if the timing is right, you will see some of the richest red trees I have ever photographed. The road continues on up the mountain, and eventually meets up again with Highway 143, just above Brian Head Resort. From there you can continue on through Cedar Breaks National Monument, and take a look at their brand-new visitors center. You can then take Highway 14 back down to Cedar City, where you'll see many more aspen groves and several turn outs for views across the canyons, all the way to the top peaks of Zion National Park, about 25 miles in the distance.

I can't imagine anyone could visit all these locations in one day, but I am hoping many of you will take me up on this invitation, at least for a couple of hours. A fall drive through our magnificent colors is an Iron County version of "stop and smell the roses". Scenery that should be seen.....

You should definitely bring your camera, or at least your phone, sturdy shoes and a jacket for this time of year. There's lots of great places to take a family picture for the upcoming Holiday season. On a weekend, you'll likely

encounter the most visitors, and some of the roads get dusty. Weekdays are slower, if you able to go then.

A couple of photography tips: Keep your windshield clean and turn some music on, because late in the day, someone from the passenger seat shooting a video of the sun setting through the shimmering leaves is a great souvenir of a colorful trip. Another very cool shot is a close-up of a single aspen leaf with the sun shining through it (called back-lighting) which illuminates the veins and detailed structure of the leaf itself.

As I have said there are turnouts all along the roads up there for you to stop and admire the view, and/or take a picture, but I have found there's usually

some people that still think it's OK to drive at 70 miles an hour on a scenic highway, so please be careful, pull as far off the road as you can, and exit your car via the passenger's side when possible. Not everyone seems to be there to "smell the roses".

If you've lived here all your life, you still owe yourself an annual trip up the mountain to see the colors, or, if you have just moved here, take some time and invite friends or family to enjoy the magnificence of our local mountains for the first time where the colors make you think that God is showing off his wonderful workmanship, and we get to be His audience. Enjoy!





## schools

## IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

## North Elementary

North Elementary would like to thank our wonderful teachers and families for taking the time to meet during fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. It's always such a special opportunity to celebrate the



great things our students are learning and to work together to support their growth and success. North Elementary

welcomed the Department of Public Safety for their annual service project. Twelve officers and employees volunteered in classrooms, joined small groups for literacy and math activities, played at recess, and ate lunch with students. It was a wonderful experience for both our students and the DPS team, and we appreciate each of them for taking time out of their day to connect with our Polar Bears!

## Canyon View Middle School

A lot has been happening at CVMS and the library was the place to be last week! The book fair was set up for students

to explore and purchase new books to add to their collection. The librarians also had students create bookmarks to compete in a bookmark competition. The winning bookmark will be copied to be handed out in the library to all students. Teachers and students held conferences with parents during CCR week. Honor Society members also got to enjoy ice cream soda floats for their first activity of the year.

## South Elementary

South Elementary students have been engaged in our PTA sponsored bike safety week. An assembly presented by Safe Routes Utah helped students learn about street safety. On

Wednesday morning, students made their way to school on foot, bikes, and scooters. They practiced safety skills and were cheered on by community partners. After school, students participated in a bike rodeo. This was a highlight for students!

## Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks 3rd grade classes welcomed the Animal Ambassadors from SUU on October 6. Students got to meet an arachnid, a snake, and other unique animals and learned how to properly handle and care for them. Also, on October 6, all grades enjoyed Mike Hamilton's "Magic with a Message" assembly. He performed magic tricks and taught students that making

healthy choices in school and in life is no illusion. We would like to thank the Cedar City Les Schwab Tire Center and its manager, Jonathan Gimlin, for their generous sponsorship for this assembly. On October 8, the 4th grade students participated in the Wattsmart program to learn about energy, discuss important energy topics, and engage in energy efficiency actions. The school also participated in the district Walk and Roll activity by listening to a presentation about pedestrian and bicycle safety taught by Deputy Menke.

## Notable Dates

School will not be in session October 17-20 for Fall Break and will resume on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

## NEWS FROM THE NEST

## Shakespeare Revival

by Alivia Winzenried

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

September 30th was the Shakespeare Showcase. It is the night where all of the students competing in the Utah High School Shakespeare Competition get to perform their scenes, dances, songs, etc. for friends and family. In past years, it's only been CVHS Theatre Team to perform, but this year they invited the choir and dance students to perform with them. Dancers who were not competing started the night off with a preshow, performing duo and trio dance pieces based on various Shakespeare scenes, shows, and quotes. The show consisted of CVHS Madrigals singing "Fa Una Canzona" and "My Bonnie Lass", and the choir's small ensemble singing "Thus Sings My Dearest Jewel". CVHS Dance Company performed their ensemble piece titled

"Confined and Release", based on The Tempest, and the trio going to competition, Elle Haymond, Ava Rowley, and Alexis Hudson, performed their piece also based on The Tempest. CVHS Theatre Team brought many monologues and scenes, and ended the night with their ensemble performance of Hamlet. Theatre Coach, Lincoln Paul, says "This year has been full of twists and turns for the theatre team, but they came out the gate running and they haven't stopped since. I am endlessly impressed with their effort, their talent, and their dedication to making this competition season great."

October 3rd and 4th was the annual Utah High School Shakespeare Festival, where high school students from all over the state come to compete, bringing various pieces by William Shakespeare, or based on him. This year Canyon View took 2nd in their division, with the

Madrigals placing 2nd overall, the Ensemble Scene placing 3rd, Dance Company ensemble placing 4th, Elle Haymond, Ava Rowley, and Alexis Hudson placing 4th with their dance trio, Collin Chappell placid 1st in the rigging category in Tech Olympics, and Sarah Allred, Rose Despain, and Adelaide Call took 3rd with their scene from Much Ado About Nothing. Bronwyn Harris won the Larry Lott award for outstanding acting as Gravedigger in Hamlet. Aside from competing, the USF is also a time for students to meet other high school students with their same interests, whether it's dance, theatre, music, tech, or personal interest outside of the competition. Students can learn to come together with their competitors, rather than just compete. CVHS performed beautifully and worked hard in every single event, and their hard work has paid off!

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

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

**Uncommon Sense** • Sat, 10:00 am

**My Story** • Sat, 8 pm

**Thank God Sunday Spiritual** • Sun, 11 am

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

**ARP—Addiction Recovery**

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

**Caregivers**

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

**Embrace Grace**

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

**Grief Support Group**

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

**Grief Support - Child Loss**

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

**Helproom**

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

**Multiple Sclerosis**

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

**Narcotics Anonymous**

[www.nasouthernutah.org](http://www.nasouthernutah.org) • (435) 635-9603 KKCBB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

**Basic Text Study** • Mon, 8 pm

**Just for Today** • Wed, 8 pm

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

**Live and Let Live** • Fri, 8 pm

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

**Women Only** • Sun, 11 am

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

**Nicotine Anon (12-Step)**

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

**Porn Addiction Recovery**

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

**Pregnancy, Infant Loss**

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

**Reel Mental Health**

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

**Senior Blind/Visually Impaired**

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

**Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.**

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

**Southwest Parkinson's Alliance**

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

**Widows Ministry**

2nd Sat, 11-1 pm • New Journey-Widow's Ministry @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, [info@sunrisechurch.net](mailto:info@sunrisechurch.net), [sunrisechurch.net](http://sunrisechurch.net).

