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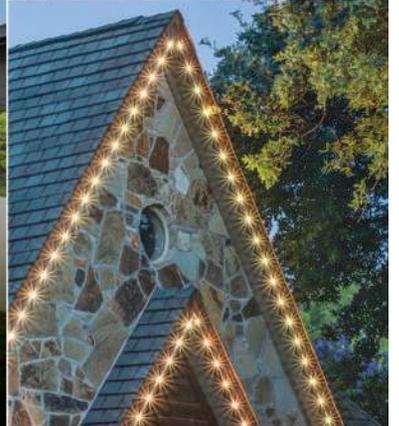
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STORY IN NEWS

Iron County School District Gets First Look at \$2.7 million in School LAND Trust Funding

by Jessie Stuart

LAND TRUSTS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY OFFICE

Salt Lake City, UTAH—January 5, 2026—The School and Institutional Trust Funds Office (SITFO) announced that the Trust Lands Permanent Funds will distribute a record-breaking \$134 million to public schools for the 2026-27 school year, marking a 20%

increase from last year's distribution of \$111 million. The increase reflects strong financial performance from trust land management and the Permanent School Fund investment portfolio, along with the first-year impact of Amendment B, the voter-approved measure that raised the annual distribution cap from 4% to 5%. Without Amendment B, schools would have received an estimated \$118 million for the 2026-27 school year rather than \$134 million.

Schools will be notified of their School LAND Trust Fund allocations for the 2026-27 school year this week, giving administrators and school community councils a first look at their forthcoming grant. Allocations are made to every public school in the state based on a per-pupil formula.

For Iron County School District, School LAND Trust funding will be \$2.7 million, an increase of \$416,400 from last year. These funds support

academic intervention and innovation, help reduce class sizes, expand access to technology, and enhance professional development.

School LAND Trust funds supplement, rather than replace, traditional school funding sources and provide flexibility for local decisions, recognizing that the needs of one school may differ from another.

"Utah students benefit from a trust system that delivers strong results and protects both current and future beneficiaries," said Treasurer Marlo Oaks, who chairs the SITFO Board. "Careful land management and prudent investment decisions strengthen schools today and preserve the fund for generations to come." School trust funds are generated from trust lands granted at statehood to support public education and other state institutions. Revenue from leases, sales, and development is deposited into the Permanent Funds and invested to provide ongoing support. In addition to public schools, trust beneficiaries, including higher education and other designated state institutions, are also receiving increased distributions through their

respective permanent funds. Since 1994, the combined permanent funds have grown from \$50 million to \$4.1 billion.

"This marks a significant milestone for Utah's Trust System and the growing impact on all trust beneficiaries," said Kim Christy, Director of the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office. "The Trust Lands Administration and SITFO are doing great things to uphold trust principles and sustain maximum performance of the trust assets." The Trust Lands Administration (TLA) manages 3.3 million acres of Trust Lands in Utah. Trust Lands are not public lands. Congress allocated Trust Lands specifically to generate revenue to support designated state institutions—primarily public schools. Land revenue produced by (TLA) is invested by the School and Institutional Trust Funds Office (SITFO). The School LAND Trust Office at the Utah State Board of Education distributes Trust Funds to K12 schools and the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office ensures beneficiary interests are maximized by monitoring Trust Land management, and Trust Fund investment and distribution administration.

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Man charged with five felony counts after allegedly attacking officers with golf clubs in Cedar City

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man is facing multiple felony charges after police say an attempted arrest escalated into a violent confrontation at a gas station. Michael James Torp, 39, was arrested Dec. 28 and booked into the Iron County Jail on five counts of assault on a peace officer with a dangerous weapon, all second-degree felonies. According to the affidavit, the arrest stemmed from a traffic stop the night before in which the suspect fled from law enforcement. Officers later determined the truck involved in that incident belonged to Torp, who also had an active statewide warrant out of Washington County related to marijuana possession. The following day, a Utah Highway Patrol trooper observed a truck matching the description of the vehicle that had fled the previous night pull into the Maverik at Old Highway 91 and state Route 130. The affidavit states the truck backed into a parking space in what the trooper believed was an attempt to conceal the license plate. When Torp exited the store and got back into the driver's seat, officers boxed in the vehicle to prevent

another attempt to flee. As officers began giving commands, Torp exited the truck and moved to the bed of the pickup, where police say he retrieved two golf clubs.

"He swung the clubs at [a deputy] in a manner that was intended to cause serious bodily harm or death to avoid arrest," the affidavit states.

Despite multiple taser deployments, officers said the devices had no effect. Torp allegedly charged one deputy, knocking him to the ground and striking him three times in the lower leg and ankle with a golf club. The affidavit states Torp then charged a responding state trooper and later a Cedar City police officer, swinging the golf club at each as he advanced.

Torp eventually complied with commands after a K-9 unit arrived and was taken into custody. He was transported to Cedar City Hospital for medical clearance before being booked into jail. During a search of the vehicle, police reported finding a marijuana pipe containing a testable amount of marijuana.

In addition to the felony assault charges, Torp is facing one count of interfering with a peace officer, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all misdemeanors.

The affidavit requests higher-than-normal bail, stating Torp had previously fled from law enforcement and "has shown with the assaults that he is willing to assault anyone, including law enforcement, to avoid apprehension."

Seasonal Closure of State Route 148 Opens Snowmobile Access Through Cedar Breaks National Monument



from Cedar Breaks National Monument

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

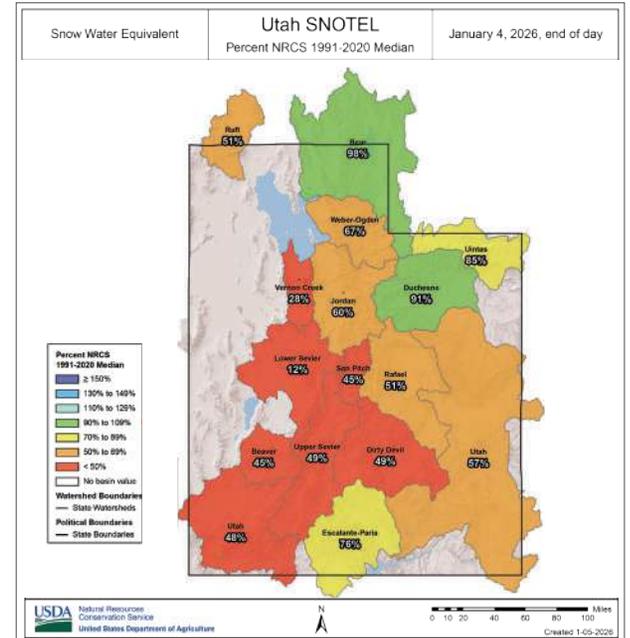
CEDAR CITY, Utah — State Route 148 through Cedar Breaks National Monument is now closed for its routine winter season due to sufficient snowpack. This closure is a normal annual operation.

Snowmobile use is permitted only on the designated snowmobile route, which follows State Route 148 and is marked with orange snow poles. Travel outside of the marked route is prohibited to protect sensitive meadowlands beneath the snow.

All facilities remain closed for the winter. Visitors should be prepared for winter conditions and limited services. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.nps.gov/CedarBreaks.

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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

A COLD FRONT WILL BRING THE CHANCE FOR SCATTERED SNOW SHOWERS ON OUR THURSDAY, AS COLDER AIR RETURNS TO THE AREA. THE WEEKEND THROUGH EARLY NEXT WEEK WILL FEATURE SUNSHINE AND WARMING TEMPERATURES AS HIGH PRESSURE BUILDS OVER UTAH.

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WINDS: N 5-15

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WINDS: NE 5-10

SUNDAY

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FROM THE EDITOR



Dearest Readers,

This is a letter I have wrestled with writing, not because the decision was unclear, but because it marks the closing of a chapter that has

meant so much to me. After much reflection and prayer, I have decided to step away from my role at Iron County Today to steer fully into motherhood.

Serving this community through the pages of this paper has been an incredible honor. Telling your stories, celebrating local traditions, navigating hard news weeks together, and highlighting the moments that make Iron County special has been a privilege I will always cherish. Local journalism matters deeply, and I am proud of the work we have done together to inform, connect, and reflect the heartbeat of Iron County.

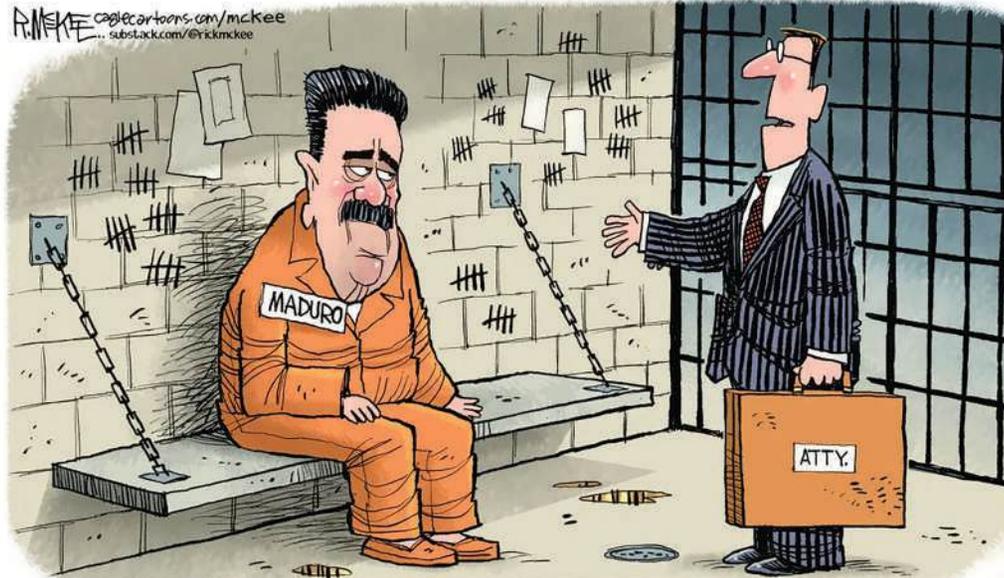
This decision is rooted in gratitude rather than goodbye. My life has grown full in the most beautiful and demanding ways, and at this season, my children need more of me, and I want to give them that time wholeheartedly. Motherhood has been the greatest calling of my life, and while it comes with exhaustion and sacrifice, it is also rich with joy, wonder, and purpose. For now, that is where my full attention belongs.

I am deeply thankful to the team at Iron County Today for their support, friendship, patience, and shared commitment to this paper. And to you, our readers, thank you for trusting me with your stories, for your kindness, your feedback, your letters, and for allowing me into your homes week after week. It has truly meant more than I can put into words.

While I may be stepping away from the newsroom, this paper will always hold a special place in my heart. I look forward to cheering it on from the other side of the page.

Thank you all!

