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STORY IN SPORTS

CEDAR CITY-BASED HENRY'S PLACE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER RAISES MORE THAN \$300,000 AT 6TH ANNUAL COUNTRY JAMBOREE

from Hillary Smoot

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

LAS VEGAS – Henry's Place Camp & Retreat Center, named in memory of Las Vegas Metro

Sergeant Henry Prendes who was killed in the line of duty in 2006, raised more than \$300,000 at its annual Country Jamboree fundraiser last month. 100% of the money raised will be used to provide all-expenses-paid week-long camp experiences for the valley's underserved youth in 2026, camp operations, and building costs.

Highlights from the evening's event, hosted by Bryan Chan and held at the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, included a special performance by Clint Holmes and Kelly Clinton, an exciting live auction, and camper testimonials. Top items that helped raise money were Gold Buckle tickets for NFR, tickets to the Las Vegas Raiders, Vegas Golden Knights, staycations, dining experiences, show tickets, trips, and much more.

Based in Cedar City, UT, Henry's Place Camp & Retreat Center features a 9,000-square-foot Main



Pictured: Clint Holmes and Kelly Clinton performing

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Local youth impacted by Henry's Place camp

Lodge, two camper lodging cabins, two amphitheaters, a disc golf course, a challenge course, and expansive outdoor activity areas. This summer alone, the camp hosted 158 campers over 11 weeks, offering mentorship, outdoor adventure, and spiritual

growth at no cost to participating families, and to date, Henry's Place has hosted more than 500 at-risk and foster youth from Las Vegas and surrounding

areas for life-changing immersive camp experiences.

ABOUT HENRY'S PLACE

Henry's Place was founded in 2006 in memory of Sergeant Henry Prendes of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, who dedicated his life to protecting others and dreamed of a brighter future for at-risk youth. Today, that vision continues through a Christ-centered camp and retreat center in Cedar City, UT that provides high-quality, no-cost experiences designed to inspire hope, build confidence, and introduce young people to the life-changing love of Jesus. Through leadership training, outdoor adventure, and faith-based mentorship, Henry's Place equips youth with the tools to grow in character, community, and faith. For more information, or to make a donation, visit <https://henrysplace.org/>.

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Bar fight leaves one unconscious; suspect faces multiple charges

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Police arrested a Cedar City man Friday night after a violent bar fight that left one man unconscious and

the bar owner injured.

Kevin Wayne Andrews, 51, faces a second-degree felony count of aggravated assault after officers say he punched a man "knocking him to the ground" and causing him to lose consciousness.

Andrews also faces two additional felony charges — assault by a prisoner and burglary — along with several misdemeanor counts for assault, assault on two officers, violating a protective order, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, interfering with officers, and possession of marijuana.

According to court documents, Cedar City police were dispatched to the Blackbird Bar on West

Hoover Drive around 8:45 p.m. after callers reported a disorderly bar fight.

When they arrived, officers found Andrews yelling and resisting as they attempted to detain him.

"Kevin resisted officers," the affidavit stated, adding that they had to use "soft empty hand" techniques to force him onto the ground before placing him in handcuffs and securing him in a patrol car.

Soft empty hand refers to basic hands-on control techniques, such as guiding or holding a resisting person to the ground without using strikes or weapons.

Witness statements described a chaotic scene.

A patron told officers he saw Andrews and the bar owner in a fight and stepped in to help. He said

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Andrews punched him in the head, knocking him to the ground. Officers later noted the man had a bloody nose and mouth and a swollen eye.

The bar owner told police Andrews had been disrespectful and refused to leave when asked. He said Andrews punched him in the head several times, and during the struggle, he saw a patron get knocked out.

Officers reported the owner also had a bloody mouth. Surveillance footage confirmed what witnesses described, showing Andrews punching the owner near the pool tables and continuing the assault as they moved farther into the bar.

The footage then shows the patron stepping in and wrapping his arms around Andrews before Andrews “breaks free” and punches the victim, knocking him unconscious. Blood was found on the floor near the pool tables and inside the bathroom.

While police were at the bar, Andrews’ wife reported that he had walked up and tapped her on the shoulder, even though a protective order barred him from contacting her.

After Andrews was placed in a patrol car, officers took him out again to search him and get his friend’s car keys. As they did, he began yelling and resisting, and kicked one of the officers in the groin, according to the affidavit. Officers said they found a THC vape pen in his pocket, and Andrews could not provide a medical card, telling them it “is from the VA.”

Police took him to Cedar City Hospital for medical clearance before transporting him to the Iron County Jail. During the drive, Andrews threatened the officers, saying they “better not see him on the street” or he would take their firearms and shoot them. He also complained that he “was not able to finish his beer.”

At the jail, Andrews continued to resist and tried to fight with officers as they booked him in, the affidavit states. Staff stepped in to help, giving him several commands that he refused to follow.

Andrews was booked into the Iron County Jail early Saturday morning.

Driver in stolen Charger arrested after 130 mph chase tracked by police helicopter

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A man allegedly driving a stolen

Dodge Charger led officers on a high-speed chase Friday night before being caught in a field with help from a police helicopter.

Grant Adam Parker, 33, was booked into the Iron County Jail on suspicion of receiving or transferring a stolen vehicle, a second-degree felony. He also faces a third-degree felony count of failing to respond to an officer’s signal to stop.

Several misdemeanor and infraction charges were also filed, including drug possession, paraphernalia, reckless driving, failing to wear a seat belt, and not having his driver’s license with him.

According to court documents, the incident began around 9:10 p.m. after Washington County deputies attempted to stop an orange Dodge Charger with California plates that

had been reported stolen earlier in the day.

The Charger sped north on Interstate 15, hitting roughly 130 mph. Deputies backed off near milepost 48, but a police helicopter kept following the car and guided officers to its location.

The Charger kept going and crossed into Iron County, finally losing a tire and rolling to a stop near the Parowan exit at milepost 79. Parker got out and ran into nearby fields. The helicopter tracked him while Utah Highway Patrol troopers moved in, and he was arrested a short time later.

Upon searching the vehicle, troopers reported finding marijuana and drug paraphernalia on him, and an inventory of the vehicle uncovered a glass pipe that field-tested positive

for methamphetamine.

The seat belt remained buckled, indicating it had not been worn during the chase. Parker told officers he did not have his driver’s license with him but provided his name and birth date.

The affidavit showed Parker also had an active felony warrant out of Minnesota but provided no additional information. The arresting officer requested Parker remain in custody, noting he had “already shown disregard by fleeing multiple times, both in a vehicle and on foot,” and posed a danger or flight risk if released.



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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

A PROGRESSIVE PATTERN CONTINUES TO WRAP UP THE WORK WEEK, BRINGING MORE RAIN AND SNOW CHANCES TO THE AREA. THE WEEKEND LOOKS MAINLY DRY AND COOL WITH A POTENTIAL NEW WEATHER MAKER TO KICK OFF THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

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THURSDAY

Partly Cloudy

46°/26°

PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: SW 5-10

FRIDAY

Rain/Snow

45°/28°

PRECIP: 40%
WINDS: SW 5-10

SATURDAY

Mostly Sunny

50°/25°

PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: NE 5-10

SUNDAY

Mostly Sunny

54°/25°

PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: NE 5-10

MONDAY

Isolated Showers

52°/27°

PRECIP: 30%
WINDS: SW 5-10

TUESDAY

Partly Sunny

51°/26°

PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: NW 5-10

WEDNESDAY

Mostly Sunny

47°/25°

PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: N 5-10

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Check out our
Holiday Guide!

This week marks the release of our annual Holiday Guide, one of my favorite editions of the year! Inside this special

pullout, you'll find everything you need to make the most of the season: family activities, community events, festive performances, and so much more. We've included a map of the best Christmas light displays, opportunities to serve in our community, and even information on where and how to cut down your own Christmas tree.

At the very center of the pullout is our Holiday Events Calendar. It's designed to be easily removed, hung on your fridge, and referenced all season long. With our guide in hand, you won't miss a single moment of holiday cheer here in Iron County.

What event are you looking forward to most this year? The Downtown Lighting Ceremony, always held the weekend after Thanksgiving, is a beloved tradition. We'd love to hear what your favorite Iron County holiday activity is, too.

And don't forget: this year we'll be publishing a Thanksgiving/Black Friday edition of Iron County Today. Be sure to check it out so you don't miss any of the great local Black Friday deals. Wishing you all the joy and anticipation this season brings!

A quick congrats to our Cedar High Reds and their Football State Champ victory! Don't miss Tom's recaps in Sports detailing this historic win!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues."

- Marcus Tullius Cicero



District Judge Ignores Prop 4 Independent Commission, Picks Leftist-Submitted Map

by Casey O. Anderson

FORMER STATE SENATOR

By ignoring the Independent Redistricting Commission requirements and selecting a congressional map personally submitted by liberal activist organizations, Judge Gibson has created a textbook case of judicial gerrymandering that violates Proposition 4, dilutes the votes of thousands of Utahns, and manufactures standing for an immediate counter-suit. Impacted citizens should act quickly.

In a stunning blow to democratic principles, Utah's 3rd District Court Judge Dianna Gibson has unilaterally imposed a congressional redistricting map crafted by liberal activist groups, bypassing the voter-approved safeguards of Proposition 4. This late-night ruling, issued just before a midnight deadline on November 10, 2025, rejects the Republican-led

Legislature's proposal and instead green-lights "Map 1," a design submitted directly by liberal activist organizations. These organizations, never part of the state's independent redistricting process, have effectively hijacked the process to carve out a Democratic-safe district in Salt Lake County, diluting Republican voices and ensuring a partisan advantage for the left. This activist-driven gerrymander stands in direct defiance of the will of Utah voters, who voted in favor of Prop 4 to end such manipulations. Ironically, the overwhelming majority of Utah Counties rejected Prop 4, with almost the entire advantage coming from Salt Lake County. To understand the outrage, one must revisit Utah's Proposition 4, a citizen initiative passed in November 2018 with 50.34% approval. Dubbed the "Utah Independent Redistricting Commission

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WORD OF THE WEEK

DENOUEMENT

[de-noue-ment]

Noun

the final part of a play, film, or narrative in which the strands of the plot are drawn together and matters are explained or resolved:



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Amendment," Prop 4 was born from leftist frustration with partisan map-drawing after the 2010 census. The proposition's core intent was straightforward: wrest control from politicians and entrust it to an impartial, balanced commission tasked with creating fair electoral boundaries. Under Prop 4, the commission comprises 7 members appointed through a transparent process. This body holds public hearings across the state, gathers input from everyday Utahns, and recommends maps that prioritize compact districts, respect communities of interest, and avoid favoring any party. Lawmakers can only adopt or amend these recommendations with a two-thirds supermajority vote, ensuring broad consensus and minimizing abuse. Yet Judge Gibson's selection of Map 1 shreds this framework. By handpicking a proposal from private activist groups, entities explicitly excluded from the independent commission, the court has inverted Prop 4's logic. These organizations, with their progressive agendas, operated in secrecy, devoid of the commission's mandated balance or statewide outreach. Map 1 packs Salt Lake County's Democratic strongholds into a single district, guaranteeing an uncompetitive liberal seat while splintering conservative suburbs across others, a classic gerrymander tailored to flip Utah's reliably red delegation. This isn't neutral adjudication; it's judicial activism, where a single unelected judge overrides both a citizen-backed commission and the citizen elected legislature without the required public meetings or stakeholder vetting. Prop 4 demanded deliberation, not dictation. Public forums where ranchers from St. George, tech workers from Provo, and families from Ogden could weigh in. Instead, Gibson's fiat echoes the very partisan excesses voters

rejected, empowering out-of-touch elites over everyday citizens. The human cost is stark.

Thousands of Utahns in the now gerrymandered District—once a Republican stronghold—now find their voices muffled. Farmers, small-business owners, and veterans who propelled conservative victories will see their representation auctioned to urban liberals. This isn't abstract policy; it's a theft of both representative government and democracy, forcing lifelong Republicans into a district engineered for Democratic dominance.

Utahns robbed of fair representation have a clear recourse: sue. Prop 4's architects embedded ironclad enforcement mechanisms, allowing citizens to challenge maps that flout the commission's recommendations. Residents in the affected districts should file immediate lawsuits in state court, arguing that Map 1 violates the proposition's plain text: It wasn't vetted by the independent body, emerged from unaccountable partisans, and skipped mandatory public processes. Precedents abound—federal courts have struck down similar end-runs—and with the 2026 midterms looming, urgency is paramount. Grassroots groups like the Utah Republican Party and fair-maps coalitions must rally, amassing affidavits from displaced voters to prove diluted votes and fractured communities.

This travesty demands accountability. Governor Spencer Cox and Attorney General Derek Brown should appeal to the Utah Supreme Court, exposing Gibson's overreach. If unchecked, it sets a precedent: Judges as kingmakers, activists as cartographers, and voters as afterthoughts. Utah's pioneer spirit, rooted in self-reliance and moral clarity, rejects such shadows. By fighting back through the courts, citizens can reclaim Prop 4's promise, ensuring redistricting serves the people, not the powerful. The ballot box spoke in 2018; now, the courthouse must listen.

Speaking the Truth in Love

PART 2

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Life can be difficult, but one way to smooth out areas of difficulty is to “speak the truth in love” where the Apostle Paul gives that command recorded in the book of Ephesians chapter 4. This is very practical advice in family and business life that sharing difficult truths in a gentle, kind, inoffensive manner solves many problems and opens up doors of understanding among people. Please read in the Book of Ephesians chapter 4 for deeper insight on what it means to “speak the truth in love” in order to learn how to disarm those who may want to fight with words. The Apostle Paul while speaking about unity in the church also teaches principles of leadership that apply to business, schooling, and perhaps even to worldwide politics. He tells us to live a worthy life in being humble, gentle, patient, bearing one another in love, and making efforts toward unity, always keeping in mind who we serve whether at home, in our community, in our country, and worldwide so that we will be equipped for works of service and become mature and not easily deceived.

The Greek language had a number of different words for love: examples are Philadelphia for brotherly love, eros for sexual love, agape love for self-sacrificial love that works for the benefit of others. We speak the truth in love in order to build others up and contribute to our community and the lives of others. The Apostle Paul also wrote in Ephesians 4:29, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen” (Ephesians 4:29) because our words should be beneficial to those who hear us or who read our words; therefore we should speak truth

in love. Paul also counsels, “put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and put on the new self, created to be like the Creator God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body (Ephesians 4:22-25) of humanity. None, not one, is better than another except through effort throughout our lives, characterized by honesty. Those who love others must speak the truth: “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking; it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love.” (I Corinthians 13: 4-7, 13) Dishonesty is unloving and abusive. Speaking the truth in love is not about having a gentle demeanor as it is about the way truth and love go hand-in-hand. We must be people characterized by love (John 13:34-35; 15:1-17) Jesus “came from the Father, full of grace and truth”. (John 1:14) We must show, do, pray, and love others with gentleness and respect. Pray for our enemies and for those who spitefully use us.