## CLASSES, CLUBS &amp; ACTIVITIES

**Adult Barre/Modern Dance**

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

**Arthritis Foundations Exercise**

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

**Bingo & Lunch**

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

**Book Club**

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

**Cars & Custard**

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

**Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club**

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

**Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild**

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

**Cedar City ESL**

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

**Cedar City Toastmasters**

Thurs, 7 am • Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North

Main. Find your voice, shape your future. Be the leader & speaker you want to be. (603) 731-0116

**Cedar City Unitarian Universalists**

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

**Cedar Professionals**

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

**Cedar Radio Control Club**

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

**Cedar City Community Band**

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

**Explorer Bible Club**

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

**International Folk Dancing**

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

**Iron County Moms For America**

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

**Iron County Democrats**

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

**Friends of Festival Country K9s**

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

**Labyrinth Walk**

Last Saturday, 12:00-2:00. St. Jude's Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, 1 block north of W University Blvd). No Charge. Please join us in a sacred, calm environment for walking prayer on the largest indoor labyrinth in the state of Utah. No experience required, facilitators are present.

**Local Cub Scout Pack (K–5th).**

Wednesday @ 6 p.m. For more information, go to [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org) or contact local Cubmaster Tristin L. at [CubScoutTroop1848UT@gmail.com](mailto:CubScoutTroop1848UT@gmail.com)

**Parowan Pickleball**

Mon, 6-8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9-12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and signup: Season: October 21 to July 25. Parowan Rec, 35 E 100 N, Parowan, UT 84761. 435-600-1597.

**PB&J Therapy Groups**

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

College: [forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1t52p87](mailto:forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1t52p87)

Adolescent: [forms.gle/BZiePW63pR6Zd8k9](mailto:forms.gle/BZiePW63pR6Zd8k9)

**Rock Club**

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals.

Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. [southernutahrockclub.org](http://southernutahrockclub.org)

**Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild**

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

**Senior Yoga Classes**

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

**Sewing Group**

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

**Southern Utah Woodturners**

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

**StrongBoard Classes**

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

**Tai Chi For Health**

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

**TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

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

**Water Aerobics Class**

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

**Wellness Place**

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

**Wellness Wednesdays**

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

**Youth Group**

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • Ages 12-18. Meal, games & Bible Study. @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, [info@sunrisechurch.net](mailto:info@sunrisechurch.net), [sunrisechurch.net](http://sunrisechurch.net).



## calendar

THURS, OCT 16

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DISCUSSION (12PM) A**

Discussion on Religious Freedom with Bill Duncan of the Sutherland Institute. The event, sponsored by the Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service, will be held on the SUU campus in the Church Auditorium of the Sharwan Smith Student Center.

**SUTHERLAND INSTITUTE SPEAKER AT SUU (12-1PM)**

The Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service at Southern Utah University will host a discussion on religious freedom with William Duncan, Sutherland Institute's Constitutional Law & Religious Freedom Fellow. @ Church Auditorium inside the Sharwan Smith Student Center at SUU.

**FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10AM) @ CEDAR CITY**

Family Search Center located in the NW corner of the Cedar North Stake Building, 95 N 2125 W, Cedar City, UT. For Beginners! This class will be about Newspapers and Obituaries. Come learn how to expand your researching skills using these helpful resources. Pam and Catherine are experienced teachers and professional Genealogists. All classes are free and last about one hour.

FRI, OCT 17

*Iron County School Fall Break***THE JOHN MEAD DANCE COMPANY (8PM) AT THE**

Heritage Center Theater! You will be thrilled to experience Cedar City's first, home-grown professional dance company present its premiere performance of inventive, energetic, original choreography. Appropriate for all ages, the concert will present 3 new works, featuring the talented JMDC company dancers and guest performances by New York dance artist Ellen Kogan and dancers from the SUU Dance Department. The Artistic Director, John Mead is an internationally recognized choreographer with a long history of success in the field of dance. The John Mead Dance Company hopes to provide a professional pathway for aspiring, adult dancers in the local community. Mr. Mead and the dancers of JMDC cordially invite you to experience the premiere performance of Cedar City's own professional dance company!

**FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE (OCT. 17-19) VALLEY BIBLE**

Church in Enoch, Utah, announces its upcoming annual Fall Bible Conference to be held at the church on October 17-19. The theme of this year's Conference is "The Light Speaks" and will focus on discovering the Jesus of John's Gospel. This year's special speaker will be Dr. Greg Baker, who has served as the Pastor of Fellowship Bible Church ([www.fbcliberty.com](http://www.fbcliberty.com)) in Liberty, Utah, since 2010. The second and third sessions will be held on Saturday, October 18th at 4:30 PM and 7 PM with a meal in-between. The two final sessions will be held at 10 AM and 11 AM on Sunday, October 19th.

**VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 4780 N. HWY**

91 in Enoch. Call 435-586-0253 for more info or check out the church's website at [www.vbcfamily.com](http://www.vbcfamily.com).

SAT, OCT 18

**CEDAR CITY RC CLUB PRESENTS: INTRO FLIGHT EVENT (9AM-NOON)** Have you ever wanted to try

flying a radio-controlled (RC) airplane? Now's your chance! Join us at the Three Peaks Model Port for a family-friendly event where the public can experience the thrill of radio-controlled flight. With the guidance of trained pilots and the support of modern flight technology, newcomers will get the opportunity to take the controls and see what it's like to fly an RC aircraft. Admission: Free and open to the public. Hot dogs will be served! Come enjoy a fun morning of aviation excitement—great for families, kids, and anyone curious about RC flying.

**HOLDING OUT HELP BENEFIT DINNER (6-8:30PM) @**

Courtyard Marriott | 1294 S Interstate Drive, Cedar City, UT 84720. Be Part of the Ripple Effect – Make a Difference in Our Community! Join us for a special evening of inspiration and impact at the: Holding Out HELP walks alongside individuals leaving polygamy—providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling, education, and job skills—helping people not only survive but thrive. Come be inspired by powerful stories of resilience and help create ripples of hope that grow into waves of change. Tickets are available now: <https://holdingouthelp.org>

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MON, OCT 20

*Iron County School Fall Break*

TUES, OCT 21

**CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS REPERTORY DANCE**

THEATER (7:30PM) @ Heritage Center Theater 105 N 100 E Cedar City

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## history



# Restoration at the Top of the World – Delayed ‘til Spring

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Last Friday, October 10th, was scheduled to be a memorable day up at the top of Brian Head Peak at the 11,307' mark.

