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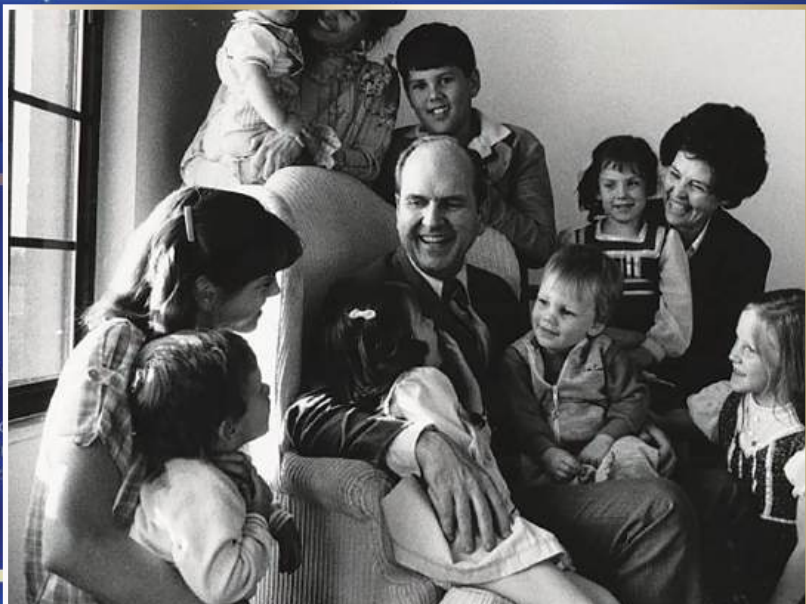
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Remembering the Life of President Russell M. Nelson



STORY IN LIFE

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Public input sought for the new Unified Water Infrastructure Plan

from Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY – The Water Development Coordinating Council will host four public meetings throughout the state in October to gather public input on the new Unified Water Infrastructure Plan (UWIP). These meetings are an opportunity for Utahns to learn more about the state's new approach to funding water projects and to share their perspectives on Utah's

water future.

The UWIP is being prepared as a result of House Bill 280 from the Utah Legislature in 2024, which also established the new Water Infrastructure Fund. This proactive planning approach is designed to create a single, comprehensive and prioritized list of water infrastructure projects, ensuring that funds are allocated efficiently and effectively. The UWIP aims to streamline the process for entities seeking funding and improve coordi-

nation among the Division of Water Resources, the Division of Drinking Water and the Division of Water Quality.

"Public input is a critical part of building a resilient water future for all of Utah," said Candice Hasenyager, chair of the Water Development Coordinating Council and director of the Division of Water Resources. "These public meetings are crucial for us to engage with the communities we serve directly, guiding the local water infrastructure

priorities."

The public meetings will provide an overview of the UWIP prioritization process, its goals and how it will impact local water projects. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions and provide input into the prioritization process that will help shape the plan's development.

"This new statewide plan represents a major shift towards a more integrated approach to water management," said John Mackey, vice chair of the Water

Development Coordinating Council and director of the Division of Water Quality. "We are excited about the collaboration this process fosters, as it ultimately leads to better, more resilient outcomes for our communities."

Details on the dates, times and locations of the four public meetings can be found at the UWIP webpage. For more information, contact Michael Sanchez, public information officer, at 385-226-8967 or email msanchez@utah.gov.

Board initiates first step in considering school boundary changes

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Initiating a boundary change carries a list of

requirements, Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch told board members. In the work meeting on Sept. 16, he outlined the boundary change process in preparation of opening the new East Elementary in the fall of 2026. To initiate the process, he said, the Board needed to approve the first step for a boundary change.

"There are timeframes," Hatch said. "In order to meet all the timeframes I'm proposing that we schedule our public hearing in February. "That would be early enough to make a decision that we could communicate with all of the families and do all of the things that we need to do."

In its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 26, the board approved initiating the boundary process. Hatch emphasized that the timeline gives the board sufficient time to study the details with the boundary change. Additionally, it gives the community time to give input.

Board member Tyrel Eddy asked at what point the Board would weigh in with criteria, specifically regarding options for students currently attending an impacted school. Hatch said that could possibly be considered after the first draft is presented to the Board.

Hatch said the boundary adjustments would likely impact the majority of the elementary schools, as well as the two Cedar City high schools.

The new East Elementary building, has an increased capacity. At least two elementary schools in the district are in need of enrollment reductions while others

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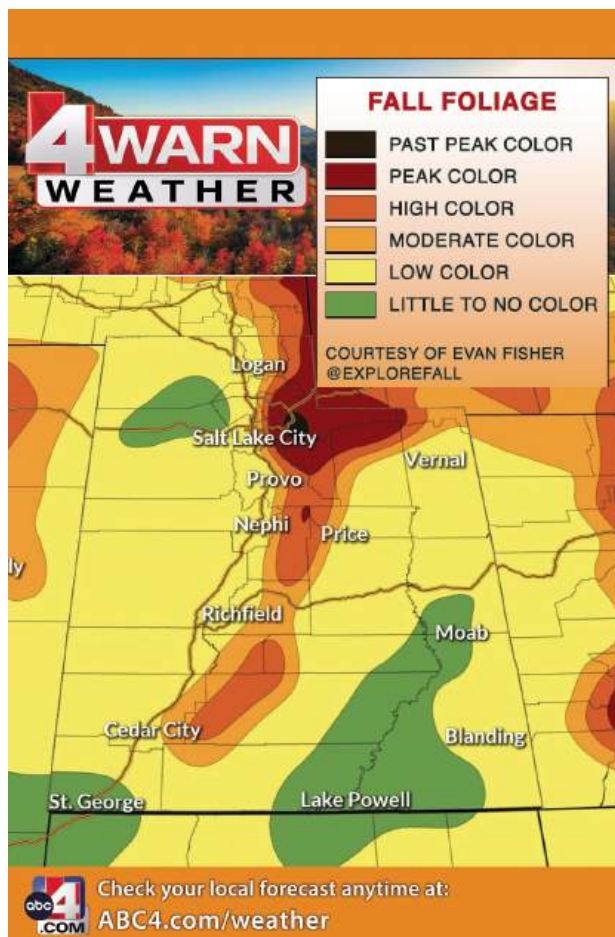
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Lin's Market Breaks Ground on New Store in Enoch, Utah

Lin's to open eighth grocery store

from Elizabeth Barnett

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

ENOCH, Utah — Lin's Market broke ground Friday on its eighth grocery store

location in Enoch, Utah.

The store will be 65,000 square feet and feature a drive-through pharmacy, an Arctic Circle restaurant, a Starbucks coffee house and an ACE Hardware. The new store will also include Lin's favorites including wonderfully fresh produce, from-scratch bakery items, large natural and organic offerings, full-service grocery and deli departments and butcher blocks that are second to none. Plus, Lin's provides guest service that makes the stores the friendliest in town.

Lin's Market has been a staple in communities for over 50 years. As a local grocery store Lin's focuses on providing quality food and service to the communities they serve.

Greg Welling, vice president of Lin's Market, talked about how this represents more than just breaking ground on a building, "We're investing in a future where food, service and community connection come together in powerful ways."

Construction is scheduled to begin in winter 2025, and the store is set to grand open in summer

of 2026. Guests can stay up to date on the project by visiting linsgrocery.com/posts/recipes/lins-enoch.

About Lin's

Lin's is a locally-owned group of seven grocery stores proudly serving Southern Utah and Nevada. With a rich history of community commitment, Lin's offers a wide range of fresh produce, delicious bakery items, extensive natural and organic selections and exceptional full-service grocery and deli departments. Renowned for its high-quality fresh foods, Lin's is dedicated to meeting the unique needs of each community and contributing to their growth and well-being. For more information, visit linsgrocery.com.



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throughout the district.

Shortly after school starts next fall, the addition at Canyon View High School will also be complete. Hatch said the addition adds nine classrooms to the building.

District officials plan to bring a draft proposal to the October work meeting.

In other business, the Board approved:

- TSSA plans for all district schools. Over the past couple of meetings, administrators at each school have presented their school goals and answered questions.
- Changes to the policy regulating advertising in schools.
- The Government Data Privacy Act policy.
- Changes to the policy regulating homeschool registration.








IRON COUNTY FORECAST

WE WILL HAVE A MIX OF CLOUDS AND SUNSHINE TO WRAP UP THE WEEK INTO THE WEEKEND. A FRONT BRINGS ISOLATED SHOWERS AND OUR FIRST REAL TASTE OF FALL-LIKE AIR NEXT WEEK.

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THURSDAY	MOSTLY SUNNY 76°/46° PRECIP: 0% WINDS: S 5-10
FRIDAY	MOSTLY SUNNY 72°/43° PRECIP: 10% WINDS: S 5-10
SATURDAY	PARTLY CLOUDY 69°/39° PRECIP: 10% WINDS: S 5-15
SUNDAY	PARTLY CLOUDY 69°/36° PRECIP: 20% WINDS: N 5-15
MONDAY	ISOLATED SHOWERS 67°/38° PRECIP: 20% WINDS: N 5-15
TUESDAY	ISOLATED SHOWERS 65°/37° PRECIP: 20% WINDS: NE 5-15
WEDNESDAY	MOSTLY SUNNY 64°/37° PRECIP: 10% WINDS: SE 5-10

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Well... another difficult news week is upon us. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has taken two heavy blows last weekend: the passing of our beloved Prophet, President Russell M. Nelson, and the tragic shooting at a ward house in Michigan. President Nelson will be sorely missed. Yet, we can take comfort in knowing he lived a long, faithful, and extraordinary life, leaving behind a legacy of love, leadership, and faith. As General Conference approaches in the coming days, I hope many of us will find peace and reassurance in the messages shared there. At the same time, my heart and prayers are with the victims of the Michigan shooting and their families. This senseless act of violence is another painful reminder of the chaotic times in which we live and the ongoing attacks on faith communities everywhere.

In light of this, I especially encourage you to take a moment with our *ICT Insiders Club* article this week. Richard Gencks' *Out of the Crisis: A Call to America's Rising Generations* (page 10) offers a timely reminder that even in uncertainty, there is another path forward. Instead of despair, we can choose action, hope, and resilience. When you're finished reading, I invite you to share it with a Millennial or Gen Zer in your life. It's a message worth passing along. The storms seem relentless, but even amid grief and hardship, we can still find joy. The cooler weather, the turning leaves, and the arrival of the cozy season are before us. Take a deep breath of the crisp autumn air. Cherish the small, grounding comforts of this time of year. May we lean on one another, find peace in our faith, and hold fast to the simple joys that remind us of God's presence even in difficult days.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The wise use of your freedom to make your own decisions is crucial to your spiritual growth, now and for eternity."

-Russell M. Nelson



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My Name is Dorina, I moved to Cedar City last year...

I moved to the United States in 1986. It wasn't a typical move...my only "luggage" was a small bag containing a few clothes. I was 23 years old. I flew in an airplane for the first time in my life. No, I didn't fly straight from my hometown...

I left my hometown, with some friends, in the summer of 1986. We took a train to a certain point and after that we "went hiking"...we were following a handmade map, that was taking us over mountains to the river Danube, that was separating my country (Romania) from what was Yugoslavia. Yes, we were planning to cross the border.

Romania was called Republic Socialist, back then, and the President was Nicolae Ceausescu, the leader of the Communist Party- a dictator. Communist propaganda was our "daily bread". As Born-again Christians, we were ridiculed and laughed at. As children, we were taught in school that there is no God, or Creation, only evolution. Thanks to our family, we knew better. We had Bibles only because they were smuggled into our country; there

were NONE in our stores.

The leaders of our country found it "useful" to ration certain food products for the general population: sugar, flour, cooking oil, eggs...to name a few.

At work I was asked to join the Communist Party numerous times. I refused, by saying that it was against my religion.

Based on that I was asked to train another person for my position. When people asked me for my faith I answered them, but I was pointed out that I do Christian propaganda.

Leaving the country was considered treason and people were punished severely if caught. The border and vicinity were patrolled by armed soldiers and many had trained dogs.

The 3 days that we were supposed to travel through the mountains, turned into 10...the food we packed was consumed. We found wild apples, and we had to drink water from the springs...

We did get close to soldiers and heard

WORD OF THE WEEK

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Verb

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the dogs bark, but God protected us, we were not discovered. We had to run and hide, cross creeks, run uphill and even tumble over briar. We were scared of wild animals, but didn't encounter any close. We were drenched by rain and shivered from the winds. None of us got seriously injured or sick...another blessing!