Today the Chinese and Asian people are in great need of our prayer that the Great Creator will free them from their bondage to the Chinese Communist Party. China's 981 Project has long kept China's minority population in bondage as the ruling members pursue the Quest for Longevity by stealing the organs of their healthy and young minority populations. Xi Jin Ping, the Chinese premiere, has been heard to speak to Russian President Vladimir Putin about

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living to 150 years old with organ transplantation stolen from healthy young dissidents. Please check out the following organization: Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting. Whistleblowers first sounded the alarm over systematic forced organ harvesting in 2006 after the Chinese 981 Project rolled out. One of the Chinese dissident groups is Falun Gong which the CCP has turned into a forced ready donor pool. This makes it very evident that the Chinese Communist Party which rules China is an enemy of God. God gives life; God takes it away. Please pray for freedom for the Chinese people. Next week, more about prayer, sin, God’s love, and how we all should be living and loving others. We will also explore the communication secrets of the world’s greatest salesman.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Agenda Modification and Celebrations

The council adjusted the agenda to move item six to the first position to accommodate a scheduling conflict. Appreciation was expressed for the recent birthday celebration at the Heritage Theater, highlighting the annual community event featuring the city’s band.

Seats are still available for the 10,000 Beds fundraising event on December 3 at noon at the Marriott. The organization helps individuals struggling with addiction by connecting them with treatment facilities and covering treatment costs through “scholarships.”

Council Member Reports

Council members thanked the Historic Preservation Commission and volunteers for their help with recent community events and decorations. They attended multiple Veterans Day ceremonies and noted several streetlight outages around the city. Appreciation was also expressed for the fire and police departments’ professional response to a recent major traffic accident.

Economic Development Update

Two new Smith’s grocery stores are planned for Cedar City—one near Main Street opening around spring 2027, and another near the former bowling alley 12-18 months later. Each will be about 123,000 square feet and include groceries, clothing, and other retail options. Traffic studies and improvements are underway, and additional retail spaces will be available at both sites. The company plans to repurpose the current store with non-competing businesses.

Water Well Development Project

An update was given on the new water well south of 3000 North, showing strong results with minimal drawdown and good water production. The well is expected to be certified at 1,200 gallons per minute, with sand levels expected to improve at lower rates.

The council approved \$188,470 from the Martin’s Flat well fund for sewer material upgrades and other related work. The project benefits from its proximity to existing infrastructure, reducing overall costs.

City Council Vacancy

The meeting’s most significant item addressed filling Tyler Melling’s vacant council seat. Three candidates interviewed: Aleese Cardon, Jaden Rearen, and Phil Schmidt.

Aleese Cardon emphasized her lifelong

Cedar City residency, volunteer work on various city committees including Historic Preservation and America 250, and willingness to serve without personal agenda. She identified responsible growth and infrastructure updates as primary challenges.

Jaden Rearen, a local business owner, highlighted her community connections and vision for controlled growth while maintaining adequate water supplies and infrastructure.

Phil Schmidt brought 50 years of construction experience and extensive relationships with city staff, UDOT, and county officials. He emphasized his team-oriented approach and expertise in infrastructure, roads, and water systems, citing examples of cost-saving solutions he’d already provided the city.

Mayor-elect Steve Nelson addressed the council, expressing confidence in working with any candidate, particularly noting his positive relationship with Schmidt despite their recent mayoral race.

The council voted by secret ballot, with results announced publicly: Phil Schmidt received four votes, while Aleese Cardon received one vote. Schmidt was immediately sworn into office, with Mayor Green noting this brought representation from the Fiddler canyon area for the first time in 25-30 years.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Iron County Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Senator Curtis Update

The commission heard an update from Senator Curtis's office. The representative reported progress toward reopening the federal government after the shutdown and described new task forces being formed across the region, including a two-county group with Iron County that will hold quarterly online meetings with the senator. The update also outlined available constituent services, including help with military and veteran matters, healthcare, immigration, postal and Social Security issues, public benefits, IRS and passport assistance, and natural resources. The shutdown affected travel schedules, but the Senate has voted to reopen the government, sending the measure to the House and then to President Trump.

Department Reports

County Clerk:

Travel and training were about \$600 over budget, and election postage was nearing its limit. The municipal election wrapped up, with a post-election audit planned. The clerk noted confusion from residents in unincorporated areas about not being able to vote in city elections. PIDs were discussed at a recent meeting due to potential tax impacts. The clerk also shared a brief personal update.

Emergency Management:

The department is on budget. Key issues include ongoing EMS challenges and air ambulance concerns, with a meeting scheduled with the state. House Bill 48 remains a major challenge due to required wildfire mitigation steps and missing state guidance. A public meeting is set for November 18th. Fire district contractor work is 75% complete, and burn-permit conflicts continue between local needs

and state air-quality rules.

Fleet Management:

Overall under budget, though vehicle operations were over due to outside upfitting needs. In-house upfitting provided significant savings. Facility repairs are underway ahead of a storm. The county is comparing Enterprise's fleet services with current auction methods to see if they offer better pricing.

Human Resources:

The department ended October at 78% of budget. Since August, they've hired 22 positions and made 10 internal moves. Current turnover is 15.32%, down from last year. Open enrollment processed about 140 employees. Employee milestone anniversaries were recognized.

Public Defender:

No budget concerns; remaining costs include conflict-attorney and district-court expenses. Employee contracts will be extended in December.

Additional reports followed from USU Extension and commissioners.

Prairie Dog Management Discussion

The commission heard concerns from landowners and airport staff about Utah prairie dogs moving from state-managed land onto nearby properties and causing damage, despite existing silt fencing that isn't working.

A wildlife representative acknowledged the problem and said the upcoming management plan will include better containment efforts. While a fully prairie-dog-proof fence can't be installed due to federal recovery rules, the state will add improved visual barriers, properly installed silt fencing, and shrub plantings.

Landowners expressed frustration with federal rules that require permits to control prairie dogs on private land. The state noted that management will become easier once the species is delisted in 5-10 years. Commissioners asked for clear commitments in both the management plan and a planned land-acquisition agreement to ensure the state helps keep prairie dogs contained.

The commission then approved a letter supporting the state's purchase of 20 additional acres for the wildlife management area, with conditions: install visual barriers on the east and south sides, include the new protection measures in the management plan, and use fencing or other tools to protect adjacent landowners from prairie dog encroachment.

2026 Tentative Budget & Personnel Actions

The county auditor presented the 2026 tentative budget, noting a \$316,000 increase in insurance costs, partly offset by past savings. The budget includes employee step raises and cost-of-living adjustments but does not yet include 25 new position requests. Revenues, especially sales tax, are trending higher. A budget hearing will be held in two weeks, with final approval in December.

The commission also approved several personnel actions across multiple departments, including new hires, promotions, and backfills, before adjourning without a closed session.

Parowan City Council Meeting Summary - November 13, 2025

by Jenelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Action Meeting Items

Utah Arts and Museums Creative Aging Grant

- Steve Decker presented information regarding the Utah Arts and Museums Creative Aging Grant. The city received an award of \$2,544 for an oil painting class, a six-week course to be taught by Herb White in the spring of 2026. The class will incorporate historical vignettes and culminate with an exhibit at Old Rock Church Days. The council approved the acceptance of the grant.

Election Canvass - The council set the time for the Parowan City Council election canvass on November 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the canvass is to account for every ballot cast and to ensure that each valid vote is included in the official results.

Service Missionary MOU - The council discussed and approved a Service Missionary Volunteer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The MOU allows church service missionaries to assist with city projects listed on JustServe.org. Potential projects include flags on Main, Sub for Santa, park cleanup, and Old Rock Church Days.

Fencing Code Update - The council approved the Fencing Code Update Ordinance 2025-18. City Manager Dan Jessen explained the update that mandates masonry fences between adjoining properties used or zoned for different purposes with the cost of the fence being borne by whoever is building "now".

Building Inspection Code Ordinance

- The council approved Ordinance 2025-19, the Building Inspection Code. The code lists various building and engineering standards adopted by the city.

Axon Fleet ALPR Licensing Contract

The council approved the Axon Fleet ALPR (Automated License Plate Recognition) licensing contract for approximately \$18k. The contract is a five-year extension for a portion of Axon's services, which include body cams, dash cams, and tasers for the Parowan Police Department. Check out Axon's demonstration of this technology here!

Work Meeting – Discussion

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendments – Breakwater Flood Control Discussion

- The council moved into a work session to discuss possible fiscal year 2026 budget amendments, focusing on the Breakwater and Groundwater Recharge Basin (breakwater). Public Works Director

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Aldo Biasi presented a staff report detailing the history, costs, and potential methods to handle/remove the alluvium that settles out of run off that enters the breakwater holding pond.

Road Typical Sections and Parking Code Modifications - The council discussed typical road crosssections and related parking code modifications, aiming to provide direction to the Planning Commission and future developers. The Planning Commission is to review concepts and present recommendations.

Member Reports and Updates

- The Historic Preservation Committee approved two signage projects for businesses in the Historic District.
- Parowan Fire Department has been performing training and cleanup activities.
- Parowan Strong and the Fire Department raised over \$30k for two local families at a local fundraising event in October.
- The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands will commence forest management activities up Parowan Canyon, including 5-Mile campground.
- The Federal government shutdown

stopped the paperwork progress on the Main Street Bridge and EDA (Airport infrastructure) grant projects. The recent reopening allows these projects to continue.

- The pipeline project to divert excess water into the county gravel pit to recharge the aquifer is nearing completion.
- Certificates of Occupancy were granted for the two new gas stations in town and both are now open.
- The Old Rock Church roof repairs continue.
- Old Rock Church Days and Pioneer

Day activities will be combined for future years.

- Enhanced "Ram Crossing" crosswalks are nearing completion.
- Winter Wonderland is in progress. The Chamber is always looking for volunteers to assist with this project.

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

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SUU's New Marriage & Family Therapy Master's Program Responds to Urgent Need for Counselors



SUU's Master of Marriage and Family Therapy program is accepting applications through Dec. 15. Photo credit from Southern Utah University.

therapy, trauma and crisis therapy, and clinical sex therapy.

“This new program has small classes and close faculty mentorship, which are hallmarks of an education at SUU,” said Tad Brinkerhoff, SUU's associate vice president of Graduate and Online Enrollment. “There is such a great need for therapists in Utah, especially in rural areas as well as across the nation. Our graduates stand to find high-paying jobs, but more importantly, they will have the skills to help families and individuals lead fulfilled lives.”

The MMFT program will only be offered on-campus with a starting cohort of nine students. Applications for the first cohort are due Dec. 15, 2025. Admission requirements are consistent with those at other Utah universities and do not include a GRE score for entrance.

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Cedar City, Utah -- In response to workforce needs and student demand, Southern Utah University is set to launch a new Master of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) program beginning fall semester of 2026.

“Through this on-campus program, graduates are prepared to lead with compassion, cultural and faith sensitivity, and a deep commitment to strengthen relationships wherever they serve,” said SUU's MFT Program Director Trenton Call, PhD, LMFT. “What sets this program apart is its community-centered, interprofessional approach to training. It's designed

to meet the unique mental health needs of those in southern Utah. Our students will receive rigorous clinical education, hands-on supervision, and real-world experience in an on-campus collaborative training clinic, so they are competent for licensure and practice.”

The new graduate program is designed to meet requirements of the Utah Department of Professional Licensing and the accreditation standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), which SUU will work towards obtaining. Courses include topics such as assessment and diagnosis, family systems, child and family therapy, addiction

About SUU Graduate & Online

In its 128-year history as Utah's first experiment in distance education, Southern Utah University's Graduate and Online Department continues its pioneering legacy by offering to students across the globe affordable and flexible college degrees: 15 master's, 16 bachelor's, and two associates. This includes several master's degrees that can be finished in 12 months, and one of the most affordable bachelor's degrees in the nation: Speedway | Bachelor of General Studies. SUU Online's combination of affordability, flexibility, and vast student success programs provide an extraordinary education, anytime, anywhere.

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Over 144K acres restored through Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative in 2024-25



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by Faith Heaton Jolley

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative works to improve and restore high-priority watersheds and habitats throughout the state. During this past fiscal year — between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 — a whopping total of 144,433 acres were improved across Utah through this unique and innovative program.

Created in 2006, this Utah Department of Natural Resources partnership-based program focuses on:

- Improving watershed health and biological diversity
- Increasing water quality and yield
- Improving opportunities for sustainable uses of natural resources, including restoring fish and wildlife habitats

As one of the initiative's founding partners, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources plays a key role in planning, overseeing and implementing regional restoration projects.

"These proactive projects to improve wildlife habitat and watershed health throughout the state are

crucial, not only for our fish and wildlife species, but also for the residents of Utah," Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative Program Director Tyler Thompson said. "It takes a great deal of coordination and funding to make these projects possible, and we are very grateful to our many partners and their continued support of wildlife conservation and improving water quality. Along with proactive improvement projects, we also do a lot of work to restore areas impacted by wildfires, like we saw this year. These efforts are vital for maintaining healthy ecosystems."

Between 2024-25, Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative completed a lot of habitat restoration work, including:

- Restoring 144,433 acres across Utah, including 13,960 acres burned by wildfires last year.
- Mixing and spreading 743,787 pounds of seed on various landscapes (including those burned by fires) across Utah.
- Completing a total of 120 habitat restoration projects.
- Improving 142 miles of streams.
- Creating an estimated 539 jobs in the state.

Over \$31 million in funding was invested by more than 63 partners to pay for the different restoration projects. Part of the funding for these projects comes from the DWR Habitat Council, which is funded by a portion of revenue from the fees that customers pay for licenses, permits, stamps and certificates of registration. Other funding partners include the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, conservation groups and many other non-government organizations.

Habitat work through Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative includes:

- Aerial seeding after a wildfire.
- Removing encroaching trees for sagebrush preservation and rangeland fire management.
- Prescribed fires to reduce fire fuels in an area (which reduces the risk of a catastrophic wildfire) and to enhance the aspen habitat used by many wildlife species.
- Stream restoration through various techniques, including an innovative method of building artificial beaver dams. This unique dam-mimicking technique was



conceptualized in Utah and decreases erosion, raises river levels and even improves water quality.

- Planting shrubs and sage brush to provide feed and shelter for mule deer, sage-grouse and other wildlife species.