There is a stone pavilion/shelter up there that was built in the 1930's during the depression years by two men from Parowan who represented the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Charles Burton and Delbert (Deb) Mortensen were among 3 mil-

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## history



### RESTORATION

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lion CCC workers across the country and those two men built the shelter over the course of two summers, and, like all the CCC workers, were paid \$30 a month for the work they did for this country.

In a related story I wrote a few weeks ago, their work was destroyed by high winds a couple of years ago but over the past four weeks a partnership between the Zion Forever Foundation, Historicorps, the US

Forest Service and a local lumber supplier, Parowan Timber and Beam, along with several dozen volunteers recruited by Historicorps, have been piecing the building back together under the watchful eye of the USFS Architectural Historian, Anne Oliver, in order to restore the building to its original condition.

A rededication ribbon-cutting ceremony was scheduled for October 10th to celebrate the completion of the restoration. There was a list of local guests lined up to cut the ribbon, including Parowan City councilman David Burton who is the son of Charles Burton, one of the original builders and is darned proud of his father's work. The niece of Deb Mortensen, the other worker, 93-year-old Beverley Landis, was invited to represent her uncle, but health issues prevented her from attending.

Disappointingly, the "best laid plans...." fell apart, with a thunder and lightning storm and flood warnings

the day before the ceremony, sending the workers scurrying off the mountain with their job not completed and no time left this year to recruit new volunteers to finish the job. The masonry work is finished, but the wooden roof was only partially finished, so, to the disappointment of dozens of local folks, the project cannot continue until next Spring. All these invited guests found themselves all dressed up and nowhere to go, so event organizer, Dr. Ron Roth, also had to hustle down the mountain to notify the 30 or 40 people not to make the trip to the top.

This shelter, and the men who built it, has been a source of local pride since it was erected by two of Parowan's original family members who still have relatives in town today. Over the past few years of writing about different aspects of our local history, it has become quite evident from the Parowanians I have interviewed that they are brimming with

pride about their community and its history, and that is a big help to me as I try to tell their stories.

If you have never visited the Brian Head overlook and shelter, it's a wonderful way to get a bird's eye perspective of the beauty and splendor that surrounds us. There are 360 degrees, 100+ mile views into 3 neighboring states. Several times when we have had visitors in town, we have begun our tour of this territory by taking that 3-mile gravel road right off highway 143, to see the sights not visible from anywhere else. Due to the same weather that tore the building down, that drive will probably be impassable very soon, until the snow melts, at which time the work should be completed and I will be there to write the final chapter of the Brian Head overlook restoration project and invite you all again to enjoy a "forever view" of the land where we live! Stay tuned!

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## obituaries

### John Swatsley



Birth 1937 Death 10-4-25

Living in different locales, gave John a love of travel and a chance to observe nature in all of its variety. This, along with seeing the work of great illustrators at the end of the illustration era, were the early steps to a lifetime in art. After high school, he was accepted by

the prestigious Art Center School in Los Angeles. There he received the foundations in design and painting necessary for a professional artist. After military obligations, he enjoyed a career in magazine art direction and freelance illustrations for philatelic first day covers of new stamp issues.

Winning first place in the National Forest Service Centennial stamp competition was a life-changing event, making possible the first of six trips to Africa. Those trips opened up a spectacular array of subjects, leading to a new approach in his art. From a long time use of watercolors, he moved into oils, as he felt they were better suited to the effects he wanted to achieve. In his work, you will sense something of the mystery one feels when alone in a quiet corner of creation.

Upon moving to Cedar City, they eventually found Trinity Lutheran Church. Their first impression was of welcoming and warmth in the congregation. The coffee on the cart outside (because of Covid) was so enjoyable, that they came back.

John and Sonya's life together began when they met in the summer of 1965. They married in 1966 and Sonya became his partner and companion in all of their world travels until John passed away on October 4, 2025. They were married and inseparable for 59 years.

Sonya wishes to thank the staff at Cedar Rehab for their care and service and especially Rachel of Zions Way Hospice.

The date of the service is Saturday, October 25th at 3 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 410 East 1935 North, Cedar City, Utah. In lieu of flowers, please send any donation to Trinity Lutheran Church.

### Judith Gubler



Judith Amy Gubler, born November 1, 1938, to Floyd Kneeland and Lillian Wareham, passed from this Earth on Tuesday October 7, 2025. She was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her.

Judith was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was always faithful in every calling and served as many as she could through out her years. Judith served several adult missions including a mission in Bulgaria teaching English and a Family History Service Mission in Cedar City, UT. She was one of the first missionaries in Bulgaria and she developed a fierce love for the people there. Judith's love for her mission inspired her to sponsor several young ladies to come to the US to continue their education. All of them were very successful in their education and lives.

Judith always understood the importance of family, leading her to promote the adoption of children from Bulgaria to the US so they could feel the same love that Judith felt for her family. This understanding also led her to the countless hours spent working on genealogy. Judith loved the work she put forth to learn more about her ancestors. She had an immense, overpowering love for her family. They meant everything to her.

Throughout her life, Judith loved learning and education. She obtained two Master's Degrees, one in Music and the other in Special Education. Judith taught high school and many other types of classes and was very active in the music program. Being with the students was a joy and a privilege for Judith and she truly loved each one of them, and they loved her just as much. Judith had many accomplishments over the years including serving as the main organizer for the LDS Pageant at the Manti Temple. Judith also starred as an angel in Saturday's Warrior in 1989.

Judith had a passion for service. After retiring she volunteered at the Gunnison County Jail. Judith taught the inmates about the church, how to crochet, and offered encouragement at the lowest point of their lives. She had a love for God, people, and tending to the beautiful plants in her garden.

Judith is survived by her brother Bruce, her children Keith (Susan), Carrie (Robert), Bryce (Carolyn), Rick (Lisa), 13 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents Floyd Cassius Kneeland and Lillian Adams Wareham, her siblings Richard, Steve, Nancy Robinson, and Faith Bitterolf, her grandparents Cassius, Florence, Frederick, and Amy, and a great-grandchild Ashton James Reich.