When we finally made it to the river Danube, two of the guys swam across and brought back a fisherman boat from the Yugoslavian riverside, and that's how we all crossed the Danube.

We spent 10 days in a country jail, in Yugoslavia. We were transferred to a Refugee Camp in Belgrade for two weeks. The United Nations conducted interviews there. From the refugee camp we were transferred to an old motel that housed refugees. We also went to the US Embassy for interviews. Not everybody was accepted, specifically, people that had joined the communist party, back in Romania. I spent about four months in Yugoslavia before I was able to fly to the US. The price for the plane ticket, I had to pay back, in payments. In the US, I did receive some free bus tickets and food stamps, for a short time.

I went through the "proper channels" and obtained my Green Card and also my American Citizenship.

I was so happy to hear Christian carols in a grocery store, of all places. What a joy to worship God, freely!

Over the years, I've heard and seen how people turned their back to God, here...what a big mistake! We want to do it "our way" and expect God to bless us anyway.

People want communism?!... Be careful what you ask for!!! Ask the people that came from that. To the people that live here and don't like this country, I say leave...go experience the "bliss" of communism.

I can't help but compare my story with some other refugees...but I cringed at the massive invasion of illegal invasion of this country. I feel sorry for the hurting people, but we have to respect the legal immigration to avoid chaos.

*Grateful to call this country home.
God bless America!*

Dohina

Understanding Evil and Good

PART 6

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Evil has existed since the beginning of human existence according to ancient records. Recently, 2 young women were arrested when they destroyed a Charlie Kirk memorial in Arkansas, thinking that they had great power, laughing as they attempted to destroy a memory of a person who lived and fought for their right to disagree. They were videotaped and now they are behind bars yet begging for donations to pay their legal bills. Yes, blatant evil exists, but what does the Bible say about evil and the

solution to it? In fact, throughout the Bible from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation, the problem of evil is addressed as the Creator God gives humans the right to mature and grow in understanding and fighting against evil individually and corporately in groups. (Remember World War II and the Nazi attempts to destroy the Jewish people.) According to the Bible, the experience of evil is something that God understands and acknowledges, while challenging humans to overcome evil and take personal accountability

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Correction Notice

Due to an editing mistake in the September 18, 2025 issue, the Iron County Commission recap incorrectly stated that the third-quarter cost for meals at the jail was \$19 per meal.

The correct figure is \$1.19 per meal for the last quarter and \$1.09 annually.

We apologize for the error.

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A large part of the meeting focused on swearing in new police officers. Chief Darren Adams promoted Kyle Barrett to corporal and welcomed new officer Slade Blackburn. Both introduced their families. During public comment, a resident described a July 5th incident involving an explosive device thrown from a pickup truck that caused property damage. While a 14-year-old was convicted, frustration was expressed that no charges were filed against the adult driver. The Police Chief said evidence was

insufficient, and the council noted it had no authority over judicial matters but suggested civil options.

The council approved the consent agenda, including meeting minutes, bill ratifications, surplus property declarations, a wastewater clarifier rebuild, and a \$48,600 traffic signal design at Kittyhawk and Bulldog Road.

It also approved three zoning and general plan changes: property at 3000 North Canyon Ranch Drive shifted from low-density residential to central commercial with a required road dedication, and property at 111 South Main Street rezoned for a veterinary clinic from highway regional to central commercial. All changes passed unanimously.

Administrative matters included vacating a public right-of-way at 900 North and 3700 West, annexing 80.92 acres at 800 North and 4500 West, and updating the city's personnel policy to include previously omitted timekeeping requirements.

Budget discussions highlighted water projects, with the mayor removing \$2 million for north side water development from the budget revision to allow flexibility amid ongoing negotiations with the water conservancy district.

The meeting ended with

approval of a revised investment policy under the Utah Money Management Act before moving into closed session.

Iron County Commission Meeting Summary - September 22, 2025

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Building and Zoning Department reported steady permit activity overall, with slight declines in regular and dwelling permits but an increase in commercial permits. Staff have been working with auditors to improve tracking systems, digitize old files, and complete certifications for inspector qualifications. New hires were also made to support zoning enforcement and planning.

The maintenance team has focused on fairgrounds improvements, clinic parking expansion, and other facility needs. A major budget concern arose over the courthouse elevator modernization, as unexpected requirements may raise costs beyond the original estimate. Parts are expected by the end of the month.

Public Works reported resurfacing about 80 lane miles this year, well above the typical 50-60. Engineering is underway for Gold Springs Road, with work on Kevin Woods Road pending approval. The department is also developing Summit Road connections and has completed required striping on roads with speed limits over 35 mph.

At the landfill, 71,630 tons of waste have been processed year-to-date, slightly more than previous years. However, frequent lithium-ion battery fires—occurring up to three times a week—pose serious safety risks and require specialized suppression techniques. Officials are working with state agencies and other landfills to develop best practices, and the added safety measures may increase budget needs for protective equipment and suppression systems.

The commissioner reported on committee work, including mental health initiatives, airport board efforts to establish air traffic control and resolve maintenance issues, and a review of the county's employee evaluation system.

A parcel of land depleted gravel pit near Beryl Junction, appraised at \$17,000, was sold to the owner of adjacent property. Public Works confirmed the pit had no remaining commercial value. A public hearing was held with no comments, and the sale

was unanimously approved.

A representative from the Five County Association presented the Circles poverty reduction program, seeking to launch a cohort in Iron County. The 18-month initiative combines intentional friendships, personal transformation, and systemic change to help families escape poverty, aiming to lift participants to 200% of the federal poverty level. County data show 38.6% of residents live below that threshold, with average wages far below the state average. The program has shown strong results nationwide, with participants seeing income increases of up to 74%. Commissioners expressed support and suggested possible meeting venues.

Another presentation highlighted the Local Administrative Advisor Program, a state-funded service for communities under 10,000 residents without full-time administrators. It offers help with budgets, ordinances, land use codes, transportation plans, and compliance requirements. The program faces funding cuts after the legislature reduced appropriations due to political disputes.

The commission approved routine items including a single-event permit for Iron Springs Resort's Oktoberfest, a \$33,550 Utah Outdoor Recreation OHV grant for trail maintenance

BUDGET SUMMARY

YEAR	STATE OF UTAH	IRON COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	CEDAR CITY	COUNTY POPULATION	INFLATION RATE
2020	\$18,500,000,000	\$64,397,882	\$97,275,145	\$84,121,067	57,286	1.4
2021	\$20,300,000,000	\$68,529,185	\$111,206,179	\$82,661,906	58,672	7.0
2022	\$25,600,000,000	\$80,413,678	\$116,183,977	\$82,219,239	62,508	6.5
2023	\$26,000,000,000	\$78,255,317	\$172,080,787	\$97,198,239	64,211	3.4
2024	\$29,400,000,000	\$67,789,445	\$200,512,950	\$150,125,060	65,765	3.2
2025	\$30,800,000,000	\$132,282,649	\$221,113,931	\$77,269,263	67,617	2.7
ANNUAL INCREASE	10.7%	15.5%	17.8%	0%	3.4%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

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equipment and seasonal staffing, and an agreement extension with Dixie National Forest for concrete work at Cedar Mountain snowmobile parking areas.

Two letters of support were issued for infrastructure projects near Parowan City Airport, seeking state and federal funding for road and utility upgrades. Commissioners noted the poor condition of the current access road.

Personnel actions included hiring a full-time corrections deputy, promoting a senior judicial assistant, and adjusting employment status for two employees to better meet operational needs.

The meeting ended with discussion of a possible land exchange between the county and Parowan City involving a gravel pit and landfill site, directing staff to start the public notice process and ensure proper valuation.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dear friends and neighbors,

I have been reflecting on the unimaginable loss for the Charlie Kirk family and the devastating moment for our state and nation that occurred this past month. I am grateful to those who ensured a peaceful surrender and helped keep our communities safe.

Our country is built on the rule of law, our Constitution, and the right to free speech, not on fear, intimidation, or violence. No political difference ever justifies violence. What happened is a sobering reminder of what can go wrong when division and speculation take hold. To move forward, we must break that cycle.

It starts with making sure we verify information before repeating it. Questioning assumptions and examining our own biases is healthy. Spreading rumors only muddies the waters



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

and pushes us further apart. Each of us can raise the standard for how we share and consume information.

If you find yourself happy and excited when those you consider your opposition do something wrong, or if something bad happens to them, take a step back. Pause and try to put yourself in their shoes. I think you will find this to be refreshing and therapeutic.

Just as important, we need to restore civil conversation. Gov. Cox has emphasized the power of respect, even in disagreement. That is not idealism, it is the practical way to prevent more heartbreak. We must talk with each other, not at each other. Let's choose compassion over contempt, facts over rumors, and solutions over blame.

Another reality we must face is the role of social media. I

am angered and saddened by how vile and harmful ideas are amplified in echo chambers created by algorithms. I strongly encourage you to step away from social media, and to guide your children toward healthier, more meaningful uses of their time. Life becomes more peaceful when we invest in what matters most: our family, neighbors, and strengthening our communities.

Utah deserves our commitment to higher ideals. Tragedy must not be the final word. If we respond with courage, respect, and honesty, we can build a safer and more united community.

On a different note, right now, the Legislature formed a committee to redraw Utah's congressional maps, referred to as redistricting. This process redraws district boundaries for congressional, state legislative, and state school board districts. Visit redistricting.utah.gov for the details, including remaining public hearing dates, links to watch live meetings, and to learn more.

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for one's thoughts and actions. We have just witnessed both good and evil in Charlie Kirk's life and death. Thankfully, the murderer and those who encouraged the evil act will be held accountable in the State of Utah where the ultimate penalty of capital punishment may occur. Many of the Bible's 66 individual books openly express and discuss the problem of evil along with the question of how a good God could allow evil to exist and entrap humans. The entire book of Job, for example, is a discussion of the reasons why mankind experiences suffering even when we don't seem to deserve it. Other notable passages reflect questions about evil versus good and personal accountability.

- Habakkuk 1:2-4 laments "How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, 'Violence!' But you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife and conflict abounds. Therefore, the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous so that justice is perverted."
- Ecclesiastes 4: 1-3, "Again I looked and saw the oppression that was taking place under the sun: I saw the tears of the oppressed—and they have no comforter; power was on the side of their oppressors—and they still have no comforter. And

I declared that the dead, who have already died, are happier than the living, who are still alive. But better than both is the one who has never been born, who has not seen the evil that is done under the sun."

- Psalm 10:1: "Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?"
- Psalm 22:1-2: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far away from saving

me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest."

- Psalm 83: 1-2: "O God, do not remain silent; do not turn a deaf ear, do not stand aloof, O God. See how your enemies growl, how your foes rear their heads."
- John 16:2-4: "They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them."
- Romans 8:36: "As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'"
- Revelation 6:9-10: "When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, 'How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?'"

These passages show a personal and deep awareness of the reality of evil and suffering so when does a righteous God save helpless humanity? Next week we will deal with "The Revival Generation" of Gen Z turning to Jesus and how God created the world as very good and is now preparing for His return. Is this the end of the prophetic timeline of the Bible and His soon return? Next time, more information.

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Out of the Crisis: A Call to America's Rising Generations

by Richard Genck

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The murder of Charlie Kirk is more than a personal tragedy. It is evidence that America has entered the crisis era—marked by violence, political decay, and collapsing institutions. Historians call this the Fourth Turning, the final stage in an 80–100 year cycle of renewal through hardship. The question before us is whether this crisis will further consume us, or whether a rising generation will lead us out of it.

At Kirk's memorial, amid tears, there was worship. Thousands lifted their voices in prayer and song. In a moment of national darkness, faith shone through. Atheists and lapsed believers testified online that they felt called by God. "I bought a Bible for the first time," or "I am returning to church for the first time in 30 years," have become common. This return to Christianity was not nostalgia, it was a glimpse of the foundation that can steady a faltering nation.

The Crisis Is Real

The Fourth Turning, as described by Strauss and Howe, is the period when old institutions collapse and society faces trials that demand renewal. In the past, Americans have faced revolutions, civil wars, depressions, and world wars. Each time, a new generation steps forward to rebuild.