Reseeding efforts are currently underway for areas impacted by this year's wildfires, including the Monroe Canyon Fire, France Canyon Fire, Forsyth Fire, Deer Creek Fire, Willard Peak Fire and others.

Since 2006, this program has improved nearly 3 million acres of Utah's landscapes through more than 2,900 restoration projects. Visit the WRI website to see where these projects have taken place across the state.

ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

showcase

by Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The Utah Shakespeare Festival is thrilled to officially announce its 65th Anniversary Season, which will run June 18 through October 3, 2026. “We are excited to celebrate 65 years of world-class storytelling on our stages and invite you to gather with us,” says Executive Managing Director Michael Bahr. Following a very successful 2025 season which closed the beginning of October, plans are underway for the 2026 season. With *Generations Gather Here* as the seasonal inspiration, Bahr explains how this invitation is for everyone. “Ever since our inaugural year in 1961, we have had countless generations of people come together to build, share, and experience the work at the Festival. That not only includes our patrons, donors, and guests, but also our staff, artists, and volunteers, among

others. So many return year after year because they are excited by the experience they’ve had when they come here. And so many come for the first time because they are intrigued by the Festival and Cedar City. We welcome all to join the legacy!”

Coming soon is the Festival’s Cyber Sale on December 1 and 2, 2025. Save \$10 on every regularly priced main stage ticket for the 2026 season. To get early access before the general public, make a donation of \$5 or more to the Festival by November 23 at bard.org/about/give/individual.

In addition, Iron County residents who purchase an Iron County Pass during the Cyber Sale can get eight admissions for the price of six for only \$200. This pass can only be purchased by calling 800-PLAYTIX on December 1 and 2, 10am–5pm. Some restrictions apply.

The 65th Anniversary Season includes, of course, works by William Shakespeare, the Festival’s cornerstone playwright, as well as a variety of other plays and musicals sure to delight viewers.

Troilus and Cressida

By William Shakespeare
Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre

Last seen at the Festival in 1999, *Troilus and Cressida* is a rarely-done tragedy set during the Trojan War. It is a

tale of love, power, survival, and betrayal, and focuses on two people whose passion is tested, as war rages and loyalties shift.

Directing is **Carolyn Howarth**, a returning artist who helmed last season’s *Antony and Cleopatra* as well as *The Winter’s Tale* in 2024. Her amazing work has also been seen at Colorado Shakespeare Festival where she spent 14 seasons. *Troilus and Cressida* previews on June 18, 2026, and runs through September 3, 2026.

Hamlet

By William Shakespeare
Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre

As one of Shakespeare’s most haunting and well-known tragedies, Prince Hamlet wrestles with the death of his father as well as with his own inaction, while searching for truth and harnessing his desire for vengeance. He spirals into crisis and isolation, exemplifying the complexities of the human

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Utah Shakespeare Festival Announces 65th Anniversary Season for 2026



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condition. Last seen on Festival stages in 2019, it is one of the most popular of Shakespeare's plays produced here. Returning director **Beth Lopes** will lead the 2026 production of *Hamlet* after having directed *As You Like It* this past season. She also assistant directed at the Festival in 2010 after which she spent ten seasons directing at New Swan Shakespeare Festival where she is an associate artistic director.

Hamlet previews on June 19, 2026, and runs through September 4, 2026.

Twelfth Night

By William Shakespeare
Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre

Believed to have been written as a commissioned piece for Queen Elizabeth, *Twelfth Night* was performed during the holiday season festivities of 1601-02. It's a beloved comedy, last featured at the Festival in 2019, that includes a complicated

love triangle, mistaken identities, mischief, and witty banter that proves love often finds us when—and where—we least expect it. The Festival's Artistic Director

John DiAntonio returns to direct *Twelfth Night*. He previously directed *Macbeth* in 2025 in addition to performing as Jack in Ken Ludwig's *Dear Jack*, *Dear Louise* and Petruchio in 2024's *The Taming of the Shrew*. Prior to coming to Cedar City, he was the producing artistic director at Creede Repertory Theatre.

Twelfth Night previews on June 20, 2026 and runs through September 5, 2026.

Something Rotten!

Book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell
Music and Lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick
Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick

Having premiered on Broadway in 2015, *Something Rotten!* is a hilarious, high-energy musical that reimagines Shakespeare's world with modern twists. Set in the Renaissance, it

follows struggling playwrights Nick and Nigel Bottom, who try to outshine wildly popular William Shakespeare by creating the world's first musical. Packed with

show-stopping numbers, outrageous comedy, and clever nods to Broadway and the Bard, this show celebrates creativity, ambition, and the absurdity of the theatre world.

Returning to the Festival is two-time Emmy Award-winning director, artist, and producer **Alan Muraoka**, who helmed a special Festival production of *Gold Mountain* in 2021. As an actor, he performed on Broadway seven times, including *Disney's Aladdin*, *The King and I*, and *Miss Saigon*, as well as 27 years as Alan on *Sesame Street*.

Something Rotten! previews on June 22, 2026 and runs through October 3, 2026.

See How They Run

By Philip King

See How They Run is packed with mistaken identities, unexpected visitors, and nonstop chaos. Set in a quiet English vicarage during WWII, the play spirals into comedic mayhem as a soldier, a German POW, a Russian spy, and multiple clergymen, converge on the house. Written to boost morale during wartime, this fast-paced comedy delivers delightful confusion and wild fun for audiences of all ages. Directed by Festival veteran **Geoffrey Kent**, *See How They Run* is a classic British farce never before seen on Festival stages. Patrons will recognize Kent from his acting roles this past

season as Mark Antony in *Antony and Cleopatra*, Duke Frederick in *As You Like It*, and various roles in *Macbeth*. He also directed *The Play That Goes Wrong* in 2023, and has served as Fight Director and acted in numerous shows since 2009.

See How They Run previews on June 23, 2026 and runs through September 4, 2026.

She Loves Me

Book by Joe Masteroff
Music by Jerry Bock
Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick
Based on a play by Miklós László

In *She Loves Me*, the main characters Georg and Amalia are feuding co-workers in a 1930s perfume shop, and each is falling in love with their anonymous pen pal. Based on the same play that inspired the films *The Shop Around the Corner* and *You've Got Mail*, this charming, heartwarming musical sparkles with witty dialogue, endearing characters, and a beautiful score by Harnick and Bock (*Fiddler on the Roof*).

Michael Perlman returns to USF this year to direct *She Loves Me* after directing last season's Ken Ludwig's *Dear Jack*, *Dear Louise*. A New York-based writer and director, he has been associate director for *Noises Off*

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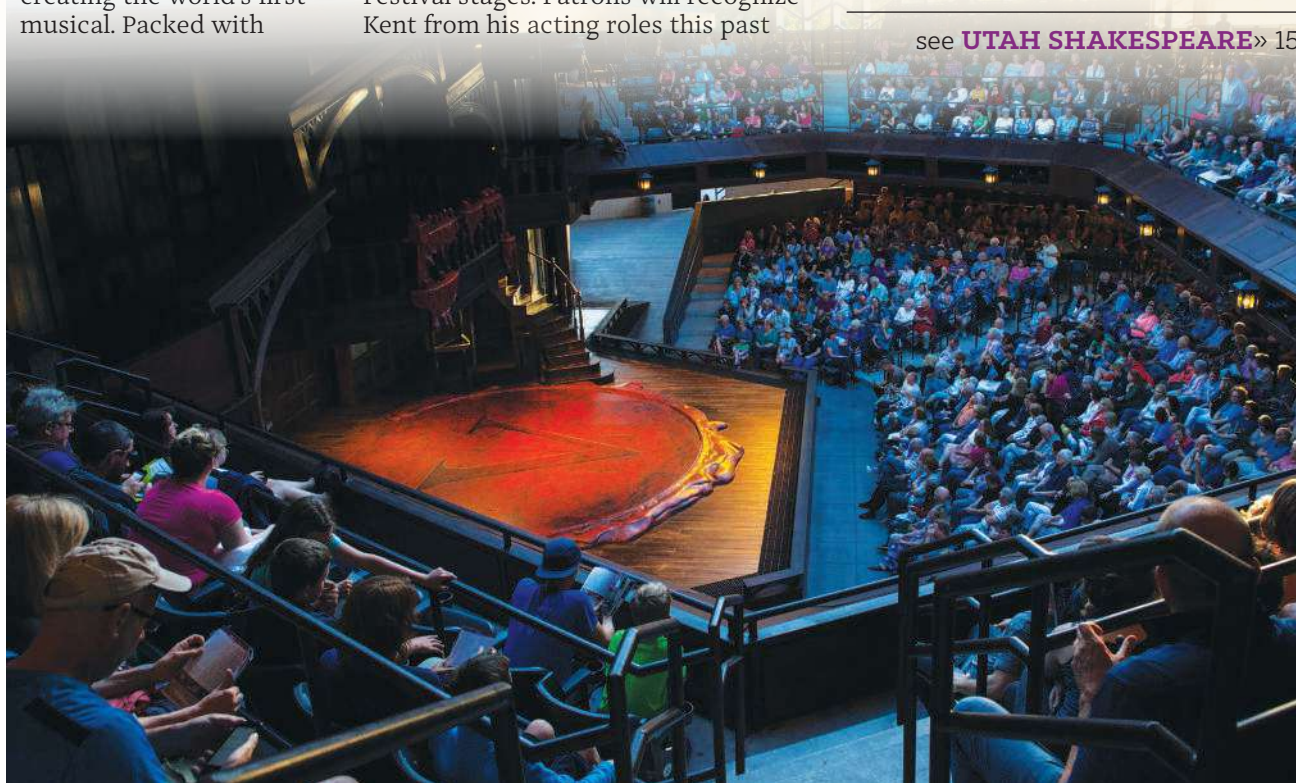
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on Broadway and at off-Broadway's Roundabout Theatre, Barrow Street, and the Public Theatre.

She Loves Me previews on June 24, 2026 and runs through October 3, 2026.

Mary Shelley's Frankenstein

By David Catlin

Based on the book by Mary Shelley
Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre

David Catlin's adaptation of Mary Shelley's classic novel *Frankenstein* weaves together the haunting tale of Victor Frankenstein and his creation with the real-life circumstances that inspired Mary Shelley to write it. Blending fiction and reality, the play delves into the depths of human ambition, the consequences of scientific pursuit, and the blurred line between creator and creation, offering a profoundly human and contemporary take on a timeless story. Directing this bold retelling of the Gothic masterpiece is **Risa Brainin**, who is making her Utah Shakespeare

Festival debut in 2026. She is a freelance director and Founder/Artistic Director of LAUNCH PAD, a new play development

program at UC Santa Barbara. She served as Artistic Director of Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Associate Artistic Director at both Indiana Repertory Theatre and Kansas City Repertory Theatre, and Resident Director of the Guthrie Theater. *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* previews on July 13, 2026, and runs through October 3, 2026.

The Book Club Play

By Karen Zacarias

Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre

The Book Club Play is described like "Lord of the Flies with wine and dip," and is a comedy about a tight-knit group of friends whose carefully curated lives unravel when their book club becomes the subject of a documentary. As tensions rise and secrets

emerge, the laughs build in this witty satire about literature, the chaos of group dynamics, and the stories we tell ourselves, proving real life is often the most unpredictable plot of all.

Veteran Festival actor **Matt Zambrano** returns to direct *The Book Club Play*. Audiences may remember him in *Scapin* in 2012 and *Peter and the Starcatcher* in 2013, among others. His work has also been seen all over the country, including at Shakespeare Theater of D.C., Milwaukee Rep, Colorado Shakespeare Festival, and The Denver Center Theater. *The Book Club Play* previews July 14, 2026, and runs through October 3, 2026.

The Greenshow

Prepare for delightful summer evenings of stories, music, and dance with three new shows on the green. Written by Festival veteran **Britannia**



Howe and directed by returning artist **Trey Plutnicki**, both of whom have long histories with the Festival, these shows are the perfect way to get in a theatrical mood before the mainstage evening shows.

A Cedar City native, Howe grew up attending the Festival. She earned a MFA in directing from Illinois State University and has directed at Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, and with the Utah Symphony. She has written and directed *The Greenshow* six times in the last eight years, and is currently a Theatre Arts faculty member at Southern Utah University. Plutnicki returns to direct and choreograph *The Greenshow* after serving as choreographer for *The Greenshow* and various mainstage shows in 2024 and 2025, and as a member of the acting company in 2019 and 2021. He has also worked with Drury Lane Productions, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, and Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre. The themes for the three 2026 *Greenshows* will be Stratford Night, Americana Night, and Celtic Night, and previews on June 18, 2026, and runs through September 5, 2026. For more information including content advisories, please visit bard.org.

A Double Dose of Holiday Cheer: SUU Celebrates "A Charlie Brown Christmas" with Live Play and Museum Exhibit

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Southern Utah University (SUU) is rolling out the red carpet and decking the halls in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the beloved holiday classic, "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The community is invited to campus for a series of free performances of the play by Charles M. Schulz presented alongside a special traveling art exhibition that details the makings of the production at the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA).

On Dec. 4 & 6, in the Randall L. Jones Theatre, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" is brought to life on stage by an all-SUU alumni cast and crew from the

Department of Theatre, Dance, & Arts Administration. All community members, alumni, and friends are invited to attend one of the 30-minute performances on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Admission to each event is free; general admission tickets are required and can be picked up at SUMA and the SUU Hunter Alumni Center during regular hours of operation. Seats will be held for ticket-holding guests for up to 10 minutes before the performance begins; after, seats will be open to standby guests.

"Audiences are going to love this production," says Michael Bahr (SUU alumni class of '89), the play's director and executive managing director of the

Utah Shakespeare Festival. "It's full of heart and nostalgia, featuring live music and an entire alumni cast and crew."

This won't be the first time that Spencer Watson (SUU alumni class of '24), the actor who will portray Charlie Brown, has stepped into the iconic role. As a student, Watson played the character in SUU's musical production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

"When I was offered a chance to play him again, I knew I couldn't say no to the chance of reprising the role!" said Watson. "What excites me most about stepping into this production is knowing I'll be working with some of SUU's most amazing alumni actors. To share a stage with these performers, and hopefully

share some stories of our time at SUU, is beyond a pleasure."

Community members are also invited to go behind the scenes to understand the making of the classic movie as the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) hosts, "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!" Curated by The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research center in Santa Rosa, California, the exhibit showcases reproductions of the original Peanuts Christmas-time comic strips and reveals the history behind the beloved holiday special. Stop by SUMA to explore the making of the animated classic from Nov. 17 through Jan. 3 during regular business hours; admission to the art event is also free to the public. For more information, visit suu.edu/suma.