A gathering will be held at 12:00pm at the Enoch West Stake Center (3575 N Minersville Hwy Enoch, UT 84721) on Saturday October 11, 2025. Graveside services for Judith Gubler will be held after the gathering at 2:00pm at the Cedar City Cemetery (685 North Main Street Cedar City, Utah 84721) under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. A Celebration of Life will be held after the graveside at 3:00pm at the Enoch West Stake Center, all are invited. To view a live stream of the Celebration of Life or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

### Clyde Elliot Luke



Clyde Elliot Luke passed away peacefully on October 1, 2025, at the age of 83. Born in Burley, Idaho, on May 16, 1942, Clyde was the youngest child of Sybil (Wilson) and Harold V. Luke. He loved music and learning from a young age and dedicated much of his life to the pursuit of musical excellence. Clyde grew up on an Idaho farm, where he learned the values of hard work, perseverance, and dedication. After serving a mission to the Western States Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Clyde completed a degree in music from Brigham Young University in 1967. It was in a music class at BYU that he met his wife, Janet Peterson, an accomplished pianist and accompanist. Clyde and Janet were married in the Cardston Alberta Temple on June 7, 1967, before moving to Rexburg, Idaho, where they both taught music in the Madison County School District. In the mid-1970s, he completed a master's degree in choral conducting and music education from the University of Idaho. Clyde began his career at Ricks College (which later became BYU-

Idaho) in 1971 and served as a music professor and choral conductor there for 30 years. He loved sharing his passion for beautiful choral music and appreciated the opportunity to mentor and advise young adults. While at Ricks/BYU-Idaho, Clyde conducted the A Cappella Choir, the Concert Chorale, and the Collegiate Singers. Some of his professional accomplishments included invitations for his A Cappella Choir to perform at the American Choral Directors Association National Convention and on "Music and the Spoken Word" with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Even more important to him, however, was the opportunity to have a positive influence on his students and to help them develop traits and values that would serve them well throughout their lives. Clyde was also a man of many hobbies. He had a love for gardening and landscaping, home improvement projects, car maintenance and repair, electronics and technology, travel, and motorcycling. He will be missed by his children, Laura Dickison, Robert Luke, and Michelle Absher; his brother, Gordon Luke; his sons-in-law, Brett Dickison and Douglas Absher; his sixteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Clyde was preceded in death by his loving wife, Janet; his parents, Harold and Sybil; and his siblings, Beverly Coltrin, Virginia Luke, and Hal Luke. A viewing will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at 1120 West Greens Lake Drive, Cedar City, Utah. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. For those unable to attend in person, a live stream of the service will be available at <https://cedarvalleyfuneral.com/obituaries/clyde-luke>.



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Cedar's Junior **Togia-Bloomfield** (10) celebrates a defensive stop with teammate **Caleb Collins** (28) during the Reds' 41-35 win over the Juab Wasps on Oct. 10.

(Eric Fieldsted/For Iron County Today)

Reds rally, stay unbeaten

by Tom Zulewski  
IRON COUNTY TODAY

As the touchdowns piled up for the home team, the Cedar Reds recognized the challenge of keeping its winning streak alive was greater than it had been at any other point this season.

When quarterback Everett Kelling took over, the Reds rallied and kept their perfect season alive.

Kelling scored on a 1-yard touchdown run with only 12 seconds to play in the first half, and it propelled a Cedar rally from a 21-0 deficit to a 41-35 road win over the Juab Wasps on Oct. 10. The comeback victory clinched the 3A South

title for the Reds as they improved to 5-0 in region and 9-0 overall. Juab fell to 3-2, 7-2.

After receiving the second-half kickoff, Kelling led the Reds to another score on a 9-yard run that cut the lead to a touchdown at 21-14. By the time the third quarter ended, a 15-yard touchdown run from Gavin DeMille and a 14-yard TD pass from Kelling to Dylan Crowley gave Cedar their first lead of the night at 27-21 after Cody Stevenson's point-after kick hit the upright.

Kelling struck again early in the fourth quarter when he reached the end zone from 1 yard out, and the Reds survived a pair of touchdown runs by

Juab's Brock Richards – who finished with four scores on the night – to secure the win and put the team one victory short of a perfect regular season for the first time since 1980.

Cedar will host the Carbon Dinos in the regular-season finale Thursday night at 7 p.m. The Reds are the No. 1 seed in the current RPI.

From left, Cedar's **Stockden Ramos** (53), **Dominic McGarvey** (52) and **Caleb Brinkerhoff** (26) celebrate after making a play in the Reds' 41-35 road win at Juab on Oct. 10.

(Eric Fieldsted/For Iron County Today)





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Juab

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|       |    |   |    |    |   |    |
|-------|----|---|----|----|---|----|
| Cedar | 0  | 7 | 20 | 14 | - | 41 |
| Juab  | 14 | 7 | 0  | 14 | - | 35 |

**FIRST QUARTER**

J – Richards 6 run (Olson kick), 9:08

J – Richards 6 run (Olson kick), 1:07

**SECOND QUARTER**

J – Christensen 18 pass from Armstrong (Olson kick), 6:23

C – Kelling 1 run (Stevenson kick), :12

**THIRD QUARTER**

C – Kelling 9 run (Stevenson kick), 8:17

C – DeMille 15 run (Stevenson kick), 3:44

C – Crowley 14 pass from Kelling (kick failed), 1:58

**FOURTH QUARTER**

C – Kelling 1 run (Stevenson kick), 10:12

J – Richards 2 run (Olson kick), 8:00

C – DeMille 3 run (Stevenson kick), 5:27

J – Richards 1 run (Olson kick), 2:33



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# Almirola gets better of Zilisch for Vegas win

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

**LAS VEGAS** – The saying goes “you can’t win them all,” but XFINITY Series points leader Connor Zilisch was doing his level best to reverse that thought in the closing laps of the Focused Health 302 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

With the help of a side draft, Aric Almirola took the lead away from Zilisch with nine laps to go and went on to win the race Oct. 11. Almirola – who was runner-up to Justin Allgaier in the spring XFINITY race in March – led a race-high 107 laps as well as the first two stages on a windy late afternoon and early evening on the 1.5-mile track.

Zilisch was going for his 11th win of the 2025 season, but came up short

by less than seven-tenths (.696) of a second.

“I was doing everything I could. I knew that to pass him, I needed to get to his left rear and pack air,” Zilisch said. “I just couldn’t quite get close enough.”

With wind blowing hard throughout the race, Zilisch thought it helped level the playing field, but gave Almirola credit for beating him at his own game.



**Aric Almirola** celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Focused Health 302 on Oct. 11.

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“I’ve definitely learned a lot from him,” Zilisch said. “Part of why I’m so aggressive packing air is because he does that to me. It’s frustrating when he’s behind you because he’s always looking to do it. It’s just the way you gotta race.”

While Almirola may have led the most laps in the race, it was far from easy for him, especially in the later stages.

“After about 25, 30 laps, I

started to struggle, and those guys started to run me back down,” said Almirola, who last led at lap 142 before rallying at the end. “The track was changing as the sun was going down and cooling off. The pace was picking up and we were behind on adjustments. We threw a pretty big change at it to try and help it, and it was what I needed to go and compete.”

“As I was getting closer on one of the laps and (Zilisch) started searching, the closer I was getting, that was fun.”

Allgaier, who finished third, admitted to a sense of frustration, but said his crew kept him calm when it counted.

“The race we executed at the end was what we needed to do to put ourselves in position,” Allgaier said. “There’s two more opportunities to win, and we’re going to do everything we can to do that.”