Today, Millennials and Gen Z are being summoned. They are not bystanders to the unraveling, they are the ones history has appointed to lead America through the storm and into a rebirth of liberty.

Why Millennials and Gen Z Are Ready

Despite the negative cultural caricatures, these generations (Strauss and Howe would describe as the Hero and Artist generations) are uniquely equipped for the task.

- They know disillusionment. From 9/11 to the Great Recession and endless wars to the pandemic, they have seen the cost of failed institutions. They do not idolize the system—they are ready to reform it.
- They are builders. From homeschooling networks to startups, from small businesses to homesteading, they have learned to create when old systems failed.

• They crave meaning. Consumerism has left them empty, but many are rediscovering faith in Christ and the truths of liberty.

• They are resilient. Hardship has shaped them for responsibility. Like the G.I. Generation before them, they are ready to shoulder the burden of renewal.

Faith and Freedom Rise Together

The Constitution's checks and balances reflect a biblical truth: man's power must be limited because man is fallen. Liberty can only endure when people acknowledge a higher law than government: the law of God. We will not heal America by further breaking the Constitution. We must restore the checks and balances eroded by misguided amendments and destructive court rulings. This is why the spirit of revival at Charlie Kirk's memorial matters so deeply. Christianity is not merely private comfort; it is the cultural and moral anchor of a free people. These shared moral beliefs bind us together, and create the backbone for our social contract. A generation that bows before Christ will never bow before tyranny.

A Call Across Generations

For Millennials and Gen Z to fulfill

their calling, they will need the support of those who came before them.

- Gen X and Boomers: Resist cynicism and nostalgia. Mentor the rising generations. Lend them your wisdom and your encouragement. Stand beside them as they build.
- Millennials and Gen Z: Do not shrink back. History is waiting for you. Embrace faith, family, and responsibility. Study history. Learn true governing principles from great thinkers like Cleon Skousen, Milton Friedman, and Thomas Sowell. Restore moral institutions, protect liberty, and rebuild America's civic life from the ground up.

The Way Out

Charlie Kirk's murder underscores the depth of our crisis, but the hope displayed at his memorial shows the way out: faith in God, restoration of Constitutional principles, and the courage of a rising generation. We cannot avoid the storm of the Fourth Turning, but we can decide what kind of nation will emerge on the other side. Let us choose faith over fear, liberty over tyranny, truth over lies. Let us rebuild America on her true foundation: *one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

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Fall Creative Writing Conference with 2025 Utah Humanities Book Festival

from The Grace Tanner Center

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The Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values at Southern Utah University, as well as the English Department, is partnering with the 2025 Utah Humanities Book Festival to host a Fall Creative Writing Conference featuring regional writers and Utah book award winners. The public events will include a Walking/Writing Workshop along Coal Creek through the Cedar Canyon Trail, a panel discussion on “Reimagining the West,” and a multi-genre reading of fiction, poetry, and nonfiction.

This year’s Grace A. Tanner Visiting

Writers are Simmons Buntin, author of *Sattelite: Essays on Fatherhood and Home, Near and Far*; and Stacie Denetsosie (Diné) Todíh’íinii (Bitterwater Clan), author of *The Missing Morningstar*, a short story collection, 2024 Southwest Book of the Year, and finalist for the 2025 Utah Book Award in General Fiction. Other featured writers include Karin Anderson and Rachel White, as well as Kase Johnstun, author of *Cast Away*, a novel, and literary director for Utah Humanities. Anderson’s novel *Things I Didn’t Do* and White’s collection of poems, *The Velvet Earth After Rain*, were recognized by the 2025 Utah Book Awards as a finalist in General Fiction and a Notable Read in poetry,

respectively.

The conference will kick off with a Tanner Center Talk on Wednesday, October 8, through a panel titled “Reimagining the West”: a Perspective from Contemporary Writers. It will take place at the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum from 5:30 pm– 7:00 pm. Authors Buntin, Denetsosie, Johnstun, and Anderson will share excerpts from their recently published works to initiate a discussion as well as writing prompts on writing about the west. The conference will conclude with final readings on Thursday, October 9, by Buntin, White, and Denetsosie at the Bristlecone Hall Lounge on Southern Utah University campus from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at both events. The authors will also conduct writing workshops for creative writing students at SUU.

As a prelude to the conference, Buntin will co-direct a walking/writing workshop through Cedar Canyon on Tuesday, October 7, from 10:00 am to 11:15 am with SUU biologist Dr. Sam Wells. Participants should meet at the West Canyon Park, 133 South 400 East, and bring a notebook, pen, water bottle, hat and jacket. This event will not take place if there is inclement weather.

“Utah Humanities is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and we are thrilled to be able to continue this long-standing partnership with the Utah Humanities Book Festival in October,” said Dr. Danielle Dubrasky, Director of the Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values.

Please reach out to Shauri Thacker, Administrative Assistant to the Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values, with any questions: shaurithacker@suu.edu.

Parowan man arrested on suspicion of felony exploitation charge after federal raid

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 40-year-old man was arrested Tuesday possessing and distributing child sexual abuse material after federal, state and local officers served a warrant at his Parowan home.

James Richard Tanner was taken into custody without incident during the Sept. 23 raid, which involved Homeland Security Investigations, the FBI, U.S. Marshals, Iron County Sheriff’s deputies and Parowan Police.

Tanner was booked into the Iron County Jail on suspicion of one count of sexual exploitation of a minor, a second-degree felony.

According to the charging documents, investigators received a tip in September that Tanner had been sharing child pornography through various social media applications. A federal search warrant was obtained and executed at his residence.

After being read his rights, Tanner agreed to talk with investigators. He admitted having numerous files and said he started collecting and sharing them in October 2024. He also told officers they would find material on his phone and other electronic devices.

Agents said an initial forensic review confirmed at least one of Tanner’s devices contained child sex abuse material involving victims described as prepubescent or pubescent in age.

Tanner remains held without bail in Iron County Jail pending his first court appearance.

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Judge dismisses felony charges in Cedar City road rage shooting, citing self-defense

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 5th District Court judge has dismissed multiple felony charges against a Cedar City motorcyclist accused of shooting a man during a road rage confrontation, ruling the shooting was an act of self-defense.

In a 14-page decision issued Monday, Judge Meb Anderson dismissed one count of felony discharge of a firearm with serious bodily injury and one count of aggravated assault against 47-year-old Jason Bryan Stolworthy.

Those two most serious charges were dismissed with prejudice, meaning they cannot be refiled. Two counts of reckless endangerment were dismissed without prejudice, leaving the option for prosecutors to pursue them again.

Stolworthy still faces charges of obstruction of justice and reckless driving. His bail was reduced

from \$200,000 to \$10,000.

The ruling stems from a June 12, 2024, altercation near Main Street and Fiddlers Canyon Road, where Stolworthy shot the driver of a white Mercedes. The driver, identified as Robert Mabbitt, survived and later recovered from his injuries.

Anderson ruled that Mabbitt was the primary aggressor and found Stolworthy reasonably believed deadly force was necessary to stop another attack. He cited both gas station surveillance video and a bystander's cellphone recording as key evidence.

The footage shows Mabbitt striking Stolworthy through his helmet visor, which knocked him off his motorcycle. After the fall, Mabbitt continued moving toward Stolworthy in an aggressive manner.

"The Court finds that subjective and objective imminence existed, and Stolworthy reasonably believed force was necessary," Anderson wrote. He noted that Mabbitt closed distance on Stolworthy

and shouted threats just before the shooting.

Although Anderson called Stolworthy's decision to chase Mabbitt's car during the lead-up to the incident "irresponsible and inadvisable," he ruled it did not prove intent to provoke a fight.

"Once parked, it is clear from video evidence ... that Stolworthy was not the aggressor. Stolworthy remains on his bike as Mabbitt approaches," the judge noted.

After the shooting, Stolworthy left the scene, flipped his motorcycle's license plate to avoid detection, and went home, where he was later arrested.

Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson said his office is working with the Utah Attorney General's Office on a possible appeal, which would be handled at the state level since the case involves felony charges.

Stolworthy's next court date, a scheduling conference, is set for Oct. 7 via Webex.



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Painting the C:

A Nearly Century Old Cedar High Tradition

by Sharon Christensen

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Maintaining the giant “C” on the mountainside above Cedar City has been a tradition for almost a hundred years. It all began in 1926, when students at what is now Southern Utah University hiked up the hillside to repaint the letter as a way to welcome classmates back for the fall semester.

Over time, that responsibility shifted to Cedar High School seniors, who now take on the project each year. The event, known simply as “white-wash-

ing the C,” has become an anticipated milestone of senior year—a chance for students to leave their mark on a tradition that has connected generations.

Last week, this year’s seniors carried on the legacy. After the short 15-minute drive up the mountain, students gathered around the massive letter—measuring roughly 80 by 120 feet—and prepared for the task. Working together, they hauled buckets of fresh paint and tossed them across the rocks, coating the hillside with bright white. Before long, the “C” was gleaming once again, freshly restored after a year of wear and tear.

Of course, the work was only part of the experience. For many, the memory was less about the paint and more about the people. By the end of the day, most were covered in splatters from head to toe, laughing



and joking with each other.

“It was so much fun to goof off with everyone there,” said Elyse Kartchner, a Cedar High senior. “It definitely helped bring us together.”

Another student, Abby Wright, agreed. “I had a great time! I’ll never forget white-washing the C. I was so excited that it was my turn to be a part of this Cedar High School tradition.”

Though messy and tiring, the activity continues to hold meaning for the students who take part. Beyond refreshing a symbol that represents both the city and the school, the event builds unity, pride, and a sense of belonging. For Cedar High seniors, it is more than just a project—it’s a memory students will carry long after graduation.

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Fundraiser planned for Fire Chief Mike Phillips

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Iron County Chiefs Association and the Fireman’s Association are hosting a fundraiser to support Cedar City Fire Chief Mike Phillips, who was seriously injured in a recent training accident and is currently hospitalized in Salt Lake City.

The event will be held Monday, Oct. 6, from 5:30–8 p.m. (or until food runs out) at the Diamond Z Arena. A whole-hog barbecue dinner with sides will be served for \$20 a plate.

Raffles will feature two guns — including a Ruger Mark IV .22 pistol with a red dot scope — and a one-hour fall leaf viewing flight for two donated by SUU Aviation.

Thanks to an anonymous donation covering the food costs, all proceeds from the dinner and raffles will go directly to Phillips and his family.

Those who cannot attend but would still like to help can donate by scanning the QR code below.



Broadway Stage Meets the Silver Screen

by Amy Gold

ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH

Songs so great they have been on Broadway and in films are featured in the season opening concert on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m. The Orchestra of Southern Utah is teaming up with local vocalists, Canyon View High Orchestra, and Cedar Valley Community Theater actors and dancers to create a memorable evening. Tickets are available at myosu.org.

As part of America250 the orchestra is exploring "America's Playlist" featuring iconic songs and other American compositions. "This joyful music has become an international sensation," said Harold Shirley, OSU

President.

SUU Theater Professor Richard Bugg reprises Tevye from *Fiddler on the Roof* as he speculates about life in "If I Was a Rich Man". He directs the American Crossroads Theatre. The Canyon View High School Orchestra under the direction of Will Zeller joins OSU for this Broadway favorite. The CVHS orchestra will also perform a *Over the Rainbow* medley.

Ilyra Joseph and Conner Thornton celebrate high school romance with "You're the One That I Want" from *Grease*. "You Can't Stop the Beat" from *Hairspray* is another musical based on American high school.

Melinda Pfundstein has been in numerous Utah Shakespeare Festival productions such as *My Fair Lady*

and *Winter's Tale*. She teams up with Kristin Briggs for "Defying Gravity" from *Wicked*. Kristin teaches at SUU and most recently played the lead in *Carmen*.

Shellee Younkin, OSU Education Director joins forces with Justin Olsen, Kennedy McCuiston, and the CVCT ensemble for "Seasons of Love" from *Rent*.

King George thought that America would return to his fold after the revolution. The cheeky song "You'll Be Back" from *Hamilton* will be sung by Brandon Burk. He has extensive theater experience and helps direct the InterMountain Performing Arts Conservatory.

West Side Story with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by

Stephen Sondheim transported the romance of *Romeo and Juliet* to the Upper West Side of Manhattan in 1957. It was a groundbreaking musical and OSU's medley of the music captures the tension and tenderness of the production.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* had over 10,000 performances on Broadway between 1988 and 2012. Based on a 1910 novel by Gaston Leroux it has mysterious and powerful music. Everyone in the orchestra has a moment with an expanded percussion section adding even more drama.