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SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR



"THE BAD NEWS IS YOU'VE BEEN ARRESTED FOR BEING A DRUG LORD...
THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT TRUMP LOVES TO PARDON DRUG LORDS,"

Good Neighbors

PART 1

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

I have been so fortunate and blessed because I have had a good neighbor during the ten years I have lived in Cedar City. Everyone wants to live next to a good neighbor, but how many of us are willing to go the extra mile as exemplified by the well-known story of the Good Samaritan that Jesus told so long ago (Luke 10:25-37). "An expert in the law, asked Jesus: "Teacher ... what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered: "Love

the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'. You have answered correctly, Jesus replied, 'Do this and you will live.' But the man wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Following that question Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan. Now Samaritans were despised by the Jews, and in the parable that Jesus told, righteous priests and Levites passed an injured man and left him on the trail. However, a despised Samaritan came upon the injured man and took pity on him, bandaged his wounds and poured on oil and wine as an antiseptic. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought the injured one to an inn, left money for expenses, and told the innkeeper that he would return to reimburse the innkeeper for any additional expenses. Jesus asked which of these was a good neighbor. Of course, it was the person who had mercy and helped the man who fell into the

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You should be careful, therefore, to live your life fully, and marriage and children and grandchildren, and all the trouble and heartbreak that accompanies all of that, is much of what life has to offer. Miss it at your great peril."

-Jordan Peterson

WORD OF THE WEEK

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intensity of feeling or expression

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NEIGHBORS

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hands of the robbers. A good neighbor exemplifies compassion and mercy given to others regularly. My next-door neighbor has shown this type of compassion and helpfulness to me during the 10 years that I have lived in Cedar City. We all want to live in a community of kind neighbors, but how many of us are willing to go the extra mile shown by the Good Samaritan? Compassion is a central theme in the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan felt pity for the injured man and took action. True compassion goes beyond simply feeling sorry for someone; like my next-door neighbor who helps me every week by taking my large garbage can to the curb so it will be picked up each Tuesday morning. His wife is an imaginative talented artist and cook. She regularly brings European style pastries over to me as treats. I really could not ask for better neighbors. The story of the Good Samaritan demonstrates that true compassion goes beyond simply feeling sorry for someone. Compassion calls for us to step up and do something to help others. We live in a busy world where it can be easy to ignore those who are in need and may be suffering even in our community in Iron County. Compassion should drive our actions and lead us to notice the struggles of others and respond with kindness.

The following scriptures teach us the righteous way to live: 1) Matthew 9:36: "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.;" 2) Philippians 2:4: "Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.;" 3) Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." 4) Colossians 3:12: "Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.;" 5) Luke 6:36: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"

In our reflection on being a good neighbor and the Good Samaritan, we see that kindness is not merely a feeling, but it is intended to be an action. A good neighbor, such as my neighbor and his wife, helps with positive actions just as the Good Samaritan did with no expectation of reward or acknowledgement. He didn't just sympathize with the wounded traveler; he acted, cared for his wounds, and transported him to safety. Kindness is like a warm light that can cut through the darkness in someone else's life. Are we acting with kindness toward others? The Scriptures encourage us to be proactive in our kindness, finding ways to uplift those around us, whether a stranger or someone who lives close to us. Let's be proactive and strive to spread kindness far and wide in our everyday interactions. As the Scriptures tell us in Galatians 6:10, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..." Let us exemplify being good neighbors: 1) Good neighbors are friendly and kind; 2) Good neighbors help each other; 3) Good neighbors can be trusted; 4) Good neighbors respect others and are considerate of neighbor's property. Next week, tips for meeting new neighbors as Iron County grows, and new neighbors move here.

My next-door neighbor

public & health

Intermountain Health St. George Regional Hospital Welcomes Utah's First Baby of 2026; Cedar City Also Welcomes Their First Delivery

from Brad Gillman

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH

The New Year began with joy and celebration in Southern Utah.

Intermountain Health

St. George Regional Hospital celebrated Utah's first baby of 2026 born at 12:09 am on January 1st when Valley Zohner made her grand entrance into the world. Her delighted parents, Kenedi and Zach, are thrilled to welcome their precious daughter to their family.

The Zohners live in Cedar City but chose to deliver at St. George Regional Hospital because their OBGYN works there. They had been anticipating the baby's arrival, and wanted to be prepared, so they had been staying Christmas week with family in St. George.

The plan was to arrive on New Year's Eve to start her induction, only to be surprised to find that she was already mid-labor when she arrived for her appointment. Kenedi said she just was not feeling the contractions. With no inducement needed, the baby was near her arrival.

"This delivery was very easy and went very well. Baby came very fast and easy compared to my last baby," said Kenedi Zohner. "All of the nurses have been nice, and lovely. They are great at their jobs." Valley weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and measured 20.5 inches long.

Intermountain Health Cedar City Hospital was just on the heels as they welcomed their first baby at 7:02 am January 1st as well. Jordan and Reagan Woodward welcomed their new baby boy, Tommy. He was born at 6 pounds 5 ounces and is 19 inches long.

All Cedar City Hospital babies born this year are also being gifted handmade quilts from the Cedar Chest Quilters Guild in honor of America's 250th celebration. The Woodward family is the first to receive their quilt.

In 2025, there were 2,753 babies born at St. George Regional Hospital and Cedar City Hospital welcomed 818 babies.

The new parents received a prize basket from Intermountain Health to celebrate the New Year's birth, which included generous donations from Utah-based baby product vendors: Minky Couture, Loulou and Company, and Over the Moon.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



Friends and neighbors,

SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

As we bring 2025 to a close, I always find it meaningful to pause and reflect on the past year.

Utah is a remarkable place to live and serve, and much of that comes from the character of our people. Across our rural towns and growing communities, Utahns continue to show what it means to be generous, hardworking, faithful, and resilient. I am continually reminded that our strongest asset is not policy or process, but the spirit of our people and their willingness to look out for one another.

For the third consecutive year, Utah has been recognized as the top state in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. This recognition reflects years of effort by families, job creators, educators, community leaders, and public servants who work together to maintain stability, opportunity, and upward mobility. Utah's strong economy, responsible fiscal approach, and commitment to results do not happen by accident. They are built intentionally, and they are preserved when we stay focused on the long term rather than the headlines of the moment.

This year, like every year, has also reminded us that progress requires constant work. We continue to face rapid growth, rising costs,

infrastructure needs, and workforce demands. These are real challenges, but they are also the kinds of challenges that come with success and expansion. My focus remains on making sure Utah families have real opportunity, not just today, but for generations to come. When we plan thoughtfully, invest wisely, and live within our means, we protect the foundation that has helped Utah thrive.

I want to express my deep appreciation for those who serve our communities every day. First responders, law enforcement, educators, healthcare professionals, service members, faith leaders, and volunteers all play a vital role in keeping our communities strong. Many work quietly, often without recognition, and often at personal sacrifice. Their efforts reflect the very best of Utah.

Throughout the past year, your input has helped guide my work in the Utah Senate. I value the conversations I have with constituents in living rooms, at community events, at local businesses, and through calls and emails. Utah's strength is not found in a single building or governing body, but in the engagement of its citizens. In the coming weeks, you will receive a pre-session survey that allows you to share what matters most to you. I hope

you will take a few minutes to respond. Your voice truly matters.

Utah continues to lead the nation in social mobility, meaning people who live here have real opportunities to improve their quality of life and expand their future possibilities. That is something worth protecting. Responsible budgeting, low taxes, workforce development, strong schools, safe communities, and

reliable infrastructure all contribute to a state where people can succeed. My commitment is to continue advancing policies that strengthen families rather than burden them.

This year also included important conversations about transparency and constitutional responsibility in elections and redistricting. Utahns deserve confidence that their government

is accountable and that the processes that shape representation are grounded in law, fairness, and public trust. Preserving that trust is essential to a healthy democracy, and it remains a priority in the work ahead.

Looking toward the future, Utah is also preparing once again to welcome the world for the 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Games will bring economic opportunity, spotlight our natural beauty, and remind us of

the unifying power of sports and shared purpose. The success of the 2002 Games helped build much of our state's modern momentum. I am confident the upcoming Games will continue that legacy.

As we approach the 2026 General Session, the work continues. Growth, affordability, water security, education, transportation, healthcare access, and workforce readiness all require careful stewardship. My promise is simple. I will continue to listen. I will continue to weigh decisions thoughtfully. And I will continue to approach every issue with a focus on what best serves Utah families, both now and in the years to come.

As we step into a new year, I hope you have time to gather with those you love, reflect on the blessings in your life, and look forward with hope. Utah is strong because its people are strong. Because families care for one another. Because neighbors still greet each other by name. And because our communities are built on shared values and a sense of responsibility for the future.

Thank you for the honor of representing you in the Utah Senate. I am grateful for your trust, your kindness, your engagement, and your support. My wife Chris and I extend our warmest wishes to you and your family for a peaceful, healthy, and happy 2026. I look forward to continuing the work ahead and to another year of progress, opportunity, and service to the great people of Utah.



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.

After 50 years in law enforcement, Tom Cowan retires quietly – the same way he worked

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On most mornings, Iron County Sheriff Deputy Tom Cowan stood near the entrance of Cedar City's Justice Court, greeting people as they came through security.

Some were there to pay traffic tickets. Others were showing up for hearings, jury duty or paperwork they didn't fully understand. Many arrived stressed or uncertain about what waited on the other side of the door. Cowan answered what he could, directed people where they needed to go, and returned to his post without drawing attention to himself.

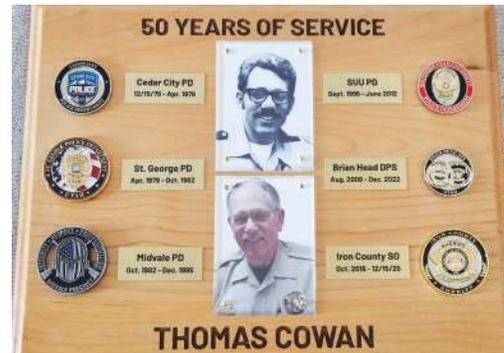
Cowan retired this past month, closing a career that began on Dec. 15, 1975, and ended to the day five decades later. He spent his final years as a bailiff with the Iron County Sheriff's Office, working inside the courthouse largely out of public view.

His final courthouse shift on Dec. 15 was marked quietly among fellow bailiffs and court staff. A larger retirement gathering followed on Dec. 29, bringing together colleagues from across the sheriff's office and others who worked with him over the decades.

Cowan's career spanned a period of major change in policing and included service with Cedar City Police Department, St. George Police, Midvale Police, Southern Utah University Police, Brian Head Public Safety and the Iron County Sheriff's Office.

Cowan retired as the oldest certified law enforcement officer in Utah, a distinction fellow bailiff David Farley said he verified with Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training. Cowan was 77 at the time of his retirement. Sheriff Ken Carpenter has known Cowan for more than two decades and worked with him well before Cowan joined the sheriff's office. Over that time, Carpenter said Cowan developed a reputation for dependability and quiet leadership.

"He's just one of those guys you can



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE IRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Tom Cowan Party: Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter thanking Officer Tom Cowan for his many years of service at his retirement party.

always count on," Carpenter said. "You always know he's going to be there."

That steadiness

showed up in moments most people never saw.

Carpenter recalled a late-night call years ago when Cowan, then working at Southern Utah University, radioed for help and then went silent.

Officers rushed to the area and found Cowan in a vacant parking lot, physically struggling with a younger man who outweighed him. Cowan had wrapped himself around the suspect and held on until backup arrived. "He never knew the word quit," Carpenter said.

While those moments defined Cowan to fellow officers, the public experienced him differently, especially in the courthouse.

Lt. Shawn Peterson said Cowan had a way of enforcing order without

making people feel diminished, even in situations charged with emotion.

"It doesn't matter what side of the law you're on when you come in," Peterson said. "He talks to you like you're a person."

Peterson said Cowan's approach wasn't scripted or strategic but instead, consistent.