Allgaier qualified on the pole and led the first 28 laps. The defending XFINITY champion is second in the points, 38 behind Zilisch, as the series heads to Talladega for next week’s race. The rest of the top 10 finishers were Corey Day, Nick Sanchez, Jesse Love, Ryan Sieg, Taylor Gray, Sam Mayer and Austin Hill.

Love is third and Mayer is fourth in the points, the last transfer spot for the Championship 4 in Phoenix in three weeks. Mayer is eight points ahead of Brandon Jones.

The race had four cautions for 22 laps and the winner’s average speed was 135.489 mph.



# Wolves use running game to beat Rams



by Tom Zulewski  
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Brannoc Davidson ran for a touch-down and caught a touchdown pass as the Enterprise Wolves cruised to a 31-7 victory over the Parowan Rams in 1A

South play on Oct. 10. Jake Christensen added a 4-yard run as the Wolves improved to 1-1 in region and 4-5 overall.

The Rams got a 69-yard touchdown run in the third quarter from Tyrel Vest, but fell to 0-3 and 3-6. Vest's run cut the Enterprise lead to 13-6, but a 24-yard touchdown run finished the third-quarter scoring for the Wolves, who added a pair of touchdowns in the fourth on a Davidson TD catch from Jake Moyle (7 yards) and a 25-yard run by Christensen.

Parowan will finish the regular season Friday with a home game against North Sevier that starts at 7 p.m.



Enterprise  
31



Parowan  
7

|            |   |   |   |    |    |
|------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| Parowan    | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0  | 7  |
| Enterprise | 7 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 31 |

FIRST QUARTER

E - Christensen 4 run (Shrout kick), 4:53

SECOND QUARTER

E - Davidson 3 run (kick failed), 10:26

THIRD QUARTER

P - Vest 69 run (Bettridge kick), 4:33

E - 24-yard touchdown run (run failed), 2:09

FOURTH QUARTER

E - Davidson 7 pass from Moyle (kick failed), 5:55

E - Christensen 25 run (pass failed), 3:15

# Falcons start fast, stun Wildcats

by Tom Zulewski  
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Ryder Miller threw two touch-down passes and added a 46-yard run for a score in the closing moments to help Canyon View finish off a 31-14 upset road win over the Richfield Wildcats on



Canyon View's **Cam Sheridan** runs toward the end zone as the team's players and coaches look on in the Falcons' 31-14 win over Richfield on Oct. 10.  
(Cavett Ishihara/For Iron County Today)

Oct. 10. The Falcons broke a two-game losing streak and improved to 2-3 in 3A South, 5-4 overall. Richfield suffered its third straight loss and fell to 2-3, 5-4.

The Wildcats had tied the game at 7-7 early in the second quarter on a 10-yard touchdown run by Colton White, but Miller was able to deliver the key score of the night when he found Asher Ishihara on a 6-yard TD pass with just 18 seconds left that put CV in front 14-7 at the half.

After the teams battled through a scoreless third quarter, the Falcons took control of the game on the first play of the fourth when Jaxson Beckstrom hit a 28-yard field goal to stretch the lead to 17-7. Canyon View struck again on its next drive when Miller threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Caden Greenland with 8:49 left for a 24-7 advantage.

White would score on a 9-yard run with 1:26 to play, but after the Falcons recovered the onside kick from the Wildcats, Miller closed out the



Canyon View  
31



Richfield  
14

|             |   |   |   |    |    |
|-------------|---|---|---|----|----|
| Canyon View | 7 | 7 | 0 | 17 | 31 |
| Richfield   | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7  | 14 |

**FIRST QUARTER**  
CV - Sheridan 15 run (Beckstrom kick), 9:19

**SECOND QUARTER**  
R - White 10 run (Raisor kick), 9:39  
CV - Ishihara 6 pass from Miller (Beckstrom kick), :18

**FOURTH QUARTER**  
CV - FG Beckstrom 28, 11:57  
CV - Greenland 48 pass from Miller (Beckstrom kick), 8:49  
R - White 9 run (Raisor kick), 1:26  
CV - Miller 46 run (Beckstrom kick), 1:06

scoring with his 46-yard run to the end

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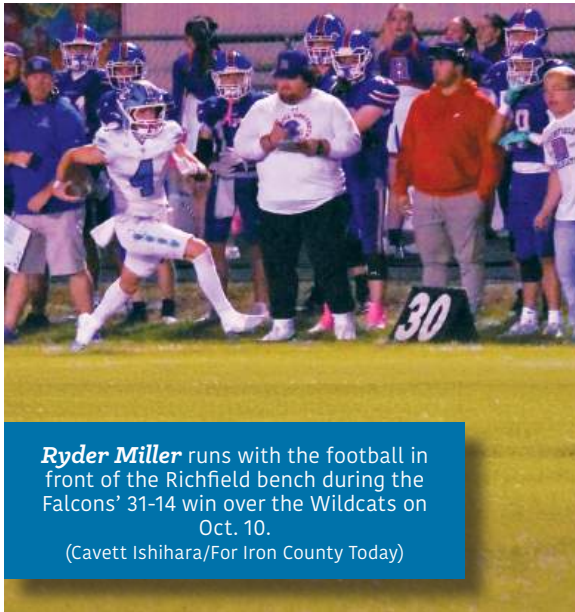
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**Ryder Miller** runs with the football in front of the Richfield bench during the Falcons' 31-14 win over the Wildcats on Oct. 10.  
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## FALCONS

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zone.

With the win, Canyon View moved up a notch to No. 7 in the newest RPI rankings and finished the regular season Thursday with a road game at Manti. The Templars scored all of its points in the first half and cruised to a 42-21 victory over the Carbon Dinos in last week's game.

## TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. Needing a win to force a deciding Game 5 in the ALDS, how many home runs did the Detroit Tigers hit on Oct. 8 in a 9-3 victory at Comerica Park?
2. What Vegas Golden Knights player signed an 8-year contract extension for over \$108 million just before the team opened its 2025-26 regular season Oct. 8 against the Los Angeles Kings?
3. What L.A. Kings team captain announced last week this will be his 20th and last season? This player has scored 440 goals in 1,455 career games and won two Stanley Cups (2012, 2014).
4. After L.A. Lakers center LeBron James post on social media he called "The Second Decision" on Oct. 6, fans speculated this could be the NBA legend's final season. What was "The Second Decision" actually for?
5. After acquiring him in a trade with the Cleveland Browns, who did the Cincinnati Bengals announce would be the starting quarterback for its Oct. 12 game against the Green Bay Packers?
6. Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. called his next game "special" when the team faces the Indianapolis Colts on Oct. 12. Who is Harrison's dad, who caught many passes for the Colts and whose name is on the Ring of Honor at Lucas Oil Stadium?
7. What Detroit Lions wide receiver has caught the most touchdowns in the NFL (6) through Week 5?
8. What Utah grad, in his fourth year with the Jacksonville Jaguars, intercepted a Patrick Mahomes pass and returned it 99 yards for his first career pick-6 touchdown in the third quarter of the Jaguars' 31-28 win over the Kansas City Chiefs on Oct. 6?
9. After starting as the top two teams in the AP Top 25 preseason college football poll, both Texas and Penn State are out after two surprising upsets last week. While the Longhorns fell on the road at Florida, what previously winless team beat the Nittany Lions in the Rose Bowl on Oct. 4?

