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STORY IN NEWS

Board reviews updates on boundary proposal, four-day school week survey

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Small tweaks have been made to the proposed boundary changes, the Board of Education of Iron County School District learned Tuesday. Business Administrator Todd Hess said the changes came following discussions with the Principal at East Elementary who worried about opening the new building nearly at capacity. East Elementary is a Spanish dual immersion school and receives a large number of students from outside its boundaries. Hess said the new proposal will impact the proposed boundaries at East, South,

North, Iron Springs and Three Peaks. The district has updated the interactive map on the website so parents can see how the proposal impacts their students. Hess also said the district will propose that any boundary change adopted by the Board for the middle schools and high schools not take place until the 2027-28 school year. The expansion at Canyon View High School will not be complete in time to start the 2026-27 school year with the added capacity. Board member Tyrel Eddy said it's important that the proposed boundaries leave open space at each school so they are open to enrollment of students outside the school boundaries. "A lot of the states, you go to the school (which boundaries) you live in," Tyrell said, adding that is not true in Utah. However, he emphasized parents who request a variance must provide their own transportation for their student to attend that other school.

The next steps in the boundary process will include continued discussions with each principal to ensure that class sizes are not adversely affected by a boundary change. On Jan. 12, beginning at 6 p.m., the public will have an opportunity to give input and ask questions at open houses at Cedar Middle and Canyon View Middle School. A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the district office boardroom. Finally, in February, the Board will give the proposal a final review on Feb. 24 and the public will have one more opportunity to comment during the regular board meeting.

In other business, Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch presented the results of the second survey on the four-day school week. The staff survey was divided into

certified and classified with 72% of certified staff and 61% of non-licensed staff indicating they were in favor of moving to a four-day week. Many parents — about 61% — were also in favor of the four-day proposal. A majority of high school students who completed the survey were also in favor, with about 64% approving the proposal. Hatch said only about 44% of families indicated they would use academic programs on Fridays if they were available. He also explained to the board that the dissenting comments were similar to those heard at the town halls, including:

- Lack of affordable daycare options for elementary students
- Food insecurity for students in need
- Minimal cost savings at the expense of families and staff
- Possible loss of learning

Other comments included the benefits parents thought might come from a four-day week including:

- Increased family time
- Less conflict with athletics
- Less busywork on Fridays

Members of the Board agreed that the decision cannot be made easily as it impacts families in different ways. A few said they felt it might be too rushed to make a decision for the 2026-27 school year. Hatch encouraged the board to make a decision in January that would at least give administration a sense of direction to move forward. He said if the district worked to establish Friday programs and applied for grants to help with some of the other issues, it would need to know that the board was for the four-day week. The board would also need to establish whether it would be implemented for the 2026-27 school year or pushed to 2027-28. The Board is set to vote on the matter during its January business meeting.

Utah Water Conditions Update

by Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY (Dec. 18, 2025) – A warm and dry December and November have left the state with below-normal snow totals. While this is a reason for concern, two or three good storm cycles could bring the state up to normal levels. Utah's snowpack typically peaks around the beginning of April. The northern half of the state is experiencing the poorest conditions. Early snow helped the southern Utah basins. After a record-setting month in October for precipitation, Salt Lake City followed up with another record-setting month, but this time for the highest November average temperature. Halfway through this December, the average monthly temperature of 42.2°F was a staggering 8.6°F above average. "Utah's water supply has been driven by extremes and has only experienced four 'normal' snow years in the past 30 years," Candice Hasenyager, director at the Utah Division of Water Resources, said. "The one thing we can control is how we use our water and what impactful decisions we make to be good water stewards." Utah's soil moisture levels are above normal for this time of year. In dry years, the ground acts like a sponge, absorbing much of the snowmelt before it can run off into reservoirs. Because our soils are now

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Industrial Park's cutting-edge rail services, innovative construction and building technology, and tailored products and services bring Nautilus 1 tenants, like Totten Tubes, an improved ability to reach and serve customers and accelerate business growth

from Kayla McFarland

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**Cedar City,
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Innovation Park,**

LLC announced today that it has attracted another tenant for its Nautilus 1 building. Leading national steel tubing distributor and processor, Totten Tubes, Inc. is extending its presence on the West Coast and Mountain West areas and has selected the Cedar City industrial hub as its new sixth location. The company chose BZI Innovation Park, due to its unique, comprehensive integrated products and services, central location to pivotal customer markets and ability to meet the company's needs for long-term business growth. Totten Tubes is expected to move into the Nautilus 1 building in 2Q of 2026.

"Our relationship with the BZI Innovation Park and new branch location in the park's Nautilus 1 building will help strengthen our West Coast presence, expand our distribution, increase capacity for current and future demand and enhance reliability of our regional supply chain," said Greg Totten, Co-President and CEO of Totten Tubes, Inc. "We are excited to bring the

many benefits surrounding innovative products and services, accessibility and response time to our customers, thanks to the revolutionary and differentiated offerings of the BZI Innovation Park."

"Our BZI Innovation Park is setting a new and improved standard for what an industrial hub can be. From cutting-edge rail services to transformative construction and technology, this park delivers high-value benefits to companies around the globe and is helping to foster thriving businesses through our one-of-a-kind offerings," said Drake Howell, Project Executive at BZI Innovation Park. "We are honored to work with Totten Tubes, who has proven to be a strong steel and construction industries innovator, leader and community contributor." The Nautilus 1 building, located within the BZI Innovation Park was constructed by the highly acclaimed general contractor, VISCO.

The park and Nautilus 1 are central to many large population cities that will improve the ability of tenants to reach more customers and accelerate business development and growth. The BZI Innovation Park is advantageously located only a day's drive from population centers like LA, Denver, Phoenix, and Salt Lake City, providing access to a potential market of more than 48 million people.

RailSync™ (railsync.io) located within the park, has delivered more than 800 railcars since it began operations in 2023. RailSync's performance has removed more than 3,200 inbound semi-truck loads

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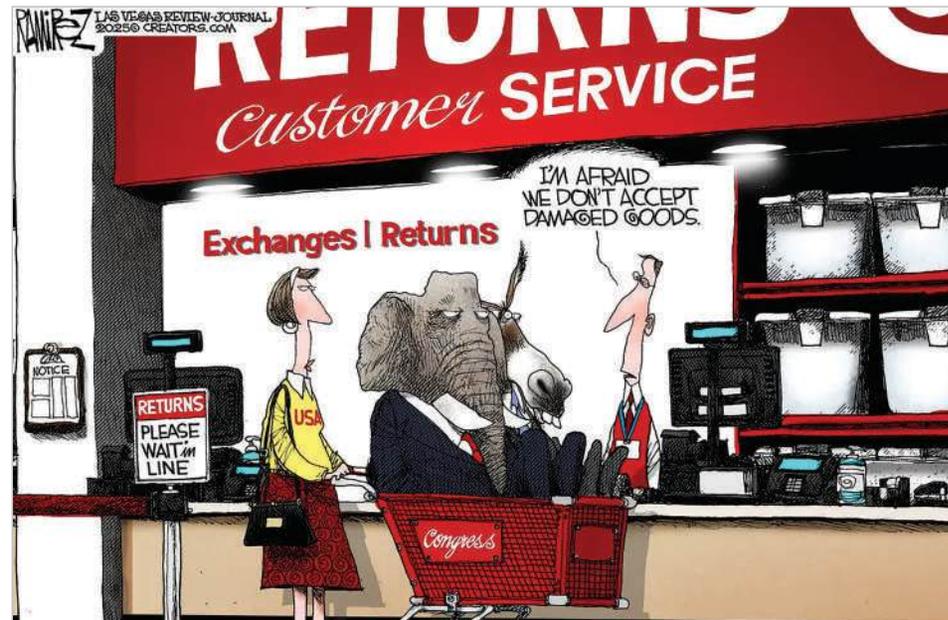
*Happy
New Year,
everyone*

2026 is officially here, and I find myself both relieved

and excited to see what this new year has in store. 2025 was a bit chaotic for me. Between welcoming a new baby, moving, and learning how to balance work and life with both an infant and a toddler, it was a year of constant adjustment. A beautiful year, but a demanding one. So as we step into 2026, I'm hopeful for something that sounds almost luxurious at this stage of life: routine.

I've always loved walking and reading. Setting a reading goal feels manageable enough, but the walking part has required a little more creativity lately. Our previous neighborhood was wonderfully walkable, with parks just around the corner where I could easily take my eldest to burn off energy. Our new neighborhood is certainly walkable, but not particularly destination-friendly. So one of my quiet goals this year is to seek out some toddler-friendly nature walks. Places we can explore together, even if it means buckling everyone into the car first. If you have any local favorites, I'm all ears.

While I'm not someone who formally writes down resolutions or makes a big production of them, I do appreciate the symbolism of a new year. There's something comforting about the idea of a fresh start. An invitation to turn the page, reset expectations, and try again with a little more intention than before. By December 31, I like to have my Christmas decorations put away, the house as clean as possible, and something hearty simmering on the stove (anyone else a fan of beans and ham on New Year's Day?). It's my small way of ensuring that January 1 begins on the best possible footing: calm, organized, and hopeful. As we step into this new year together, I hope 2026 brings you peace, health, and moments of joy both big and small. However you choose to welcome the year, I wish you a very happy New Year and a fresh start filled with possibilities.