The "Symphonic Fantasy" for *Mary Poppins* will have your toes tapping. P.

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Fall Seasons Flourish

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

As the leaves start to turn, our stages are lit up with new productions.

Parowan Community Theatre presents the classic comedy, *You Can't Take It with You*, directed by Maureen Haney, at the Aladdin Theater on October 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11. The play starts at 7 pm and tickets are \$10. "We have an amazingly vibrant community theatre scene in Iron County - and such an abundance of talent! Although I love all the musicals presented every year, it's really a joy to present a classic comedy showcasing our local performers' comedic skills," said Haney.

SUU presents *Comedy of Errors* Friday and Saturday at the Engelstad Theatre at 8 pm. Remember your jacket and even better, a blanket, for the chillier evenings. Peter Sham is directing the production and has

set it in the neon 80s so it should be especially fun. Tickets are available at www.bard.org/tdaa. There are lots of other arts events at SUU that welcome the community. Check out events.suu.edu/calendar

The Utah Shakespeare Festival has especially outstanding productions this season. Don't miss the final performances this week. Tickets at www.bard.org. I loved the variety and the heart in the plays this season. I finally saw *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* after my friends raved about it. They were right. You will enjoy this exuberant play.

The Orchestra of Southern Utah has the evening concert Thursday, Oct. 9, celebrating Broadway and Film music at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center. Tickets at myosu.org.

The Children's Jubilee is Saturday, Oct. 11, also at the Heritage Center. Fun music, science and art activities in the lobby starting at 12 noon with a shorter concert designed for children at 2 p.m. This is a joyful day for fam-

ilies. The price is "pay what you can" and canned food is being collected for Care and Share. The Arts Council will have some fun arts activities as well as some free school supplies for children as part of the lobby festivities.

Another upcoming event is the premiere performance of the John Mead Dance Company on Oct. 17 and 18 in the Heritage Center. One

of our Arts Council mini-grants is helping launch this professional dance company in Cedar City. "You will be thrilled to experience Cedar City's first, home-grown professional dance company presenting its premiere performance of inventive, energetic, original choreography. Appropriate for all ages, the concert will present three 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," said Mead.

As an Arts Council we have the motto "Relentless Arts Advocacy"

because we believe the arts help us connect and build our community. It is exciting to see all of the wonderful artistic efforts. We offer a monthly arts newsletter edited by Ann Oberhelman which is emailed to CCAC members and is also posted on our social media. If we have missed your event please be sure to send us a poster and information so we can share your event.

Arts participation and education are valuable endeavors. The arts are a lifelong sport and every exhibit and performance appreciates your attention. Sharing with an audience is the most rewarding part of the experience, after weeks of preparation and rehearsal.

"Arts education gives people confidence to think differently and approach problems in new ways, which shapes our world today," said Erin Harkey, CEO of Americans for the Arts. I love seeing musicians achieve a higher standard of playing. I love seeing the growth of our visual artists and dancers. Reading a good book and seeing a play help me understand new viewpoints. All in all, the arts are beneficial and we are happy you are on the journey with us.



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recently there is the film *Saving Mr. Banks* with Tom Hanks about the making of the Disney adaptation and a remake in 2018 with Emily Blunt.

Andrew Briggs, who was recently the lead in *Carmen* at SUU proclaims the "Greatest Show" with the CVCT ensemble. He directs choirs at SUU.

Carylee Zwang conducts the orchestra made up of professional musicians and dedicated amateurs. OSU concerts are at the Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 East, in Cedar City.

Season tickets are still available for \$55 for adults and \$35 for students. Single concert tickets are \$15.75 for adults and \$10.50 for students, available at myosu.org.

L. Travers published eight children's books about the magical English nanny starting in 1934. Disney's movie with Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke came out in 1964. More



Who: Orchestra of Southern Utah Opening Season Concert

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“Autumn Is the Season That Teaches Us Change Can Be Beautiful.”

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go. Autumn carries more gold in its pockets than all the other seasons. Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn. We love fall. Of course, spring, summer, and winter all share a place in our hearts, but it's hard to beat a crisp autumn day. It's time to pull out the sweaters, get cozy, and yes, sip on a pumpkin spice latte, hot apple cider, or hot chocolate.

Seasons are caused as the Earth travels around the sun. As the position of the Earth's surface changes—moving either closer to or away from the sun—the seasons change. Similarly, during daily movements, the Earth spins around its axis and night turns into day. If you look at the sky, the sun appears to be traveling from east to west, but this is not true. It is the Earth that moves, rotating on its axis once every 24 hours. Because of this movement, it is daytime for the part of the Earth's surface that is facing the sun, and nighttime when the Earth rotates,

hiding the same area from the sun.

While the Earth rotates on its own, it also moves around the sun in an elliptical path. This movement is called revolution. It is a long journey—one that lasts 365 days. As the Earth revolves, weather conditions change periodically. These changes cause the seasons. At the beginning of October, the sun rises at approximately 6:45 and sets at 6:20 in the northeast. But the continuous movement of the Earth shortens the day by 1 minute and 45 seconds every morning, and 2 minutes every afternoon.

The growing period of the trees is over as they prepare to spend the winter resting. Their leaves turn

yellow, red, light green, and brown as they dry up, and the wind blows them off the branches. Before the leaves fall, the tree pulls out all their nutrients and stores them in its branches and trunk. In time, the leaves all fall off the branches.

As autumn advances, the days become shorter and we are exposed to less sunlight. This throws off our circadian rhythm and can wreak havoc on our sleep cycles. You may find yourself sleeping longer than you did in summer. In fact, according to a study from Harvard Medical School, people average about 2.7 more hours of sleep a night

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QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

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The Cedar Chest Quilt Guild presented Search and Rescue members with Quilts

by Paula Sylvester

THE CEDAR CHEST QUILT GUILD

The Cedar Chest Quilt Guild presented Search and Rescue members (L-R) **Cameron Neil**, **Nathan Jessie** and **Michael Hilleger** with quilts to honor them for their service to the Iron County Community. **Cameron Neil**, a 20 year employee of the Sheriff's Department is currently assigned as the Corporal in charge of the courts. He has been on the ropes team for 5 years. **Nathan Jessop** had been on the ropes team for 15 years. He has saved several lives and helped many others out of bad situations. **Michael Hilleger** is currently a Captain on the SAR team. He is also a tactical flight officer for the Iron County Sheriff's office, utilizing a helicopter to assist in the location and extraction of persons lost or injured.

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2nd Thurs 7 pm • Courtyard Marriott, 1294 S Interstate Dr (Cedar Breaks Conference Rm)
- Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance (CAIFA)**
3rd Tues 10:30am @ Cedar Library, West room. Help us plan and organize fundraising projects and quarterly community events.
- DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter**
3rd Tues, 11:30 AM @ the Cedar City Brian Head Visitors Center.
- Elks Lodge #1556**
111 E Freedom Blvd. Cedar City, (435) 586-8332
- Lion's Club**
Tues, 12 pm • Call Pres. Michelle Wilson for mtg. info. Everyone welcome! (802) 359-2183
- Marine Corps League**
Detachment 1315, 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm
Elks Lodge (303 N 100 E)
- Rotary Club**
Tues, 12:15 • Southwest Tech, 757 W 800 S, Cedar City • (435) 233-0244
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**
1st Thurs, 6PM, Post 10846 meets @ Elks Lodge, 111 E 200 N.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- AA—Alcoholics Anonymous**
(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City)

unless otherwise listed
Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon
Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am
Red Road to Sobriety • Mon, 6 pm Paiute Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307
Misfits • M – F, 6 pm
Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm
The Great Fact • T, F, Noon. True Life Center 2111 N. Main. (702) 802-1332 or (702) 533-7856
Red Creek Group • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925
Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am
My Story • Sat, 8 pm
Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am
What a Way to Start the Day • Su, W, F 7-8 am • All are welcome

Al-Anon
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed
Easy Does It • Tues, 6-7 pm • (435) 559-3333
Hope for Today (Family Groups)
Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333
Key to Harmony (Online/Email Meeting) Sun & Tues 435-704-4979 • <https://keytoharmony.org/>

Alzheimer's/Dementia
Last Tues, 5:30-6:30 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Learn, access resources, connect. Virtual option available. Raven Albertson, 385.831.7124, utahprograms@alz.org.
ARP—Addiction Recovery
1st Wed, 7 pm • Parowan Seminary building, Main & 300 N, Parowan
Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm
Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm
It Works - How and Why • Thurs, 7:30-8:30 pm
Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm
Candle Light Mtg • Sat, 9:30 pm (Sm rm)
Women Only • Sun, 11 am
Dopeless Hope Fiends • Sun, 8 pm • Mtg Hall, 1067 S Main, Cedar (877) 865-5890

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

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

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

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

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired
3rd Thurs, 1:30 pm • Cedar City Library

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

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

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s
offers Dog Training classes and therapy dogs for libraries, schools, and more. We also have events like animal adoptions and microchip clinics. Call Gail Workman at 435-592-5487 for info.

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

Local Cub Scout Pack (K–5th).
Wednesday @ 6 p.m. For more information, go to myscouting.org or contact local Cubmaster Tristin L. at CubScoutTroop1848UT@gmail.com

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
Adolescent: 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

calendar

THURS, OCT 2

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10AM) @ CEDAR CITY
Family Search Center 95 N 2125 W, Cedar City, UT. This class will introduce students to the Civil Registration. This is the first of two classes focusing on Vital Records. Come learn how to expand your researching skills using these helpful resources. Pam and Catherine are experienced teachers and professional Genealogists. Classes are about one hour and free!

SAT, OCT 4

POWER IN PINK RUN. (8AM) @ WEST CANYON
Park - 133 S 400 E, Cedar City. Register at powerinpink-ironcounty.com. Our non profit group helps local ladies and their families affected by breast cancer.

MON, OCT 6

HISTORY BOOK CLUB (6:00PM) AT MAIN STREET
Books. Reading "The Color of Law" By Richard Rothstein. Most titles are available well in advance at Main Street Books. All are welcome to join!

TUES, OCT 7

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

THURS, OCT 9

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10AM) CEDAR CITY
Family Search Center 95 N 2125 W, Cedar City, UT. This class will be the second class teaching about Vital Records. The class will focus on Family Bibles, Church Records and Cemetery information. Come learn how to expand your researching skills using these helpful resources. Pam and Catherine are experienced teachers and professional Genealogists. Classes are about one hour and free!

SAT, OCT 11

ENOCH WILDLIFE RESCUE OPEN HOUSE
(10AM-5PM) Open House Holidays with the Birds located at 6337 N 650 E Enoch, UT 84720. Custom designed birdhouses, holiday gifts for donation, food from local vendors, free crafts for kids, wildlife shirts and raffles! Help support rescued

wildlife!

PAROWAN FALL FESTIVAL (10AM-4PM) LOCATED
at Parowan Main Street. Enjoy a wonderful fall day with entertainment, craft vendors, games, food, a car show featuring all makes and models.

TRUE LIFE CENTER FOOD PANTRY GOLF
TOURNAMENT (9AM-2PM) Local businesses are encouraged to register teams, with opportunities for both sponsorship and business promotion. Both team and single-player registration for the second annual True Life Center Food Pantry Golf Tournament is now open. The tournament takes place at the Cedar Ridge Golf Course in Cedar City. For more information, visit the True Life Center website or email Pastor Bryan Hernandez at welcome@truelife.center.

MON, OCT 13

CARS & CUSTARD CAR SHOW (6-8PM) AT
Culver's (1065 S Main St, Cedar City), admission is Free. Enjoy a night with classics (1981 or older), customs, hot rods, and exotics. Followed by a cruise down Main Street at 8:00 pm. For information or to enter a car call, Mike, at (909) 717-1232 or email him at ekimjacobs@gmail.com. *weather permitting

SAT, OCT 18

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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celebrations



Welcome Olivia!

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our sweet daughter, Olivia Anne Farnsworth!

Born on September 16, 2025, at Cedar City Hospital, Olivia weighed 8 pounds and measured 20 inches long. Proud parents Jennifer and Jeff Farnsworth, along with her two big brothers who already adore and love her, are so excited to welcome her into our family.

Our hearts are full of joy as we celebrate the newest member of our family!