"He truly embodies community-oriented policing," Peterson said. "People can be having the worst day of their lives, and after talking with Tom, they usually leave with a smile."

In an email to Iron County News, Farley echoed Peterson's sentiments, saying Cowan's ability to connect with people was something the public noticed and remembered.

"One thing that has really impressed me is Tom's ability to interact with litigants and the public," Farley said. "He has great interpersonal skills. I have a number of people who come through to the DMV or the courts who ask me about Tom and mention how much they like him and enjoy talking with him."

Even late in his career, Cowan continued to attend training and firearms qualifications, staying engaged with the job rather than coasting toward retirement. He remained visible, involved and prepared, traits that followed him across decades of service. With Cowan stepping away, Peterson said the courthouse will feel different. "There are big shoes to fill," he said. Cowan has never been one to draw attention to himself, and retirement hasn't changed that. He has talked about spending more time with family, riding horses and slowing down,



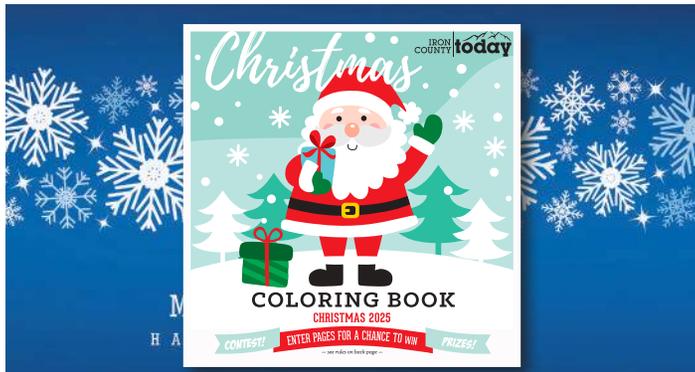
something he rarely did while working.

"I'm not sure what retirement looks like yet," Cowan said. "I've always stayed busy."

Still, he does have some plans including spending time traveling with his wife and training horses for his grandchildren. But after decades of structured schedules and steady routines, Cowan said retirement will likely take some adjustment. In reflecting on what he hopes carries forward, for younger officers and for the community, Cowan said the message he'd pass on is simple: "Learn how to take responsibility. And learn how to love people regardless of what they are, what they've done. We all need to take a lesson from some of the religious teachings and learn how to serve others."

For Carpenter, Cowan's departure marks the end of an era defined less by rank or titles than by presence. "After 50 years of continuous service," Carpenter said, "he's more than earned his retirement."

And in a career shaped by showing up, staying steady and treating people with respect, Cowan left the same way, without ceremony or spectacle, showing up for his last shift and doing the job one last time.



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Jaylee Phister

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Janessa Bess

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Justin Godfrey announces Candidacy for School Board



I am honored to announce my candidacy for the Iron County School Board, District 7. My professional experience started as firefighter—an experience that instilled in me a deep sense of responsibility, teamwork, and service. In 1999, I moved to Cedar City to attend Southern Utah University. What started as an educational opportunity quickly became a lifelong commitment to Southern Utah. I came to love this community, its people, and the values that make Iron County such a remarkable place to live and raise a family. While attending SUU, I paused my studies to serve the people of Monterrey, Mexico. That experience profoundly shaped my worldview, teaching me the importance of service, discipline, compassion, and civic involvement. I returned to SUU and graduated in 2004.

That same year, I married my wife, Rachel Johnson. Rachel was born and raised in Enoch and has deep family roots throughout Iron County. Many of her family members have lived, worked, and raised their families here for generations, and her lifelong connection to this community has further strengthened my own commitment to serving it. Together, we are raising four children who attend, or have attended, Iron County schools—giving us firsthand experience with the opportunities and challenges facing our education system.

Our oldest daughter, Sophia, is 19. She graduated from highschool in May of 2025 and is now attending the College of Western Idaho in the dental hygienist program. Jacoby, 16, is a junior and plays ice hockey for the Southern Utah Independent high school team. Xander is 11 and in 5th grade at Enoch Elementary. He has been diagnosed with autism and, thanks to the dedication and care of his teachers and school staff, has thrived both academically and socially—an experience that has given our family a deep respect for Iron County educators. Our youngest, Xavier, is 9, in 3rd grade, and loves playing ice hockey at KJ's Ice Barn.

Professionally, I spent 14 years with The Kellogg Company as a territory sales representative, where I developed strong skills in accountability, logistics, budgeting, and performance management. In 2019, I transitioned into business development and venture capital. Today, I work for Supreme Ice in Beaver, Utah as an account executive, working directly with corporate leadership. Rachel and I also own Freedom Distribution LLC, distributing Little Debbie and Sunbelt Bakery products to stores throughout Iron County.

In recent years, the increasing division, hostility, and violence in our national discourse—including attacks and threats directed at public figures—served as a personal call to action for me. I believe strongly that positive change begins locally, and that good people must be willing to step forward and serve their communities with courage and goodwill.

Outside of work and family, I am a lifelong hockey fan and enjoy cheering on the Iron County Yeti at KJ's Ice Barn whenever we are not traveling for high school games. Rachel and I cherish the beauty of Iron County—from its red rock landscapes and mountain views to the close-knit communities that make this place truly special. I am running for the Iron County School Board to be a thoughtful, steady, and principled voice for students, parents, teachers, and taxpayers. I believe in transparency, fiscal responsibility, and policies that put students first while respecting and supporting our educators.

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ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

Arts Council Hosts Winter Social

by Sara Penny

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

Cedar City: You are invited to the Cedar City Arts Council Winter Social on Monday, January 12, at 7 p.m. in the SUU Music Building, Thorley Recital Hall. This is a free public event to help build our arts community and to make connections with art, music, and refreshments. We are pleased to present the Art Service Award to Nano Taggart for his service to the literary arts community. He previously served on the CCAC Board and designed our website. He has been instrumental in encouraging many local authors and hosting numerous readings and other literary events. With his signature humor here is the short bio he wrote: "Nano Taggart lives with the poet Natalie Padilla Young, where they mostly stumble through the workings of Sugar House Review. You can see a few of his poems in a smattering of dope journals like Terrain.org and the Shore Poetry. He is the English faculty advisor for SUU's award-winning literary

magazine, Kolob Canyon Review. He would like to meet your dog and reserves the right to ask if he can sleep on your futon. (These are not metaphors.)" Mini-grant recipient Tiffany Marchant described how she decided to tackle a stained glass project: "I am an art teacher at the Iron County Alternative High School in Cedar City, where I teach juniors and seniors who are credit deficient and at risk of not graduating. Three years ago, I stumbled upon several crates tucked away in a closet at Canyon View High School labeled "Bullseye." Curious, I asked another teacher what was inside and learned they contained glass from Bullseye Glass Company in Portland, Oregon. He explained that a teacher had started a glass program years earlier but had since left to teach at SUU. He asked if I would be interested in taking the glass and teaching a glass class. Although I had no experience with fused glass, I was eager to learn. After teaching fused glass for several months, I began to

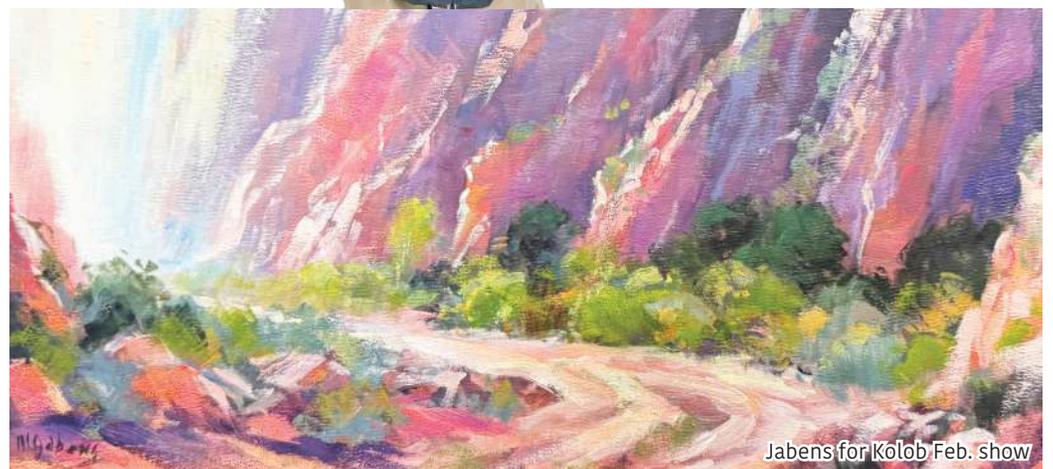
notice that some of the glass was not compatible. I soon discovered it was stained glass rather than fusible glass. This realization led me, last summer, to intentionally learn stained glass so I could teach it to

my students. Thanks to the Cedar City Arts Council, I have been the recipient of a grant that allowed me to purchase additional stained glass for my classroom. I am excited to teach this medium this year and grateful for the opportunity to expand creative possibilities for my students." Marchant will also preview Kolob Gallery's annual "Pretty in Pink," Valentine sale set for Saturday, February 7, from 6 to 8 pm. "Join us for an evening of art, community, and creativity at Kolob Gallery—where local art and local heart come together," she said. Michael Clark

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Hollyhocks



Jabens for Kolob Feb. show



The Art of Raising Chickens

by Samuel Wells

CCAC BOARD MEMBER

Did you know that chickens can purr? I didn't until I recently visited one of Cedar City's flocksters (who also call themselves crazy chicken ladies). Professor Sarah Brock teaches anatomy, physiology and general biology during the day to an admiring flock of students at SUU. But when work is over she hurries home to take care of her other chores, I mean the chickens that she lovingly cares for as pets. "I started this all backwards," she told me. "If you want to raise chickens you should learn all you can before you start. They grow so fast and it is hard to keep up with all their needs." Instead, Sarah and her husband (Dr. Gary L. Wallace) purchased the chicks locally this last March, set up a heat lamp and gathered them into a fairly small box inside the house. And that was fine for a few days, until they seemed to double in size overnight and space became a real issue. Soon they were restructuring their backyard and Gary suddenly found himself building a coop near their giant apple tree with little time to prepare. I was



impressed by this because the coop looks almost like a chicken palace - with roosts, food puzzles, mirrors (chickens love mirrors), decorative signs, and a shiny Disco Ball. Sarah's hens purr because they live in a stress-free place. They also know who is in charge and that their caretaker is watching out for them. I know this sounds a little fanciful. But chickens can sense more than we give them credit for. In the Old World where they used to live as wild birds, several hens would live together under the protection of a single rooster. In Cedar City and in many other towns where roosters are not allowed, the hens need to find reassurance in other ways. Lacking this protection they begin to create harmful pecking orders of their own. When I visited Sarah's chickens, I was surprised that there wasn't a single runt among them. They were all fat and happy. A couple of them milled around her feet until she picked them up. There are a lot of other ways to raise chickens. Many of them are not healthy for the birds or for us. Overcrowding is one of the big problems in large production facilities.



Varieties have been created that grow so fast in tiny cages that their bones break. "I can't eat this kind of chicken meat anymore," Sarah said. "Not after I have come to understand how much I mean to these ladies." Sarah is a real example of how to be a successful small farmer in a place like Cedar City. You have to care about your dependents and spend time with them. And you have to give



them plenty of safe places to move around. Sarah also insists that you need the gift of good neighbors - of which she has many. I left her place thinking that we could use a few more crazy chicken ladies in Cedar.