Training to Be Essential

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Headlines about ongoing job losses hastened by Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology remind us why arts training is essential. There's a lot that takes a human perspective and skill. The skills learned in the arts can help make workers more resilient and valuable.

Learning dance not only trains the body, but also teaches collaboration and effective reaction to other people. Being in a play develops speaking skills and quick verbal reflexes that are valuable for public speaking and for leadership positions. Learning an instrument teaches valuable listening skills and attention to detail. Visual arts help us see more

clearly and with more nuance. Writing helps solidify values and concepts like responsibility. My husband told his engineering students to get jobs with direct engagement with other human beings. I am hearing stories about graduates who are getting online computer jobs that are really just temporary jobs, not a "traditional" career. It makes it hard to plan with sporadic income.

AI might be able to detect emotional tone, but that doesn't translate into emotional intelligence. Only humans can feel, build connections, and truly empathize. Just as you have to develop eye contact on stage it is valuable to develop eye contact in conversations.



In a play you can't short circuit a conversation with interruptions. You have to learn to listen for your cue and then speak.

AI can recommend options, but the person needs to take charge of the implementation and decision making. In every violin lesson I am asking the student to make small decisions on fingering, phrasing, and interpretation to help them develop their thinking skills. AI can give generic advice, but true mentorship requires people. I love that our visual art community gives each other constructive advice and that many of them make a point of painting together. By teaching others we can develop our own unique approaches to making art.

AI can apply a rule, but nuance and understanding requires human judgment. Balancing competing courses of actions is not easy, but writing out options can help clarify a tricky situation for a better solution.

AI can't keep a promise. That is a human skill. Building reliability and being trustworthy go a long way in making any arts project a success. You can't have a successful orchestra unless you have all the parts covered. When I was the manager I used to remind the musicians that if they missed a rehearsal it was like dancing with a broken leg for the rest of us. To create effective music we have to have all the parts in rehearsals and not just for concerts. Humor is a particularly unique human ability. AI can repeat humor patterns

that are programmed, but to create a genuine humorous connection takes a person. Theater is especially valuable training for humor. How a line is delivered can be dull or magical. That takes a person. Originality is definitely in the domain of people rather than a machine. AI is a valuable tool at condensing huge amounts of data. It may make many option suggestions, but the decisions are in the human domain. A truly original concept takes a person. All art forms celebrate originality and creative thinking. So keep making your art and exploring new ideas. The arts can help make our students not only more employable, but help them experience a richer and fuller life.

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You can still get a Christmas Tree for \$10

By John Turner , For Iron County Today

If you have read some of my earlier articles, maybe you've started picking your own pumpkins and corn, so today I'm trying to sell you on the idea of cutting your own Christmas tree here in our local mountains courtesy of the Forestry Service. This involves a little more effort, but for the last two years we have driven up into Dixie National Forest and it was a ton of fun in spite of the wet socks and shoes.

Rules & Regulations

For many years the rangers have offered you the chance to get muddy, wet and cold and bring home your own tree, fresh from the forest. **BUT, you do need to get a permit that comes with a map and a list of rules and regulations from the Forest Service at their office at 820 N. Main Street, in Cedar City or online at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).** The permit does come with some rules, but the results are fun and you end up with a fresh tree for much less than you will find at a store.

One of the rules you need to be mindful of is that all tree cutting must be a minimum of 100 ft.



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from the road which will require a short hike back into the forest to find that perfect tree. You are not allowed to just cut off just the top part of a tall tree, and leave the rest of the stump in the ground. Please cut down the entire tree and groom it later. Over the years, some areas have been cut to the point where trees are no longer easily accessible and you may have to hike back considerably more than 100 ft. Our rangers work hard to maintain a healthy forest and in return for their \$10 trees, please don't leave your tree trimmings behind on the forest floor.

This year, why not consider heading up to the mountains with a couple of friends and neighbors and making it a family fun day. It's a good idea to check the weather when you plan an outing, if it's snowing, you may be at risk of a frozen family! There are many unnamed fire roads just off Highway 14, where you can park your car off the busy highway, but if we do get a big snowfall it's nearly impossible to access most of these fire roads without a snowmobile. I would highly suggest that you plan your trip sooner rather than later, the trees will stay very fresh, even a month before Christmas. All of the trees you will soon see for sale in the stores were probably cut in October, and not kept in water, so if you cut your tree early, before the snow

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mounts up, it will most likely stay fresh into the New Year. So, for \$10 your permit will allow you to cut up to a 10-foot tree, and for \$20, you can get a tree up to 20 feet. Be aware there is a \$2.50 service charge per tree.

Bring along a cold weather picnic and some hot chocolate or your favorite hot toddy to enjoy on your tailgate after your holiday lumberjacking. We've had a blast doing this along with friends over the last couple of years, and here's a little advice:

- Bring a tarp or some pieces of cardboard so you can kneel to cut the tree close to the ground without getting too wet.
- A chain saw is better than a hand saw, and easier than an axe.
- Bring enough rope to tie the tree down safely.
- A two-wheel-drive car will definitely limit you as to which roads you can explore for trees.
- Try to cut your tree before the snow piles up too high to walk around, 4 inches of snow is much easier than 4 feet.
- Some extra socks and gloves would be smart.
- Make sure you get a photo of yourselves which you can enjoy later and marvel at your accomplishment.

Enjoy all the upcoming holidays, and, as Christmas gets closer you can relax in your living room with a warm fire and forget about the wet clothes and cold feet from the day you cut that perfect tree!



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By May Hunter, For Iron County Today

You know how they say to look at the world through the eyes of a child?

Well, 85% of American kids believe in Santa Claus. Time for you to believe in Santa Claus (again)!

Believing in Santa isn't only about the material presents—it's about the spiritual gifts. Santa Claus is someone to look up to for advice and strength, someone who forgives you, and someone who cares about you.

Santa Claus is like the ultimate accountability partner. You can't cheat him. He knows, hears, and sees everything!

Santa Claus will remain in the hearts of children forever. I remember when I was about 8, my big brothers told me they knew where all our presents were hidden in the attic. I didn't believe them, so I never got inquisitive. I knew Santa had our presents, and no one was going to tell me any different.

On Christmas Eve, we all gathered around for my dad to recite "'Twas The Night Before Christmas." All excited, we set out the cookies and milk with a few carrots for the reindeer. Soon we were all tucked in our beds, so excited we couldn't even think about going to sleep.

Then it happened—we heard jingle bells! We started to quietly sneak down the stairs to see what it was all about. Halfway down the stairs we stopped in our tracks—we saw red pants and black boots. We hurried back to our beds. From then on, my brothers believed in Santa Claus.

It is proper to believe in things true and truthful, and it is proper to believe in Santa Claus because he is both—representing and participating in those unseen powers that are a part of life, the most important part of life.

Santa Claus is the magic of Christmas. He brings us happiness and good cheer. The joy of giving and family are the true gifts that Santa brings.

When you hear a "ho, ho, ho," it takes you back to the enchanting memories of Santa Claus during your childhood. Santa is more than magic—he's a tradition.

"Believing in Santa is believing in the magic of Christmas!"

The spirit of Santa always lives in your heart. Never stop believing! Santa is the perfect reminder of the reason for the season—this jolly guy chooses kindness, and we should do the same.

May you never be too grown-up to search the skies on Christmas Eve!



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Cedar City's Holiday Tree Jubilee Turns Festive Fun into Community Support

By Carol Huff, For Iron County Today

As winter approaches Cedar City, a special kind of magic begins to take shape inside the Heritage Theater. Beautifully decorated trees, the sparkle of lights, and the warmth of community spirit all come together for one of the city's most beloved traditions—the Holiday Tree Jubilee, returning November 29 and December 1-2!

Now marking its eighth year in Cedar City, the Holiday Tree Jubilee began as a dream of founder Laura Albrecht, who wanted to bring people together and spread holiday cheer to those who needed it most. She had heard of tree jubilees in other communities and saw the potential to create something meaningful right here in Cedar City.

"I wanted to create something joyful that could also make a real difference," Albrecht said. "Every year, this event goes beyond what I imagined, and it's incredible to see how it continues to grow and bring joy to more people."

With the help of hundreds of generous sponsors and volunteers, Albrecht and her team bring the magic of the holidays to life inside the Heritage Theater. The space is transformed into a cozy winter wonderland filled with the aroma of hot cocoa, cheerful gift baskets, handmade quilts, and more than 60 beautifully decorated Christmas trees.

This year's Holiday Tree Jubilee will showcase a mix of creative and classic designs — from Nike, K-Pop Demon Hunters, and Citrus Garden Party-themed trees to timeless favorites featuring gingerbread men, vintage holiday décor, and nutcrackers.

The Jubilee has partnered with the City's Downtown Lighting event which draws thousands of people to Cedar City's Main Street.

Unlike many similar events, the Holiday Tree Jubilee adds a fun twist to giving back. Instead of bidding on trees, visitors can buy tickets and place them in front of the trees they'd love to take home — the more tickets, the better the chances to win!

"It's so fun knowing that one ticket could be all it takes to win a tree," said Jeri Oveson, who serves on the Holiday Tree Jubilee Board. "That's what makes this event so special—everyone gets a fair chance."

A select few of the most elaborate trees will be part of an auction for those eager to guarantee their favorite. Every tree is sponsored and

decorated by local families and businesses, with many longtime supporters returning each season to share in the holiday spirit.

"The Holiday Tree Jubilee is one of my favorite traditions," said Danica Bulloch, who is putting together a tree this year on behalf of Bulloch Construction. "Decorating a tree is fun, but knowing it helps support local children makes it truly special," she said.

The impact of the Jubilee reaches far beyond the decorated trees. Every dollar raised goes to local causes such as Shop With a Cop, Iron County Care and Share, and to helping homeless or disadvantaged students in the Iron County School District. Thanks to the community's donations, last year's event raised tens of thousands of dollars for those in need.

"The Cedar City Police Department is thankful for the many years of partnership with the Holiday Tree Jubilee and for their generosity," said Justin Ludlow, Public Affairs Sergeant. "Through programs like Shop With a Cop, we're able to positively impact families throughout Iron County and bring smiles to the faces of children each holiday season - we truly couldn't do it without these funds."

This year's Holiday Tree Jubilee will be held November 29 from 3-8 p.m. and December 1-2 from 5-8 p.m. at the Heritage Theater located at 105 N. 100 E. in Cedar City. The drawing for the trees will be held December 2 at 8 p.m. in the Theater and the public is welcome to attend. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Holiday Tree
JUBILEE



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Downtown Christmas Lighting: Where the Magic Begins

CEDAR CITY, UT – Historic Downtown Cedar City is “Where The Magic Begins” on Saturday, November 29th, 2025, with The Downtown Lighting Ceremony and other family friendly festive activities. The event is free to the public but there will be many vendors on site for shopping/food.

People can start the day off with carriage rides and a Christmas Market.

“Where The Magic Begins” program will officially begin at 5 p.m. in front of City Hall to usher in the holiday season.

The evening is full of festive performances, tree decorating, fireworks, and Santa’s big arrival by helicopter in downtown.

The Holiday Tree Jubilee fundraising event is held inside Festival Hall (105 N. 100 E., Cedar City) and has been helping those in need in Iron County for five years. One hundred percent of proceeds go towards supporting Iron County Care and Share, Cedar City Police Department’s Shop with a Cop program, and Iron County homeless and at-risk teens during the holiday season.

Schedule of Events

12pm-9pm	Cedar City Christmas Market
3pm-4:30pm/6pm-9pm ..	Family Activities on Main and Center Streets
3pm-8pm	Holiday Tree Jubilee at Heritage Center Theater
4:30pm	Where the Magic Begins PRE-SHOW
5pm	Where the Magic Begins Program
6pm	Santa’s Arrival, Lighting Ceremony, and Fireworks
6:30pm-8pm	Photos with Santa at the Holiday Tree Jubilee
Directly after fireworks	Live Nativity at The Old Rock Church

For more information contact the Cedar City Public Information Officer, John Zierow by email zjohn@cedarcityut.gov or by phone at 801-889-0727.



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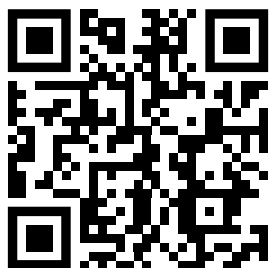
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November 23, 2025

Sonrise Christian Church

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November 26, 2025

Sonrise Christian Church

Christmas in the Park: A Magical Start to the Season!
Join us and kick off the holiday season with festive lights, cocoa, s'mores and holiday cheer. Enjoy a heartwarming community celebration- free to everyone to enjoy! 5pm-6pm at Bristlecone Park. At 5:30, Santa will make a grand entrance on a fire truck. Don't forget to drop your letters to Santa in our special North Pole Mailbox!

November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans and anyone

Free Thanksgiving dinner for Veterans and anyone that wants a friendly meal. Questions or to help donate food contact Celeste (208) 949-6670. First Baptist Church 324 W 200 N Cedar. 12pm - 5pm

"Turkey Trot" 5K

Free and it begins at 8:00 am at West Canyon Park (151 S 400 E, Cedar City). Look for the parkrun

flag in Canyon Park West. Everyone is invited to come walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate. To register and for information, visit parkrun.us/register/.

November 28, 2025

Parowan Christmas in the Country

Parowan Christmas in the Country Holiday Bazaar | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Iron County Fair Building (50 S 600 E Clinic Way, Parowan)

The 20th Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow

On November 28th and 29th. This event is FREE and open to everyone to come and enjoy Grand Entries, Drum Contest, Princess Contest, & Dance Contest. Is held at 440 N Paiute Dr (Cedar City) with Grand Entries on Friday at 6:00 pm and Saturday at 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm. T

Nature Hills: The 67th Annual Christmas on the Farm

Nature Hills invites everyone to gather at the Farm for a Winter Wonderland, lights, Christmas displays, Santa. Held November 28th and 29th, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Nature Hills Farm (4326 N 2100 E, Cedar City). Tickets are available naturehillsfarm.com/christmasonthefarm

November 29, 2025

Downtown Lighting Ceremony

"Where the Magic Begins" Come join the Downtown Lighting Ceremony and other family friendly festive activities. Free to the public.
Sequence of Events
12pm-9pm: Cedar City Christmas Market
3pm-4:30pm/6pm-9pm: Family Activities on Main & Center Streets
3pm-8pm: Holiday Tree Jubilee at Heritage Center Theater
4:30pm: Where the Magic Begins PRE-SHOW

5pm: Where the Magic Begins Program
6pm: Santa's Arrival, Lighting Ceremony, and Fireworks
6:30pm-8pm: Photos with Santa at the Holiday Tree Jubilee
Directly after fireworks: Live Nativity at The Old Rock Church

Parowan Christmas in the Country

Santa's Parade: 10am at Parowan Main Street
Holiday Bazaar: 10am - 4pm at Iron County Fair Building
Candlelight Walking Parade: 6pm on Parowan Main Street (line up at 500 North Main) bring your own candle and join the parade.
Town Lighting Ceremony: 6:15pm at Parowan Town Square
Christmas Variety Show: 7pm at Aladdin Theater. FREE - donations accepted

Christmas on the Mountain

Lunch and pictures with Santa: noon to 2pm at Duck Creek Community Church.
Christmas Caroling, Hot Cocoa, goodies, All followed by prayer and Tree Lighting: 6pm to 7pm at main st. in front of the Village Xmas Tree Duck Creek Village.