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Fairways to full plates:
Golfers rally to fight hunger in Cedar City

from Haven Scott

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As fall settles over Iron County and the first chill creeps into the nights, many residents are preparing for winter with worries about food and supplies.

Pastor Pete Akins is on a mission to help his neighbors through those challenges.

True Life Center will host its second annual golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 11, to benefit the church's food pantry. Akins calls the event a way of "teeing up hope, one meal at a time."

"Join us to put food on every plate," he said. "Last year, we achieved an astounding \$27,000 in fundraising, highlighting the remarkable support of our generous sponsors and dedicated players."

The True Life Center Food Pantry began in 2010 after church members saw a need to support Cedar City residents despite the presence of other distribution sites.

What started with a handful of volunteers feeding two families a week has grown into a network of community members serving 250 hours each week, supporting an average of 10,000 Iron County residents each month.

Akins emphasized that the pantry and the golf fundraiser would not be possible without community partnerships.

"The USDA, Utah Food Bank, Walmart, Lin's Marketplace and Great Harvest Bread Company are some of the larger players swinging

into action to fight hunger," he said. "But there are also countless single donors, church members and local businesses contributing 8,500 pounds of food every week — putting hunger in the rough, where it belongs."

Food Pantry Coordinator Hepsiba Serrano said those who cannot play golf can still make a meaningful difference. Many of the people served by the pantry, she noted, are homeless or living in campers and motel rooms, without adequate ways to cook.

"The success of our food pantry is made possible by the incredible generosity of our donors," Serrano said. "We are currently running low on meat to provide to those we serve. Canned meat, chicken, tuna, salmon and beef — any donation, no matter how small — would be helpful."

Akins, a lifelong golfer, hopes the tournament will bring together those who share both his love of the game and commitment to community.

"Don't just play the course — change the course of hunger," he said.

Local businesses are encouraged to register teams, with opportunities for both sponsorship and business promotion. Both team and single-player registration for the second annual True Life Center Food Pantry Golf Tournament is now open.

The tournament takes place on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cedar Ridge Golf Course in Cedar City. For more information, visit the True Life Center website or email Pastor Bryan Hernandez at welcome@truelife.center.

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Remembering the Life of President Russell M. Nelson

Family and leaders remember him as a "beloved physician"

from the Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints Newsroom

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

With sorrow we announce that Russell M. Nelson, beloved President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day



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Russell M. Nelson and his wife, Dantzel, in 1945.



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Saints, passed away peacefully shortly after 10 p.m. MDT today at his home in Salt Lake City. He was 101 — the oldest president in the history of the Church.

President Nelson was called as an Apostle on April 7, 1984. He became the leader of the Church on January 14, 2018. His time as prophet will forever be remembered as one of global ministry (he visited 32 countries and U.S. territories), increased temple construction (he announced 200 new temples) and profound change. Beginning in the April 2018 general conference in which he was sustained as the senior Apostle, President Nelson began introducing frequent adjustments designed to help the Saints minister more like Jesus Christ and better emphasize the centrality of the Savior of the world in all the Church does. Later sections of this obituary provide a detailed accounting of his travels as president and the many changes he implemented.

Prior to full-time Church service, President

Nelson was a heart surgeon revered and respected the world over. He performed the first open-heart surgery in Utah in 1955. He served as president of the Society for Vascular Surgery, a director of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, chairman of the Council on Cardiovascular Surgery for the American Heart Association and president of the Utah State Medical Association. He authored numerous chapters in medical textbooks and other publications. He lectured at and visited professionally many organizations throughout the United States and other nations. And he was conversant in 11 languages.

"All of us who have worked with Russell M. Nelson, and the many he has taught and associated with, have marveled at his extraordinary modesty for a man of his great accomplishments," said President Dallin H. Oaks, who was called to serve in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on the

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same day as President Nelson in 1984 and who served as President Nelson's First Counselor in the First Presidency. "And [we] have marveled at his gentleness. He is just the gentlest and sweetest person you could ever hope to associate with. And he will always be remembered that way."

President Nelson is survived by his wife, Wendy, eight of his 10 children, 57 grandchildren, and more than 167 great-grandchildren.

As with the Apostles in New Testament times, Latter-day Saint Apostles are called to be special witnesses of Jesus Christ. President Nelson was one of 15 men who help oversee the growth and development of the global Church, which now numbers more than 17 million members.

A successor is not expected to be formally chosen by the Church's Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

until after President Nelson's funeral (details pending).

A "Beloved Physician" Who Fused Medicine and Faith

One might not expect an Apostle to be a world-renowned heart surgeon, as was the case with President Nelson before his call to lifelong service in the Church. But healing hearts physically and spiritually is not uncommon for disciples of Jesus Christ in any age. The New Testament writer Luke was a physician of some repute — indeed, the Apostle Paul, with whom he traveled as a missionary, called him "the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14).

As a physician, President Nelson

was perhaps best known for his part in the development of an artificial heart and lung machine small enough to function in an operating room. Made possible by invaluable support and encouragement from his first wife, Dantzel, it was an achievement that heightened his appreciation for the gift of life. "I think a surgeon is in a unique position to understand one of God's greatest creations — the human body," he said. "Every segment of the body motivates me to faith."

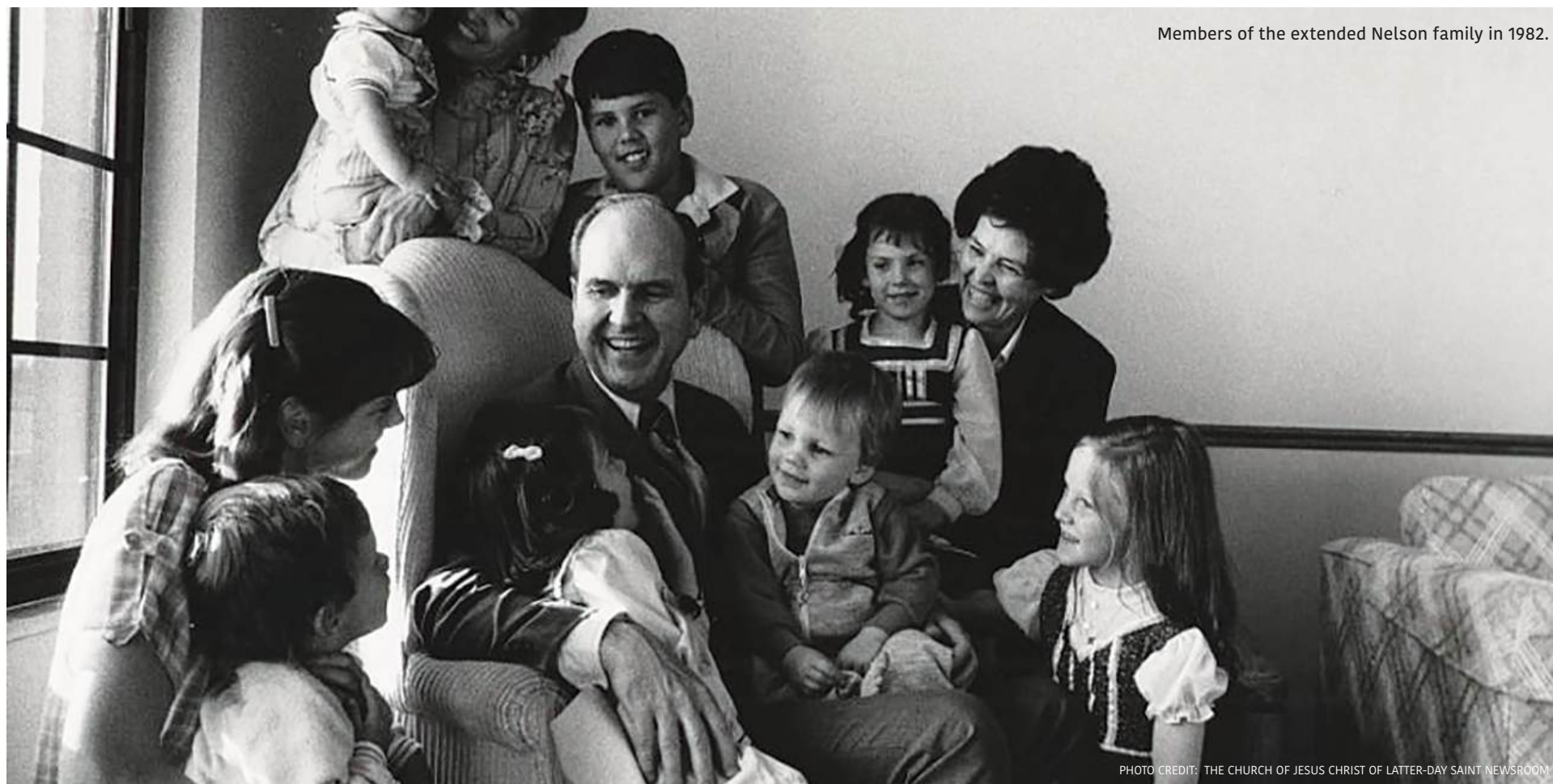
President Nelson's reverence for life instilled in him a spiritual approach to medicine. His lodestar scripture in the Doctrine and Covenants guided his actions both in and out of the operating room: "And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated" (Doctrine and Covenants 130:21).

"In other words," President Nelson said, "you don't wish for a blessing; you work for a blessing and you make it possible. I often taught

my team with whom I was working: This patient has been praying for success, and he's got a family praying for success. All of those prayers won't do a bit of good if you make a single mistake, so you've got to do your job perfectly in order for this patient to have a possibility of having the blessing they seek."

His medical school days stretched to the first 12 years of his marriage. His graduation from the University of Utah's medical school at age 22 was followed by an internship and several more years of residency in Minnesota and Massachusetts; two years of military duty in Washington, D.C., and abroad; and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. His consuming interest in research eventually led to his groundbreaking work on the heart-lung machine. He later served as a research professor of surgery and director of the Thoracic Surgery Residency at the University of Utah and chairman of the Division

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Members of the extended Nelson family in 1982.

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of Thoracic Surgery at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

In 1955 President Nelson performed the first open-heart surgery in Utah, and he completed more than 7,000 operations throughout his career. One of his most noteworthy operations came in 1972, when President Nelson's love of medicine and faith came full circle when he was asked to perform high-risk surgery on Spencer W. Kimball, who was at the time a senior Apostle of the Church. President Nelson was serving as the Church's General Sunday School President while continuing his work as a heart surgeon. He was given a priesthood blessing before the operation that he believed affected the outcome.

"It was just like a musician who played a piano concerto without ever making a mistake or a baseball pitcher pitching nine innings of errorless ball," he said. "That long and complicated operation was done without a single flaw. And at the end of the operation when his heart leaped with power, I knew that he would live. And as we were closing his chest, I had the feeling that this man would live to become the President of the Church."

Spencer W. Kimball indeed became President of the Church and lived another 13 years.

"[President Nelson] had great insights from his medical training into the health issues that arise with General Authorities," President Oaks said. "And he gave us remarkable insights into what that kind of diagnosis meant and what the outlook was, and the practical implications of that particular diagnosis."

Life with Dantzel

President Nelson always sought to do his best at whatever task was before him. As a young child, it was the performing arts, not the healing arts, that first captured his attention. He sang tenor in a prizewinning quartet and played the lead in a musical as a freshman at the University of Utah.

In fact, his love of music eventually led him to the love of his life.

He remembers arriving for a rehearsal for an upcoming play and hearing a soprano on the stage. "She was stunning," President Nelson recalled. "Her voice was incredible, and I said, 'Who is that?' The musical director replied, 'That's Dantzel White. She's the one you'll be singing with in this show.'" President Nelson said, "We never made another date with anyone else from that point forward."

Music became a centerpiece of their lives together. The Nelsons never went without music in their home after purchasing a used piano for less than \$100 early in their marriage. During his days as a physician, President Nelson would get up early in the morning to play the piano and study the scriptures. Combining them, he said, brought a spiritual influence into their home.

Like many young married couples, the Nelsons worked together to make ends meet, and it wasn't always easy. President Nelson recalled walking down the streets of Boston one night with his wife, having four children at the time, when she pressed her nose against the windowpane of a furniture store and asked, "Sweetheart, do you think someday we will ever be able to afford a lamp?" It was during these times, President Nelson said, that they remembered the scripture in Matthew 6:33, which reads, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

"I thought they were a really good team," recalled Gloria Nelson Irion, the third of the 10 Nelson children, which included nine girls and one boy. "They took good care of each other and were really secure in their love for each other. When my dad would come home from work, or come into the home, his first thing he would do was go seek out my mother and greet her with a hug and a kiss. ... He showed us that the best thing a man can do for his children is to love their mother."