WINTER SOCIAL

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will report on his mini-grant which helped fund the Plein Air Competition. The artists were featured in an exhibit at the

Cedar City Library in the Park. There will also be music featuring Dr. Andrew Briggs. He is the SUU Director of Choral Activities and is also a popular performer, such as his recent performances with the Orchestra of Southern Utah. Social refreshments will be provided by *Wildflower Catering & Bakery*. This is a free public event. "We are looking forward to seeing our arts community on Jan. 12," said Roger Gold, CCAC President. "These events provide valuable connections between different types of artists as well as the public." As a reminder, the next deadline for mini-grant applications is Feb. 28 and the application is at www.cedarcityartscouncil.org under Support.



Nano Taggart, Plein Air Competition artists with Steve Decker, art from upcoming Kolob Gallery "Pretty in Pink" event.



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Injured Falcon Returns Home for Christmas Early.

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

While most people were busy getting ready for the holidays, on the Sunday just before Christmas, one particularly injured and now rehabilitated Prairie Falcon was getting ready to be released back into the wild, just west of the Parowan Gap. The reason for this was that Martin Tyner and his wife Susan, who co-founded the **Southwest Wilderness Foundation Inc.** (a 501 (c) (3) organization) 55 years ago, had gathered on a lonely road, along with nearly 50 of their supporters who were all invited to watch this beautiful bird of prey return to its natural habitat after being rehabbed at the Tyner's Enoch wildlife facility. The injured falcon had been brought to the Department of Fish and Game after being in a collision with a car, in early December, down in Washington County. The bird was then transferred to the Enoch facility, she had a wing that was droopy but not broken, some tissue damage and a slight



concussion. If you're not familiar with the rehabilitation work done by the Tyners, and their team of dedicated volunteers, they are a fixture in Iron County for the work they do on sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, to restore them to health and return them to the wild, and they did just that for this rescued falcon.

If you have ever met Martin Tyner, you would know immediately that he is a man who loves what he does, and he and his crew do it very well! Every few months the Tyners gather their followers together to witness a release which is the culmination of their kindness and caring that goes on all year long.

Martin is well known for his detailed explanations to his gathered supporters, of the life and characteristics of his birds. As he explained, falcons are not people-friendly in the least. He had brought along another Prairie Falcon who was one of his Ambassador Birds with whom he tours and teaches.

It posed quite handsomely for the audience who were all bundled up on that windy stretch of high desert watching and photographing the bird. Once Martin brought out the cage containing the wild falcon, and opened the door, we all had about 1/100th of a second to capture a picture of the fleeing bird, and, within 2 seconds she was 100s of yards across the sandy landscape, back into the wild, without even a hint of gratitude or thanks to the man who healed her and sent her on her way. The work that is done by the Wildlife Rescue Foundation is all volunteer-based, along with donations. If you are interested in this kind of rewarding volunteer work, or making a donation, think about contacting Martin or Susan at (435) 586-4693 or on their website: gowildlife.org for more information. Several of the people who drove out to see the release had brought their children to experience what a difference caring people can make. You can also sign-up on their website to receive notifications of upcoming bird releases, it's memorable and quite something to witness. No one would take exception if you signed up now, but waited for warmer weather to witness this.



calendar

THURS, JAN 8

OPEN AUDITION: "SNOOPY!!!"

The Musical is coming to The Forge this spring, and we're excited to announce that auditions will be held January 7th & 8th! Directed by 3 time Emmy Winner Ellen Wheeler. Auditioning all ages. Location: Roots Counseling & Wellness (Cedar City). Performances begin March 26th. Whether you're a returning performer or brand new to the stage, we want YOU to come be part of this joyful, high-energy production based on Charles Schulz's beloved Peanuts characters."

FRI, JAN 9

OPEN AUDITION FOR

AMERICAN CROSSROAD THEATER (6-9PM) @ Johnson Center, 59 N 100 W, Cedar City. Come join our story this coming season, we will be performing Come From Away, The Music Man, Mister Lincoln, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, and TBA! Please prepare a 1-minute monologue and a minute or less of a Broadway song. Please plan to have a track that can be cast to a Bluetooth speaker."

MON, JAN 12

WINTER ARTS SOCIAL (7PM)

You are invited to the Winter Arts Social. Hosted by the Cedar City Arts Council@ SUU Music Building.

TUES, JAN 13

PAROWAN 175TH BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION begins at 9:00 am in the Parowan High School Gymnasium (168 N Main St) and will include a song & dance by the Parowan High and Elementary Students. The celebration continues at 11:00 am Luncheon and at 12:00 pm the Town Meeting in the Parowan High Auditorium (168 N Main St). For more information, call (435) 477-8190. Be sure to come back on Saturday for the Birthday Ball at 7:00 pm in the Iron County Fair Building.

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

(1-2PM) Join us for Music, Motion, and Art Workshops! Dancing, juggling, drum circles, art projects & so much more! At the Lighthouse Art & Learning Center (Near Applebees - between Sweet Basil & Subway). Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151.

JAZZCAST (7PM) RETURNS

with an evening of live jazz on Tuesday at Off the Cuff Comedy Center (913 S Main St). Hosted by the Jazz Alliance of Cedar City, this show features Glenn Webb and Rob Schmidt. Free admission and free desserts make it the perfect midweek treat.

THURS, JAN 15

UTAH FARM & FOOD CONFERENCE (JAN. 15-17)

10th annual Utah Farm and Food Conference, "From the Ground Up", will gather more than 300 farmers, ranchers, gardeners, biodynamic practitioners, permaculturists, educators, students, activists, chefs, seed geeks, foodies, and homesteaders from Utah and neighboring states. The conference will inspire learning, engaging, exploring, sharing, questioning, connecting, reflection, camaraderie, and reverence as a vibrant community gathers over three days. Our minds and hearts will be opened, souls and spirits will be nourished, and our wills will be strengthened to continue the sacred work of stewarding land, growing food, building local food economies, and cultivating relationships.

SAT, JAN

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STATE WIDE FARMERS' MARKET (8:30-11AM) State Wide Farmers' Market in Cedar City, Utah. Come celebrate the bounty of our state and the hard work of dedicated farmers, ranchers, growers, and artisanal producers. Experience the

joy of knowing where your food comes from and the satisfaction of supporting our local food economy. Check out our website for more information: <https://www.utfarmconference.org/farmers-market>. This event is open to the public and part of the Utah Farm and Food Conference. The market will be at the Heritage Center Theater Lobby, 105 North 100 East, Cedar City, UT 84720

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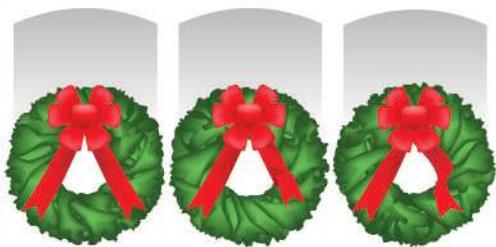


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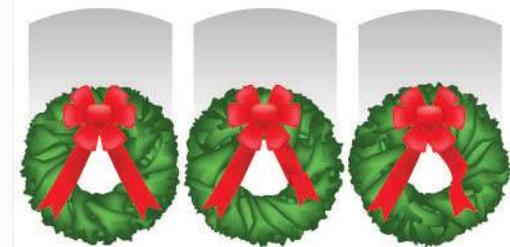
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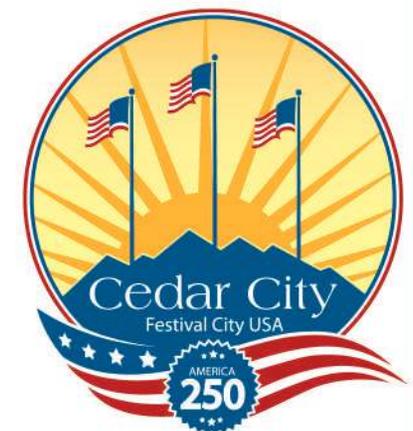
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calendar

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)

Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance (CAIFA)

3rd Tues 10:30am @ Cedar Library, West room. Help us plan and organize fundraising projects and quarterly community events.

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

3rd Tues, 11:30 AM @ the Cedar City Brian Head Visitors Center.

Elks Lodge #1556

111 E Freedom Blvd. Cedar City, (435) 586-8332

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

KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

ARP—Addiction Recovery

1st Wed, 7 pm • Parowan Seminary building, Main & 300 N, Parowan

Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

Caregivers

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

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@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or email 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.cedarcitycommunityband.org or by calling 435-590-2513.

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

Iron County Moms For America

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

Labyrinth Walk

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

Local Cub Scout Pack (K-5th).

Wednesday @ 6 p.m. For more information, go to myscouting.org or contact local Cubmaster Tristin L. at CubScoutTroop1848UT@gmail.com

Parowan Pickleball

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

PB&J Therapy Groups

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

College: forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiePW63pR6zDk89

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@sonrisechurch.net.

quilts of iron county

AMERICA 250 QUILTS

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City Councilman Scott Phillips had an idea for the America 250 quilts. It all started with a notion he had been thinking about for several months. As he looked at all the celebrations that are going on and being planned for America's 250th Birthday Celebration, he began to wonder: *What are we doing for young families and young children?* He wanted to create a legacy that would live on long after this special birthday celebration period was over.

While attending a convention in Salt Lake City, Scott heard a young woman speak about being a bicentennial baby, and she was now 50 years

old. That moment got Scott thinking: *What can we do for Cedar City? How could we get our local hospital involved in this celebration, and what can live beyond 2026?*

Scott decided that creating an America 250 quilt for every child born at Cedar City Hospital in 2026 would be a wonderful idea. However, he would need to contract a company, guild, or group willing to take on the task of making the quilts. After meeting with the Cedar Chest Quilt Guild and their members, as well as Cedar City Hospital administration to see if they would accept such a gift, the idea was officially born. Scott met with Jamison Robinett and Rachelle Hughes at the hospital and then followed up with the quilt guild.

Originally, Scott estimated that 100–200 quilts would need to be made that year. However, the hospital informed him they would need 800 to 900 quilts, as over 800

babies were born at Cedar City Hospital in 2025. That number initially seemed overwhelming. Scott returned to the quilt guild to see if they had the strength and manpower to take on such a project. About a week later, the guild responded enthusiastically, saying they were behind the idea 100%.

The guild has been reaching out to friends and supporters and is having special labels made for all the quilts. Scott shared that he hopes these quilts will become legacy

pieces and keepsakes for families so that 50 years from now, those children will still have their quilts as a reminder of America's 250th birthday.

The Cedar Chest Quilt Guild made their first delivery

of 18 quilts to Cedar City Hospital on December 30, and the project will continue from there.

Anyone interested in helping with this project is encouraged to do so. The Cedar Chest Quilt Guild gladly accepts donations of fabric or monetary contributions. Volunteers willing to help make quilts are also welcome. Please contact Liz Jacomb at lizjacomb@yahoo.com or call 435-531-3170 to receive guidelines for making the quilts. Completed quilts should be returned to Liz so labels can be sewn on.



Quilt to be given to every baby born in 2026. "Stitched With Love" by the Cedar Chest Quilt Guild For America 250 Utah



The Cedar Chest Quilt Guild made their first delivery of 18 quilts to the Cedar City Hospital on December 30, 2025. Cedar City Councilman Scott Phillips, Volunteer/Gift Shop Manager, Holly Jensen, Cedar Chest Quilt Guild Members, Liz Jacomb and Sandi Crabtree, presented America 250 Quilts to be given to every baby born at Cedar City Hospital in 2026

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obituaries

Marlene Adams Williams



Our beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, Marlene Adams Williams, passed away peacefully on Dec 28, 2025, at the age of 90. A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she lived a life full of love, faith, and quiet strength.