10. Mike Sullivan left the Pittsburgh Penguins after 10 seasons and two Stanley Cups for what Eastern Conference team? The Penguins beat this team in the season opener at Madison Square Garden, 3-0, on Oct. 7.
11. What former Los Angeles Lakers legend was named to be the grand marshal for the 137th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 1?
12. As the Bank of Utah Championship makes its debut for the PGA Tour's FedEx Fall series starting Oct. 23, who is the defending champion? This left-handed golfer won last year's event with a score of 23-under par.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Manny Machado.
2. Los Angeles Chargers.
3. Golden State Warriors.
4. Colorado Avalanche.
5. Jimmie Johnson and Joey Logano.
6. Los Angeles Angels.
7. False. The Aces faced the Phoenix Mercury in the opener of the best-of-7 series.
8. Los Angeles Dodgers.
9. Buffalo Bills and Philadelphia Eagles. Both teams went on to lose for the first time in its respective Week 5 games to the New England Patriots (23-20) and Denver Broncos (21-18), respectively.
10. Tennessee Titans, New Orleans Saints and New York Jets. The Titans and Saints won its Week 5 games, but the Jets were beaten by the Dallas Cowboys.
11. Jazz Chisholm.
12. Edmonton Oilers.



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# Baseball...the most imperfect game



I've seen more than enough baseball – on TV and in person – than I care to openly admit. There are two moments from the MLB postseason that show off how crazy and sometimes utterly cruel the game can be.

I've made no secret throughout the years that I'm a Detroit Tigers fan. The ups and downs from the 2025 season have been so numerous, so challenging to deal with, they're a big reason therapists have their jobs. So many emotional swings between joy, hair pulling, and outright sadness culminated in Game 5 of the American League Division Series that was played Oct. 10.

For one shining moment, Kerry Carpenter gave me and Tiger fans everywhere reason to hope after his two-run home run put Detroit in front of the Seattle Mariners, 2-1 in the sixth inning. One inning later, pinch-hitter Leo Rivas delivered a single that scored a run and tied the game.

The 2-2 score would stay that way for nearly three full hours until the bottom of the 15th inning.

With one simple swing on a 3-2 pitch, Jorge Polanco lined a single to right field that scored the winning run and sent the Mariners to the ALCS for the first time since 2001.

Oddly enough, that moment was upsetting, but ended up well worth it. The clear lesson is easy to understand.

Someone was going to endure serious heartbreak, but the effort given can make the sting of defeat a little less painful.

On the other side of the coin, I present Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Orion Kerker. With his team needing a win to force a deciding fifth game in their NLDS series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, one simple ground ball changed everything.

With the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning, Kerker faced Dodgers outfielder Andy Pages, who was mired in a 1-for-23 slump. Pages hit a ground ball that glanced off Kerker's glove, but didn't

go very far.

As Kerker picked up the ball, catcher J.T. Realmuto pointed toward first base, the standard communication to get the necessary final out when you have a screaming crowd of more than 50,000 fans mostly clad in Dodger blue. Make the throw there, the game continues.

In one of the more illogical and unexplainable moments in MLB history, Kerker threw the ball toward Realmuto trying to get pinch-runner Hyeseong Kim coming down the line from third base. The throw wasn't close, sailing well to the right of Realmuto and allowing Kim to score the winning run.

And all Kerker could do was bend down and stare at the ground in a complete haze of confusion and sadness. It made one thing abundantly clear to me...actually two things.

Thank God for Kerker's teammates, and I hope the big lesson for all aspiring baseball pros is clear. You are human. You will do things that make no sense to anyone. In the end, the sun will come out tomorrow and you'll be surrounded by more people who love you than you can count. Embrace that and it will make the bad moments a little less painful.

Closer to home, the fall playoff seasons have begun. Here are some highlights...

The Cedar girls soccer team finished the regular season as the No. 15 seed for the 4A playoffs and won its opening-round match Oct. 9 by beating the No. 18 Provo Bulldogs, 5-1. Senior Jaden Hlebasko scored two goals in her final home game to lead the Reds, who built a 2-0 lead at the half and added on in the final 40 minutes to advance.

TynzLee Nielson, Kyla Johnson and Addison Wood added goals for Cedar, who improved to 9-8 overall and earned a second-round matchup on the road Oct. 14 at No. 2 seed Green Canyon. The Wolves are 15-3 overall.

Across town, the Canyon View Falcons completed a perfect Region 14 season as goalkeeper Tess Bailey earned a pair of clean sheets last week. The Falcons opened with a 2-0 road shutout over Delta on Oct. 7, then came home for Senior Day on Oct. 9 and blanked the Juab Wasps, 3-0. CV finished with an

8-0 region record and 11-7 overall.

The Falcons earned the No. 5 seed for the 3A state playoffs and started at home Oct. 15 against region foe and 12th seed Juab. CV won both matches in the season series, including 3-2 on Sept. 23 along with a 3-0 home shutout last week.

In cross country, the Cedar girls team captured the Region 9 championship Oct. 7 at Sand Hollow Resort. Eliza Johnson just missed winning the individual title, finishing only .09 seconds behind Pine View's Emmalee Williams (18:51.87-18:51.96), but all five runners finished among the top 11

overall as the Reds had 34 team points, 19 ahead of Pine View, who had 53.

In another tight battle for position, Cedar's Macie Mitchell was fourth in 18:54.45, only eight-hundredths behind Pine View's Tevye Geddes.

The 4A divisional meet was held Oct. 15 at Lakeside Park in Orem, and the qualifiers from there advance to the 4A state championship that happens Oct. 28 at Sugarhouse Park in Salt Lake City.