Recognizing and Praising Joseph

PART 3

by *Edy Meredith*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

We deeply appreciate the role that Joseph played in the life of Jesus, who came to be known as Messiah and Savior. It couldn't have been easy as God called Joseph to protect both Mary and her son Jesus, the Redeemer of humankind. So we extol, recognize, and praise Joseph for all that he contributed as the earthly stepfather of Jesus, called to ignore conventional wisdom, become the husband of Mary,

protect Mary and Jesus, follow angelic commands, flee into Egypt when Jesus was about three years old when Herod heard from the wisemen from the East that a ruler had been born, protecting Jesus from the slaughter of the innocents when Herod had all of the infant boys three years old and younger in Bethlehem killed. So, we extol Joseph as the earthly stepfather of Jesus, a misunderstood and unappreciated hero of the New Testament. It could

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, Whispering 'it will be happier'...”

-Alfred Lord Tennyson

WORD OF THE WEEK

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PRAISING JOSEPH

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not have been easy to be Joseph. How many of us, men and women, would follow dreams and visions that were not our imagination, but were instructions from God, fulfilling prophecy and foreshadowing even the Book of Revelation that had not been revealed or written during Joseph's lifetime, with most of it still to be fulfilled in our day? Remember, that Jesus began His ministry after Joseph's death. The last that is written about Joseph in the New Testament is when Jesus was about 12 years old and was in the temple, as He said, in His Father's house. Remember that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah and Savior.

In a more modern mode, are there any actions we can take to recognize the Jewish nation and ethnic group that has contributed so much even to our historical background in the United States? Do we practically support the nation of Israel in its time of need when warring nations surround it? I know that this is controversial with some people and groups who live in the United States and in other parts of the world. During the end of each calendar year that we call Christmas time and is recognized as the time of the birth of Jesus, we hear beautiful music. Christmas time is called the most wonderful time of the year when we're inundated by Christmas songs and carols at every turn. The music is so dominant that some people get tired of it and turn off their radios, televisions, and just go for a quiet walk. However, it is time to acknowledge that much of the iconic music we hear at Christmas time was written by Jewish composers. Jews flocked to the music industry early in the twentieth century, as singer and pianist Michael Feinstein, known as the "Ambassador of the Great American Songbook", acknowledged to Religion News Service that early in the twentieth century when most of the American Christmas classics were

written—because it was one of the rare industries in which Jews didn't face rampant antisemitism-- prior to World War II when antisemitism expanded not only into Europe and Russia, but was also found in the United States as exemplified by Henry Ford's support of the German Nazis party and their final solution. The embrace of Christmas music by Jewish composers was a form of patriotism and made Christmas a kind of national even patriotic celebration. Whatever the reason, there's no doubt that Jewish composers brought a whole lot of Neshama or soul to their compositions including the following: "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire" by Mel Torme; "Let It Snow" by Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne; "Santa Baby" by Joan Javits and Phil Springer; "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" by George Wyle and Eddie Pola; "Silver Bells" by Ray Evans and Jay Livingston; "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin; "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", "A Holly, Jolly Christmas" and "Silver and Gold" by Johnny Marks; and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" by Felix Bernard and Richard B. Smith. Each of these Christmas time songs written by Jewish composers, some of whom had fled persecution in Europe to the United States, remind us to warmly support their work, lives, and love as Christmas and gift-giving bring joy to us. The great gift of the joy of Christmas can overflow and bring meaning throughout the New Year of 2026 when we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States Constitution. Remember that George Washington assured the Jewish community near Boston that the Jewish community would be welcome and respected in what was then our new country. Thanks be to God our Savior that despite our many challenges through 2025 to 2026, the United States of America is still holding together and strong. Pray that we will be able to meet future challenges as our country's enemies are stronger than ever. More challenges will come to all of us in 2026. Happy New Year!

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over the past two years. By shifting freight from road to rail, the company is reducing congestion, cutting emissions, and increasing efficiency for industries across the Mountain West.

Paul Totten, Co-President and COO, added that the transportation services and location of the park will also allow efficient delivery and shipments of products. "BZI Innovation Park can meet all of our branch needs in one central

from highways between Salt Lake City and Phoenix

location, making our business more streamlined and operations more conveniently executed."

According to Howell, the BZI Innovation Park is well-suited to meet the needs of companies in construction material manufacturing, advanced manufacturing, e-commerce and distribution, as well as data centers. The park's future plans include integrating attainable residential housing in the development.

The two companies stated they are exploring other opportunities to enhance products and services for Totten Tubes customers and plan to make additional announcements in the coming months.

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Parowan City Council Meeting Summary

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Employee Recognition: Connie Biasi Receives Exceptional Impact Award - The meeting began with the presentation of the Exceptional Impact Award to Connie Biasi, recognizing her contributions to the city. Dan explained the RISE incentive program, which recognizes employees for proficiency, training, and innovation. Biasi was selected for her work in updating cemetery records, streamlining billing procedures, improving customer service, and strengthening the city's financial systems. The RISE Committee highlighted her "professionalism, compassion, and remarkable initiative". The Mayor emphasized the importance of recognizing deserving employees.

Action Meeting - New Committee Member Assignments - Andy Nelson was approved as a new member of the Planning Commission, while Chase and Sean Halterman were approved as member and alternate, respectively, for the Airport Board.

Work Meeting - Municipal Pool Remodel Numbers and Recognition - City Manager Dan Jessen presented the final numbers for the pool remodel project, highlighting the significant contributions of volunteers and donated contractor work. The cash outlay from the city was \$323,219, sourced from private donations, park impact fees, and the general fund. Contractor and in-kind work was valued at \$565,000, and volunteer hours were estimated at 3,280, worth \$119,400. A video showcasing the pool's

transformation and the volunteers involved was shared. The Mayor emphasized the need to ensure all contributors are recognized on the plaque. The total value of the pool remodel was \$1,837,367, with the city contributing only \$220,000 due to community support.

Fire Department Report by Chief Cavalieri - Alan Cavalieri, the Fire Chief, provided a report on the Fire Department's activities, training, and equipment. The department responded to 85 calls this year and has 25 firefighters on the roster. The department's equipment is in good shape, with two structural fire engines, five brush fire trucks, and one ladder truck. Challenges include water supply in certain areas and a lack of daytime responders. The possibility of obtaining a water tender and funding from the county was discussed.

Snow Removal Policy Discussion - Public Works Director Aldo Biasi led a discussion on the city's snow removal policy, focusing on service levels and parking restrictions. The proposed policy outlines priority routes, ice management, and no parking on city streets during winter months. The council discussed the balance between providing a higher level of service and the associated costs to taxpayers. City Manager Jessen suggested creating an ordinance to define obstruction to snow removal. The council considered the implications of enforcing parking restrictions and the need for public communication. Concerns were raised about the impact of salt on concrete driveways.

Breakwater Maintenance Options - Public Works Director Biasi presented various options for breakwater maintenance, including continuing the current approach, hiring a subcontractor, renting equipment, or purchasing equipment. Dan suggested

treating the project like a five-year business plan, borrowing money to purchase equipment, and selling the processed material to offset costs. The council discussed the value of flood control and groundwater recharge, as well as the costs associated with each option. The potential for subsidizing the project with a stormwater maintenance fee and the possibility of purchasing adjacent property were also explored. The idea of renting a crusher but buying other equipment was floated.

Reports from Council Members and Staff - Council members provided updates on their committee activities and other city projects. Councilman Burton reported on Planning and Zoning, the Water Board, holiday decorations, and a family rivalry involving Christmas decorations. Councilman Dean shared that the Shade Tree Committee was working on a list of preferred trees for residents and planning a community garden at Meeks Pond. Additional reports included updates on economic development, town lighting, the bridge project, the audit, and the FBO contract. The Mayor expressed appreciation for the council's hard work throughout the year and the city's accomplishments.

Each member expressed appreciation for Councilwoman Sharon Downey for her hard work and dedication over the last four years. She will be replaced by Lyle Barton, elected in November.

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>

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.

Judge dismisses child abuse case after refusing to bind charges over

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Fifth District Court judge recently dismissed a child abuse case against a Cedar City man after refusing to bind the charge over for trial following a preliminary hearing.

Judge Meb Anderson declined to bind over the charge against Landon Michael Kartchner, 26, in a ruling issued Dec. 16, one week after a preliminary hearing was held Dec. 9. As a result, the case was dismissed and closed.

After hearing the preliminary hearing, Anderson took the matter under advisement before issuing his decision, but the written order does not detail his findings or legal reasoning behind the dismissal.

Preliminary hearings serve as an early screening stage in criminal cases, allowing a judge to determine whether prosecutors have presented enough evidence to establish probable cause that a crime was committed and that the defendant committed it. While the hearings can resemble a mini-trial — with testimony, exhibits and cross-examination — the standard of proof is far lower than the “beyond a reasonable doubt” burden required at trial.

Defendants are typically bound over after preliminary hearings. A judge’s refusal to do so is uncommon and brings the case to an end unless prosecutors refile.