December 1, 2025

Service of Remembrance Southern Utah Mortuary

A Memorial Program with a Candle Lighting Ceremony. Join us for a time to reflect, remember and find peace. Come early to decorate an ornament in honor of your loved one. 190 N 300 W Cedar. 6pm.

In Jubilo Women's Chorale Christmas Concert

In Jubilo Women's Chorale invites you to step into the warmth of the season with "Gather: Yuletide Memories." Held at 7:00 pm in the True Life Center (2111 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is FREE.

December 2, 2025

Holiday Lights Display

Collecting donations for Make-A-Wish Utah®. Display runs from 5:30 to 10 pm nightly (weather permitting) at 26 North 1150 West in Cedar City.

December 4, 2025

SUU A Charlie Brown Christmas

Come and join us for a heartwarming Holiday classic that comes to life on stage. Admission is free to each 30 minute performances. 6pm & 8pm. Randall L. Jones Theater: Shakespeare Ln Cedar.

December 5, 2025

The Star Still Shines

A live on-stage a family Christmas. December 5th through the 22nd. This joyful celebration reminds us that the light of Christ still shines today—warming hearts, lifting spirits, and bringing us back to what Christmas is truly about. Tickets available at www.theforgearts.com. \$10 per ticket or \$30 for family pass.

Christmas in Kanarraville

From December 5th to the 20th. Santa for kids to visit with, a hot cocoa bar, and a Nightmare Before Christmas themed walk-through. There will also be food, snacks, and sweets available for purchase. Held on Friday and Saturday from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Frisby Farms (South of Kanarraville off Hwy 91).

SUU Holiday Concert

The Combined Holiday Concert will feature performances by all of SUU's major ensembles at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Tickets available at suu.edu/arts/

Holiday Schedule of Events 2025

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Live Theater held at 7:00 pm at Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). December 5, 8, 13, 15, 19.

December 6, 2025

Enoch Christkindl Markt

3rd Annual Christmas Fair. Handmade Goods, Truffles, Nutcrackers, Evergreen wreaths, Free Hot Chocolate! 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. 2355 E Village Green Dr. Cedar.

SUU A Charlie Brown Christmas

Come and join us for a heartwarming Holiday classic that comes to life on stage. Admission is free to each 30 minute performance. 2pm & 8pm. Randall L. Jones Theater: Shakespeare Ln Cedar.

The 13th Annual Red Acre Christmas

Sip complimentary hot cider while you walk a real working farm, warm your hands by the fire, and roast marshmallows. Enjoy all the available winter activities. Held from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Red Acre Farm (2322 W 4375 N, Cedar City).

American Preparatory Academy Annual Holiday Market

Everyone is invited to come and shop with vendors inside and outside, shop for family and friends, and don't forget Santa will be here too! Held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the American Prep. Academy (782 N Main St, Cedar City).

December 8, 2025

Nature Hills: Live Nativity

Nature Hills invites everyone to gather at the Farm and enjoy a 20 - 30 minute live and interactive

tour through the scenes of the Live Nativity. held from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Nature Hills Farm (4326 N 2100 E, Cedar City). Tickets are available online at naturehillsfarm.com.

Veterans Christmas Party

American Legion Cedar City Post 74 Christmas Party for all veterans and their families from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E, Cedar City). For information, call Scoty Harville (435) 590-3072.

December 12, 2025

The Community Nutcracker

We are excited to bring this timeless tradition to Cedar City, Utah for the fourth annual production. Canyon View High School Auditorium. 7pm. Held at the Cedar Fun Center. Tickets at available at: communitynutcracker.com

Parowan's Festival of Trees

Festival of Trees, Santa, Hot Cocoa, Family Activities, and a Family Movie. Held at Cedar Rose Estate (995 W Old Hwy 91, Parowan) and includes a Family Days on Friday, Dec 12th, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, Dec 13, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Must purchase a ticket.

Brian Head Jingle Jangle Jubilee

December 12th and 13th. This indoor event will feature a variety of attractions, including a live performance of the Nutcracker, a visit from Santa Claus, and a dazzling ice sculpture display housed in a special tent, Christmas tunnel. held at Brian Head Ice (259 S Village Way, Brian Head).

December 13, 2025

Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying

Join the city in a celebration of our service members by laying wreaths in the city cemetery. 2pm. Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Pictures with Santa - Prime Powersports

Come get a photo with Santa and enjoy some Christmas cheer. Free event at Prime Powersports 138 S Main St. Cedar 11am to 2pm.

The Community Nutcracker

We are excited to bring this timeless tradition to Cedar City, Utah for the fourth annual production. Canyon View High School Auditorium. 1pm and 7pm. Tickets at available at: communitynutcracker.com

Santa Claus is Here!

Come see Santa at the Cedar Bowling Center. Free Blowing Game & bag of treats to each child.

December 14, 2025

A Community Celebration of The Christ Child

Please join us: Display of Hundreds of Nativities from around the world. Live children's nativity, live musical performances. From 4pm to 8pm at 1985 N Main St. Cedar City.

Handel's Messiah

The Orchestra of Southern Utah will present its 85th annual performance of the holiday tradition of Handel's Messiah on December 14 and 15, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT) Admission is free, but tickets are required and can be reserved at www.myosu.org.

December 17, 2025

Holidays Around the World

Held from 10:00 am at the Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W, Cedar City). Celebrate the holiday season with fun, creativity, and cultural exploration.

December 19, 2025

Junior Ballet - The Nutcracker

Enjoy the classical ballet company designed to involve community talent of all ages. Heritage Center Theater. 7:30pm to 9pm. Tickets available at Heritage Center Box Office or online at cedarcityjuniorballet.org

December 20, 2025

Pictures with Santa - Prime Powersports

Come get a photo with Santa and enjoy some Christmas cheer. Free event at Prime Powersports 138 S Main St. Cedar 11am to 2pm.

Junior Ballet - The Nutcracker

Enjoy the classical ballet company designed to involve community talent of all ages. Heritage Center Theater. 7:30pm to 9pm. Tickets available at Heritage Center Box Office or online at cedarcityjuniorballet.org

Lights at the Homestead

Come stroll through the park grounds and enjoy the holiday lights. For information, call (435) 586-9290. From December 20th to 24th, held 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Frontier Homestead State Park (635 N Main St)

December 22, 2025

The Forgotten Carols

4pm and 7:30 at the Heritage Center Theater. Tickets available online at forgottencarols.com.



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**Thursday,
Dec. 4, 2025**
6:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M.

**Saturday,
Dec. 6, 2025**
2:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M.

Randall L. Jones Theatre

**Admission to each 30 minute performance is
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General admission tickets are required and can be picked up at Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) and the Hunter Alumni Center during regular business hours.

Visit the *Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!* exhibition at SUMA from November 17th to January 3rd.

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Christmas Memories

By John Turner , For Iron County Today

Sometime in the late 1950's my family, including five of us Baby Boomer kids were all living in Granada Hills, CA. My Dad had just bought a new 16mm movie camera to document our growing up years. That Christmas he was making a big Hollywood production of us waking up and finding all the presents that Santa had left around the tree, but my Mom had other plans for us all to go to church on Christmas morning to hear the choir at the early service. So, the new plan was to get dressed up and head to church, then return home where we all had to put our pajamas back on and walk into the livingroom looking sleepy and surprised so Dad could film us finding all the gifts that Santa had left. Somewhere in our basement I still have a VHS tape made from that old Kodachrome movie that we five (grown) kids still laugh about today.

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THE Nutcracker

December 19 & 20
Heritage Theater
7:30 pm



www.cedarcityjuniorballet.org

20th Annual Holiday Light Display raises money for Charity

By Ben Hohman, For Iron County Today

Ben Hohman and Marielle Boneau, and their many elves, will once again be doing their holiday light display at 26 North 1150 West in Cedar City, near the SUU football stadium. This will be the 20th year of the display. As part of the display donations are collected for Make-A-Wish® Utah. The Display has raised over \$35,000 for Make-A-Wish® Utah in the 19 years it has been running. They also donate the value of their December power bill to the organization. Donations can be made at the display or online at the light display web page: <http://benhprops6.wix.com/holidaylights> which has a link to the Make-A-Wish® Utah online donation site. They also have Venmo @benslightdisplay.

The lights in the front of the home as well as some of the lights in the backyard are choreographed to “dance” with twenty Christmas songs. The display includes a walk down “Candy Cane Lane,” which leads attendees

through the entire property. Some of the highlights of the display include Santa’s Flight School where reindeer are learning to fly, the Christmas Zoo, Winter Disco Land, Santa’s workshop, and Gingerbread land. This year’s display includes around 70,000 lights, 60 plastic blow-molds, over 24 lighted animal sculptures, more than 35 inflatables, a home made nine foot wreath, wire-frame animated sculptures, and much more. The display lights up each evening from five thirty to ten p.m. weather permitting starting on December second and running through December 31st, weather permitting.



PHOTO OF THE DISPLAY FROM A RECENT YEAR

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS AS WE CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

As we look forward to this Holiday season, we reflect on those things that truly matter in life: God's love, grace, and mercy poured out on us through the sending of His Son, Jesus. He is our Prince of Peace.

We invite you to join us as we gather to celebrate the true Reason for the season and receive the greatest gift ever given: life in Jesus Christ.

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- Christmas Market
- Carriage Rides
- Santa's Arrival
- Fireworks
- Holiday Tree Jubilee
- Live Nativity
- Live Reindeer

Schedule of Events

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 29 • 2025**

**Christmas Market opens at noon
and activities begin at 3pm**

Iron County Holiday Assistance Program Open for Applications & Donations

**By Pam Branin, Southern Utah University
Community Engagement Center**

The Iron County Holiday Assistance (ICHA) program is gearing up for the 2025 holiday season and is currently accepting applications and donations. The application process is on-line, in both English and Spanish, at www.suu.edu/cec/holiday-assistance. Application submissions encouraged by November 24. Program staff are encouraging that donations be made by December 5.

ICHA relies completely on donations to support the program, which serves over 600 families and 1,600 children here in Iron County. You, your business, church group or other organization can help! Donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts, as well as stocking stuffers for children age 0-17, are needed. Gift donations can be dropped off at the Cedar City or Enoch City office buildings, or either Cedar City State Bank of Southern Utah location. Monetary donations can be made online at www.suu.edu/cec/holiday-assistance, where interested individuals can also sign up to help with gift distribution December 8-12.

The SUU Community Engagement Center, in its ICHA sponsorship role, also serves as a central coordinating organization. The Community Engagement Center works with other local organizations including Toys for Tots, Shop With a Cop, and the Iron County School District to ensure that families in need of assistance receive

help from one organization, allowing local resources to be distributed farther.

Iron County Holiday Assistance relies on individuals, families and businesses to help everyone in Iron County have a merry Christmas. Please consider making a donation. Community members can also help by making sure families in Iron County in need of assistance complete the on-line application by the November 24 preferred deadline.



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A timely message from the Scriptures

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2025 Lights and Displays

Cedar City, Enoch, Brian Head, Parowan, Paragonah

Here are just a few of the places to see holiday light displays in Cedar City, Enoch, Parowan, Brian Head and Paragonah. Use #cedarcitylights and tag @visitcedarcity to share the magic of the season! Check visitcedarcity.com for updates. Most light displays run the first weekend of December through New Year's.

1. Make-A-Wish House 26 N 1150 W | Ben Hohman and Marielle Boneau share their love of decorating with the community by covering their house with lights and decorations. Remember to bundle up and, if you can, don't forget to make a donation to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Donations can be made on site or at benhprops6.wixsite.com/holidaylights. **OPENING DECEMBER 2ND.**

2. Lights at the Beverley Center for the Arts 195 W Center St | Stroll the grounds of the Beverley Center for the Arts and walk among the decorated trees, paths, and sculpture gardens. **OPENING NOVEMBER 29TH**

3. Downtown (Main and Center Streets) Center Street to 200 North | Downtown Cedar City is always a winter wonderland during the holiday season, even without snow! Bundle up and stroll downtown to view wondrous window displays. Start at Main Street Park (200 N Main St) and go south to Center Street and then turn west to see the lights at the Beverley Center for the Arts. **OPENING NOVEMBER 29TH**

4. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum 635 N Main St | Frontier Homestead will open the gates to their amazing displays on the museum grounds. Bundle up to walk the property. Donations are encouraged. **OPEN DECEMBER 18TH - 21ST FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM HOLIDAYS AT THE HOMESTEAD: DECEMBER 10TH - 12TH & 15TH**

5. Christmas Lane 400 E 1250 N | (Cedar Ridge Golf Course) All the homes on this loop participate in telling the classic poem "Twas The Night Before Christmas." **OPENING NOVEMBER 28TH.**

6. The Story: A Neighborhood Nativity 3900 W 425 N, Cedar City | The Monte Vista neighborhood came together to tell the story of Christ's birth with hand-painted panels placed through the neighborhood. **OPENING DECEMBER 1ST.**

7. Neil Mattson 2149 N Hawthorne Ln | Nestled between Fiddlers and Nichols Canyons, this classic display of over 15,000 lights set to music is not to be missed! **OPENING NOVEMBER 27TH**

8. Nathan Miller 3631 N 250 E, Enoch | The Miller's go all out with the lights and synchronized Christmas music, and all for a good cause! Donations for Toys for Tots accepted Santa will be here Dec 1st 6-8 pm. **OPENING DECEMBER 23RD.**

9. The Howe Family 4652 Wagon Wheel Dr, Enoch | Tune your radio to 90.5 fm and watch as the lights dance along to the music on your radio. Every evening from 6-9 pm and 6-10 pm Fri to Sun. **OPENING DECEMBER 6TH**

10. Hillcrest Circle 5182 N Hillcrest Cir, Enoch | This Hillcrest cul-de-sac invites everyone to enjoy a festive Nativity display. **OPENING DECEMBER 2ND**