Dantzel was the heart of the Nelson home. President Nelson said, "She has given me companionship, 10 beautiful children and all those wonderful intangible things a wife

gives to a husband to help him strive for fulfillment and selflessness."

From oldest to youngest, the Nelson children are (with names of spouses in parentheses) Marsha N. Workman (Richard Workman), Wendy N. Maxfield (died in 2019, married to Norman A. Maxfield), Gloria N. Irion (Richard A. Irion), Brenda N. Miles (Richard L. Miles), Sylvia N. Webster (David R. Webster), Emily N. Wittwer (died in 1995, married to Bradley E. Wittwer), Laurie N. Marsh (Richard M. Marsh), Rosalie N. Ringwood (Michael T. Ringwood), Marjorie N. Lowder (Bradley J. Lowder) and Russell M. Nelson Jr. (Britney).

For his part, President Nelson spent time with his children in the midst of a busy medical and Church schedule. He traveled extensively and often took one family member with him at a time. He viewed these times with his children as a wise investment. "Those trips gave me a chance to listen to their problems and their ambitions and for us simply to talk to one another and share ideas and experiences with each other," he said. Activities such as scripture reading, family prayers twice a day and weekly family home evenings also helped keep the family close.

"As the family grew, he made it a point to come to every, every important milestone. He came to every child's blessing, baptism, priesthood ordination, missionary farewell [and] wedding," said Irion.

Marrying Wendy L. Watson

President Nelson fervently believed the secret to a happy life is not what you have but the knowledge you possess of God. People "have to know that God lives. They have to know that He has a plan for them. If they will follow that plan, they will find joy, even though life's hardships bring grief, challenge, sometimes pain, sadness," he said. "If they can have that faith in Him

and link themselves to Him, they'll have strength to withstand the trials that life will bring. In the process they will find great joy."

His spiritual mettle was tested when his beloved Dantzel passed away unexpectedly in February 2005. If anything, her death strengthened his faith and commitment to family.

At the April 2006 general conference, President Nelson talked about the need to strengthen marriages.

"Marriage brings greater possibilities for happiness than does any other human relationship," he said. "Yet some married couples fall short of their full potential. They let their romance become rusty, take each other for granted, allow other interests or clouds of neglect to obscure the vision of what their marriage really could be. Marriages would be happier if nurtured more carefully."

Shortly after the conference, President Nelson married Wendy L. Watson. Prior to the marriage, the Canadian-born Sister Nelson had been a professor of marriage and family therapy for 25 years — the last 13 at

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Russell M. Nelson

in 1982. He was a world-renowned heart surgeon for many years before being called to be an Apostle in 1984.

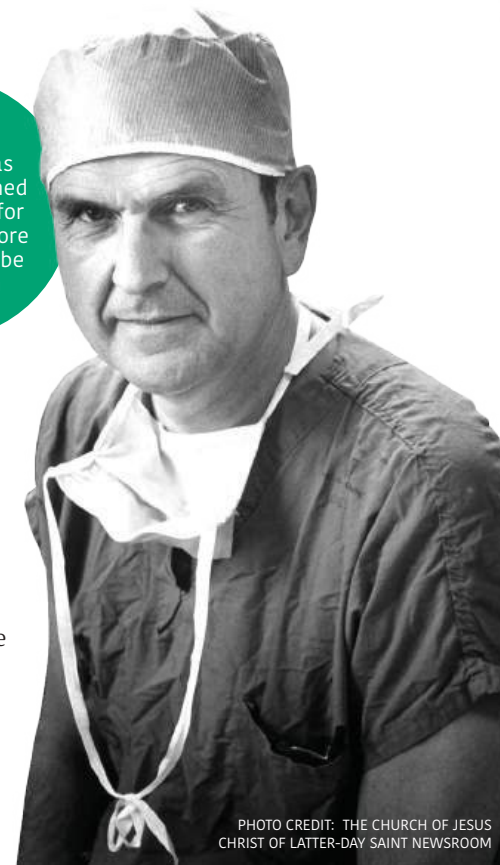


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Brigham Young University.

Sister Nelson has spoken of the spiritual wrestle of fasting and prayer she experienced before choosing to develop a relationship with then-Elder Nelson. She said entering a large family and uprooting herself from her career, among other things, proved to be tremendous challenges.

“We think, ‘Oh, it’s the Lord’s will. That means everything is going to be just easy and wonderful and marvelous.’ And instead, it was tough,” Sister Nelson said during a ministry trip to the Pacific with the prophet in May 2019. “We had different expectations. He was still grieving Dantzel, without a doubt. ... It was a huge change.”

“We just love her,” Irion said. “She has been such a blessing to my father and also to our family for taking care of him.”

“His children were fabulous, I must say,” Sister Nelson added. “I wanted to be their friend, and they were certainly mine. They couldn’t have been more welcoming. The grandchildren are splendid. And now the great-[grandchildren] are just amazing.”

During a ministry visit to Australia in 2019, President Nelson described Wendy this way: “She’s a doctor. She’s a gerontologist. She’s a marriage and family therapist. And she’s a really fun girl to be with.”

he delivered introductory remarks in English. Then he transitioned, saying, “With your permission, I would like to address you in Spanish.” The entire coliseum erupted in applause.



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“I was once with him, and he broke into Russian as part of a communication with a Russian-speaking person,” President Oaks said. “I know that he learned enough Chinese to participate in an open-heart surgery operation in China, giving instructions in Chinese, in the operating room.”

In fact, his daughter said her father was conversant in 11 languages.

“I think he loved meeting people from all around the world,” Irion said. “He loved to see them embrace the gospel, become Saints and see the change in them from sadness to hope and from darkness to light.”

He was also instrumental in getting the Church recognized in many communist countries. “He was an eyewitness to the miracles that happened there,” his daughter said. “He did the best he could, and then the Lord took it the rest of the way. Door after door opened that he never thought would.”

After becoming the leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints in January 2018, President Nelson visited extensively with Latter-day Saints and government and religious leaders on nearly every continent. He traveled to 32 countries and U.S. territories.

He also spent significant time building bridges with leaders of other faiths and groups and nations. Most

each other,” President Nelson said. He gathered again with NAACP leaders in June 2021 to announce educational and humanitarian initiatives related to their ongoing collaboration.

The prophet visited with leaders of many nations while traveling in various countries. This included government officials from Cambodia,

Colombia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Peru, Samoa, Tonga, Vietnam and others. He also welcomed many leaders to Temple Square, including a Vietnamese delegation, the Cuban ambassador, and the leader of the Muslim World League.

The prophet bolstered these bridge-building efforts by urging Latter-day Saints to be peace-makers who “build, lift, encourage, persuade, and inspire — no matter how difficult the situation.”

“Brothers and sisters, we can literally change the world — one person and one interaction at a time. How? By modeling how to manage honest differences of opinion with mutual respect and dignified dialogue,”

President Nelson said. “If you are serious about helping

to gather Israel and about building relationships that will last throughout the eternities, now is the time to lay aside bitterness. Now is the time to cease insisting that it is your way or no way. Now is the time to stop doing things that make others walk on eggshells for fear of upsetting you. Now is the time to bury your weapons of war. If your verbal arsenal is filled with insults and accusations, now is the time to put them away. You will arise as a spiritually strong man or woman of Christ.”

While traveling with President Nelson in 2018 (a trip that included a stop in Jerusalem, the city of peace), then-Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles noted President Nelson’s global vision.

“He’s the prophet to the world, and he has that view,” Elder Holland said.

President Russell M. Nelson shakes the hand of a young girl during a devotional in Bangkok, Thailand, Friday, April 20, 2018.

notable was his visit with Pope Francis at the Vatican in March 2019 and his relationship with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a civil rights organization in the United States.

“We had a most cordial, unforgettable experience,” President Nelson said of his visit with the pope. “His Holiness, he was most gracious and warm and welcoming. What a sweet, wonderful man he is, and how fortunate the Catholic people are to have such a gracious, concerned, loving and capable leader.”

In May 2018 the prophet joined NAACP leaders in a call for greater civility and racial harmony. Then, in July 2019, NAACP leaders invited President Nelson to speak at the organization’s annual convention in Detroit. “We don’t have to be alike or look alike to have love for each other. We don’t even have to agree with each other to love

A Polyglot Prophet to the Nations

During ministry visits to several Latin American countries in the fall of 2019, the prophet gave significant portions of his sermons in Spanish, much to the delight of the local Latter-day Saints. In Peru, for example,

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Pope Francis
welcomes **President Russell M. Nelson**
to the Vatican Saturday,
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“He has that prophetic seership. We sustain him as a seer and a revelator, and he is looking at the whole world.”

A Man Who Changed the Church

Many significant changes were introduced by President Nelson. As was mentioned previously, each of these was designed to place laser-like focus on Jesus Christ.

Under his leadership the prophet adjusted the way Saints around the world minister to each other. He repeatedly stressed the importance of the correct name of the Church. He shifted the emphasis of gospel instruction to be centered in each home and supported by the Church. He modified a policy allowing children of LGBT parents to be baptized. He adjusted the faith's temple recommend interview questions to help Church members more deeply understand the purpose of temple worship. He introduced a

new global youth program for the Church's children and teenagers. He announced a new witness policy for live baptisms, proxy baptisms and live and proxy sealings. He authorized a global policy for couples married civilly to be married immediately in one of the faith's temples. He reorganized and consolidated priesthood quorums and organizations for adults and children. He introduced various changes to missionary policies and procedures. He changed the Church's symbol to include a portrayal of the resurrected, living Lord Jesus Christ. And he read a new proclamation to the world about the Restoration of the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“To paraphrase Ralph Waldo Emerson, the most memorable moments in life are those in which we feel the rush of revelation,” said then-Elder Jeffrey R. Holland near the conclusion of the April 2018 general conference, in which the prophet introduced several notable changes. “President Nelson, I don't know how many more ‘rushes’ we can handle this

weekend. Some of us have weak hearts. But as I think about it, you can take care of that too. What a prophet!”

All these changes were made as President Nelson encouraged Latter-day Saints to receive personal guidance from God just as he received revelation for the Church. He and other leaders repeatedly said these changes are part of the ongoing Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Master Teacher Who Touched Hearts

President Oaks referred to President Nelson as a master teacher. “I've heard surgeons that he trained comment on how effective he was at teaching them to be surgeons,” President Oaks said. “And I've seen him as the master teacher teach the servants of the Lord in the same way.”

As a “beloved physician” President Nelson literally touched the hearts of hundreds of patients suffering from physical ailments. As a disciple of Christ, he healed hearts through word and deed.

HARVEST DECORATING – THE MAGIC OF AUTUMN!

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City

celebrated its annual “Harvest Decorating” event. Historic Downtown is now ready for fall. About 50 volunteers showed up to decorate, many hands make light work! Arriving at 8 AM with wire cutters, gloves, pliers, a garden cart, a brush, and a dustpan, the decorating did not take long. Fifty-five bales of straw, 1,200



cornstalks (donated by an anonymous donor), and 110 scarecrows added the final touch.

Thank you to all who volunteered their time, even for an hour or two.

Decorating downtown for fall helps create a sense of community, promotes local businesses, and motivates people to visit downtown. Seasonal colors on display have a psychological effect, making spaces feel cozier.

When a town decorates together, it helps to share goals and a sense of collective purpose. It can definitely help a community promote pride in its town. And, as always, decorating for fall gives us all something new to look at and appreciate.

Autumn — the year's last, loveliest smile.

Fall brings us peace and light — the MAGIC OF AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR!



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Mariko Schaefer



Mariko (Dannaka) Schaefer, was born on October 19th, 1941, in Osaka, Japan. She was the beloved daughter of Shintaro and Mieko (Iwaida) Dannaka. Mariko was sent to her eternal home on September 8th, 2025, and passed away from post-stroke related causes at her residence near the small town of

Kanarrville, Utah. Her death was preceded by her father, Shintaro Dannaka and her mother Mieko (Iwaida) Dannaka. She is survived by her husband Daniel K. Schaefer, sister Minae (Dannaka) Walker, daughter Mika Matsukawa and her previous husband Takashi Matsukawa. She also leaves behind numerous cousins and friends in Japan as well as many friends in the United States all of whom she cherished very much.