According to court records, Kartchner was arrested Sept. 15 and charged with one count of child abuse, a class A misdemeanor designated as a domestic violence offense under Utah law.

The case opened after the Division of Child and Family Services received a referral involving a 5-year-old girl who was observed at school with what investigators described as a clear and obvious human bite mark on her right forearm.

A DCFS caseworker responded to the school and later arranged a forensic interview at the Children’s Justice Center.

During that interview, the child reportedly said the bite mark came from her father during what she described as “torturing” or playing, later stating she had been told not to use the word torture. The child also disclosed that her father bites her on her arms and legs and that he sometimes leaves marks.

Kartchner, in his interview, said he bit his daughter while they were horseplaying and did not bite her very hard. He acknowledged biting her more than once and said the marks can last several days, according to the affidavit.

He also described biting his wife during sex and said he has a biting fetish. He told officers he avoids biting her hard enough to cause serious injury because medical bills would be too expensive. Kartchner also made other statements during the interview that concerned detectives, the affidavit stated. However, details of those were not included.

Officers told Kartchner they did not believe the child was safe and advised him that biting hard enough to leave visible marks constituted child abuse. He was arrested later that evening and booked into the Iron County Jail. The case is now closed.

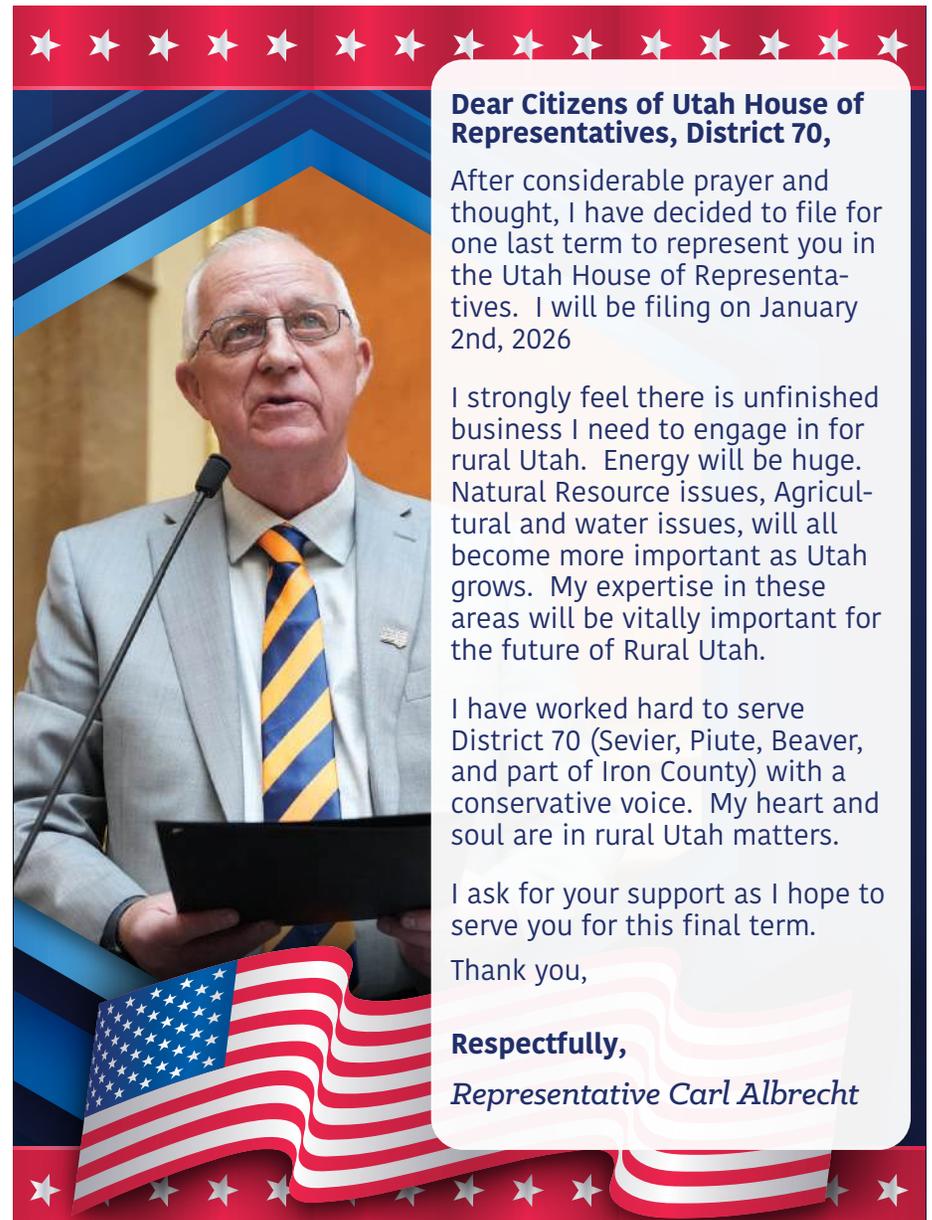
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well-saturated, they are primed for a more efficient spring runoff.

93% of the state is currently experiencing some form of drought. Last year at this time, 19% of the state was in drought.

In Utah, about 95% of our water supply comes from snowpack. Reservoir storage helps us preserve that water for use in dry summer months and drought years. To encourage water conservation among Utahns, the Department of Natural Resources continues to promote initiatives such as the Agricultural Water Optimization Program for farmers and SlowtheFlow.org for residents. These programs aim to educate and incentivize water-saving practices, ensuring Utahns become more drought-resilient and prepare for future conditions. Many indoor water-saving tips are available on the Slow the Flow website.



Dear Citizens of Utah House of Representatives, District 70,

After considerable prayer and thought, I have decided to file for one last term to represent you in the Utah House of Representatives. I will be filing on January 2nd, 2026

I strongly feel there is unfinished business I need to engage in for rural Utah. Energy will be huge. Natural Resource issues, Agricultural and water issues, will all become more important as Utah grows. My expertise in these areas will be vitally important for the future of Rural Utah.

I have worked hard to serve District 70 (Sevier, Piute, Beaver, and part of Iron County) with a conservative voice. My heart and soul are in rural Utah matters.

I ask for your support as I hope to serve you for this final term.

Thank you,

Respectfully,
Representative Carl Albrecht

southern utah university

SUU Earns Top Honors at Utah PRSA Golden Spike Awards Gala

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Southern Utah University's commitment to outstanding communication and storytelling was celebrated as the University recently took home four prestigious awards, including three Golden Spike Awards and the Mid-Level Professional of the Year Award, at the Utah Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) chapter's annual Golden Spike Awards Gala.

"We are incredibly proud of our teams and the dedication they show every day in telling the SUU story," said University President Mindy Benson. "These awards

highlight the high-quality, impactful, and professional work being done to engage our community, honor cultural partnerships, and elevate the University's profile statewide."

Mid-Level Professional of the Year

The gala began with celebrating individual achievements, including honoring Haley Webster as the 2025 Mid-Level Professional of the Year. Webster, a dedicated storyteller at SUU, was recognized for bringing visual clarity, warmth, and purpose to the messages she creates. She leads communication strategy for major statewide events,

including the Governor's One Utah Summit and the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, shaping digital narratives that create meaningful, memorable experiences. Guided by a people-first philosophy, Webster is known for her focus on understanding and inspiring audiences.

Golden Spike Award Winners

SUU and its partners were also recognized with Golden Spike Awards for excellence across three key categories.

Research

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah & SUU were recognized for their research project, Paiute Willow Basket: Gathering and Weaving a Story of Resilience, the first comprehensive study of the Tribe in over 50 years. Co-designed using Indigenous research methods to prioritize Tribal voices, the study documents a narrative of profound resilience, highlighting dramatic gains in education, healthcare access, and a 129% increase in Tribal enrollment since 1968. These findings now provide a culturally grounded roadmap for the Tribe's strategic planning, ensuring

that future growth in workforce development, and social and health services remains community-led and honors the legacy of the Nung'wu people.

Social Media, External & Internal Audiences

SUU's Regional Services Office received the Golden Spike for their One Utah Summit 2025 Social Media Strategy where the team reimagined social media as a storytelling platform rather than traditional marketing. Aligning

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with Governor Cox's "People, Place, Prosperity" vision, the campaign promoted the statewide event for leaders while inviting others to belong and be part of the conversation of what Utah's future looks like. The result was strong engagement, growing audiences, and a dynamic digital movement supporting the Summit.

Videos, Internal & External Audiences

Southern Utah University's Marketing Communication Office was awarded a Golden Spike for its efforts in video production for the project, "Soaring Over SUU: An Epic Drone Tour of Southern Utah University." Recognizing that prospective students engage with video content 80% more than static ads, the university developed this signature piece to visually capture its distinctive location, personalized learning environment, and vibrant campus life.



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SUU's Marketing Office proudly displays their Golden Spike Award in the Videos, Internal & External Audiences category.

Can You Say “Baryton”?