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3A South Football

10/10 Cedar 41, Juab 35  
Canyon View 31, Richfield 14  
Manti 42, Carbon 21  
Beaver 20, North Sanpete 16

1A South Football

10/10 Enterprise 31, Parowan 7  
Beaver 20, North Sanpete 16  
Kanab 35, Duchesne 28

Region 9 Girls Soccer

10/7 Desert Hills 3, Dixie 1  
Crimson Cliffs 3, Pine View 0  
Snow Canyon 2, Hurricane 0

10/9 4A state playoffs, first round  
Cedar 5, Provo 1  
Timpanogos 4, Hurricane 0  
Mountain View 3, Bear River 1  
Sky View 2, Dixie 0  
Jordan 4, Tooele 0  
East 3, Orem 0  
Judge Memorial 3, Highland 0  
Uintah 8, Juan Diego 2

10/14 4A playoffs, second round  
Cedar at Green Canyon  
East at Desert Hills  
Timpanogos at Ridgeline  
Mountain View at Stansbury  
Judge Memorial at Snow Canyon  
Uintah at Crimson Cliffs  
Sky View at Mountain Crest  
Jordan at Park City

Region 14 Girls Soccer

10/7 Canyon View 2, Delta 0  
Juab 2, Providence Hall 0

10/9 Canyon View 3, Juab 0

10/15 3A state playoffs, first round  
Juab at Canyon View  
Ben Lomond at Grantsville

Morgan at Delta  
Providence Hall at Carbon  
Logan at Union  
Emery at Manti  
North Sanpete at Richfield

2A South Girls Soccer

10/7 Millard 6, Parowan 0  
Beaver 2, Grand 2, Beavers win 3-2 on PKs  
South Sevier 8, Gunnison 0

10/11 2A playoffs, first round  
UMA Hill Field 1, Parowan 0  
UMA Camp Williams at North Summit  
South Sevier 8, Gunnison 1  
Enterprise 5, APA West Valley 0

10/15 2A playoffs, second round  
Beaver at Draper APA  
San Juan at Rowland Hall  
Millard at Am. Leadership  
South Summit at Grand  
Enterprise at St. Joseph  
UMA Hill Field at Am. Heritage  
South Sevier at Maeser Prep  
TBD at Waterford

Region 9 Girls Volleyball

10/7 Cedar 3, Snow Canyon 0  
Hurricane 3, Pine View 0  
Dixie 3, Crimson Cliffs 2

Region 14 Girls Volleyball

10/7 Delta 3, Canyon View 1  
Richfield 3, Juab 0

10/9 North Sanpete 3, Juab 0

Region 18 Girls Volleyball

10/7 Enterprise 3, Parowan 0  
South Sevier 3, Beaver 1  
Kanab 3, Grand 0

10/9 San Juan 3, Manti 0  
Beaver 3, Valley 0

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Football

3A South

|                   | REGION | OVERALL |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Cedar (1)         | 5-0    | 9-0     |
| Juab (3)          | 3-2    | 7-2     |
| Manti (4)         | 3-2    | 6-3     |
| Richfield (6)     | 3-3    | 5-4     |
| Canyon View (7)   | 2-3    | 5-4     |
| North Sanpete (8) | 2-3    | 5-4     |
| Carbon (12)       | 0-5    | 2-7     |

1A South

|                | REGION | OVERALL |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| Kanab (1)      | 3-0    | 8-1     |
| Beaver (2)     | 1-1    | 7-2     |
| Enterprise (6) | 1-1    | 4-5     |
| Parowan (7)    | 0-3    | 3-6     |

Girls Soccer

Region 9

|                    | REGION | OVERALL |
|--------------------|--------|---------|
| Snow Canyon (3)    | 11-1   | 14-2    |
| Crimson Cliffs (6) | 9-3    | 13-4    |
| Desert Hills (7)   | 9-3    | 13-4    |
| Cedar (15)         | 5-7    | 9-8     |
| Hurricane (17)     | 4-8    | 8-10    |
| Dixie (20)         | 4-8    | 5-12    |
| Pine View (26)     | 0-12   | 2-17    |

Region 14

|                      | REGION | OVERALL |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Canyon View (5)      | 8-0    | 11-7    |
| Richfield (6)        | 5-3    | 13-5    |
| Delta (8)            | 4-4    | 9-10    |
| Juab (12)            | 3-5    | 7-10    |
| Providence Hall (15) | 0-8    | 1-14    |

2A South

|            | REGION | OVERALL |
|------------|--------|---------|
| Grand (7)  | 10-2   | 13-4    |
| Beaver (9) | 10-2   | 13-5    |

|                   |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Millard (11)      | 9-3  | 11-7 |
| San Juan (12)     | 7-6  | 9-9  |
| South Sevier (13) | 6-7  | 8-11 |
| Enterprise (15)   | 4-8  | 5-12 |
| Parowan (19)      | 0-12 | 1-18 |

Girls Volleyball

Region 9

|                    | REGION | OVERALL |
|--------------------|--------|---------|
| Desert Hills (2)   | 11-0   | 19-8    |
| Crimson Cliffs (6) | 7-4    | 19-8    |
| Cedar (8)          | 6-5    | 13-13   |
| Dixie (10)         | 5-5    | 17-9    |
| Hurricane (9)      | 5-6    | 14-12   |
| Snow Canyon (13)   | 3-7    | 9-14    |
| Pine View (15)     | 0-10   | 6-12    |

Region 14

|                      | REGION | OVERALL |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Canyon View (2)      | 6-1    | 15-6    |
| Richfield (7)        | 5-1    | 9-13    |
| Delta (4)            | 4-2    | 17-5    |
| Juab (9)             | 1-6    | 9-12    |
| Providence Hall (10) | 0-6    | 13-12   |

Region 18

|                   | REGION | OVERALL |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| San Juan (1)      | 10-1   | 22-2    |
| Enterprise (3)    | 10-1   | 17-5    |
| South Sevier (10) | 5-6    | 12-11   |
| Kanab (13)        | 5-6    | 5-15    |
| Parowan (9)       | 3-8    | 13-13   |
| Grand (15)        | 3-8    | 6-13    |
| Beaver (12)       | 3-9    | 9-13    |



# Hamlin wins at Vegas, takes first step toward first Cup crown

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

**LAS VEGAS** – Denny Hamlin had one of his best shots to win a NASCAR Cup Series Championship in 2010. He fell short in the quest to Jimmie Johnson, who won his fifth straight championship.

After his performance Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Hamlin cleared the first hurdle on his way to another shot at his first Cup title.

Surviving a pair of late-race wrecks, Hamlin flew past William Byron and took over the lead with four laps to go to take the checkered flag at the South Point 400, his sixth win of 2025 and 60th of his career.

More importantly, the Joe Gibbs Racing driver became the first to claim his spot in the Championship 4 in two weeks at Phoenix Raceway.

After the race's final pit stop with 22 laps to go, Hamlin crew chief Chris Gayle said changing all four tires was the best way for his driver to get the victory.

"I thought we had a top two or three car that would have allowed us to go that way," Gayle said. "I haven't been in the Final 8 even, but there's a plan in place. We can work on Phoenix now, looser sim work for ourselves so the Phoenix week is smoother. I just want to bring the fastest car I can."

"When Denny sat down with me in the offseason, he mentioned 60 wins, trying to get to the Championship 4, but never mentioned the word 'championship.'"

With a win at Las Vegas secured, it crossed the first big milestone off Hamlin's list. He led only nine laps on the day, but they were good enough. Hamlin was the second driver to qualify and win from the pole, the first since Kyle Busch did the trick in 2009.

"A pole at Vegas wasn't in my wheelhouse," Hamlin said before giving tribute to his dad, who has been

battling health problems.