Marlene was born on March 8, 1935, in Parowan, Utah, to Thomas Randall and Alice Evans Adams. She was the oldest of 5 children with 2 younger sisters, Eleanor and Moana,

and 2 younger brothers, Randy and Brent. She spent much of her childhood on the mountains above Parowan and around Parowan with her aunts, uncles and grandparents.

On a blind date, she met her future husband, Elved Williams. They were married for time and all eternity in the St George Temple on Feb 17, 1955. Together, they raised 5 children—Alisa, Ross, Hal, Linda and Brenda—living in Cedar City, Parowan, Kanab and Monticello. They finally settled in Santa Clara, Ut, where they all worked to build a home together.

Marlene dedicated her life to raising her family with love and intention. Her greatest joys came from caring for those she loved. Whether it was sewing clothes for her children or crafting quilts for her grandchildren, she gave her time and talents freely. She was always willing to help, never shying away from hard work, and found purpose in serving others.

One example of her dedication and hard work was her involvement in family history. Marlene spent countless hours researching and writing. She learned a variety of family history computer programs and became skilled enough to teach others how to use them. She served a part-time mission as an instructor at the St. George Family History Center from December 1997 to January 2005. She also helped open a new Family History Center in Santa Clara, Ut, where she completed her mission. Marlene worked tirelessly to gather stories and information for our family, writing many family histories and discovering numerous relatives.

She had a spirit of adventure and a curiosity about the world. Over the years, she traveled far and wide, embracing new places and experiences with joy. Making many memories between California, Utah, Colorado and Hawaii visiting with her children in their homes.

Marlene leaves behind a legacy of kindness, resilience, and unwavering love. She will be remembered for her strong hands, her generous heart, and her kind and loving ways.

She is survived by her children: Alisa (Chip), Ross (Cindy), Hal (Ruth Ann), and Brenda (Brett), her son-in-law Norman (Tanya), and her siblings: Eleanor (Ed), Randy (Kathy), Brent (Donna) and Moana (Gary). She was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law, Paul, husband, and daughter, Linda.

Funeral services will be held on January 10, 2025, at 11am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints chapel at 90 South Main, Parowan, UT. Interment will follow at Parowan City Cemetery. Online condolences at rasmussenmortuary.com

The family would like to thank Gunnison Hospice for their loving care.

We love her. We miss her. We are grateful for the time we had with her. And we look forward to the time when we will be with her again.

Sharlene Tobler Gordon



Sharlene Tobler Gordon died at the age of 91 years on Dec 30, 2025 in Washington, Utah. She was born on Nov 22, 1934 to Archie and Itha Neilson Tobler in Washington, Utah. She married Berl Antone Gordon on June 25, 1960 in St. George, Utah.

Sharlene was the fourth child of Archie and Itha Neilson Tobler. Her childhood was filled with memories of farm life, Saturday baths in a Number 3 galvanized wash tub, and adventures at the warm springs and her parents and grandparents' farms herding cows, weeding vegetable rows, tending turkeys.

She graduated from Dixie College, then later earning her bachelor's degree in education from the College of Southern Utah. Sharlene's passion for teaching touched the lives of countless children in Kanab, Salt Lake City, Cedar City, and Lincoln County, Nevada.

While in Caliente, Nevada, they raised five children—Shauna, Robert, Rachelle, Troy, and Russell. Sharlene's life was one of service, A devoted grandmother and great-grandmother

Sharlene is survived by her sister Bonita (Junius) Bennion, Marilene (Don) Terry, Darwin (Sandra) Tobler, Merlin (Gayle) Tobler, Michael (Karen) Tobler. Her loving husband, Berl; her children Shauna (Ray) Huck, Robert (Jennifer Brown), Rachelle (Roger "Rocky") Rhodes, Troy (Dyan Behunin), Russell (Amy Knight). Grandchildren: Melissa, Raymond Jr (RJ) Huck; Stephanie, Andrea, Elise, Rylan Gordon; Justin, Brandon, Shaun Rhodes; Collin, Tanner, Austin Gordon; Chase, Macey, Jensen Gordon, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be on Saturday, Jan 10, 2026 at 1 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel at 446 Mangum Rd, Washington, Utah. Visitation will be on Saturday, Jan 10, 2026 from 11:30 am -12:30 pm at the fore-mentioned chapel. Interment will be at the New Harmony Cemetery in New Harmony, Utah.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to Utah Food Banks in Sharlene Gordon's name. <https://www.utahfoodbank.org>

Arrangements will be in the care of Metcalf Bonze Mortuary, 435-673-4211. For condolences, full obituary, please visit the website www.metcalfmortuary.com.

Thomas "Etta" Nielson



Tom was a simple man and so our last words about him will be as well.

Tom passed peacefully surrounded by his children on the evening of December 26th, 2025. He was born on July 21st, 1943 and raised in Cedar City, Utah with his brother and three sisters. He moved to Arizona to attend college, then returned to Cedar City to raise his family. Above all else, Tom loved his family and friends. His children were his proudest accomplishment.

Tom could be found at the archery range on any given weekend, shooting and visiting with good friends, enjoying a cold beer and the fresh mountain air. He was a hard worker, but a prankster too. At work, he was often seen driving a big truck with his arm out the window, a cigarette in hand during his years at the county road department. Tom was happiest being outdoors, laughing with friends and family, building and shooting guns, and reading crime novels at home.

Tom now watches over his four children, twelve grandchildren and three sisters. He is reunited with his mother, father, brother and countless friends. He was hardworking, genuine and always had a joke. As Tom would say, "Enough of that happy horse sh*t."

Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences may be shared at www.mortuary.org.

Lance Tenward Miller



Lance Tenward Miller, 56, of Nampa, Idaho, beloved son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, died in St. George, Utah of heart failure on January 1, 2026. He was born in Portola, California on August 16, 1969 to Robert and Zayne Miller.

Lance was a happy, kind, caring person who loved his family and friends. People enjoyed his contagious laughter, his easy-going nature, and his ability to make them feel special. He devoted his life to serving others.

He attended schools in Portola, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Elko, Nevada; and graduated from Lincoln County High School, in Panaca, Nevada. Lance served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1989 to 1991 in the Oregon Portland and Oregon Eugene Missions, an experience which he treasured for his entire life. He attended college at Southern Utah University. He spent much of his career working as an executive assistant where he was valued for his reliability, attention to detail, and dedication.

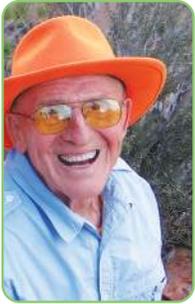
Lance is survived by his mother, Zayne Wolfley and her husband Craig; sister Stacey Rice (Rob); brother Jason Stewart; brother Jordan Stewart (Robin); sister Ronda Garate (Gene); sister Amanda McMasters (James); sister Sarah Barney (Lynn), and several nieces and nephews; and longtime friend, Bryan Conner. Lance was preceded in death by his father, Robert Burton Miller, and his wife, Ruth; Edward R. T. and Marjorie B. South (maternal grandparents); Burton T. and Jessie M. Miller (paternal grandparents); H.

Burke South (uncle); Preston Glover (uncle).

Lance's funeral will be held in Summit, Utah, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on January 9, 2026 at 11:00 AM, with the viewing at 9:30 AM. Under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral. A memorial service will be held in Nampa, Idaho on January 18, 2026. Online condolences can be sent to his memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com

obituaries

Battista Locatelli



Battista Locatelli was a Vegas legend, opera-singing restaurateur, and the man who outran Father Time.

Battista Locatelli (93) crossed his final finish line with family by his side in Parowan, Utah on October 31, 2025.

Battista lived a HUGE life unconstrained by his humble origin as the second of twelve children born in Bergamo, Italy on December 10, 1931. He moved to America, establishing his dual citizenship, in 1948. He married the woman of his dreams, Rio Bornholt in 1952.

After years of manual labor, he showed up at the back door of the Beverly Hills Hotel in 1955 looking for a new opportunity. Battista assured the kitchen boss that he would never hire a harder working employee, and they never would. Battista rose from kitchen help to the personal waiter of various Hollywood movie stars.

Battista and Rio had four children before moving to Las Vegas in 1969. With Rio and his children: Pier, Desiree, Gigli, and Heidi, he opened what is now the beloved Battista's Hole in the Wall restaurant, on May 1st, 1970.

The small family cafe with Rio cooking and Battista singing to the customers grew to become THE Vegas hotspot for locals and tourists, movers and shakers, casino executives, showgirls, and mobster lawyers alike.

Battista's energy, unfiltered humor, love of people and home grown wisdom had us all standing up straighter with our shoulders back and speaking with an Italian Accent.

In his lifetime he did a little of everything: opera singer, truck driver, restaurateur, marathoner, mountain runner, airplane pilot, diet/fitness guru, and tireless advocate for what would become the Las Vegas Marathon.

He would shock complete strangers by giving them unsolicited advice: "The secret to success is to give people service, service, service!" or "You're too fat! Look at how fit I am! You must eat more vegetables!"

Somehow his character succeeded in transforming and lifting up the many people whose lives he touched.

When at a hotel or restaurant Battista loved slipping in the back and handing out money to people scrubbing the floors and washing dishes - he never forgot how he first started out.

And we will never forget him.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Rio Locatelli, and his two sisters Giannina, Tina, and his brother Mario. He leaves behind four children (Pier Marsh(Randy), Desiree Locatelli (Todd), Gigli Locatelli, Heidi Pearson (Jerry)), twelve grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild

The family extends deepest gratitude to Richard Hall and the caregivers who made Battista's final lap as dignified as his first. In his final days, when asked how he was doing, Battista said, "Well...I've got one foot in the grave, and another on a banana peel, so...Arrivederci!"

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 17th at 12 noon at Grace Christian Church 845 W. 200 S. Parowan, UT 84761.

Jane LaVee Heyborne



Jane LaVee Olds Heyborne was reunited with her husband, older siblings, and parents on the evening of December 30, 2025. Born to Levi Emanuel Olds and Katie Calkins Dodge Olds on December 7, 1932 in Kanarrville, Utah, LaVee spent the majority of her life in Cedar City. Her childhood years were spent surrounded by a large family and she had particularly fond memories of time spent at her Grandpa Dodge's house in Toquerville.

LaVee lost her mom in 1947, at the age of 15. It was around this time that she met her best friend and sweetheart Hal S Heyborne. They were married on July 18, 1948. That marriage was later solemnized in the St. George Temple in December of 1962 after Hal joined the LDS church. They were soon joined by daughter Sheila in 1949 while they were caring for LaVee's father who was suffering from a debilitating illness that took his life in 1950. That also left LaVee's youngest sister Yvonne in her and Hal's care. As a result, she would forever be known by the Heyborne children as "Auntie Sister." Their son Lyle joined the family in 1952 and the youngest, Jan in 1955.