“The Valencia Baryton Project”

by *Marty Warburton*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The rush of the holidays have come and gone. All of a sudden it is 2026, and Cedar City Music Arts is back on the musical warpath. Continuing with their 96th season, CCMA presents “The Valencia Baryton Project.” So, what is a Baryton? Well, long story short, it’s a musical instrument, but read on. The Baryton had its heyday in 17th- and 18th-century Europe, bolstered by a repertoire of compositions, written expressly for the instrument, by Joseph Haydn. Haydn’s Baryton trios showcased the instrument’s soft, light tone alongside a cello and viola, embodying the elegance of classical chamber music. Earlier compositions from the Baroque period illustrate the Baryton’s ability to act as its own accompanist, with a bowed melody floating above plucked notes – like a sparse partnership between viol and lute or harpsichord. It’s highly unlikely that you, or even someone you know, has ever even heard of the musical instrument, let alone seen one, or have actually heard its 500 year old renderings. Let’s catch you up. With gently sloping shoulders, held between the musician’s knees, noticeably smaller than a modern cello, yet with many more strings, the Baryton must be one of the strangest string instruments ever designed. A cousin of the Baroque viol, what sets the Baryton apart is an extra set of strings running

along the back of its wide fretboard, resonating alongside the bowed strings in front. Geared toward ambidexterity, players can pluck these secondary strings with their left thumb, with the rest of the left hand working the fingerboard – all while bowing with the right.

The Valencia Project is a collective founded by Valencia-based Barytonist Matthew Baker with the vision of performing the nearly 170 works written by Franz Joseph Haydn as well as compositions by other composers, both modern and classical. With Matthew Baker, one of only a handful Baryton performers in the world, the Valencia Baryton Project have delighted audiences in over 100 concerts throughout North, Central and South America as well as Europe with what is considered to have been the pinnacle of aristocratic instruments of the classical era.

The Valencia Baryton Project has dedicated itself to the performance of music written for this ancient and little-known instrument,

and CCMA is excited to introduce the long lost, quirky, rare Baryton to southern Utah.

Make plans to see what all the fuss is about. The concert will be Thursday, January 8th at The Heritage Center Theater. Doors open at 6:30pm, concert at 7:30pm.

Get tickets at cedarcitymusicarts.org or call 435-865-2882



Floating into the New Year

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Language fascinates me. Recently I heard an author describe how her books give "a float" instead of a jolt. She works to create a community that the reader cares about rather than just murder and mayhem. At your Arts Council we are more interested in building cooperation and collaboration than competition. We feel that the more arts the better. The more people involved the better. We also believe art is for all ages. Sometimes you want raw drama and there are plenty of plays, books and movies to provide that jolt. Other times you want the comfort of a handwoven blanket, a cup of cocoa, and a gentle story. After the flurry of December performances you would think our artists

are ready for a nice hibernation. No, that isn't happening. Auditions for American Crossroads Theater are January 9th at the Johnson Center. Register on their website. They have an ambitious season in the works with *Music Man*, *Come From Away*, and *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Auditions for the new Forge Theater's production of *Snoopy* are Jan. 7. Register at theforgearts.com.

The Cedar Valley Community Theater presents a musical with an engrossing story and good music called *Urinetown* starting Jan. 23 at the Heritage Theater. They are also preparing for the *Sound of Music* in May. Both Cedar City Children's Musical Theatre and the IMPAC offer drama

opportunities for students. Suzuki Strings Cedar City is offering a string workshop and concert on Jan. 9 and 10. Register on their website.

The Orchestra of Southern Utah is preparing some of the great music by American composers for Feb. 19. The concert includes *Rhapsody in Blue* by Gerswhin with Christian Bohnenstengal as the pianist and *Rodeo* by Copland with the John Mead Dancers.

At SUU there will be another chance to see *Pippin* starting Jan. 22. There will be plenty of other plays and concerts featuring music and dance. The local galleries continue to feature our amazing local visual artists and our schools present many concerts and other performances.



I am a bit of a culture vulture so I attended both Nutcracker productions as well as many concerts and plays as I can manage. We have an amazing arts community and we hope you will take advantage of the offerings. Amber Bennett at the Visit Cedar City website produces a great community calendar. Local performers are encouraged to submit their events to that website. Ann Oberhelman produces our Arts Council monthly arts newsletter. Be sure to send posters and short descriptions by mid-month for the next issue. The newsletter is emailed to Arts Council members and is posted on our social media. We hope you can find comfort, challenge, and drama in our local arts community. Many thanks to those who make all of these incredible opportunities available.

Handel's Messiah Gives Reason For The Season

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It has been a Southern Utah tradition that the Orchestra of Southern Utah performs Handel's Messiah during the holiday season. Messiah for the 2025 season was on December 14 & 15, at the Heritage theater in Cedar City, Utah, and was very well attended.

Celebrating the spirit of the season, "Glory Revealed", the 85th annual performance of Handel's Messiah is always a treasured Cedar City tradition. The music brings in the reason for the season, telling the story of the birth of Christ. The miraculous performance was held at the Festival Hall and Heritage Theater.

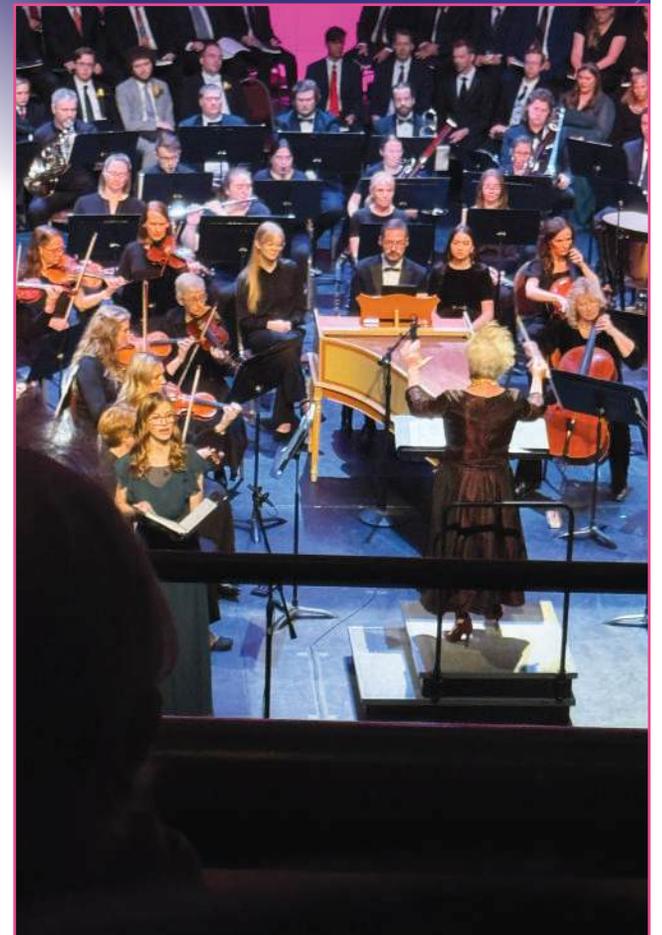
The Orchestra of Southern Utah is an award-winning community orchestra. Jackie Riddle Jackson directed the orchestra and chorale with assistance from Alex Bye. The Cedar City tradition gave several vocalists the opportunity to be a soloist with

the orchestra. Sheri Butler helped coordinate the Chorale with pianist Jessica Mathews. The Orchestra and Chorus spend many, many hours perfecting their performance of Handel's Messiah and thank all those who attended and thank all the sponsors that made it possible.

This beloved holiday event brings together choir, orchestra, and community in a very powerful musical expression of hope, joy, and reverence. It is a celebration where friends, neighbors, and loved ones of all ages gather to experience this timeless holiday message through music.

Handel was a user of melody, he created beautiful music enjoyed by all who attend year after year. He composed Messiah without getting much sleep or eating much food. George Frideric Handel composed Messiah in 24 days, from August 22 to September 14, 1741. It's important to keep going back to listen to the Messiah performed, because we look at it from different angles as we change. For this reason it's become a deep part of our tradition, it is a beautiful piece of music we all look forward to attending each and every year. This year's performance of Handel's Messiah was phenomenal!

“Music is capable of reaching the deepest recesses of the human spirit where no other art or language can go. Music can achieve this even without words; it communicates in its own unique way. -Handel's Messiah.





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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON ACHIEVING GOALS IN THE NEW YEAR

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As the clock strikes midnight and fireworks illuminate the sky, millions around the world will welcome the promise of a new year with a list of resolutions. However, research and evidence suggest that these well-intentioned goals often fall by the wayside before January comes to a close. Are New Year's resolutions truly effective, or is there a better way to approach personal growth?

The Reality of New Year's Resolutions

Despite the annual tradition of setting resolutions, studies indicate that a significant

percentage of individuals struggle to maintain their newfound habits. This burst of motivation often wanes, leading to a sense of disappointment and guilt. Dr. Emily Thompson, a psychologist who specializes in behavior change, explains, "The problem with New Year's resolutions is that they are often framed as drastic, sweeping changes. This black-and-white approach can be overwhelming and unproductive, setting us up for failure rather than success."

An Alternative Approach: Setting Intentions

Unlike resolutions, intentions focus on cultivating a mindset or

guiding principle rather than specific goals. This allows us to prioritize progress over perfection.

The Power of Mindful Reflection

Instead of hastily jotting down a list of resolutions on New Year's Eve, we can engage in mindful reflection. This involves taking into account our values, strengths, and areas for growth. By understanding the motivation behind personal goals, we can establish intentions that align with our authentic selves. Dr. Thompson adds, "Mindful reflection allows us to identify meaningful and achievable intentions. It's about creating a roadmap for personal development that is rooted in self-awareness

and self-compassion."