"I'm just happy he got to see 60," Hamlin said. "I don't know if I could have scripted it better. I can't imagine a win bigger than this one with the family and all of the significance."

Kyle Larson led a race-high 129 of the 267 laps, but finished second, followed by Christopher Bell, Chase Briscoe and Tyler Reddick. Among the other playoff drivers, defending series champion Joey Logano was sixth, and Chase Elliott ended up 18th. With his win in hand, Hamlin leads Larson by four points, Bell is next at 19 behind and Briscoe holds the last transfer spot to the Championship 4, 15 points ahead of William Byron.

The big highlight of Stage 1 happened when 2023 Cup champion Ryan Blaney had his left front tire go flat before the No. 12 whacked the wall in Turn 4 with six laps left to run. He ended up out of the race with a 38th-place finish. Byron led 55 laps in the race, but ran into Ty Dillon as he tried to enter pit road at lap 237 and finished 36th.

There were five cautions for 32 laps and the winner's average speed was 137.131 mph. The Cup Series will race at Talladega Superspeedway on Oct.

19 for the Yellwood 500, then head to Martinsville for the XFINITY 500 on Oct. 26 before the champion is crowned at Phoenix on Nov. 2. All three remaining races will be broadcast on NBC (Channel 5 locally).



**Denny Hamlin and crew** celebrate in Victory Lane after winning the South Point 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Oct. 12.

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## legal notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) proposes a land purchase involving a 20-acre parcel of land in Iron County adjacent to the Parowan Valley Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The 20 acres will be incorporated into the WMA and managed for the benefit of the existing Utah prairie dog colony that exists on the property. Once acquired, the property will be managed in accordance to the existing Habitat Management Plan. If you would like to comment on this proposed land purchase, please send your written correspondence to: Kate Richardson ([katerichardson@utah.gov](mailto:katerichardson@utah.gov)), DWR, PO Box 146301 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6301.

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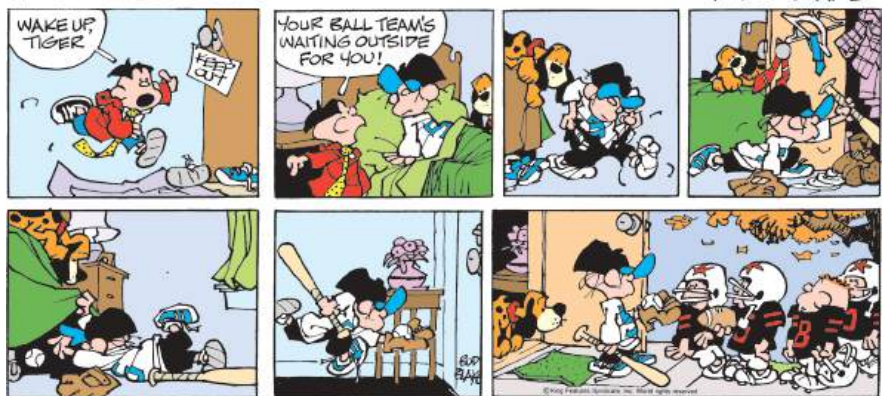
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

A two-panel comic strip. Panel 1: A boy and a girl are looking at a newspaper. Panel 2: A boy and a girl are looking at a newspaper.

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

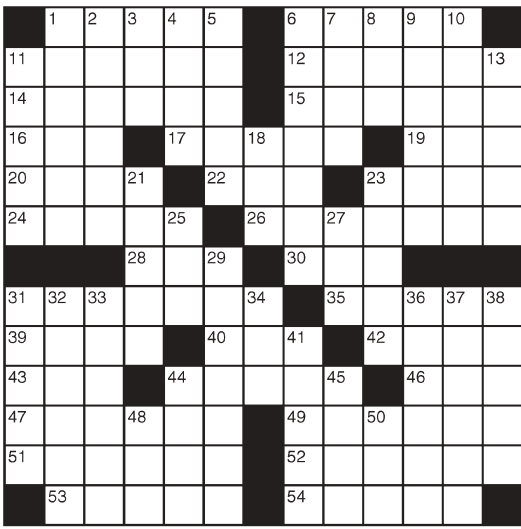
Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Table is smaller. 3. Newspaper is longer. 4. Glove is a catcher's mitt. 5. Number on shirt is smaller. 6. Curtain is wider on left side.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bulgaria's capital
- 6 Tub toys
- 11 Bacon pieces
- 12 Mistakes in print
- 14 Serengeti howlers
- 15 Pre-Easter
- 16 Swiss canton
- 17 Univ. divisions
- 19 Toll rd.
- 20 Lincoln in-law
- 22 "No seats"
- 23 Spring
- 24 Entangle
- 26 Surpassed
- 28 Tic-tac-toe win
- 30 Roofing goo
- 31 Indy 500 skid
- 35 Singer Norah
- 39 Marathoner's stat
- 40 Recipe abbr.
- 42 Humorist Sahl
- 43 Chang's brother
- 44 Unadorned
- 46 Kanga's kid
- 47 Asian peninsula
- 49 Designer Pierre
- 51 Van Gogh's "— Night"



- 52 How chicken may be served
- 53 Juan's farewell
- 54 Puccini opera
- 8 Prince Valiant's son
- 9 Body art
- 10 Intervene
- 11 Closes
- 13 Bracelet site
- 18 Expert
- 21 Unmanned plane
- 23 PC drive insert
- 25 Bathroom, to a Brit
- 27 — Mahal
- 29 Expenditures
- 31 Rose parts
- 32 Target at a fiesta
- 33 "That makes me happy!"
- 34 Airport screening org.
- 36 Type of skiing
- 37 Beethoven's Third
- 38 Sculptor's material
- 41 Loop of lace
- 44 Arsonist
- 45 iPod model
- 48 Onassis nickname
- 50 Train lines (Abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 "Sophie's Choice" author
- 2 Frozen fries brand
- 3 Shark feature
- 4 Apple tablet
- 5 Ninnies
- 6 Sing loudly
- 7 Unrefined metals

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is the only one that borders on two oceans?
- 2. LITERATURE: Which famous author used the pseudonym Richard Bachman early in his career?
- 3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the national animal of France?
- 4. MATH: What is the sum of the interior angles in a triangle?
- 5. HISTORY: Who was the first American president to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
- 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu?
- 7. ACRONYMS: What does the computing acronym API stand for?
- 8. MOVIES: What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
- 9. MUSIC: Which musical instrument has 88 keys?
- 10. TELEVISION: Which television sitcom character is famous for saying, "Did I do that?"?

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Trivia Test Answers!

- 1. Alaska: Pacific Ocean and Arctic Ocean; 2. Stephen King; 3. The Gallic rooster; 4. 180 degrees; 5. Theodore Roosevelt; 6. Incan; 7. Application Programming Interface; 8. Bruiser; 9. Piano; 10. Steve Urkel





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