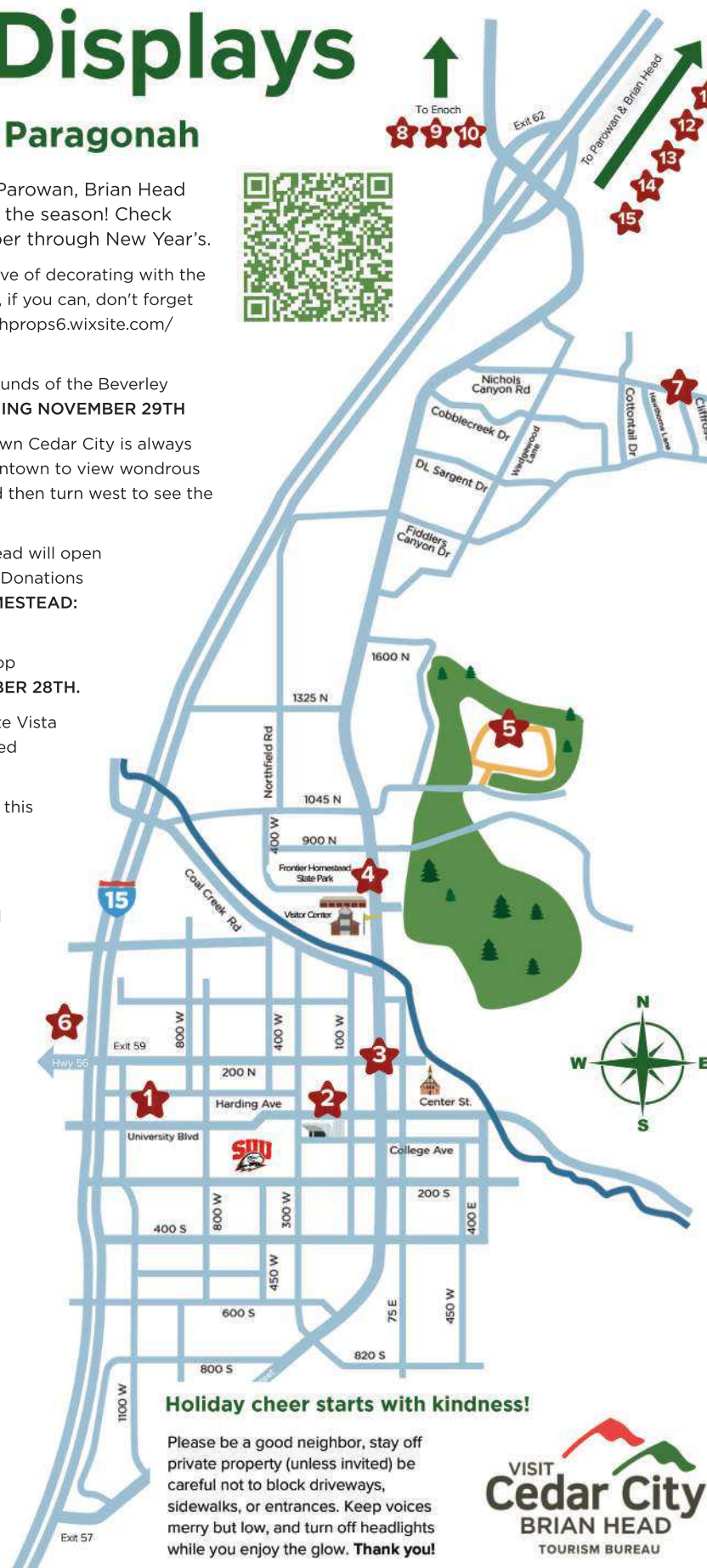
11. Orton's Walk Through Winter Wonderland 300 E 551 N, Parowan | Walk through a wonderland of lights, music, inflatables, and more milk jugs than you have ever seen! **OPENING NOVEMBER 29TH. .**

12. Winter Wonderland 16 S Main St, Parowan | Presented by the Parowan & Brian Head Chamber of Commerce, the Winter Wonderland is a delightful display of lights. FREE hot chocolate available on Saturday's while supplies last. **OPENING NOVEMBER 29TH**

13. Tanner's Garden and Gifts 92 N 200 E, Paragonah | Enjoy the beauty of the holidays and don't forget to come back Friday & Saturday from 12 pm to 4 pm to find a gift and decor for your own collection. GIFT SHOP OPEN NOW - MID-DECEMBER. **LIGHTS ON NOVEMBER 30TH - JANUARY 1ST**

14. Bess Residence 193 E 335 N, Paragonah | Just like sledding and hot chocolate, the lights and music at the Bess's are a spectacular treat. **OPENING DECEMBER 1ST.**

15. Brian Head Town 249 S Village Way, Brian Head Bring your family and friends and enjoy a charming snow covered ski village. **OPENING THANKSGIVING WEEKEND.** Join the town to turn on the lights at Christmas in the Park at the Brian Head Pavilion. **NOVEMBER 26TH FROM 5 PM TO 6 PM**

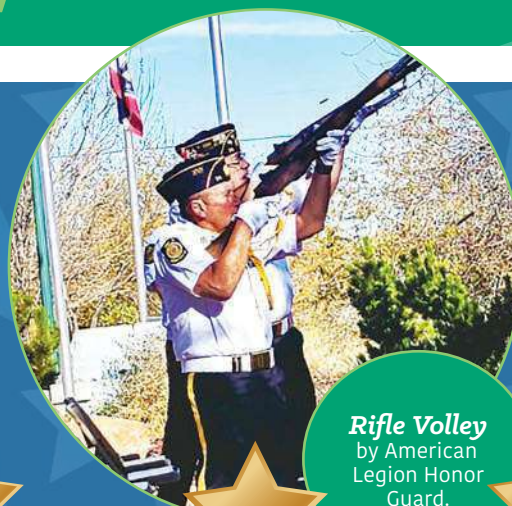


Holiday cheer starts with kindness!

Please be a good neighbor, stay off private property (unless invited) be careful not to block driveways, sidewalks, or entrances. Keep voices merry but low, and turn off headlights while you enjoy the glow. **Thank you!**



John Fenn,
who served in the
Army in Vietnam,
guest speaker.



Rifle Volley
by American
Legion Honor
Guard.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM- QUILT VALOR

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Each year, we set aside a day to honor our nation's veterans. November 11 is an important day. The Veteran's Day program was presented by the American Legion and attended by over 150 people. It was held at the Vietnam Memorial to acknowledge the 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War. John Fenn who served in the Army in Vietnam was the guest speaker. Musical numbers by Sydney Rasmussen and a rifle volley by the American Legion Honor Guard.

Thank you to everyone that contributed and made this a successful event.

"For the veteran, thank you for bravely doing what you're called to do so we can safely do what we're free to do."-unknown

The mission of Quilts of Valor is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Quilt Recipients:

Sergeant Brad Slaugh, US Air Force.

Lance Corporal Charles Melvin Percy, US Marine Corp.

**"THE LAND OF THE FREE
AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE."**

-Francis Scott Key

US Air Force
Sergeant **Brad
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a Quilt presented by
Crystal Farinella, Utah
State Quilts of Valor
Coordinator.

**Charles
Melvin Percy**,
received a Quilt
presented by Crystal
Farinella, Utah State
Quilts of Valor
Coordinator.



**Sydney
Rasmussen**
sang patriotic
songs.



quilts of iron county



Sergeant Van Johnson, US Air Force, Vietnam Veteran.
Specialist 4 Charles (Chuck) Davis, US Army Vietnam Veteran.
Corporal Jordan Kemp, US Marine Corps Iraq Veteran.
Corporal Martin (Mott) Skougaard, US Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran.

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Any Service Member, or Veteran touched by war, including those from all branches of the US Armed Services is eligible to receive a

Quilt of Valor. This includes those who served during declared wars, conflicts, or peacekeeping missions, as well as those who served during times of peace. patches4patroits@gmail.com

calendar

FRI, NOV 21

STATE BANK BOOT-STOMPIN' 68TH BIRTHDAY BASH! (11AM-2PM) @ At your local State Bank Branch. Games, food, and fun! Come celebrate 68th years with us!

MON, NOV 24

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM) CEDAR City Library, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn and do Ancient Judeo-Christian dances, fun and easy, no cost. Info@[\(702\)460-2317](mailto:(702)460-2317).

THURS, NOV 27

Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR VETERANS AND ANYONE THAT WANTS A FRIENDLY MEAL FOR FREE (12PM-5PM) @ First Baptist Church 324 W 200 N Cedar City. For questions or to sign up to help or donate food contact Celeste (208) 949-6670 or Sarah (435) 559-4188

SAT, NOV 29

DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY - 12PM

- Christmas Market opens, 3pm - Event activities start, 5pm program starts. Come join us for (carriage rides, Santa arrives, fireworks, live nativity, holiday tree jubilee).

LABYRINTH WALK (12-2PM) AT ST JUDE'S

Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, 1 block north of W University Blvd) No Charge. Please join us in a sacred, calm environment for walking prayer on the largest indoor labyrinth in the state of Utah. Come experience this powerful practice used for centuries to unite body, mind and spirit. No experience required; facilitators are present. Last Saturday of each month.

Want your event on our calendar?

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

CEDAR CHEST QUILT GUILD

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar Chest Quilt Guild honored two

Search and Rescue members in their Home Town Hero's program by presenting them with comforting quilts.

Brandon Rowley serves in the Iron County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division. He is a member of the Ropes Team and currently holds the position of Search and Rescue Liaison. Weston Cleveland is an avid outdoorsman and has been volunteering with the Ropes Team for 10 years. Both Brandon and Weston find SAR very rewarding and enjoy serving the Iron County community.

The Iron County Sheriff Search and Rescue is a non-profit, fully volunteered arm of the Iron County Sheriff's Office who donates services and time for their commitment of helping anyone in need. These volunteers stand ready to help those in need at a moment's notice and remain always grateful for any assistance. It is comforting to know that the Iron County Search and Rescue is always available to help in any way.

"THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE."

-Search and Rescue Motto.



Iron County Search and Rescue, Brandon Rowley and Weston Cleveland received Comforting Quilts from Cedar Chests Quilt Guild, presented by PJ Sylvester for their continued service.

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

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

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

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

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

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

Kiwanis Club of Iron County

1st Tuesday of each month at the Cedar City library. ironcountykiwanisclub@gmail.com

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 @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisehurch.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 parkrun

Saturday 9 am • West Canyon Park, (133 S 400 E) • Free 5K for runners, joggers & walkers. Volunteers welcome. Info: Bruce @ 435-301-5480 or coalcreektrail@parkrun.com

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/SmGytGcfvQ1tS2pbB7

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. @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisehurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

faith



Illumination event at London County Hall on November 13, 2024, ushers in Light the World

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ by Helping Those in Need Around the World

In 2025, Light the World Giving Machine kiosks will be in more locations than ever — 126 cities across 21 countries and on six continents

from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Newsroom

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Each Christmas season, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Light the World Giving Machine initiative offers a meaningful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by helping those in need. Whether it's beehives for a family in Kenya or a warm blanket for a child in your own city, these tangible gifts turn generosity into joy.

This December, Giving Machine kiosks will be hosted in 126 cities, in 21 countries and on six continents — including the first in South America. New international countries this year include Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Italy, Japan, Spain and Thailand.

Each customized machine is stocked with tangible items and services to help people in need — nearby or across the world — providing a meaningful and memorable way to show love and extend hope to individuals and families.

This year, more than 4,000 items will be available worldwide from over 500 local nonprofit organizations, including these twelve global participants:

1. American Red Cross
2. Care
3. Church World Service
4. Days for Girls International
5. Lifting Hands International
6. Mentors International
7. Right to Play
8. Special Olympics
9. Splash
10. UNHCR for USA
11. UNICEF
12. Water for Good

Instead of purchasing candy or snacks from a vending machine, people buy goods and services to support those in need. It's a machine that enables a person to give — rather than receive. Items vary by city, but a typical machine includes food, clean water, clothing, shelter, healthcare, education support, hygiene kits, bedding, job and career training, and even livestock such as chickens, goats, pigs and beehives.

Tiffany Larson, CEO of Days for Girls International, was present for a media event at the Conference Center on Temple Square on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, where the season's Giving

Machine host cities were announced. She shared a story of a 15-year-old girl in Nepal who benefited from a Giving Machine gift of a feminine hygiene kit.

"These cards in the machine might just look like cards, but they're giving back girls dignity and health and opportunity," said Larson, whose organization alleviates period poverty for women.

Ana Peña of Mentors International's leadership team shared a story of a woman in Nicaragua who started a business thanks to a Giving Machine gift of chickens.

"We have thousands of stories like that of families that have started businesses thanks to these gifts," Peña said. "I have visited so many of them, and they're so, so grateful for the

initiative and the families that come out and buy these gifts for them."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints covers all operating costs, ensuring that 100% of each donation goes directly to the participating nonprofits. The Church does not receive any financial benefit from this initiative.

Young Women General President Emily Belle Freeman said Wednesday that her family has donated through Giving Machine kiosks every year since 2017. And every year they have donated chickens.

"It's so fun to think about how what begins as a three-to-five-minute experience in front of one of these machines turned into a lifetime

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Young Women General President Emily Belle Freeman (right) joins Tiffany Larson (middle), CEO of Days for Girls International, and Ana Peña (left) of Mentors International at the global launch event for the 2025 Giving Machine initiative at the Conference Center on Temple Square on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.



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Young Women General President Emily Belle Freeman looks at a map of cities where Giving Machine kiosks will be in 2025 with a young boy named Walker at the Conference Center on Temple Square on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

CELEBRATE

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change for a family or even just one young woman,” President Freeman said. “That’s such an amazing and remarkable thing for all of us to be able to participate in.”

Sister Kristin M. Yee of the Relief Society General Presidency spoke of the importance of the many nonprofits the Church is serving with to make these good things happen.

“We have so many wonderful participating nonprofits that are part of this work,” Sister Yee said. “We are so grateful to work with them in this effort. There are many hands that are part of this. We cannot do this on our own. It’s only together that we can do this. Whether we’re a nonprofit or just an individual, we can have the oppor-

tunity to help and offer acts of kindness and help move goods to those in need.”

When donations are transferred to each nonprofit organization, the Church also provides an itemized list of purchases, ensuring that every donor’s gift is delivered. These organizations have 12 months to fulfill those orders. Nonprofits can use up to 10% of their Giving Machine receipts

for overhead costs, but most choose to use much less or none.

Since 2017, nearly US\$50 million has been donated through the Giving Machine initiative.

Elders Matthew S. Holland and W. Mark Bassett of the Seventy also shared thoughts at Wednesday’s event. Both emphasized that the Giving Machine initiative is grounded in Jesus Christ.