Embracing Progress, Not Perfection

As we embark on a new year, it's worth considering whether the age-old tradition of New Year's resolutions truly serves us well. By adopting a more mindful and intentional approach, we can pave the way for sustained personal growth throughout the year. So, let this be the year we prioritize progress over perfection and embrace the power of setting intentions for a more fulfilling and purpose-driven life. Learn from our resolutions and move on. Treat yourself with as much

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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary ended the 2025

year with many fantastic activities. 2nd grade classes had the opportunity to view "The Polar Express" movie at the Parowan Theater and the Level 2 classroom traveled to Parowan to participate in the Winter Wonderland walk. Students enjoyed a visitor from the North Pole and took pictures with him, 1st grade classes presented a Christmas program to parents and then decorated gingerbread houses together. Students throughout the school enjoyed holiday treats and parties.

Have a wonderful holiday season. School will resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Canyon View Middle School

The Canyon View Middle School ESports

team has been working hard all year to prepare for their tournament last week. The CVMS team took first place at their tournament, even winning over some high school teams! ESports is an after school club run by a dedicated team of teachers and counselors. Students learn teamwork, collaboration, and communication skills through gaming.

East Elementary

East Elementary is proud to continue the annual tradition of inviting students to design the yearbook cover! This year's theme, "Soaring Through the Years," inspired many creative and thoughtful entries. We are excited to announce that Brielle Judd, a third-grade student, was selected as this year's winner. Her artwork beautifully captures our school's spirit and will be featured on the cover

of this year's yearbook. Congratulations, Brielle!

South Elementary

South Elementary third graders had an exciting opportunity to get out into the community by attending an SUU women's basketball game and a performance of The Nutcracker. Students cheered on the team, practiced good sportsmanship, and experienced the energy of a college athletic event. They also enjoyed the beauty of dance, music, and storytelling during the Nutcracker, connecting what they see in class to real-world experiences. These trips helped students learn, grow, and build positive connections within their community.

Gateway Preparatory Academy

by Dave Armour

GATEWAY ACADEMY DIRECTOR

At Gateway Preparatory Academy, the second and third-grade Children of Peace Festival was a meaningful celebration centered on understanding peace and practicing kindness in our daily interactions. With the guidance and support of their teachers, students worked diligently to prepare songs, recitations, and projects that explored peaceful ways of working with and caring for others. During the festival, students performed songs and recited quotes from influential leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr, and Mother Teresa, sharing powerful messages of compassion, courage, and unity. Students also proudly displayed projects they created as part of their learning. Families and staff gathered to celebrate the students' hard work



and to reflect together on the importance of peace within our school community.

Middle school students also shared their work during a schoolwide festival, presenting projects from across the curriculum, including CTE, art, English language arts, math, science, and a variety of electives. Families and staff had the opportunity to engage with student learning and celebrate the effort and growth demonstrated

throughout the year. The Winter Concert brought students, families, and community members together for a well-attended evening celebrating the talents of our Choir, Band, Orchestra, and Dance programs. Together, these events reflected the dedication of our teachers, the hard work of our students, and the strong sense of community that defines Gateway Preparatory Academy.



Help our CV Family!

by Alivia Winzenried

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

CVHS needs your support! Elyn Brown is a senior and an incredible kid. He's adventurous, active, fun to be around, and someone who brings energy wherever he goes. He played football from

6th grade through his junior year, until a diagnosis of spinal stenosis in his neck made it unsafe for him to continue. Instead of giving up, he shifted gears and has spent the last two years throwing shot put and discus. His plan for the summer was to join his brother and start working in sales, and he's still determined to do that.

Saturday night, while hanging out with friends, Elyn was involved in a serious fire accident and sustained severe burns. Doctors estimate about 45% of his body has second- and third-degree burns. He was life-flighted to the University of Utah Burn Center in Salt Lake City. Due to swelling and pain, he was intubated to protect his airway and help his body rest. Elyn will be in the hospital for an extended stay—possibly around 45 days, though that could change depending on how his body heals.

Right now, what we need most are prayers for Elyn's healing, strength, and recovery, and for peace and endurance for their family as they walk through this with him. If you want to help more, you can donate to Elyn's family for his recovery at this link:

(<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-elyns-recovery-after-burn-accident>) Anything would help him and his amazing family. Thank you so much for your love and support. CVHS loves and misses Elyn and wishes him a swift recovery.

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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

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

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

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

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

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-caring 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

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@sunrisechurch.net, sunrisechurch.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 cedarbreaksmodela@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 Sundays at 2:00pm @ 1280 E Midvalley Rd. Leave a message for Bonnie 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.cedarcommunityband.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/SmGytCfvQ1S2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

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WED, DEC 31

New Year's Eve

NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS & TORCHLIGHT PARADE
(6-7PM) @ Giant Steps Ski Area

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Brian Head Resort with a torchlight show and fireworks. Ski patrol will descend the mountain with torches, followed by a fireworks display at the top of the slopes. The show is best viewed from the Giant Steps Patio. Free!

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: STEVE HODSON CANCER CLASSIC (9AM-9PM) held at Canyon View High School (166 W 1925 N, Cedar City). Since 2012, Canyon View and Cedar have hosted the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic, a tournament to honor the legendary former Canyon View and Cedar coach who dies of multiple myeloma in 2008, but more importantly to help local families in their own fight against cancer. Over 16 teams will meet in Cedar City to compete, raise awareness, and help families in need.

DEENA MILLECAM'S WINTER EXHIBIT (9AM-5PM) IS held at the Frontier Homestead State Park 635 N. Main Street Cedar. Monday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Through January 14th 2026.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, CHARLIE BROWN (10AM-6PM) THE First Animated Special Exhibition held in the Grace Adams Tanner Gallery, Southern Utah Museum of Art (13 S 300 W, Cedar City). Admission is FREE and open to everyone. Stop by SUMA to enjoy the exhibition when you pick up your tickets and explore all of the exhibitions on display! Until January 3, 2026

KJ'S ICE BARN: COSMIC SKATING (7-9PM) AT KJS ICE Barn (2550 E Pinnacle Way, Enoch). Everyone is invited to come get funky with Freddy with flashing lights, groovy music, cosmic fun, and more!

THURS, JAN 1

New Year's Day

SAT, JAN 3

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET (10AM-2PM) INSIDE IFA (winter Nov - March) and 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the IFA parking lot (summer April - Oct) (905 S Main St, Cedar City), admission is FREE. Come for the farmers, food, and artisans as well as drawings, bingo, and more! For information visit them on Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or call Nancy (435) 463-3735.

SUU MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ARLINGTON (6:30-9:30PM) Come support the Southern Utah University Men's Basketball team as they take on UT Arlington at the America First Event Center. Enjoy an exciting night of college basketball and show your Thunderbird pride as SUU competes on their home court.

WED, JAN 7

CCAC BOOK CLUB (7PM) @ MAIN STREET BOOKS IN CEDAR CITY.

This month's book is *My Cousin Rachel*, by Daphne de Maurier. We alternate between fiction and non-fiction titles. We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.



obituaries

Paul F. Peterson



Paul F. Peterson, 80 years old, passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 12:34 pm in his home in Cedar City, Utah. He was born on April 17, 1945 in Salt Lake City to Ferdie and Dona Peterson. He grew up in Murray, Utah, attended Murray High School, served an LDS mission in East Berlin, and graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Paul was a jeweler, an ecclesiastical leader and teacher, and a lifelong learner. He loved all genres of music and instilled a love of music in those around him. He was always game for a pun or a dad joke and has extensive collections of movies, cabby hats, pins, snarky t-shirts, watches, albums, and funny socks. He made everyone feel included, loved, and valued. We will miss his humor, humility, warmth, and wit.

He is survived by: his wife, Mary Jane McBean, Cedar City, Utah; his 3 daughters, Shelley Halverson (Dan) South Jordan, Utah, Carrie Christensen (Charles), Golden, Colorado, Kristi Peterson (Ashley), Aurora, Colorado; his 2 step-children Tasha Cullin (Hugh), Centennial, Colorado, Alex McBean (Charlotte), Bountiful, Utah; and his sister, Patti Mortenson (Ned), Logan, Utah; 16 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ferdie and Dona Peterson, and Step-daughter, Nicki Nejat.

He is remembered by his former spouse Alene Peterson.

Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. An archived stream of the funeral can be found on the Southern Utah Mortuary website at <https://mortuary.org>

Grace Jane Thomas Stone



Grace Jane Thomas Stone passed away peacefully at home in Idaho Falls, Idaho December 23, 2025, at the age of 85. She was born November 16, 1940 in Pocatello, Idaho to Alvin John Thomas and Grace Burton Bluemel. Grace grew up with her brothers, Cyril Alvin Thomas and Raymond Burton Thomas, on the family farm in Samaria, Idaho. Grace was a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She married David Leonard Stone on July 1, 1960 in the Logan Utah Temple. David and Grace raised their three children in Stockton, California and Cedar City, Utah. She loved and blessed the individual lives of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many friends with unwavering faith.