Mariko or Marko, as often called by her husband, seemed to possess a magnetic personality that attracted a lasting friendship with everyone she encountered. Her life was one marked by love, compassion and a very friendly demeanor. Her passing has left a void of emptiness and sorrow in the hearts of her family and friends. Mariko should be remembered not for the way her life ended, but for the way it was lived, and for the profound impact it had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing her.

After her graduation from Osaka's School for Girls (Jogakuin, a private educational institution), Mariko moved to Tokyo where she started her own accounting business. In the late 80's she moved to the United States and started her own export business. Outside of her work life, Mariko found joy in many hobbies. She enjoyed collecting porcelain knick knacks, minion memorabilia, and rocks for tumbling and polishing. She also enjoyed collecting and making patchwork quilts.

Those who knew Mariko will remember her for her infectious smile and kindness to everyone she encountered.

Although Mariko's physical presence may no longer grace our lives, her spirit will continue to inspire and uplift us. May her memory be a blessing, and may we carry forth her legacy of love and compassion in all that we do.

A private memorial to honor Mariko will be held at the LDS Church, 70 E Midvalley Road, Enoch, Utah 84721 on the 30th of September from 2pm to 4pm. For more information call (435) 592-0099.

Neil Adair Littlefield



The family of Neil Littlefield is sad to announce the passing of their husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Neil was born on April 25, 1935 in Santa Fe, New Mexico and passed away on September 25, 2025 in Cedar City, UT. He was the 3rd child born to Raymond A Littlefield and Violet Adair Littlefield. His father was working for BIA at an agricultural school in Albuquerque, NM. They moved to Huntington, UT and from there went to Orem, UT where he graduated from high school and attended BYU. It was at BYU that he met his sweetheart and

eternal companion Marjorie Bybee from Seattle, WA. It was love at first sight for him, but she needed some convincing. They got married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 6, 1960 for all time and eternity.

From BYU he went to Utah State in Logan where he received his Master's and a PhD in Toxicology, one of the first in the country. His first employment opportunity was at the University of Utah doing air pollution studies. From there they moved to Virginia where he had a job in a laboratory doing privately funded research. His job then took him to the Food and Drug Administration in a lab outside of Little Rock, AR, where he spent the rest of his career. He retired in 2001 after receiving many awards for his work. Along the way Neil and Marjorie welcomed 5 children, each born in a different place. His children are his greatest treasure in life, he was so proud of all of them. Upon his retirement Neil and Marjorie decided to move back to Cedar City, UT to be closer to their children. His retirement didn't go according to plan with illness striking early. After surviving cancer, he developed Myasthenia Gravis, this played a large part in the rest of his life.

Neil was an avid reader, and he dabbled in beekeeping. He was a proud member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He proudly served a mission in the West Central States and later in life did a service mission with his sweetheart Marjorie. He had many callings such as Bishop, Ward Clerk, High Counselman, Stake Executive Secretary, High Priest Group Leader, and his most favorite and the last calling he had was being the Ward Bulletin preparer.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie and 5 children: Gayle Butler (Kevan) of Escondido, CA; Patricia Kotarski (Jeffrey) Cedar City, UT; Eric Littlefield (Becky) Layton, UT; Wayne Littlefield (Brenda) Kearns, UT; and Janet Miles (Roger) Pleasant Grove, UT. His 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. His siblings Christine Littlefield of Panguich, UT and brother R. Kay Littlefield (Beth) of South Jordan, UT, and his brother-in-law Max Hodson Cedar City, UT.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ray and Violet Littlefield, his sister Renone Hodson, his brother William Dean, and his sisters-in-law Anne and Guyla Littlefield

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Mission Home Health/Hospice, especially Ethan Bunker and his team of angels, for their kindness, compassion, and professionalism in Neil's last days.

Funeral Services for Neil will be Saturday October 4th, 2025 at 11am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2015 N Wedgewood Ln, Cedar City, UT 84721. There will be a short viewing at 10am prior to services. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery following the funeral, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view a livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Alvie DeWayne Alger



Name: Alvie DeWayne Alger
Age: 86
City of residence: Enoch, Utah
Name of funeral home: Southern Utah Mortuary
For full obituary please visit www.mortuary.org

in October, the highest of the year. This need for more sleep is called hypersomnia, and you got it right, it's the exact opposite of insomnia.

Because we take in less ultraviolet light during the day in autumn, our bodies become confused and need more sleep to recover. However, with less ultraviolet light, our circadian rhythm is thrown for a loop and the quality of our sleep suffers. So we get more sleep, but we still

wake up feeling fatigued.

The solution? Try to get some fresh air and sunshine if you can, and allow yourself extra time for sleep. If you can, short naps can be a great way to boost your energy levels in the middle of the day. Be kind to yourself and understand that it might take a few weeks to get back on track.

Lack of sunlight can also create depression in some people. The solution? Getting as much sunlight as you can will have a positive impact on your life.

Fall is a time of change for both the Earth and our bodies. It's a time to look inward and honor the changes that the season brings. Use this time to reflect on the changes the year has brought so far. Feed your body good food, stay active, and drink plenty of water.

Honor the changes in the season and within yourself.

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald





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NEWS FROM THE NEST

Honoring Fall Sport Seniors

by *Alivia Winzenried*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Friday, September 26th was the CVHS Senior Night football game. Fall sport seniors were brought to the game and walked on the field at 6pm to celebrate all of their hard work and recognize them and the end of their season.

Football wasn't the only sport honored though. Marching Band, Cross Country, Cheer, and Drill were all featured as their seasons come to a close soon as well. Teams prepare for the big game with practices and team activities.

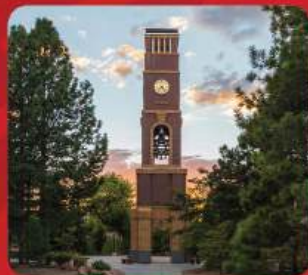
The game's theme was Neon, and CVHS Student Government set up a "Drip Table" for those who didn't have the opportunity to dress up for the game, but still wanted to participate. This table handed out glow sticks,

face paint, t-shirts, and other neon stuff for falcon fans to use and show support. Spirit Rep Davin Larson says "The drip table had great merchandise and helped many falcons feel the school spirit during the game!" Student Government also brought gift bags for each of the seniors before the game to help pump them up and prepare them. Falcons definitely felt the love from Student Gov!

Senior Night is an important night

for fall sports. It gives teams an opportunity to recognize the people that have helped build their team up, and gives seniors the opportunity to feel appreciated and to see how far they've come through high school. It's a celebration of their perseverance, dedication, achievements, and overall experience in their sports. This night creates long lasting memories for years. It marks the transition from high school to adult life, and starts it off with a bang. Go Falcons!

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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by *Colby Leavitt*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three Peaks Elementary

The PTA sponsored the Foam-Tastic Move-a-thon on Thursday, September 25, 2025. What a fun way to get the students moving outside! We danced to music with Red Rock Music, participated in an obstacle course, slipped around in the foam, ran through the space arch, and played and enjoyed each other's company. Aliens joined in the fun to play and dance with the students. 100% of the profits will be used for supplies and equipment for our students and teachers. Thank you to the Three Peaks PTA for organizing this fantastic event.



Canyon View Middle School

The counseling department at CVMS has been working hard to help students learn essential skills for success. 6th graders are learning to face challenges and persevere using weight lifting as a metaphor. 8th graders are focusing on developing good study habits by focusing on the details of how they learn and study. 7th graders in language arts practiced inferencing by solving the case of the missing garden gnome. They found evidence in passages to infer what happened to the missing gnome.

South Elementary

Students, families, and staff at South Elementary came together for a colorful and fun-filled fundraiser at this year's Color Run. With music and bright powder chalk, students jogged, ran, or walked through the course. The event raised \$16,491 which are important funds that will be primarily used to help support teachers as well as classroom resources. Parents, and staff watched and cheered as students ran around the course. By the finish line, students were smiling, laughing, and covered head to toe in color.

SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

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Cedar's **Dax Wankier** (45) celebrates a defensive stop made during the Reds' 49-41 victory over the Richfield Wildcats on Sept. 26
(Carly Martin/For Iron County Today)



Cedar
49
Richfield
41

Richfield	14	7	14	6	-	41
Cedar	14	21	7	7	-	49

FIRST QUARTER

- C – Martin 4 pass from Kelling (Stevenson kick), 8:25
- R – Yardley 71 run (Raisor kick), 7:02
- C – DeMille 48 run (Stevenson kick), 5:59
- R – Yardley 66 run (Stevenson kick), 4:29

SECOND QUARTER

- C – Kelling 14 run (Stevenson kick), 11:53
- C – Kelling 12 run (Stevenson kick), 6:27
- C – Williams 15 pass from Crowley (Stevenson kick), 3:05
- R – Olson 10 pass from White (Raisor kick), :38

THIRD QUARTER

- C – Kelling 28 run (Stevenson kick), 9:40
- R – Worley 7 pass from White (kick blocked), 7:48
- R – Spell 42 pass from White (Yardley pass from White), 4:26

FOURTH QUARTER

- C – Kelling 18 run (Stevenson kick), 6:25
- R – Olson 6 pass from White (run failed), 1:01

maximized what they had out of their plays. For our team and our fans, we've sort of gotten used to blowing people out, and that's just not how it works."

The Reds tried to set the tone early when the defense picked off a Colton White pass that put the offense in control and the Richfield 22, and Kelling went to work, finding Brett Martin on a 4-yard touchdown for the early 7-0 lead with 8:25 remaining in the first quarter.

Kelling preserved the drive when he ran for 4 yards on a 4th-and-1 to the Richfield 10-yard line before the scoring pass.

It wouldn't take long for the visiting Wildcats to shake off the turnover as Trey Yardley burst through a hole and won a foot race to the end zone on a 71-yard score. In the space of less than 90 seconds, Richfield tied the game and the shootout was just getting warmed up.

By the time the first quarter ended, four touchdowns were scored – two by each team – in less than four minutes, and the game was tied at 14-14.

Kelling scored on the first play of the second quarter, a 14-yard run that completed an 80-yard drive for the first of three more Reds touchdowns in the period. The third score came when Dylan Crowley completed an

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Reds hang on, stay unbeaten

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

For the seventh straight week, the Cedar Reds had a productive offense that lit up the scoreboard from the opening

kickoff. Facing a Richfield team that had won 17 of its last 19 football games, the Cedar defense came to the rescue at the right times and allowed the Reds to stay undefeated.

Quarterback Everett

Kelling had his hand in five touchdowns, including an 18-yard run midway through the fourth quarter that helped Cedar secure a stressful 49-41 win over Richfield before a big crowd at Legacy Field on Sept. 26. The Reds improved to

7-0, 3-0 in 3A South, while the Wildcats fell to 5-2 and 3-1.

"Richfield had lost two games in the last two years, and they're a really tough team," said Cedar head coach Tye Hiatt. "I think they're really well-coached and they

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Cowboys cruise past Rams

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Degan Swapp rushed for two of Kanab's four first-quarter touchdowns, and the Cowboys continued the stampede on the way to a 58-19 rout over the Parowan Rams on Sept. 26 at Alma Richards Stadium. The Rams suffered its fourth loss in the last five games and fell to 3-4 on the season, 0-1 in 1A South.

Kanab (6-1, 2-0) got a pair of touchdown passes from quarterback Brogan Virostko to boost the offense as they led 45-6 at the break and used a running clock throughout the second half. Parowan's big highlight came when Josh Wallet ran the second-half kickoff back 95 yards for a touchdown. Hunter and Tyson Bettridge added one touchdown pass apiece to the Rams' offense for the game.

Next up, the Rams will host the Beaver Beavers on Friday for a 7 p.m. kickoff. Beaver cruised to a 42-6 win over North Summit in last week's outing and is 5-2 on the season.