An attentive, loving mother and homemaker, LaVee enjoyed crafting, quilting, cooking, and baking, and showed her love for others by feeding them. For many years she and Hal owned a farm in the valley and raised sheep and other livestock and always had a large garden. She was a master at preserving what they had grown and late summer days were often spent canning, freezing, drying, and butchering. She was a strong believer in being self-sufficient and took great pride in helping her children and grandchildren learn some of the same skills and attributes. Her family has fond memories of days spent on the farm, in the garden, and in the kitchen.

LaVee was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in a variety of roles, easily connected with young people and children and particularly loved her time serving in the primary. After their children were grown LaVee and Hal served together for over 20 years at the Cedar Care Center where they provided church services each Sunday. Their profound love for and service of the residents there were shared with their grandchildren, who when visiting were often called upon to speak, sing, and pass the sacrament. She loved easily and found joy in serving others. She continued to help support compassionate service needs in her neighborhood even late in life. She was often found in the kitchen making "meals for the elderly" when she herself was in her 80's.

LaVee's greatest joy in life was her family. A devoted daughter, sister, cousin, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother she enjoyed working and playing with those she loved most. Blessed with unending creativity and patience, she was a non-stop source of games, projects, and hairbrained schemes that children loved. From Easter egg hunts to themed birthday parties, crazy costumes, and farm animal parades, there was never a dull moment when Mom/Grandma/Granny was involved. She had so much love for children that when her own children and grandchildren were not around, she adopted kids from the neighborhood. Additionally, her sister Yvonne's kids affectionately referred to her as Granny B and she was a surrogate grandmother for that entire clan. No one was denied Granny's treats, good-natured pranks, and fun stories. If you never had a chance to go on a Lion Hunt with Granny - you have not truly lived!

LaVee was also well known in the community. She worked for many years as a clerk and manager at several retail locations in town including Wolworth's, JC Penny, and Walmart. She was also a long-time volunteer with the Utah Shakespeare Festival and taught water aerobics for sufferers of arthritis for many years at the SUU pool. All resulted in lifelong friendships which she cherished until the end of her life.

The family wishes to thank all of the health care providers who worked so diligently to care for LaVee during the last months of her life. They also wish to thank the many friends and relatives who were quick to return the Christ-like service that LaVee had so readily given to others. It meant so much to her. A special thank you goes to the staff at All Season's Senior Living and Alliance Home Health and Hospice, especially Ethan Bunker, who were so attentive to LaVee's needs during her final days.

Survivors include her children Sheila (Paul) Flatt, Lyle, and Jan (Mike) Worthen, 12 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews. Her sister Yvonne, alive at the time of her passing, joined her in the next life on January 2, 2026. She was preceded in death by her sweetheart Hal, her parents, ten siblings, her daughter-in-law, Marj, and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 10th at 11:00 am at the Greenslake Chapel (1120 W Greenslake Dr, Cedar City). A viewing will be held that same morning from 9:30-10:30 am. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at www.mortuary.org. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in LaVee's name at Primary Children's Hospital.

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Robert LeRoy Longazo



Robert LeRoy Longazo, 89, of Cedar City, Utah peacefully passed away Saturday, December 27, 2025, surrounded by family. He was born February 6, 1936 in Los Angeles, California to John P. and N. Lucille (nee Bowen) Longazo. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force from 1956-1959 as an Airman, during which time he met the love of his life, Rose Marie. They were married for 69 years.

He never knew his father, as his father passed just 23 days after he was born. He and his older brother were raised by his mother and grandmother. His mother's lineage is a pioneer heritage with family members that crossed the plains and settled in the Salt Lake Valley. His father's lineage comes from what is now Western Ukraine. His father passed at an early age from pneumonia, due to bad lungs likely from

over exposure in the coal mines.

His life-long work included 35 years of service as an aerospace engineer with North American Aviation, Rockwell International, and Boeing. Major projects included designing various parts for Apollo, the B-1

Bomber, the Space Shuttle, and the Delta IV Rocket.

He was a devoted and life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. One of his favorite callings was serving as a Stake Missionary with his best friend and future son-in-law Benjamin R. Fuller in Huntington Beach, California. Here he was ordained a Seventy on September 30, 1973, and served as one of the Seven Presidents of the Seventy for the stake. Later, on November 2, 1993, he was ordained a

High Priest.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie (nee Williams) Longazo; six children: Debbie L. Fuller of Cedar City, Linda M. (Ralph D.) Hernandez of Redding, California, R. Michael Longazo of Corona, California, Ronald R. (Debra A.) Longazo of Corona, California, Teresa G. (Martin W.) Jiles of Trinidad, Colorado, and Steven J. (Taryl) Longazo of North Salt Lake. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, mother, older brother, John R. Longazo, his daughter, Pamela A. Longazo, and son-in-law and best friend, Benjamin R. Fuller.

Funeral services will be held at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 North 300 West, Cedar City, Utah on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026, beginning at 1:00 pm. Viewing will be held at Southern Utah Mortuary in Cedar City, UT on Saturday morning, January 3rd, 2026, from 12 to 1 pm. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.mortuary.org.

The family would like to thank the members of the Mesa Hills Ward for their care and attention over the 24 years of his living in Cedar City, as well as his medical caregivers from Zions Way, his loving daughter

Debbie Fuller and his amazing grand-daughter, Adelaina Morris.

Jared Braithwaite



Jared Daniel Braithwaite unexpectedly passed away on December 26, 2025, at his home in Cedar City, Utah. He was born on August 2, 1978, in Richfield, Utah, to Anna and Danny Braithwaite.

Jared's early years were marked by challenges. After suffering adverse reactions to childhood vaccines, he endured seizures for several years, which affected his physical growth and learning. Through perseverance, Jared overcame these obstacles—learning to read and write and developing a love for computer games, especially Nintendo, which he enjoyed playing with friends, especially the Corry family. Later, he became an avid and

competitive online Scrabble player.

Jared spent his childhood in Richfield and Sigurd. After his parents divorced, he moved to Cedar City with his mother and two sisters. His mother's teaching career took Jared to various places, including Hawthorne, Nevada; Camp Zama, Japan; Ely, Nevada; Owyhee, Nevada; and Reno, Nevada. Jared attended Hawthorne Middle School, spent ninth grade in Ely, and ultimately returned to Cedar City—his beloved home—where he graduated from Cedar High School.

Jared was baptized as a child and held a deep faith in Jesus Christ. He enjoyed playing T-ball and baseball as a boy and was active in the Boy Scouts. In Hawthorne, he played drums in the school band and competed in javelin for the track team. While living in Japan, he worked at a video rental store on the military base and was even invited to try sumo wrestling—though his shy nature kept him from participating.

Jared loved video games, but his greatest joy growing up was family adventures—camping and hiking in Southern California, Zion National Park, and the Grand Canyon. He also cherished camping trips with his dad. Jared had a special love for Cedar Mountain, where he enjoyed canyon walks, picnics, and watching the fall leaves change color.

At age five, Jared traveled with his family to Leamington Spa, England, and Naples, Italy, to meet relatives for the first time. That experience opened his eyes to new cultures, foods, languages, and lifelong family bonds.

After high school, Jared worked as a drywall for many years, often using his mother's home as his creative canvas. Later, he met the love of his life, Tammy Tapahaa. They were engaged to be married until her life was tragically cut short by a drunk driver—a loss Jared never fully recovered from.

Jared's childhood love of cars and games grew into a lifelong passion. Each morning, he set out on a mission to find unique Hot Wheels and antique toys and games. After his hunts, he loved meeting friends for breakfast or lunch, sharing laughter and good food. Jared was a true foodie—methodical and enthusiastic about every meal. Thanksgiving at his Uncle Ed's house was always a highlight for him, filled with delicious food and family time. His final meal was Christmas dinner with his mother.

Jared loved his mother deeply and was fiercely protective of her. They were inseparable, and she will miss him beyond words—as will all who knew and loved him.

Jared is survived by his mother, Anna Marina Braithwaite, and his sisters, Andrea Braithwaite and Cindy Braithwaite. He was preceded in death by his father, Danny Wayne Braithwaite of Sterling, Utah (March 2025); his maternal grandparents, Raffaele Auricchio of Naples, Italy, and Frances May Dooney of Leamington Spa, England; his paternal grandparents, Wayne and Erma Braithwaite of Orem, Utah; and his cousin, Levi Braithwaite of St. George, Utah.

Jared, you were a gentle giant, our laughter, and our constant reminder of what it means to love unconditionally. Life will never be the same without you. We will carry your memory in our hearts forever and find comfort knowing you are at peace with Jesus. Until we meet again, we love you beyond words.

A celebration of life will be announced soon. Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

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Marjorie Petersen Fisher Cornelius



Marjorie Petersen Fisher Cornelius born 23 January 1936 passed away on 28 December 2025 peacefully at her home from causes incident to age. She was surrounded by family & friends. She was born in Granger, Utah to Merrill and Cora (Anderson) Petersen. She was one of 10 children. She was a pretty dark

haired baby with an olive complexion. She was a lively happy child that was full of energy and unafraid to tackle any project she had in mind. As a teenager she often sang in duets with her dad. She had a beautiful soprano voice. They sang together in church meetings and on other occasions. She was a cheerleader in high school but as her family was from modest financial means she couldn't purchase the required cheerleader costume so she cheered in her own clothes until she was required to buy one. She never let limitations keep her from her dreams.

Marge married young just before graduating from Weber High School. She married Val Fisher. Together they built beautiful homes in West Point and Fruit Heights, Utah. She was a hard worker and had the ability to create beauty out of ordinary materials. One of her many gifts was that she had a decorators eye in all the creations that she put in her home. She and Val welcomed three children into

their home. Jan, Kurt, & Jed Fisher. She dedicated her life to teaching these sweet children the important principles she had learned from her own loving parents. She approached this challenge with the same love & dedication she did with each of her other projects. Marge found the need to obtain employment outside of her home so she went to work for Dr. Browning as his Personal Assistant. Then she worked many years for the IRS, first in Ogden, then in the Salt Lake Office. She became the Administrative Assistant to the director of the Salt Lake Office. She learned to take on the challenges of setting up conferences including all the technical equipment to aid in the meeting purposes. She also assisted her husband in the office work for his landscaping business. In retirement she moved with her husband to Island Park, Idaho. They built a home which she supervised in furnishing with lovely materials & finishes. She could work as hard as any man and spent many hours stripping log beams of their bark to become structural beams for their cabin.

Marge spent her life in callings for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saints. She served in many capacities always going the extra mile to show people how much she loved them. She mentioned many dear friends that she loved so much through her working along side them. She served a mission at the Desert Land and Livestock Ranch with her husband in 2001 and 2002. They had many family outings that they shared with their children & grandchildren in Idaho. One noted experience was an experience her grandsons, Cody and Burkley

had. They came running into the house very excited about an encounter with a large animal. Two year old Burkley with his limited vocabulary said, "Bear Soft." In one more move to Cedar City, they built a house west of Cedar City. It was here that Val became sick & passed away.

A good friend, Dale Cornelius, asked Marge to watch General Conference with him & soon they were married & spent a decade of happy adventures together. He was the love of her life. They loved trips to the desert to gather firewood & pine nuts. Truck trips to the mountains where Dale spent his career in the Forest Service. She loved him to recite poetry to her on these trips.