Grace graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor's of Science in Education. She later earned a nursing degree and worked many years at the Valley View Medical Center and as a home-health nurse in Cedar City.

"Grandma Grace" loved to take her posterity to the SUSC/SUU campus, located across the street from their home. She loved to read, to quilt, and to square dance with the Hey Cedars.

Grace is preceded in death by her husband David, her parents and her brothers. She is survived by her three children, Susan (Richard) Boardman of Idaho Falls; Camille (Derek) Bohne of Midvale, Utah; and David (Lynette) Stone of Liberty Lake, Washington; twelve grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Cedar Valley Funeral Home on Saturday, January 3, 2026, 10:30 am. Friends and family are invited to a viewing from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery. Under the care of Cedar Valley Funeral. The family expresses great appreciation to Care to Stay Home in Liberty Lake, Aspen Home Health and Hospice and Clover Caregivers of Idaho Falls. Online condolences can be sent to her memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com.

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obituaries

Patricia Murie



Patricia Woolsey Murie, passed away peacefully at the age of 82, on December 17, 2025 in her home in Cedar City, UT. She was born on May 14, 1943 in Cedar City, Utah to Delbert Ross and Zina Mae Bowen Woolsey. She grew up in Cedar City, graduated from Cedar High School, and met the love of her life Roger J. Murie. They were married in Cedar City on September 15, 1961 and later sealed in the St. George Temple for time and all eternity.

Pat became a mother on New Years Eve in 1962 when their son Bret was born. Their daughter Lanae joined their family 3 years later in 1965, and then their youngest son Ross came in 1967. Being a mother and grandmother was one of Pat's greatest accomplishments. She was always supportive of all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful homemaker. The house was always clean and smelled of delicious home cooked food. She enjoyed making delicious meals from scratch and everyone always looked forward to eating whatever she made.

Once her kids were in school, Pat started working outside the home. She worked for Mountain Bell as an operator. She then moved on to working for U.S. West as a District Secretary and then before retiring became an Engineer. She retired early and decided she wanted to spend her days watching her grandkids, one of her favorite things to do.

Pat was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She held many callings throughout her life, but her favorite callings were serving in young women's and especially primary. Her last calling was as a primary teacher. She loved her primary children so much and would spend hours preparing her lessons and handouts for the children. She also loved to serve in the temple. She went weekly with her mother Zina and cousin Raedell and looked forward to it. She also enjoyed going on a church history tour and loved her experience doing that. She was also a devout member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and loved family history.

Pat loved to travel. Her favorite place to visit was Hawaii. She made several girls trips happen with the 4 generations to Hawaii. She also loved to spend time on Cedar Mountain at the Ranch. She was a full-time thistle sprayer, bought a Tee Pee for the grandkids to sleep in, and always helped with the cooking and dish washing. She loved staying in her sheep camp and made it feel just like her home. She loved chasing her grandkids around and watching all of their events from soccer, track, dance, baseball, basketball and anything else in between. She rarely missed an event.

Pat was truly an angel on earth. She lived the example of what it was like to be Christ-like. If somebody needed something, she did not hesitate to help. She was constantly serving somebody. She always had a smile on her face and could make friends with strangers. She was fun and energetic and always someone you wanted to be around. Even in her final years, when she struggled to feel well, she was always happy and kind.

She is survived by her spouse Roger and her son Ross (Kaisa); Her siblings Brent Woolsey (Sherron) and Sharon Adam (Jim). Her 7 grandchildren Bobbi Simkins (Luke), Bryce Bladen (Blaire), Brandon Bladen (Whitney), Austin Bladen (Shyanne), Landon Murie, Ashlyn Murie, and Kamron Murie and her 10 Great-Grandchildren Summer, Preston, Case, Morley, Harper, Hudson, Julie, Macy, Weston, Oliver and Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Lanae Anderson, her son Bret Murie, and her parents Ross and Zina Woolsey.

The family would like to thank all of the many healthcare workers that took care of her over the years as her health declined. Most of the hospital staff knew her well and treated her like a VIP when she was there. Dr. Marc Corry and his staff, Marie Prince and Brooke Christian with Iron County Home Health, and Ethan Bunker, Olivia, and Alyssa from Mission hospice for their care the last few months of her life.

Pat did not want a funeral. She hated how sad everyone was. She wanted her services to be short and sweet just like she was. Her services will be held on Monday, December 22, 2025 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, Ut). There will be a small gathering for family at 10:30 followed by a family prayer. Interment will be following that at 11:30 at Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. A luncheon will be provided by the 9th ward Relief Society after the service at 520 S. 1100 W. Online condolences can be sent at www.mortuary.org.

Marie Adell Hayes



Marie Adell Hayes, a compassionate and resilient woman whose radiant spirit shone through every action, passed away on December 17, 2025 in Murray Utah. Born in Milford, Utah on September 20, 1950, Marie grew up to be a beacon of love, nurturing her family and community with an unfading loyalty. She spent her early years in Minersville and Cedar City, before moving to Enoch, Utah, where she lived for 50 years, creating lasting memories and cultivating deep-rooted friendships. Marie married Evan Stout Millett in January 1968 and later divorced. She married Gary Alfred Hayes February 14, 1992.

Marie was a kind-hearted soul, who found joy in the service of others. She had many jobs in her life including Whiting

Brothers, Rocky's, Coleman, Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, Sunshine Truck Stop, & Lin's. She devoted many years of her life serving delicious meals to the children of Iron County School District as a beloved lunch lady before retiring in 2015. Her dedication to her work was a testament to her love for her community and her resilient spirit. Beyond work, Marie was a woman of many talents and passions. She found solace in sewing, quilting, crocheting, diamond art, painting, gardening, reading, and traveling with a group of cherished friends.

Yet, what she loved the most and what mattered to her more than anything was her family, especially her precious grandchildren. Marie showed her immense love and loyalty by putting her life on hold to care for her beloved husband full-time for the last 9 years of his life after a horrific motorcycle accident. Her compassionate nature extended to her religious involvement, where she served as a cub scout leader multiple times and was part of the Primary presidency in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Her favorite calling was working with some close friends and her husband in cub scouts. In line with her faith, Marie lived by the verse, "Charity never faileth" (1 Corinthians 13:8), a testament to her unwavering love and kindness towards all.

Marie leaves behind an enduring legacy, remembered by her kids, Mark (Rozanne) Millett, Steve Millett, Laura (Gary) Mills, Hayla (Jeff) Richey, Mike (Jen) Millett, Andy LeFevre, Kaleb Hayes, 30 Grandkids, 5 Great Grandkids and one more on the way.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Gary Hayes, her cherished daughter, Tamara LeFevre, her parents, Ted & Dorothy Carter, and her siblings, Sherie Parks, Terry Carter, and Darlene Baza.

The viewing will be held on Monday, December 29, 2025, at 9:30 am MST at the Johnson Fort Ward, 1390 East Midvalley Road, Enoch, Utah, 84721. Following the viewing, funeral services will begin at 11:00 am MST at the same location. For those unable to attend, a live stream will be available at <https://my.gather.app/remember/marie-hayes>. The family would like to express sincere gratitude to the home health, wound care, and other medical staff, that served her with love and compassion for the last year and a half.

Join us in celebrating Marie's life by sharing your favorite memories, stories, and photos on her memorial page. Marie's life was a beautiful tapestry woven with love, resilience, and devotion. Her memory will continue to warm our hearts and inspire us to live with the same compassion and resilience she exuded. Funeral services are under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral in Cedar City, Utah 435-865-9000. Online condolences can be sent to her memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com



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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

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respect and love as you do your loved ones. Setting smaller goals has been proven to be a more reasonable way to find success and achieve big results. Resolutions or ways to improve your life can actually be made any day of the year. But in the “New Year,” it sounds like the perfect time because it reflects the endless possibilities of a new canvas or the first page of a blank notebook.

Stay in line with your life goals. Learn to say “no” the right way and at the right time. Be a listener. Listening is a life skill that will take you far in your personal and professional life. When you listen, you make people feel understood and respected, and in turn, they will respect you back. An unexpected “thank you,” being the reason for someone’s smile, will add positively to your outlook on life.

Set a day each week to go without complaining about anything.

Be more organized with your life every day. Fall back in love with your life this year. Count your blessings each day, whether big or small. Do at least one thing that brings you closer to your dreams and toward doing something you love.

Surround yourself with positive and supportive people. Work toward a healthier lifestyle. Add more goals each month in this “New Year.”

Choose small “resolutions” throughout the upcoming year that are best for you.

Remember, when you focus on the positive in your life, the negative things will keep getting pushed away. That is how you fall back in love with your life.