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Kanab
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Parowan
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Kanab	28	17	6	7	-	58
Parowan	0	6	7	6	-	19

FIRST QUARTER

K - Swapp 1 run (Capson kick), 9:11
K - Gubler 2 run (Capson kick), 4:24
K - Swapp 11 run (Capson kick), 2:44
K - Brown 28 pass from Virostko (Capson kick), 2:28

SECOND QUARTER

K - Gubler 2 run (Capson kick), 9:18
K - Cartwright 6 pass from Virostko (Capson kick), 8:28
P - Heath 15 pass from Bettridge (kick failed), 5:19
K - FG Capson 25, :00

THIRD QUARTER

P - Wallet 95 kickoff return (Bettridge kick), 11:44
K - Virostko 8 run (kick failed), 4:13

FOURTH QUARTER

K - Glazier 4 run (Capson kick), 9:48
P - Neilson 28 pass from Bettridge (kick failed), 5:28



Cedar running back **Daxton DeMille** runs upfield as quarterback Everett Kelling (41) celebrates during the Reds' 49-41 win over Richfield on Sept. 26.
(Carly Martin/For Iron County Today)

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option pass to Breven Williams for 15 yards to stretch the lead to 35-14 with 3:05 to play in the half.

A key moment that may have helped Richfield regain their footing came when White found Aiden Olsen on a 10-yard scoring pass with 38 seconds left before the break. When they got the football back, Cedar was helped by a roughing-the-passer penalty but ran out of time to try and score again. They still held a 35-21 halftime lead.

The Reds got the ball to start the second half, and Kelling made quick work of a 93-yard drive when he ran for a 28-yard touchdown to push the lead back to three scores at 42-21, but the Wildcats made things more than interesting. White would throw two touchdowns in the third quarter - a 7-yarder to Luke Worley and a 42-yarder to Nash Spell - that made the deficit manageable at 42-35

with 4:26 to play in the period. The Reds defense came through once more early in the fourth quarter with the stop of the game when Keaton Cox tackled White at the Richfield 24 to force the turnover on downs. After another roughing-the-passer call saved the drive, Kelling scored his fourth rushing touchdown of the night on an 18-yard run for a 49-35 lead with 6:25 remaining in the game.

White led the Wildcats on a final scoring drive, connecting with Olson on fourth down for a 6-yard score with 1:01 left. The Reds were able to recover the onside kick and finish off another victory.

Cedar will look to extend their unbeaten streak when they face the Canyon View Falcons in the annual rivalry game at Eccles Coliseum. Game time is at 7 p.m.



Canyon View receiver **Brock Neighbors** runs past two Juab defenders during their game played Sept. 26. The Wasps won, 39-10. (Cavett Ishihara/For Iron County Today)

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Juab Wasps didn't waste any time grabbing control of its 3A South football matchup against the Canyon View Falcons on Sept. 26. When Payton Myers returned the opening kickoff 90 yards, Juab didn't let up and went on to a 39-10 rout over CV as they improved

Wasps push past Falcons

to 6-1 overall, 2-1 in 3A South. The Falcons fell to 4-3, 1-2.

Juab took the lead to 18-0 in the

second quarter before Canyon View got on the board with a 27-yard field goal from Jaxon Beckstrom with 5:53 to play before halftime. The Wasps would respond on their next drive when Myers caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from Price Armstrong that gave Juab a 25-3 lead at the break.

Jaden Heap and Brock Richards

added lengthy touchdown runs in the third quarter for Juab, and it allowed for a running clock to be used throughout the fourth quarter. CV scored its only touchdown of the night when sophomore quarterback Owen Williams hit Brock Neighbors on a 22-yard score with 8:43 remaining in the game.

CV will host Cedar on Oct. 3 in the football battle for the axe at Eccles Coliseum. Kickoff is at 7 p.m., and the Falcons will be looking for their second rivalry win over the Reds in the last three seasons.



Juab
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Canyon View
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Canyon View 0 3 0 7 - 10

FIRST QUARTER

J - Myers 90 kickoff return (Johnson kick), 11:48

J - FG Johnson 37, 1:54

SECOND QUARTER

J - Heap 34 pass from Armstrong (2-point conversion run), 7:41

CV - FG Beckstrom 27, 5:53

J - Myers 5 pass from Armstrong (Johnson kick), 3:03

THIRD QUARTER

J - Heap 64 run (Johnson kick), 6:04

J - Richards 12 run (Johnson kick), 1:10

FOURTH QUARTER

CV - Neighbors 22 pass from Williams (Beckstrom kick), 8:43

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TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. Loyola-Chicago's men's basketball team chaplain, Sister Jean, announced her retirement last week due to health concerns at age 106. How old was Sister Jean when she cheered the Ramblers on its run to the Final Four in 2018 as a No. 11 NCAA Tournament seed?
2. True or False: The first four races in the NASCAR Cup playoffs have all been won by playoff drivers.
3. Through games played Sept. 24, name any of the four MLB players who have hit at least 50 home runs on the season.
4. Among the outstanding team defensive efforts in NFL Week 3, how many sacks did the Detroit Lions produce in its 38-30 win over Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens on Sept. 22?
5. Who was the captain for Team Europe at the Ryder Cup that was contested last week? This Englishman did it for the second straight time.
6. Major League Baseball announced last week that the ABS challenge system will be used full-time starting next season. What do the letters ABS stand for?
7. Utah fell out of the AP Top 25 college football rankings in the latest poll after a home loss to Texas Tech last week. Where did BYU end up in the rankings for the first time after its road win at East Carolina?
8. There were four blocked field goals in the fourth quarter of four different NFL Week 3 games. Which team returned theirs for the winning touchdown that beat the L.A. Rams on the final play of the game?

9. Through Sept. 23, the Colorado Rockies have lost a franchise-worst 114 games. True or False: the Rockies' run differential is the first in MLB history at more than -400 (-405).
10. Oklahoma State fired what long-time head football coach last week after the Cowboys lost 19-12 to Tulsa and fell to 1-2?
11. Which NFC North team played consecutive games overseas in the last two weeks – one in Dublin, Ireland followed by the other in London?
12. What WNBA team rallied from a 20-point deficit and beat the Minnesota Lynx in Game 2 of its playoff semifinal series Sept. 23?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Pittsburgh Pirates
2. New York Jets
3. The Detroit Lions beat the Chicago Bears, 52-21 in Week 2.
4. Cal Raleigh; Raleigh reached 58 for the season when he hit a two-run homer in the Mariners' 7-3 win over the Houston Astros on Sept. 21.
5. True.
6. Connor Ingram.
7. Three.
8. Stephon Diggs.
9. Vinny Testaverde.
10. Chicago Cubs.
11. Shohei Ohtani.
12. Hailee Steinfeld.

A glass case of emotion explained

On the day of this writing, I've gone through the "glass case of emotion" that was described in the legendary movie "Anchorman" more often than any sane person should openly admit – in print, conversation or otherwise. I have good reasons for this feeling.

As the final day of the 2025 MLB season came down, the Detroit Tigers were somehow in the playoffs. Even when the team clinched its berth after a 2-1 win over the Boston Red Sox on Sept. 27, I had only one question on my mind.

How did this team actually make it for the second year in a row when they let a 10.5-game lead over the Cleveland Guardians on Sept. 4 disappear completely? There are a multitude of reasons, but when thoughts of the 1951 Brooklyn Dodgers kept creeping in, you know this was one for the history books.

One thing any fan of any team like the Detroit Tigers should be thankful for is that six of the 15 American League teams get in. That's a whole lot different than collapses that happened in previous times.

Let's start with those Dodgers. After an Aug. 11 doubleheader split, it had a 13-game lead over the New York Giants. They fell into a tie that held for the last three games, then on the final game of the three-game playoff to settle the crown, we got the immortal words of Giants radio legend Russ Hodges.

The Giants won the pennant. And there was no wild card or division title to help the Dodgers back then.

In 1978, the Boston Red Sox led the New York

Yankees by 10.5 games on July 24. The lead was gone by Sept. 13. The Sox did just enough over the final 17 games to pull even with the Yankees, but lost to them in a one-game playoff.

Of course, the Yankees went on to win that year's World Series.

And in 1995, the year after the player's strike, the California Angels were in control of the AL West with an 11.5-game lead over the Seattle Mariners on Aug. 24. They fell behind by three games with five to play, but won them all and forced another one-game playoff.

The Angels lost and the Mariners went on to beat the New York Yankees in the Division Series and basically save

baseball in the Pacific Northwest.

There were many other collapses that happened in similar fashion, but here we are today. The Tigers managed to pry the door open at the last possible minute and join this year's playoff party with their first opponent still to be determined.

It's highly doubtful the Tigers can reach the World Series for the first time since 2012, but you just never know. The moments worth celebrating are few and far between, and when they happen, you should cherish them.

If your team struggles and falls short, just remember...there's always next year, and a few more stressful years after that.

RANDOM thoughts

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PREP SCOREBOARD

SCORES

3A South Football

9/26 Cedar 49, Richfield 41
Juab 39, Canyon View 10
North Sanpete 45, Carbon 10
Manti 38, San Juan 28

1A South Football

9/26 Kanab 58, Parowan 19
Enterprise 56, Lake Mead (NV)
Christian 21
Beaver 42, North Summit 6

Region 9 Girls Soccer

9/23 Hurricane 5, Cedar 4, OT
Desert Hills 6, Pine View 0
Snow Canyon 2, Crimson Cliffs
2, Warriors win 4-3 on PKs

9/25 Crimson Cliffs 2, Cedar 1

Region 14 Girls Soccer

9/23 Canyon View 3, Juab 2
Richfield 5, Providence Hall 0

9/25 Richfield 1, Juab 0
Delta 0, Providence Hall 0,
Rabbits win 4-2 on PKs

2A South Girls Soccer

9/23 South Sevier 3, Enterprise 1
Beaver 5, San Juan 1
Millard 8, Gunnison 0

9/24 San Juan 2, Enterprise 0

9/25 Beaver 7, Parowan 0
Millard 4, South Sevier 0
San Juan 8, Gunnison 0

9/26 Grand 9, Parowan 1

Region 9 Girls Volleyball

9/22 Crimson Cliffs 3, Pine View 2

9/23 Desert Hills 3, Cedar 1
Dixie 3, Hurricane 2
Pine View 3, Panguitch 2

9/25 Dixie 3, Snow Canyon 1

Region 14 Girls Volleyball

9/23 Juab 3, Providence Hall 1
Richfield 3, Delta 1

9/25 Canyon View 3, Richfield 0
Delta 3, Providence Hall 0

Region 18 Girls Volleyball

9/23 Kanab 3, Parowan 0

9/25 Kanab 3, South Sevier 1

STANDINGS

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Football

3A South

OVERALL	REGION	
Cedar (1)	3-0	7-0
Richfield (5)	3-1	5-2
Juab (4)	2-1	6-1
North Sanpete (7)	2-2	5-2
Manti (3)	1-2	4-3
Canyon View (8)	1-2	4-3
Carbon (11)	0-4	2-5

1A South

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

Girls Soccer

Region 9

OVERALL	REGION	
Snow Canyon (2)	7-1	10-2
Desert Hills (7)	7-2	11-3
Crimson Cliffs (6)	7-3	11-4
Cedar (15)	4-6	7-7
Dixie (19)	3-5	4-8
Hurricane (16)	3-6	7-7
Pine View (26)	0-8	2-12

Region 14

OVERALL	REGION	
Canyon View (6)	4-0	7-7
Richfield (5)	4-2	12-4
Delta (8)	3-2	8-8
Juab (10)	2-3	6-8
Providence Hall (15)	0-6	1-11

2A South

OVERALL	REGION	
Millard (10)	7-1	9-5
Grand (8)	6-1	9-3
Beaver (9)	7-2	9-5
San Juan (12)	6-4	8-7
South Sevier (13)	5-5	5-9
Enterprise (16)	3-6	3-10
Parowan (19)	0-9	1-14

Girls Volleyball

Region 9

OVERALL	REGION	
Desert Hills (2)	9-0	15-6
Crimson Cliffs (6)	6-2	18-6
Cedar (8)	5-4	11-9
Dixie (9)	4-5	15-8
Snow Canyon (12)	3-5	10-12
Hurricane (10)	3-6	12-12
Pine View (14)	0-8	6-10

Region 14

OVERALL	REGION	
Canyon View (2)	4-0	13-5
Richfield (7)	3-1	7-12
Delta (4)	2-2	14-5
Juab (8)	1-3	7-6
Providence Hall (10)	0-4	11-6

Region 18

OVERALL	REGION	
Enterprise (1)	7-0	14-4
San Juan (2)	6-1	17-2
Beaver (11)	3-4	8-8
Parowan (8)	3-5	11-7
South Sevier (10)	3-5	9-9
Kanab (13)	3-6	3-15
Grand (15)	1-6	4-11

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