Marge leaves behind her devoted husband James Dale Cornelius. Two children, Jan Fisher & Jed (Tammy) Fisher. Grandchildren; Cody (Charlene)

Fisher, Emily Fisher, Lyndsy Fisher, Burkely Fisher, Channing (Kaylea) Fiscus, Megan (Nick) Parkinson. Nine Great Grandchildren. Brothers, Roger (Susan) Petersen & Robert (Rozann) Petersen, & sister, Marsha (Greg) Porter. She was preceded in death by her son, Kurt Fisher. Parents, Merrill & Cora Peterson and siblings; Ronald, Denis, Keith, Jay Peterson, Betsy Snyder, and Gerald Peterson. Funeral Services will be held January 10, 2026, 12:00 noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 370 North 4050 West, Cedar City. A viewing will be held prior to the funeral service from 10:30-11:30am at the Church. Interment will be at the Kanarrville Cemetery. Service is under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation. Online condolences and pictures can be shared at cedarvalleyfuneral.com

Yvonne Olds Parry



Yvonne Olds Parry of Cedar City UT passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 2nd, 2026. She was born on April 19, 1935 to Levi and Katie Olds. She married the love of her life, Kenyon Parry at the young age of 17, on August 1, 1952, and later solemnized their marriage on August 30, 1980 in the St. George LDS temple.

Yvonne lived a full life, enjoying all aspects of it. Her pride and joy was her family. She was always coming up with excuses for why it was more important to stay and visit with her rather than taking care of their responsibilities. She was known for her love of fashionable jewelry that matched all occasions. She had a pair of earrings to match any type of day she was having. It was rare to pay her a visit and not see a jigsaw puzzle out on her table or western on the TV. If she wasn't inside the house, she was seen gardening or admiring her backyard from her swing. She had perfected her recipe of the oatmeal butterscotch cookie, which is a

true legacy of the family. Anyone who knew Yvonne knew she had a love of pigs. At a young age she rescued a pig which started her obsession. Yvonne had the privilege of living at the same care facility as her Sister LaVee for the last several months of her life. Up until her passing, she was still being fussed over by her. In typical sister fashion she followed her, passing away 3 days after LaVee.

She is survived by her children Teresa Topham, Kendall Parry, Katie (Chris) Young; 9 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her husband Kenyon, her parents, 11 siblings, son in law Larry Topham, and daughter in law Paula Parry.

There will be a viewing on Monday January 5th, 2026 at 6-8 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W Cedar City). There will be a small gathering for family and friends on Tuesday January 6th, at 10 am at the mortuary. Graveside services will follow at 11:30 am at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences may be shared at www.mortuary.org.

The family would like to thank all those at All Seasons Senior Living Facility who became family and cared for her as such.

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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

Coal Creek Trail parkrun Celebrates a Year of Connection and Consistency

by Bruce Gavin

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City (Coal Creek Trail) parkrun closed out the year with impressive participation and a growing reputation as one of Cedar City's most welcoming weekly community events. The free, timed 5k held every Saturday morning has attracted walkers, runners, families, and visitors from the local area, across the US and from overseas. Attendance averaged **31 participants per week**, with numbers climbing steadily throughout the year. Event organizers say the mix of locals and visitors has become one of Coal Creek Trail parkrun's defining strengths. Runners and

walkers traveled from the UK, across Europe Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. During 2025, there were **48 events**, drawing over **500 finishers** and supported by **71 volunteers** throughout the year.

The year's largest turnout came on **November 27 Turkey Trot**, when **138 participants** gobbled up the trail. Volunteers play a key role in the event's success. With 71 individuals contributing time as event directors, marshals, timekeep-

ers, scanners, and tail walkers. The event relies entirely on community support and an average of seven people have volunteered each Saturday morning.



Beyond the numbers, Coal Creek Trail parkrun hosted several memorable moments, including our first anniversary, holiday-themed events, milestone celebrations, and post-event gatherings

for hot chocolate. These routines have helped build a sense of connection among

participants. As the new year begins, Coal Creek Trail parkrun plans to continue offering its weekly 5k, encouraging residents of all ages and abilities to take part. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is available online, and participants need only bring a printed barcode to receive an official time. For more information visit parkrun.us/coalcreek-trail or email coalcreektrail@parkrun.com



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SCORES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

12/29 Mountain View 74, Snow Canyon 72
Desert Hills 55, Riverton 52
Dixie 82, Carbon 51
Provo 67, Hurricane 62

12/30 South Sevier 62, Cedar 54
Dixie 62, Canyon View 51
Pine View 64, Granite Bay (CA) 51
Syracuse 55, Desert Hills 53
Snow Canyon 88, Union 44
Crimson Cliffs 77, Timpanogos 70
Olympus 80, Hurricane 39

12/31 Payson 64, Cedar 43
Bountiful 69, Hurricane 60
Snow Canyon 81, Granite Bay (CA) 56
Dixie 74, Stansbury 58
Riverton 58, Pine View 53

1/2 Juab 84, Cedar 54

2/3 Ogden 57, Cedar 55
Snow Canyon 67, Richfield 54

Region 14

12/29 Stansbury 65, Canyon View 39
Grantsville 57, Delta 53

12/30 Dixie 62, Canyon View 51
Summit Academy 72, Juab 66
Morgan 71, Delta 61
Draper APA 56, Providence Hall 33

12/31 Canyon View 59, Carbon 55
Richfield 64, North Sanpete 58

1/2 Juab 84, Cedar 54
North Sanpete 78, Providence Hall 46

1/3 Snow Canyon 67, Richfield 54
Wayne 56, Providence Hall 48

Region 18

12/29 Kanab 74, Lincoln County (NV) 31
Beaver 69, Rockwell 42

12/30 Parowan 60, Manti 58
South Sevier 62, Cedar 54
Beaver 81, Wendover (NV) 41
Kanab 74, South Summit 65
Virgin Valley 70, Enterprise 30

1/2 Am. Leadership 60, Parowan 49
Carbon 91, San Juan 70
Rowland Hall 46, Enterprise 38

1/3 Parowan 58, Rowland Hall 52
Am. Leadership 65, Enterprise 44
Kanab 94, Millard 69
San Juan 91, Rockwell 63

Girls Basketball

Region 9

12/29 Dixie 61, South Sevier 28
Desert Hills 49, Fountain Valley (CA) 34
Hurricane 47, Sierra Vista (AZ) 41
Hurricane 42, Kennedy (CA) 41
Pine View 45, Emery 36

12/30 Cedar 55, Beaver 49
Dixie 69, Stansbury 14
Pine View 69, Carbon 39
Salponte Catholic (AZ) 40,
Desert Hills 31

12/31 Dixie 71, Canyon View 50
Pine View 60, Mountain View 42

1/2 Tooele 66, Crimson Cliffs 64

1/3 Pine View 61, Tooele 49

Region 14

12/29 Canyon View 46, Stansbury 12

12/30 Canyon View 54, South Sevier 27
Ogden 40, Juab 37

12/31 Dixie 71, Canyon View 50

1/2 Union 58, Providence Hall 7

1/3 Timpanogos 75, Delta 59
Beaver 56, Richfield 27

Region 18

12/29 Dixie 61, South Sevier 28

12/30 Cedar 55, Beaver 49
Canyon View 54, South Sevier 27
Enterprise 64, North Sevier 37

12/31 South Sevier 42, Stansbury 38

1/3 Piute 56, Parowan 17
Beaver 56, Richfield 27

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (4)	3-0	9-4
Pine View (2)	2-1	9-4
Snow Canyon (11)	2-1	8-5
Dixie (3)	1-1	8-4
Hurricane (8)	1-2	7-7
Desert Hills (15)	1-2	7-6
Cedar (24)	0-3	3-11

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Delta (4)	0-0	8-5
Richfield (2)	0-0	7-6
Juab (8)	0-0	5-6
Canyon View (10)	0-0	6-9
Providence Hall (14)	0-0	4-9

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (3)	2-0	9-2
South Sevier (8)	3-1	10-5
San Juan (10)	2-1	7-6
Parowan (11)	2-1	6-5
Enterprise (12)	1-1	5-6
Beaver (13)	0-3	7-5
Grand (24)	0-3	1-12

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (3)	4-0	9-5
Dixie (2)	2-0	12-0
Desert Hills (4)	2-1	9-3
Pine View (5)	2-1	11-3
Cedar (11)	1-2	7-7
Hurricane (17)	0-3	6-8
Crimson Cliffs (21)	0-4	3-10

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Delta (1)	0-0	10-2
Canyon View (5)	0-0	8-7
Providence Hall (9)	0-0	5-7
Richfield (15)	0-0	4-9
Juab (13)	0-0	2-8

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (1)	4-0	11-0
Beaver (3)	3-0	10-1
San Juan (13)	2-1	3-5
Enterprise (2)	1-2	10-2
Grand (16)	1-2	5-8
South Sevier (18)	1-3	2-11
Parowan (23)	0-4	0-12

A look back at all the sports of 2025

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



Since this is our first official issue of the new year, the time is right to share all the things that made our sports jump, run, drive and kick their way into our hearts in 2025. Many good moments came from the year that was, so let's get after them in no particular order.

With this year's College Football Playoff in full swing, the finish of the national title game felt anticlimactic. We had Ohio State – seeded No. 8 – facing No. 7 Notre Dame for the right to hold the official CFP trophy, and the Buckeyes came through with a 34-23 win that wasn't that close.

The Fighting Irish scored first when quarterback Riley Leonard, now with the Indianapolis Colts, found the end zone from 1 yard out, but it was all Buckeyes after that. In a wildly ironic twist with the debut of the 12-team playoff, all of the top four seeds – Oregon, Arizona State, Boise State and Georgia – were eliminated in their respective quarterfinal games. Ohio State stopped the Ducks and Notre Dame handled Georgia.

The bracket for this year's CFP almost suffered a similar fate, but more on that shortly.

For Super Bowl LIX, we had one team in the big show for the third straight year, but it would be denied a historic achievement by an opponent that lost to them two years earlier.

Love them or tolerate them, the Kansas City Chiefs were trying to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls. The Philadelphia Eagles didn't let them come close, building a 34-0 lead late in the third quarter on the way to a 40-22 win over the Chiefs.

Fast forward to this season, and the Chiefs shocked us all by missing the playoffs for the first time in 11 years. The 10-year run under Andy Reid ended with five Super Bowl appearances and three

victories.

Now come the bigger questions. How good will Patrick Mahomes be once he returns from an ACL injury suffered in a December loss to the Los Angeles Chargers? Will Travis Kelce follow his brother Jason into retirement as he readies for married life with Taylor Swift?

Back on the CFP bandwagon, three of the four top seeds lost their quarterfinal games. Oregon beat Texas Tech, Miami-FL knocked out defending champion Ohio State and Ole Miss beat Georgia in one of the more insane finishes to a postseason game you'll ever see.

The only survivor was the Indiana Hoosiers, who are erasing all doubts as to who will be favored to become the new CFP national champion. Indiana absolutely demolished the Alabama Crimson Tide at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., winning 38-3. It was the Tide's biggest crash since a 44-16 loss to Clemson in the 2019 National Championship game.

In April, the Masters turned into a special golf tournament for one major reason. Rory McIlroy needed an extra playoff hole, but a short par putt allowed him to beat Justin Rose and complete the career Grand Slam. McIlroy is the sixth player in PGA Tour history to pull off the feat and the green jacket was extra special.

In the U.S. Open in June, J.J. Spaun had to start his final-round Sunday on very little sleep while taking care of his daughter and her stomach bug, then went on a chaotic run for the ages. Spaun went through multiple rain delays, held off all challengers, and nailed a 64-foot (!) birdie putt on the 72nd hole to win his first major as the only player to finish under par (-1) for the tournament. Amazing stuff.