The secret of change is to focus all of our energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

— Socrates



celebrations



Elizabeth “Libby” Jeffery Freeman was born in Seattle, Washington on December 30, 1925 to Raymond L Jeffery and Margaret Hickman. She has lived a busy and active life moving from Seattle to Beverly Hills CA, then Pasadena in her teen years. She was going to school

at Beverly Hills High School when they put in the “swim gym” we’ve all seen in *It’s a Wonderful Life*. In Beverly Hills she was often mistaken for Judy Garland and asked for her autograph. Her younger years were during the great depression and she remembers the hardship it was for so many. Her high school and early college years were during WWII. She remembers the food stamps and gas stamps and drives to collect rubber and metal. So many of the young men were gone and dating was very challenging. She met her sweetheart, James Robert Freeman, at a dance but he was in the Navy so it was a letter writing courtship with seeing each other only briefly when he was on leave. They were married August 29, 1947 in California. They spent their honeymoon camping in Zion National Park and in the Salt Lake area where Libby was baptized in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on her honeymoon. They made their home in California and had four sons, Robert Jeffery, James Richard, John William and David Raymond. They spent some time in Boston, MA while her husband did some work at MIT and she had the opportunity to know President Nelson and his wife Danzel. She was a counselor in the RS presidency with Danzel and felt Danzel was her “mother in the gospel” as Libby was such a new member. They returned to California, first to Berkeley and then to Davis, where they lived for over 60 years and raised their family there. Libby served in the church in about every calling possible but her favorite was working in the nursery. She’s always loved children and is a great example to her 26 grandchildren, 80 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. Libby has always been a positive person and shown such kindness and love to everyone she knows. Something she has always said to her family is “Is it true, is it kind, is it necessary”? If not, then don’t say it! She worked for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for 20 years as secretary in the Davis Institute of Religion, which she says wasn’t work and loved all the students she served there. She moved with her son John and his wife to Cedar City in 2017 and has loved living in Cedar and takes credit for its growth as she has told everyone she meets what a great place it is to live. She’ll tell you today it’s okay if she leaves this life and it’s okay if she stays because she has had a wonderful life with all its hardships and joys but just hopes there’s chocolate wherever she goes.

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Reds break skid, beat Falcons



Cedar's **Owen Ryan** (1) goes up for a shot over the defense of Canyon View's Anthony Camba during their game played Dec. 19. The Reds beat the Falcons, 64-51.

(Eric Fieldsted/For Iron County Today)

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

With his team in the middle of a lengthy losing streak, Cedar boys basketball coach Tyler Monks knew his shooters could deliver clutch baskets when they mattered. Benson Tippetts and Owen Ryan came

through after halftime and the Reds walked away with a satisfying win.

Tippetts scored 24 points and Ryan added 19 to help Cedar pull away in the second half and beat the Canyon View Falcons, 64-51, on Dec. 19 to stop a seven-game slide and improve to 3-7 on the season. Ryan scored all of his points after intermission and combined with Tippetts

to hit seven of the Reds' 10 3-pointers in the win.

"We just told our kids to keep being the aggressors, and I thought if we kept going, we'd be in the spot we wanted to be in," Monks said. "We did good stuff offensively and defensively."

Both teams battled through a closely contested first half until Tippetts hit one of his three 3-pointers

that broke a 22-22 tie. The senior added a jumper in the closing seconds as Cedar took a 27-24 lead at the half.

"Benson was in a struggle. We said it couldn't continue," Monks said. "Same for Owen Ryan, and both guys nearly had 20 (points). We know what Ty

(Rowley) can do, and we feel like we can be dangerous."

After Jeter Sanders – who led all scorers with 26 points – hit a 3-pointer that tied the score at 27-27 early in the third quarter, Ryan and Tippetts answered with 3-pointers of their own to give Cedar a six-point edge at 33-27 and force a Canyon View timeout.

Later in the period, Ryan would hit two more 3-pointers, and a Tippetts jumper gave the Reds a 45-39 lead after three quarters. When the junior drained his fourth 3-pointer in the fourth quarter, it gave Cedar a 51-41 advantage and they

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Cedar
64
Canyon View
51

Cedar 12 15 18 19 – 64
Canyon View 13 11 15 12 – 51

Cedar – Tippetts 24, Ryan 19, Rowley 8, Crowley 2, Englebright 5, Crosby 2, Hassler 4. Totals 19 16-21 64 – 3-pointers – Tippetts 3, Ryan 4, Rowley 2, Englebright 1.

Canyon View – Whittaker 2, Maine 5, Sanders 26, Meyer 11, Bealer 2, Camba 3, Barnes 2. Totals 18 11-15 51. 3-pointers – Maine 1, Sanders 2, Camba 1

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SCORES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

- 12/16** Desert Hills 58, Richfield 52
- 12/17** Snow Canyon 67, Cedar 53
Dixie 71, Hurricane 58
Crimson Cliffs 66, Pine View 63
- 12/19** Cedar 64, Canyon View 51
Crimson Cliffs 52, Dixie 45
Pine View 72, Hurricane 70
Snow Canyon 49, Desert Hills 44
- 12/20** Hurricane 72, Virgin Valley 60

Region 14

- 12/16** South Sevier 61, Canyon View 54
Desert Hills 58, Richfield 52
Morgan 90, Providence Hall 72
Delta 50, Enterprise 35
- 12/17** Delta 60, North Sanpete 53
Taylorsville 67, Providence Hall 32
Richfield 71, Emery 44
Juab 91, Carbon 71
- 12/19** Cedar 64, Canyon View 61
Juab 83, South Summit 63
Delta 70, Carbon 63
- 12/20** Provo 67, Richfield 63
Juab 80, South Sevier 65

Region 18

- 12/16** South Sevier 61, Canyon View 54
Delta 50, Enterprise 35
Kanab 77, Piute 59
- 12/17** Gunnison 64, Grand 48
Millard 85, San Juan 65
South Sevier 56, Beaver 46

- 12/19** San Juan 58, Parowan 57
South Sevier 51, Enterprise 50
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- 12/20** Parowan 70, Grand 37
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Kanab 65, San Juan 58

Girls Basketball

Region 9

- 12/16** Snow Canyon 50, Cedar 49
Dixie 64, Hurricane 32
Pine View 49, Crimson Cliffs 48
- 12/18** Cedar 54, Emery 43
Dixie 59, Crimson Cliffs 46
Snow Canyon 77, Desert Hills 59,
Pine View 53, Hurricane 26
- 12/19** Cedar 69, Spanish Fork 56
- 12/20** Pleasant Grove 72, Cedar 38
Snow Canyon 76, Crimson Cliffs 49

Region 14

- 12/15** Taylorsville 40, Providence Hall 15
- 12/16** Summit Academy 38, Providence Hall 36
Richfield 42, Emery 39
Delta 65, Millard 54
Juab 62, Gunnison 45

- 12/17** Kanab 49, Canyon View 23
Richfield 51, South Sevier 35

- 12/18** Delta 70, North Sevier 35
North Sanpete 67, Providence Hall 19
Juab 39, Manti 38

- 12/19** Richfield 58, Millard 54
Salem Hills 72, Juab 46

- 12/20** Canyon View 52, Mountain View 48

- Delta 56, Summit Academy 16

Region 18

- 12/16** Beaver 52, South Sevier 23
Grand 67, Monticello 28
Panguitch 68, San Juan 61
- 12/17** Kanab 49, Canyon View 23
Richfield 51, South Sevier 35
- 12/18** Enterprise 65, South Sevier 34
- 12/19** San Juan 79, Parowan 17
Kanab 59, Grand 17
- 12/20** Grand 62, Parowan 11
Enterprise 53, North Summit 50
Kanab 62, San Juan 35
Beaver 67, South Summit 29

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Through games played Dec. 20

Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (3)	3-0	8-4
Pine View (1)	2-1	8-3
Snow Canyon (11)	2-1	5-4
Dixie (4)	1-1	5-4
Hurricane (6)	1-2	7-4
Desert Hills (14)	1-2	6-5
Cedar (21)	0-3	3-7

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Delta (2)	0-0	8-3
Richfield (3)	0-0	5-5
Canyon View (10)	0-0	5-7
Providence Hall (14)	0-0	4-5

- Juab (7) 0-0 4-5

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (4)	2-0	6-2
South Sevier (9)	3-1	9-5
San Juan (8)	2-1	6-5
Parowan (11)	2-1	4-3
Enterprise (7)	1-1	5-3
Beaver (17)	0-3	5-5
Grand (25)	0-3	1-12

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	4-0	9-3
Dixie (1)	2-0	9-0
Desert Hills (4)	2-1	7-2
Pine View (6)	2-0	7-3
Cedar (13)	1-2	6-7
Hurricane (21)	0-3	2-7
Crimson Cliffs (19)	0-4	3-9

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Delta (1)	0-0	8-1
Canyon View (6)	0-0	6-6
Richfield (8)	0-0	5-6
Providence Hall (15)	0-0	4-8
Juab (13)	0-0	2-7

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (1)	4-0	11-0
Beaver (2)	2-0	8-0
San Juan (13)	2-1	3-5
Enterprise (3)	1-2	7-2
Grand (17)	1-2	5-8
South Sevier (19)	1-3	1-9
Parowan (21)	0-4	0-11

REDS

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For the game, the Reds were 16-of-21 (76 percent) at the free-throw line to Canyon View's 11-of-15.

In their other game of the pre-holiday week, Cedar was held to 4 points in the

were't seriously challenged after that.

third quarter and Snow Canyon pulled away for a 67-53 win in Region 9 play on Dec. 17. Reggie Mackay and Dylan Luke led four Warriors in double figures with 16 points apiece.

Owen Ryan led Cedar in the loss with 11 points and Liam Ryan added 10.