“In John 8:12 we read, ‘I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life,’” said Elder Holland, who serves as executive director of the Church Communication Department. “Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. When we focus our Christmas activities on Him and give gifts of love and service

as He did, we fill the world with more light. As we share abundantly with others, we experience an abundance of light and joy in our hearts and homes. This is the true Christmas

experience.”

“Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,” added Elder Bassett, who is executive director of the Church’s Missionary Department. “He has asked us, commanded us, pled with us to love one another. This is just one way that we can love our neighbors. Might we do so this Christmas

season as we remember the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.”

This year, Giving Machine kiosks will be in the following cities, listed in alphabetical order by city.



2025 Giving Machine Locations [In Utah]

Logan, Utah

Ogden, Utah

Provo/Orem, Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah

St. George, Utah



Santa Claus, with the help of representatives of local charities, cuts the ribbon before unveiling two Light the World Giving Machine kiosks at Santa Claus House in North Pole, Alaska on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024. Many of the donation selections in the vendor-style machines will benefit five local charities.

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obituaries

Bruce Niedrauer



Bruce Niedrauer, born on Aug. 21, 1959, passed away in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the age of 60 years old, on Oct. 18, 2019. He died as a consequence of Cirrhosis of the Liver.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Marian Niedrauer (Mackey), Henderson, Nevada; and their two children, Bruno and Natasha Niedrauer.

Bruce retired from the US Army in 2002, with the rank of Major. The family lived in the Republic of Panama, Fort Benning, Georgia, The Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Fort Huachacha, Arizona.

After retirement from the US Army, he kept busy with various careers. He worked at Brian Head Ski Resort first as a Ski Patroller and then moved up in the company to work as Human Resources for the resort. Some other jobs he held after retirement were Realtor at Coldwell Banker, worked as an EMT in Cedar City, Utah. And was the business creator of number of LLC's, working as a private investigator and installer of alternative energy systems.

He will be loved and missed.
Rest In Peace.

Lorraine Ann Lilley



Lorraine Ann Lilley, known to friends and family as "Bunny", passed away on November 9, 2025, at the age of 73, after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Born January 26, 1952, Lorraine was defined by her brilliance, determination, resilience, and her incredible generosity.

Lorraine earned a degree in Mathematics from Ripon University, starting her professional life in California with the Mars Corporation, ultimately retiring and moving to Cedar City, where her mother, Lorraine B. Lilley, later moved to live with her.

Despite decades of advancing MS, Lorraine refused to let her condition limit her spirit or her ability to help others.

She dedicated herself to giving talks on positive attitude and perseverance at local prisons and juvenile detention centers, creating a wide and loving community through her determined effort.

Her inspiring devotion to service was widely recognized, and she was honored with an award from the Points of Light organization (founded by President George H.W. Bush) for her profound community contributions.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lorraine B. Lilley, and is survived by her brothers, Ernest David Lilley and Theodore Bosworth Lilley, her nephew, Quintin Lilley, and a devoted team of friends and caregivers whose lives she deeply enriched.

There will be a wake on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Southern Utah Mortuary 190 N 300 West Cedar City, Utah 84720. Instead of flowers, please consider donating to one of Lorraine's favorite charities, the Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah, or Southwest Wildlife Foundation of Utah. To leave online condolences please visit www.mortuary.org.

Philip Jeffries



Philip Slade Jeffries was born on a Wednesday in Cedar City, Utah September 9, 1981. He was called home to our Heavenly Father on November 12, 2025, just south of Cedar City while on a cattle haul from Salina, Utah to California. He accepted his call home to our Lord close to home which allowed him to be surrounded by his family on

this day and final location.

There is no doubt that Philip was loved by and touched the lives of many people. As a boy he was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a boy scout. He liked to fish, hunt and spend time out in nature surrounding his hometown of Parowan. He had a lot of friends and was a likeable and lovable person with an infectious laugh, fun personality, and kind manner. A genuine cowboy who always had an interest and natural ability to handle and care for livestock. Some of the occupations he enjoyed were Rodeo and bull-riding, where he won a gold buckle or two, sheep shearing with his buddies, framing houses, and driving truck in the family business, just like his grandfather, dad, and brother.

Philip loved to tell stories and had many adventures. Though his time on earth had many amazing and exciting experiences, he also had many hardships and struggles; his soul, spirit and his body went through a lot. There were many times he was feeling pain, and no one would know it. Philip lived life to the fullest and will be dearly missed by so many.

He is survived by his daughter Braylie Barton-Jeffries of Paragonah, Utah; parents Richard Jeffries of Cedar City, Rebecca Bentley of Cedar City, Utah; siblings Jennifer Jensen of Cedar City; Richie & Carrie Jeffries of Paragonah. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Ewin & Henrietta Jeffries and Calvin and Mildren Sowers; and his infant daughter Kaylie Barton-Jeffries.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Paragonah Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. A viewing will be held Tuesday, November 18, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 W., Cedar City, UT).

Online condolences may be shared at www.mortuary.org.



BOOK SIGNING AT MAIN STREET BOOKS

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Main Street Books, a local Cedar City bookstore in beautiful Southern Utah, recently hosted

a book signing for Richard Paul Evans. His new book, *The Christmas Stranger*, is a powerful and thought-provoking holiday story about love, loss, and the mysterious workings of heaven.

When Richard Paul Evans wrote the #1 best-seller *The Christmas Box*, he never intended to become an internationally known author. He has been writing Christmas books for about 30 years, ever since *The Christmas Box* was first published in 1993.

About 100 book-loving enthusiasts attended his book signing at Main Street Books in Cedar City. The author answered questions about his books and announced more to come. Richard Paul Evans would like to thank all those who attended.

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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View Middle School



7th graders at Canyon View Middle School had a chance to learn about government during a field trip to the courthouse this week. CVMS also hosted a Math Counts competition Thursday, November 6th in which students competed against Gateway Preparatory Academy, Kanab Elementary, Kanab Middle School, Lewis Academy, and Red Hills Middle School. Students competed in Sprint, Target, and Team rounds to test their math problem solving skills. Canyon View Middle School had 3 teams in the Top 5, and 3 students in the Top 10. The students in the Top 10 were Chris Levie in 9th place, Owen Bealer in 7th place, and Jacob Peterson in 3rd place. We're so proud of our Cougars!

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary Level 2 students had the awesome opportunity to visit the St. George Children's Museum. This museum provides vibrant and engaging interactive activities that invite children to discover, imagine, and

create. Their vision is to welcome all children and encourage them to appreciate the power of play and exploration. Students were able to choose to participate in several exhibits including; Kids at Work, The Farm, Transportation, The Grocery Store, The Bank, Government Offices, Communication and Theater, Prehistoric Place, Magic Castle, Sports and Exercise Area, Music Room, Art Room, Science Discovery Lab, and Under the Sea. Students and teachers had a blast. Thank you Iron County School District for allowing our students to participate in such wonderful learning opportunities.

We hosted the annual 5th grade maturation program on November 12. The PTA, Mrs. Tiffany Johnson-nurse, and Dr. Craig Nielson-Color Country Pediatrics prepared presentations for all of the 5th grade boys and girls. PTA gathered donations and purchased items for the hygiene kits. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this event with their children, the PTA for gathering supplies, preparing the information flyer, and providing cookies, the sponsors for donations, and Mrs. Johnson and Dr. Nielson for taking the time to present crucial information to the 5th grade students about hygiene, maturation, internet safety, and self worth.

South Elementary

Our school celebrated Veteran's Day with a special assembly to honor those who have served in the military. We learned about what veterans are and how important their service is to our country. The Master Singers performed, and the first graders sang a few heartfelt songs about veterans. It was a meaningful way to show our gratitude and respect for all who have served.



Gateway Academy Update

by Dave Armour

GATEWAY DIRECTOR

Gateway Preparatory Academy's

Veterans Day celebration is a heartfelt tribute created through the dedication and creativity of our teachers and students. Across classrooms and art spaces, students worked diligently to make meaningful artwork, music, and expressions of gratitude honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans. This collaborative effort not only showcases the talent within our school community but also reflects our shared appreciation for those who have served. Veterans, students, teachers, and families gathered to enjoy breakfast together, strengthening the sense of community that defines our school. Our Kindergarten through fifth-grade students also sang

multiple heartfelt songs in tribute to the veterans in attendance. This truly is one of our favorite celebrations of the school year, reminding us of the deep respect and gratitude we hold for our veterans.

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Historically perfect

Cedar's **Dax Wankier** (45) holds the 3A football championship trophy surrounded by teammates as they celebrated a 41-35 win over Manti in the championship game played Nov. 15 at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman (Eric Fieldsted/For Iron County Today)

Reds make plays late, beat Manti to win first 3A football crown

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

HERRIMAN — Everett Kelling and his Cedar football teammates had seen this moment before. After falling behind early, the Reds found their way out of the deficit, then held on in the closing moments to earn a

history-making championship win.

Kelling ran for four touchdowns and added a scoring pass in the fourth quarter as Cedar rallied to beat the Manti Templars, 41-35, on a comfortable, sun-splashed day Nov. 15 at Zions Bank Stadium. The victory not only completed a perfect 13-0 season, but gave the Reds their first 3A football



Cedar quarterback **Everett Kelling** tries to keep his balance as he scored on a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of the Reds' 41-35 victory over the Manti Templars in the 3A football state title game played Nov. 15. (Eric Fieldsted/For Iron County Today)

state title in the school's 75-year history with the sport.

"I'm pretty beat up, but whatever it takes to win," said Kelling, who ran for 225 total yards and threw for 159

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Cedar

41



Manti

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Manti	14	7	0	14	-	35
Cedar	0	14	14	13	-	41

FIRST QUARTER

M – Mortensen 57 pass from Mason (Steinfeldt kick), 4:43

M – Pringle 82 run (Steinfeldt kick), 1:44

SECOND QUARTER

C – Kelling 1 run (Stevenson kick), 9:38

M – Pringle 64 pass from Mason (Steinfeldt kick), 4:58

C – Kelling 1 run (Stevenson kick), :22

THIRD QUARTER

C – DeMille 2 run (Stevenson kick), 8:47

C – Kelling 4 run (Stevenson kick), :58

FOURTH QUARTER

M – Mason 12 run (kick failed), 10:34

C – Crowley 29 pass from Kelling (pass failed), 8:13

C – Kelling 1 run (Stevenson kick), 6:09

M – Mortensen 30 pass from Mason (Crowther pass from Mason), 3:55

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11/8	1A playoffs, semifinals At Eccles Coliseum	
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3A South		
	REGION	OVERALL
Cedar (1)	6-0	13-0
Manti (3)	4-2	9-4
Juab (4)	3-3	9-4
Kanab 43, North Summit 19		
Beaver 24, Duchesne 14		
11/14	1A playoffs, championship At Eccles Coliseum Kanab 24, Beaver 13	
1A South		
	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (1)	3-0	11-1
Beaver (2)	2-1	10-3
Enterprise (6)	1-2	4-7
Parowan (7)	0-3	4-7
North Sanpete (6)	3-3	7-5
Richfield (7)	3-3	7-5
Canyon View (8)	2-4	5-6
Carbon (12)	0-6	2-9

A 75-year wait finally bears fruit

Terri Sanders is in her sixth year as principal at Cedar High. She’s been at the school for 32 years when she started as a teacher. When the chance came to be witness to the first football state championship the school has ever won, the nerves were totally understandable.

As time ticked down and the Reds were clinging to a six-point lead, I had to admire the mood along the Cedar sidelines. While the players were all business and getting the necessary coaching to make the next play, Sanders and the rest of the gathered administrators were making up for the nerves the players weren’t showing – at least from the outside.

So I asked Sanders what was harder – running The Amazing Race (her favorite reality TV show) or watching the closing minutes of a close game while standing on the edge of history. She turned to me directly and said without hesitation that the football game was harder.

When we do the math, Sanders was part of the teaching faculty the last time Cedar High even reached a football state title game. Dixie beat the Reds to win the 3A crown in 1998, but the cupboard of opportunity has been empty since then.

As the clock reached zero after a final kneel, the jubilation was a beautiful sight for all involved. In only his second year as head coach, Tye Hiatt was clearly amazed by it all. From a 4-7 record over the last three seasons, Cedar and 26 football seniors surpassed that

total in one perfect swoop. Hiatt said in his postgame interview that winning was never discussed by the coaches or the team. It was all about being the best version of yourself and making the best possible play every time on either side of the ball.

The Reds finished 13-0. The team was challenged, but they answered the bell every time. You never forget your first of anything, and the players who were part of this victory have stories they can tell at every class reunion, every holiday dinner, and every conversation for the rest of their days. Future fathers can share the stories with

their future sons, too. All because the 2025 version of Cedar Reds football blew everyone away and became the best possible version of itself. A championship one. An undefeated one.

Enjoy the stories you’ll hear now and in the future. Here are some small particulars for how the season evolved and became one to remember.

Cedar’s offense produced more than 50 points four times in the first five games and added a 63-point outing in the regular-season finale. For the season, they averaged 43.6 points per game.

As of this writing, Cedar finished as one of only two unbeaten teams in the state, regardless of classi-

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more while only being sacked once. “For the first state championship in Cedar history, I’d lose my leg.”

The Templars (9-4) were able to close the gap to a touchdown when quarterback Carter Mason hit Stone Mortensen on a 30-yard score to go with a 2-point conversion. There was still 3:55 to play in the game and Manti had all of their three timeouts.

Kelling’s running made sure the Templars didn’t see the football again. After seven straight runs by the senior, Cedar called its last timeout inside the final minute and caught the Templars by surprise. The Reds were facing a third down.

Instead of one more run by Kelling, the ball ended up in the hands of Slade Parsons on a reverse. After taking the handoff from Braxton DeMille, Parsons broke a tackle and ran for 10 yards and the first down. When Kelling took a knee to run out the final 40 seconds on the clock, the celebration began for all to hear in the stadium, and likely down I-15 before the team bus returned to campus.

For Kelling and the Reds, the comeback wasn’t hard to understand.

“We just kept going. We’ve been in these situations before,” Kelling said. “If we keep attacking and keep pulling the rope, we’re going to win.”

As for the call of a reverse on the final play that sealed the victory, head coach Tye Hiatt was on board along with the rest of his coaching staff.

“When you get in that moment, you play to win,” Hiatt said. “We’ve been in those moments in practice and try to replicate it as much as possible.”

And 13-0 is the cherry on top of the trophy for Hiatt and the Reds.

“I’ve never been a part of it before in my life, and I’m thankful to have coached a group that believed in what we’re doing,” Hiatt said.

Manti used two big plays to score their first two touchdowns. Mason beat a Cedar blitz late in the first quarter and found a wide-open Mortensen on a 57-yard connection for the 7-0 lead, and running back Ty Pringle found an opening up the middle to win a foot race to the end zone on an 82-yard touchdown that put Cedar in a 14-0 hole with 1:44 left in the period.