Fast forward to the home front and we need to salute the Cedar Reds football team for its perfect season and first 3A state title in school history. Led by senior quarterback Everett Kelling, Cedar rallied from a pair of 14-point deficits and came away with a 41-35 victory Nov. 15. The Reds finished 13-0, earning their first undefeated season, and it was one more victory than all of the previous three seasons combined (12).

There are too many other events that we didn't have space to recall here, but please know they're all worth counting because the memories made the games magical for us all.

Happy 2026 and may you find an abundant supply of joy, peace and happiness.

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CV boys take finale at Classic

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Jeter Sanders scored 18 points and Jack Meyer added a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds as Canyon View rallied in the fourth quarter and beat the Carbon Dinos, 59-55 on Dec. 31 to win the last of the team's three games at the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic.

CV (6-9) led 15-8 after the opening quarter, but struggled through the middle part of the matchup as the visiting Dinos rallied with an 18-7 effort in the second quarter to take a 26-22 lead at the half. Carbon still led by three after three quarters, but Canyon View found a rally in them and turned the game around over the final period to earn the victory.

In the middle game of the Classic played Dec. 30, Sanders scored 25 points with four 3-pointers, but the Falcons had no answer to slowing down the offense of the Dixie Flyers as they came away with a 62-51 win at the Nest. Collin Simmons led four players in double figures for Dixie with 17 points, and they led 35-18 at the half before finishing with the victory.

The Falcons got their first game of the Classic off to a rough start Dec. 29 as the visiting Stansbury Stallions got 19 points from Dallin Jensen and pulled away in the second quarter before finishing with a 65-39 victory. Stansbury outscored CV 17-5 in the second quarter and led 35-21 at the half and pulled away from there. The Stallions held the Falcons to 7 points in the fourth quarter.

Sanders led CV with 18 points in the loss. The Falcons return to play Friday with a road game at Delta for the Region 14 opener that starts at 7 p.m.

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Cedar boys struggle, girls hoop edges Beaver

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Ty Rowley scored 24 points and Benson Tippets added 13, but the Cedar Reds couldn't

slow down Raidon Barney as the visiting South Sevier Rams posted a 62-54 win at the Wolf Den on Dec. 30. Barney finished with 30 points as South Sevier (8-5) led after each quarter, building a 33-22 halftime lead before finishing off the victory.

Rowley and Tippets combined to hit seven of the Reds' nine 3-pointers in the loss. Krew Winkel and Krew Redd added 11 points each for the Rams.

The struggles continued for Cedar in its second game of the week as the Payson Lions came to the Den on Dec. 31 and left with a 64-43 victory. Austin Staheli led Payson (9-2) with 17 points, one of four players to score in double figures as the Lions – ranked fifth in 5A – led 52-28 after three quarters before earning the win.

Rowley and Dylan Barrick led Cedar with 12 points each in the loss.

To start 2026, Cedar fell behind by a wide margin at halftime and dropped an 84-54 road game at Juab on Jan. 2. The Reds trailed 48-22 at the half and never recovered. No scoring details were available.

Finishing the week, the Reds' second-half rally fell just short as the visiting Ogden Tigers held on for a 57-55 win at the Den on Jan. 3. Cedar (3-11) trailed by 15 at the half before making the game.

Barrick led the Reds with 21 points in the loss and Rowley added 15.

Cedar's girls team had a single game last week and came away with a 55-49 road win at Beaver on Dec. 30. Gabby Gomez hit a layup with less than a minute remaining to break a tie, and the Reds scored the last six points of the game to hand Beaver (9-1) its first loss of the season.

Gomez paced Cedar (7-7) and led all scorers with 25 points in the victory.

Both teams returned to Region 9 play for a pair of games. The Cedar girls played a road game at Hurricane on Tuesday and will host the Pine View Panthers on Thursday for a 7 p.m. tipoff. The boys hosted the Tigers at the Wolf Den on Wednesday and will play at Pine View on Friday starting at 7 p.m.

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. The Utah Utes won their football game at the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 31, beating Nebraska, 44-22 at Allegiant Stadium. Who won his debut game as head coach following the resignation of Kyle Whittingham?
2. What Big Ten school and 2023 College Football Playoff national champion hired Whittingham to be its next head coach?
3. From earning the NFC's No. 1 playoff seed in 2024 with a 15-2 record, the Detroit Lions have fallen completely out of the playoffs after a 23-10 loss to the Minnesota Vikings on Christmas Day. How many turnovers did the Lions commit in the loss?
4. Speaking of rough seasons, the Kansas City Chiefs were eliminated from the playoffs for the first time since 2014, falling to what AFC West rival, 16-13, on Dec. 14?
5. BYU played a memorable bowl game Dec. 27, rallying from a 21-10 halftime deficit with two fourth-quarter touchdowns to beat Georgia Tech in the game sponsored by what Kellogg's brand?
6. What team is the lowest remaining seed in the College Football playoff after it beat defending champion Ohio State at the Cotton Bowl Classic on Dec. 31?
7. True or False: At 20-11 on the season through Jan. 1, the Los Angeles Lakers have lost all 11 games by more than 10 points.
8. What Laker leads the NBA in scoring at 33.5 points per game?
9. Through 39 games played, how

many times has the Colorado Avalanche suffered a loss in regulation?

10. What NHL Eastern Conference team won its 10th straight game Dec. 31, beating the Dallas Stars, 4-1, and tying the Avalanche for longest winning streak this season?
11. What Minnesota Timberwolves star left the bench and went to the locker room after getting pulled early in the fourth quarter during a 126-102 loss to the Atlanta Hawks on Dec. 31?
12. How many countries are competing in the men's Olympic hockey tournament at Milan Cortina that starts Feb. 11?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Georgia Tech.
2. Nebraska.
3. Washington State. The Cougars beat the Aggies, 34-21.
4. Notre Dame.
5. The Rose Bowl.
6. True.
7. Tulane. The Rebels routed the Green Wave, 41-10, and advanced to the playoff quarterfinal.
8. Texas A&M. The Aggies fell to the Hurricanes, 10-3.
9. Ohio State.
10. California. Hawaii rallied from a 21-0 deficit and beat the Golden Bears, 35-31, scoring the winning touchdown with 10 seconds left.
11. 36.
12. Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

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Falcon girls win twice at Hodson

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View girls basketball coach Jaycee Barnhurst was a bit concerned with her team turning the ball over a little too much in the first half of its middle game at the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic. Once the shots started falling and the defense was able to turn up the heat, the Falcons were able to cruise to an easy victory.

Payton King and Tayla Blackner led the way with 12 points apiece, and Canyon View used a 27-0 run that covered more than half the game on the way to a 54-27 double-up rout over the South Sevier Rams on Dec. 30 at the Nest. It was the Falcons second win in three games played at the Classic.

"We've got to take better care of the ball from minute 1," Barnhurst said. "We still have things to clean up, but overall, we're heading in the right direction."

The visiting Rams (2-11) scored the game's first five points and took a 13-6 lead to the later stages of the first quarter before CV found a way to give the offense a jump-start. A pair of 3-pointers – one by Erin Hallows and the other by Kambree Potter that beat the buzzer – cut the South Sevier lead to 13-12 at the end of the period.

The run continued throughout the second quarter and well into the third. When the Rams' Kate Peterson hit a 3-pointer with 3:24 to play in the period that broke the surge, the Falcons had a 33-16 lead and they cruised from there.

Barnhurst gave full credit to both seniors – Potter and King – for the team's continued resurgence.

"They've stepped in and accepted the challenge," she said. "Their leadership will definitely help us the rest of this season."

The Falcons enjoyed a 20-9 edge in made field goals and hit 11-of-13 (85 percent) from the free-throw line.



Canyon View and **South Sevier** players fight for a loose ball late in the fourth quarter at the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic on Dec. 30. The Falcons won, 54-27.

(Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)



CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
FALCONS

Canyon View
54

South Sevier
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Canyon View 12 10 17 15 - 54

South Sevier – Tebbs 1, Brady 5, Peterson 6, Martin 2, Green 5, B. Roberts 2, K. Roberts 6. Totals 9 5-9 27. 3-pointers – Brady 1, Peterson 2, Green 1.

Canyon View – Hallows 8, T. Taylor 2, N. King 2, B. Taylor 5, P. King 12, Potter 5, Gallego 2, Blackner 12, Price 2, Bailey 4. Totals 20 11-13 54. 3-pointers – Hallows 2, Potter 1.

Canyon View opened play at the Classic with a 46-12 victory over the Stansbury Stallions on Dec. 29. Hallows led all scorers with 12 points as the Falcons did the bulk of its work on the offensive end between the second and third quarters, outscoring the Stallions 42-4 and securing a running clock throughout the fourth quarter.

In CV's final game at the Classic, Izzy Hollingshead led all scorers with 27 points, and the Dixie Flyers pulled away to a convincing 71-50 victory over the Falcons on Dec. 31. Dixie stayed unbeaten at 12-0 while Canyon View fell to 8-7.

Kambree Potter led the Falcons with 13 points in the loss, and they opened Region 14 play Thursday with a road game against the Delta Rabbits that tipped off at 7 p.m..

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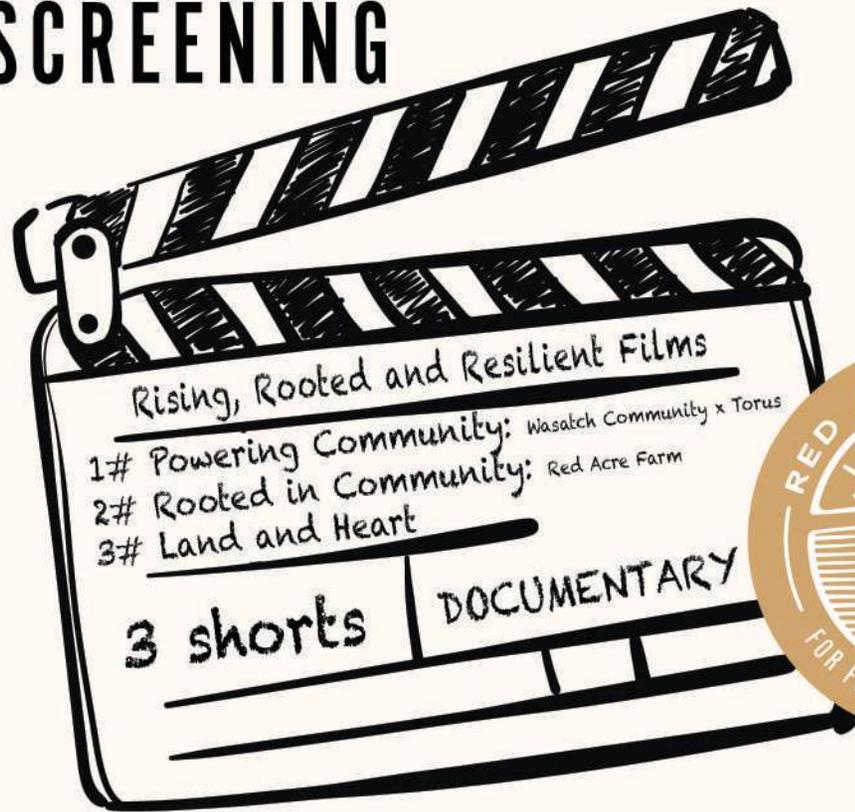
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