The Falcons' second game of the week was a 61-54 loss at the Nest to the South

Sevier Rams on Dec. 16. The teams were tied after three quarters, but the visiting Rams poured in 24 points over the final eight minutes and secured the victory.

Krew Redd led all scorers for South Sevier with 23 points and Anthony Camba paced Canyon View with 16 points in the loss.

CV wrapped up 2025 with three games

at the annual Steve Hodson Cancer Classic Dec. 29-31. The Falcons faced Stansbury, Dixie and Carbon. A recap from the Classic will appear in the Jan. 8 edition.

Cedar played two home games to finish out the year against South Sevier on Dec. 30 and Payson on Dec. 31.

Cedar girls soccer duo sign college letters

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

teammate, fellow senior Jaden Hlebasko, had her commitment ready to go and stuck around closer to home.

In the end, Nielsen signed with an out-of-state program that made waves on the national stage this season.

Hlebasko signed her letter of intent to join Snow College on Dec. 17, and Nielsen put her name on a letter to head to College of Idaho, an NAIA program located in Caldwell, just outside of Boise. Hlebasko closed her Reds career with two goals in the Reds' 5-1 win over Provo in the opening round of the 4A playoffs, and Nielsen scored the only goal in Cedar's 4-1 road loss to Green Canyon in the second round.

Nielsen, who finished her senior season at Cedar with 17 goals scored, related how the selection process got started.

"I wanted to go to Snow so bad and didn't want to leave Utah," she said. "Nothing came out of the visit, though."

When the dust finally settled, Nielsen chose College of Idaho, a program that finished 17-3-1 in the fall and reached the round of 16 at the NAIA tournament Dec. 1. Hlebasko is joining a Badgers program that had a 13-4-3 record that ended with a 2-1 West District championship loss on Nov. 8 to Cochise College of Arizona. As they head to the next level, Nielsen and Hlebasko reflected on the experience of playing for head coach Scott

When it came time to choose a college, Cedar's Tylee Nielsen didn't want to leave Utah at first. Her

Nielsen is leaving for her LDS Church mission after graduation from Cedar in May, but Hlebasko will join the team at Snow College in the fall and hasn't committed to a church mission at this point.

Kamachi and the Cedar program. "I loved how much dedication he had to the team," Hlebasko said. "It's important to put in the effort to be a good team and that we can all become a family together."

With three different colleges carrying similar names – University of Idaho, College of Southern Idaho and College of Idaho, and College of Idaho – Nielsen admitted being confused at first.

"When I told people the different schools, I would say I was going to Idaho State or the other random ones in there," she said. "Then I remembered it was College of Idaho."



Cedar girls soccer teammates **Jaden Hlebasko** and **Tylee Nielsen** sign their letters of intent to play at the college level Dec. 17. Hlebasko signed with Snow College, and Nielsen will join College of Idaho after serving her LDS Church mission

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Flippin' Birds Land Top-25 Recognition to Open Season



by **Regan Hunsaker**
SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah – Southern Utah gymnastics opens the season with national momentum,

are a nice acknowledgment of the work our team has put in, but our focus is on what's ahead. This group understands the standard at Southern Utah,

checking in at No. 24 in the *College Gym News* pre-season rankings and No. 29 in the *WCGA Preseason Poll*. Both polls place the Flippin' Birds atop the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF), signaling another year of high expectations for one of the league's most consistent programs.

Coach Scotty Bauman said "The rankings

and opening the season against a program like Boise State is exactly the kind of challenge we want." The Thunderbirds enter the season chasing history, with a fourth straight conference championship and a third MPSF title since joining the league firmly in their sights. Southern Utah has become the conference benchmark, blending veteran leadership with competitive depth across all four events. A year ago, the Flippin' Birds closed the season ranked 21st nationally and punched their ticket to the NCAA Regional for the 13th consecutive year — a streak that speaks to the program's sustained success on the national stage.

Southern Utah will open the 2025 campaign with a marquee showdown, welcoming future Pac-12 opponent Boise State to Cedar City in a season-opening meet that will immediately test the Thunderbirds against a nationally respected program. With preseason rankings reinforcing their place among the nation's best, the Flippin' Birds look ready to turn expectations into results once again as they defend their conference crown and continue a run that has made postseason gymnastics a yearly standard in Cedar City.

Fresh Faces, New Options: Flippin' Birds Eye 2026 with Added Depth

by **Regan Hunsaker**
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

CEDAR CITY, Utah - As the Flippin' Birds prepare for the 2026 season, a talented group of freshmen brings

scoring potential and valuable depth to the potential lineup. While each newcomer arrives with an accomplished club résumé, their focus now turns to translating that success to the collegiate stage and helping SUU remain a dominant force in the MPSF and beyond.

Head Coach Scotty Bauman said "This freshman class brings a great mix of skill, confidence, and upside. They've competed at a high level, they understand what it takes to be consistent, and they're hungry to keep getting better. We expect them to push our lineups right away and continue building the standard we've set for this program."

Ariel Collum | Las Vegas, Nevada

Ariel Collum enters her freshman season as one of Southern Utah's most promising new options on uneven bars. The Las Vegas native has already shown the kind of difficulty and execution that can trans-

late well to NCAA scoring, highlighted by a career-high 9.925 on bars at the Level 10 ranks. Her routine features high-level elements and gives the Flippin' Birds another athlete capable of pushing a stellar bars lineup. Collum could also provide depth in other events as she continues to develop throughout the season.

Stella Dairon | Fort Collins, Colorado

Stella Dairon brings consistency and competitive experience into her first collegiate season, having qualified for DP Nationals twice and Region 3 regionals twice. That background positions her well for the demands of an NCAA schedule, where steady performances and lineup depth are critical. Dairon adds another reliable training presence as Southern Utah looks to maintain depth across multiple events throughout the season.

Vinciane Le Pen | Quimper, France

Vinciane Le Pen adds an international dynamic to the Flippin' Birds' roster and has the potential to factor into the vault lineup. A powerful vaulter who has spent the past several years training in the United States at Mountain West Gymnastics Academy, Le Pen qualified for regionals in 2024 and

continues to refine her skills now at the collegiate level. With international competition experience and plans to compete for France on the world stage next summer, she brings a unique level of composure and athleticism that could translate to big scores for SUU at some point.



Berlin Hall | Gilbert, Arizona

Berlin Hall enters the season as one of the most lineup-ready freshmen in Southern Utah's rotation. A College Gym News three-star recruit, Hall has proven she can score across all four events, posting a season-best all-around score of 38.4 at Level 10. Her floor

work, in particular, stands out after earning a 9.85 and claiming the 2023 DP Nationals floor title. With consistent performances on vault, bars, beam, and floor, Hall gives the Flippin' Birds flexibility and scoring potential as lineups take shape throughout the season.

With a freshman class capable of contributing in multiple areas, Southern Utah enters the 2026 season with increased depth and internal competition. As the Flippin' Birds settle into the rhythm of the year, these newcomers could play an important role in strengthening lineups and sustaining momentum from week to week.

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Civil No. 250500239

Judge: Matthew L. Bell

MISTY MARIE CARHART and KAY DEE JOHNSON, as Personal Representatives of the Estate
of KEVIN DEAN JOHNSON,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

DARCY L. JOHNSON,

Defendant.

THE STATE OF UTAH TO DEFENDANT DARCY L. JOHNSON:

You are hereby summoned and required to file an Answer in writing to the COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE on file with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court, and to serve upon, or mail to Matthew B. Miles, Attorney for Plaintiffs at 2661 Washington Blvd., Suite 201, Ogden, Utah 84401, a copy of said Answer within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

If you fail so to do, Judgment by Default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in said Complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court and a copy of which is hereto annexed and herewith served upon you.

DATED this 12 day of December 2025.

By:

Matthew B. Miles

Attorney for Plaintiffs

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS in the Fifth District Court in and for Iron County, State of Utah, Case No. 250500214, Judge Matthew L. Bell, North Field Properties, L.C. and Cedar City Corporation, Plaintiff, v. Defendants & John Does 1-10. THE STATE OF UTAH TO JOHN DOES 1-10: You are hereby summoned and required to file an answer in writing to the Complaint for Quiet Title on file with the Clerk of the Fifth District Court, Cedar City Department, 40 North 100 East, Cedar City, UT 84720 and serve on or mail to Ben Ruesch, Ruesch Reeve Werrett & Jones, PLLC 86 North 3400 West, Hurricane Utah 84737 and Randall McUne, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, UT 84720, attorneys for Plaintiffs a copy of said answer within twenty-one (21) days after service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in said Complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court. Dated this 12th day of December, 2025. Ruesch Reeve Werrett & Jones, PLLC, Ben Ruesch, Attorney for North Field Properties, L.C.; Randall McUne, Attorney for Cedar City Corporation.

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by Dave T. Phipps

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY:** What city is considered the birthplace of democracy?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president had a pet raccoon named Rebecca?
- MOVIES:** What is the 2007 documentary "The 11th Hour" about?
- GEOGRAPHY:** How many countries lie along the equator?
- ANATOMY:** Which part of the eye controls how much light enters it?
- TELEVISION:** What is the name of the Tanners' cat on the sitcom "ALF"?
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