Kelling finished off a 10-play, 80-yard drive with a 1-yard TD to get the Reds on the scoreboard early in the second quarter, but Mason went to work on the Templars’ next possession, hitting Pringle for a 64-yard touchdown and a 21-7 lead with 4:58 to play in the half. Cedar’s senior quarterback made sure his team would

Players and cheerleaders are welcomed home to campus after Cedar won its first 3A football state title Nov. 15
(Eric Fieldsted/For Iron County Today)



have momentum after a fumble recovery by Gavin DeMille – one of three the Reds defense had in the game – stopped a Templar scoring threat.

Cedar went on a 96-yard drive in 11 plays and Kelling scored from a yard out with 22 seconds left to cut the lead to 21-14 at the half.

Parsons took the second-half kickoff for the Reds and ran 58 yards to the Manti 39. Eight plays later, Braxton DeMille scored on a 1-yard run, and the Reds pulled into a 21-21 tie. When Kelling scored again on a 4-yard run with less than a minute to play in the third quarter, Cedar had its first lead of the day at 28-21 and set up the fireworks that happened in the fourth.



Cedar’s **Dylan Crowley** (4) runs past a Manti defender during the 3A football state championship game played Nov. 15 at Zions Bank Stadium. The Reds won, 41-35.
(Eric Fieldsted/For Iron County Today)

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. From the NBA, the Indiana Pacers have gone from defending Eastern Conference champions to a very rough 1-10 start this season. How many points did the Utah Jazz score against the Pacers – the most in a single game so far – when they played against each other Nov. 11?
2. In addition to the Pacers, two other Eastern Conference teams are also 1-10 as of the start of play Nov. 12. Name either team. (Hint: One lost a 137-135 decision in overtime to the Detroit Pistons on Nov. 10)
3. The city of Pasadena and the Rose Bowl operators have filed a temporary restraining order against UCLA in a bid to prevent the school from moving to what stadium that's home to the NFL's Rams and Chargers?
4. True or False: The top four in the latest rankings for the College Football Playoff did not change – Ohio State, Indiana, Texas A&M and Alabama – from last week.
5. How many victories was Michigan State football forced to vacate last week after it was placed on three years probation by the NCAA over violations that occurred under former head coach Mel Tucker.
6. For the second year in a row, the Managers of the Year repeated in each league. One led his team to a second AL Central division title and the other led his NL team to the best record in MLB for the 2025 season. Name either one.
7. Who was named MVP from the 2025 World Series? This pitcher won three games in the Fall Classic and helped the Los Angeles Dodgers repeat as champions.
8. Jonathan Taylor set a new standard for the 2025 season when he ran for 244 yards in the Indianapolis Colts' 31-25 overtime win over the Atlanta Falcons. How many touchdowns did Taylor score in the victory?
9. What Dallas Mavericks GM was fired

last week over fallout from his trade of Luka Doncic to the Los Angeles Lakers last season?

10. St. Louis Blues goalie Jordan Binnington surpassed Mike Liut when he played his 348th game for the team last week. What role does Liut play for Binnington's career?
11. Who started at quarterback for the New York Giants last week when Corner Canyon grad Jaxon Dart was placed in concussion protocol?
12. BYU men's basketball trailed throughout the first half in its non-conference home game played Nov. 11, but rallied and won handily over Delaware. What is Delaware's school nickname?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Ohio State, Indiana, Texas A&M, Alabama
2. BYU was No. 7 before a 29-7 road loss at No. 8 Texas Tech, and Utah was No. 13 before beating No. 17 Cincinnati, 45-14.
3. Walker Kessler.
4. Sauce Gardner.
5. Jack Flaherty.
6. Philadelphia 76ers.
7. Nick Schmaltz and Logan Cooley.
8. Taylor had scored 12 touchdowns through Week 9, then added three more in a 244-yard rushing effort in the Colts' 31-25 overtime win over the Atlanta Falcons last week.
9. New York Yankees.
10. Toronto Raptors.
11. Texas Tech.
12. Denver Broncos.

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record as they got ready to face the No. 14 seed Green Canyon Wolves.

Green Canyon took out two-time defending champ Crimson Cliffs in the semifinals last week, so we're not giving Ridgeline an automatic free pass to the championship. You still have to play the games.

On the defensive side, the Reds had one memorable win in Week 3 when they got a clutch fourth-quarter touchdown pass from Everett Kelling to Braden Crain with less than a minute left that was key in a 16-13 road win over the Dixie Flyers.

And we can't forget the two games where comebacks were required. They trailed 21-0 late in the first half at Juab on Oct. 10 and fell behind 14-0 and 21-7 in the first half of the 3A final against Manti.

In each case, the Reds left the field with a 41-35 victory, the last giving them the sweetest reward of them all.

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fication. The Ridgeline Riverhawks were scheduled to play for the 4A championship Nov. 20, and they had a 13-0

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Southern Utah Fights to Finish for Fifth Straight Victory

by Regan Hunsaker

SUU ATHLETICS

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Thunderbirds celebrated senior day with a 28-21 victory over the University of Central Arkansas on Saturday night. Southern Utah improves to 6-5 on the season with a 5-2 mark against the United Athletic Conference. Central Arkansas falls to 3-8 in 2025 with a 2-5 mark against the UAC.

Despite falling behind early, Southern Utah rallied and scored crucial points in the middle and third quarters of the game to take the lead. The offense was balanced, racking up 204 yards through the air and adding 218 yards rushing. Bronson Barron posted an incredible completion percentage of 77%, and Joshua Dye bulldozed for 181 yards and three touchdowns in a historic night. Dye set a new single-season record for rushing touchdowns in a single

season, now with 25 and one game to go. Dye also set the record for points scored in a single season with 150. Southern Utah kicker Jayden Rogers added his name to the record books, tying the single-season program record for PATs made in a single season.

1st Quarter:

The Thunderbirds' first drive ended in a quick three-and-out, and the Bears took the ensuing drive down the field to take an early 7-0 lead.

2nd Quarter:

Southern Utah had the ball to start the second quarter, and Joshua Dye exploded on a fourth-down play for a 25-yard touchdown run. The Thunderbirds pulled ahead 14-7 on their next drive with Joshua Dye's Record-setting 24th rushing touchdown of the season. Central Arkansas pulled even with a short rushing touchdown of its own with just over three minutes to play in the half. Both teams got a chance with the ball, but neither could quite put points on the board to finish the second quarter.

3rd Quarter:

Southern Utah kicked off to start the second half, and the Bears took the ball 75 yards to take the 21-14 lead with just over 12 minutes to play in the third. The Thunderbirds rallied for a long drive, taking over seven minutes of clock and pushing the ball in with Dye's third touchdown of the game. Southern Utah capitalized on a big-time interception by Mikey Allen, driving 48 yards and scoring on a one-yard rush by Bronson Barron.

4th Quarter:

Both teams stood tall on defense, trading drives but not finishing with points. In the final quarter,

the Thunderbirds let the air out to take time off the clock, finishing out with a 28-21 win.

Offensive Leaders

Southern Utah's offense delivered a physical, workmanlike performance in Saturday's win over Central Arkansas, once again leaning on the relentless running of Joshua Dye to set the tone. Dye imposed his will on the Bears' defense, piling up 181 yards and three touchdowns on a career-high 39 carries as the Thunderbirds controlled the line of scrimmage from start to finish. Quarterback Bronson Barron managed the attack with efficiency, going 20-for-26 for 204 yards and adding a rushing score to cap a balanced offensive showing. In the passing game, Gabe Nunez and Devin Downing provided steady production, combining for 11 receptions and 143 yards to keep the chains moving. With Dye punishing defenders on the ground and Barron spreading the ball through the air, the T-Birds dictated the tempo all night and powered their way to a key conference victory.

Defensive Leaders

Southern Utah's defense turned in a gritty, playmaking effort against Central Arkansas, with multiple Thunderbirds stepping up in key moments to seal the win. Barron Taylor led the charge with a team-high eight tackles and a crucial pass breakup, anchoring a secondary that came up big throughout the night. Mikey Allen delivered one of the game's biggest momentum swings with an interception, finishing with six tackles and a breakup as he patrolled

the back end. Up front, Henry Harper was a force in the trenches, registering two tackles for loss and the team's lone sack while adding a quarterback hurry. Mason Stromstad and Josh Dunn were active all game as well, combining for 12 total tackles and generating pressure with multiple quarterback hurries. With timely takeaways, consistent pressure, and swarming pursuit at every level, the T-Bird defense set the tone and shut the door on the Bears down the stretch.

Next Up

Southern Utah will hit the road again next week for the final game of the season. The Thunderbirds will take on North Alabama in their last game in the United Athletic Conference on Saturday, November 22. The game will kick off at 12:00 p.m. MT and can be streamed on ESPN+. Live stats will be available on suutbirds.com.

The Thunderbird Coaches Show

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All of Lot Sixteen (16), Block BT, CEDAR VALLEY ACRES, according to the Official Plat thereof, on file in the Office of the Recorder of Iron County, State of Utah

Tax Parcel No. D-0456-0619-0000

Notice of Default was recorded September 12, 2024, as Doc ID # 00823464 in Book 1689 Page 819 in the Iron County Recorder's Office.

The current beneficiary of the trust deed is HARLAN V. MONNETT, and the record owner of the property as of the recording of the Notice of Default was MONTEL REYNOLDS and SALENA SAWTELLE.

The sale is subject to bankruptcy filing, payoff, reinstatement or any other circumstance that would affect the validity of the sale. If any such circumstance exists, the sale shall be void, the successful bidder's funds returned, and the trustee and current beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, and will be for the purpose of paying obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and expenses of sale as provided by law.

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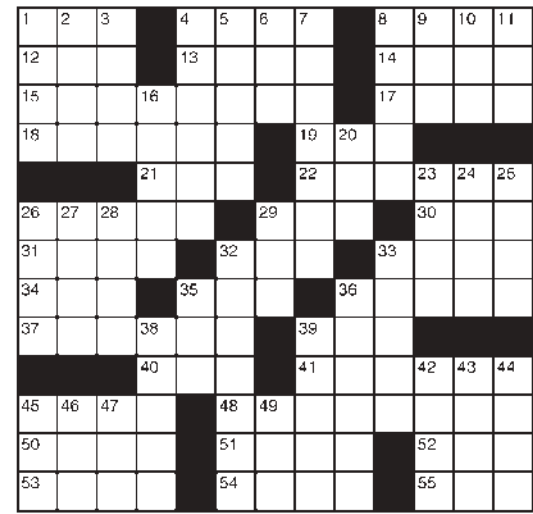
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- 13 Jannings of old films
- 14 Showroom model
- 15 Cheek
- 17 Pleased
- 18 Sports venues
- 19 CEO's deg.
- 21 Cowboys quarterback Prescott
- 22 Equivalence
- 26 London —
- 29 Allen or Tebow
- 30 "Kitchy- —!"
- 31 Ore deposit
- 32 Madrid Mrs.
- 33 Small bell sound
- 34 '50s president
- 35 Layer
- 36 Speakers' platforms
- 37 Chasteness
- 39 Fixed
- 40 Search for gold
- 41 Salad choice
- 45 Designer Wang



- 48 Magnitude
- 50 During
- 51 Vend
- 52 Homer's bartender
- 53 First-rate
- 54 Lays down the lawn
- 55 Evening hrs.
- 7 Dukakis of "Moonstruck"
- 8 Mystery writer's award
- 9 N.J. neighbor
- 10 "I — Rock"
- 11 '60s chic
- 16 "Frasier" pooch
- 20 "Kapow!"
- 23 "— you not!"
- 24 "Sula" author Morrison
- 25 Meditative practice
- 26 Radar image
- 27 Video-streaming brand
- 28 Baltic Sea
- 29 Attempt
- 32 Fox's trait
- 33 Tribal emblem
- 35 Sch. fundraising group
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- 38 Apple tablets
- 39 Berate
- 42 Ninny
- 43 Ferri's bit
- 44 Deli loaves
- 45 Cistern
- 46 Punk rock offshoot
- 47 Shred
- 49 "The Matrix" hero

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- 1 Tolkien creatures
- 2 Help a hood
- 3 Hindu hero
- 4 — number
- 5 Inuit boat
- 6 Cambridge sch.

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Answer

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Solution time: 26 mins.

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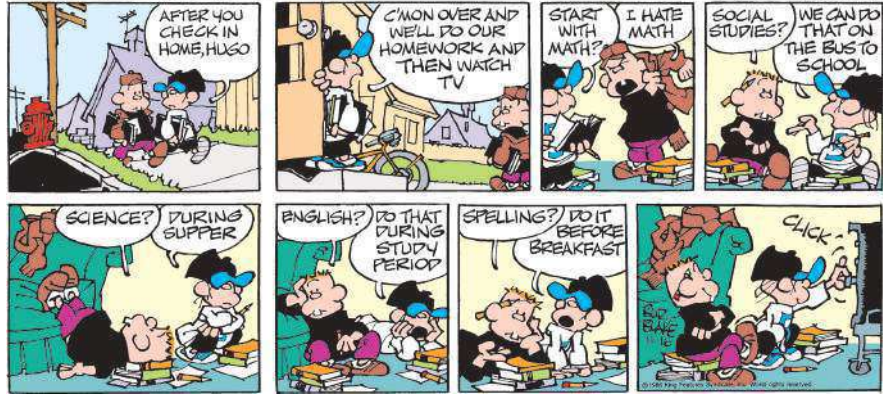
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by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Club is missing. 2. Man has less hair. 3. Cap is different. 4. Nose is different. 5. Shoe is different. 6. Golf bag strap is different.

1. Russia, in 1867; 2. Africa; 3. Jim Henson; 4. Hannah Montana; 5. Seven; 6. Bob Dylan; 7. Thinly sliced raw meat or fish, usually served as an appetizer; 8. Wolves; 9. Planet Ork; 10. Terrible

Trivia test

- 1. HISTORY: Which country sold Alaska to the United States?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: On which continent is the Sahara Desert?
- 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who created The Muppets?
- 4. MUSIC: What was singer Miley Cyrus' alter ego when she starred in a Disney sitcom?
- 5. MATH: How many sides does a heptagon (sometimes called a septagon) have?
- 6. MOVIES: Which singer is featured in the biopic "A Complete Unknown"?
- 7. FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?
- 8. LITERATURE: In "The Jungle Book," who raised the boy called Mowgli?
- 9. TELEVISION: Where was Mork from in the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
- 10. LANGUAGE: What does the phrase "doubleplusgood" mean in Newspeak, featured in the dystopian novel "1984"?

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