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SUU Honors Class of 2026 in Historic *127th Commencement*



STORY IN NEWS



SUU Honors Class of 2026 in Historic 127th Commencement

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

CEDAR CITY, Utah
— Southern Utah University (SUU) honored the Class of

2026 at its 127th annual Commencement Ceremony on April 23, 2026. Set against the backdrop of the America 250 national milestone, the ceremony celebrated the hard work, personal growth, and transformative achievements of a record-breaking class poised to write the next chapter of American history.

Master of Business Administration (MBA), General Studies, Nursing, Master of Education, and Psychology. Rounding out the top ten were the Master of Accounting, Accounting, Music Technology, Aerospace/Aviation Sciences, and Biology.

SUU President Mindy Benson presided over the ceremony, commending the Class of 2026 for their tenacity and the hands-on expertise they developed throughout their education. Linking the graduates'

achievements to the national America 250 milestone, she noted that SUU's unique culture of experiential learning has equipped them with the readiness to lead and the character to shape a new era of history.

"As we celebrate this milestone during this historic year of America 250, you are on the verge of writing a new chapter of your history,"

said President Benson. "You earned a degree, but most importantly, you built a life."

She continued by highlighting the resilience of the graduates, noting that their time at SUU was defined by real-world learning opportunities, responsibility, and persistence.

"You leave here having already done the work; these weren't simulations, but real

The event recognized the dedication of 3,466 graduates who represent a global community of learners - hailing from 43 countries, 49 U.S. states (as well as D.C. and Guam), and 28 of Utah's 29 counties. Graduates earned a total of 3,645 degrees and certificates, including 1,184 master's degrees, 1,983 bachelor's degrees, 338 associate degrees, and 140 certificates. Demonstrating a commitment to lifelong learning and accessibility, the graduates ranged in age from 16 to 72, with an average age of 28 and an impressive average GPA of 3.59.

This year's graduating class pursued a wide variety of academic disciplines focused on career readiness and regional impact. The most popular areas of study included the



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PRESIDENT BENSON

moments of growth where you proved to yourself exactly what you are capable of,” President Benson explained. “Trust the life you have built and the experiences you have had here, because you are ready to go out, fly high, and change the world.”

Student speaker Micah Cajilig, graduating with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in Acting, urged his fellow graduates to embrace the unknown by taking risks on both themselves and others.

“Taking a chance on yourself can feel difficult at first but once you do, it gets easier to take a chance the next time and the time after that,” he said. “Our lives are nothing but chances and the choices we make to take them.”

A highlight of the ceremony was the keynote address by former Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, who was also presented with the Presidential Medallion of Service - SUU's highest honor. During his remarks, Governor Leavitt

emphasized the vital skills that “humans” can contribute to an ever-changing world of growing technology and AI use.

“Emotional, spiritual and collaborative intelligence are and will remain vital capabilities that a machine cannot replicate,” said Governor Leavitt. He

then quoted his 93-year-old mother's words: ‘Kindness is a lovely force. But it can only be powered by people. For all our magical gadgets, no appliance, instrument, apparatus, or device has the power to extend kindness to another human being.’

He went on to advise graduates to be “conveners.”

“A convener is someone who identifies a problem, brings together the right people, and uses their collaborative intelligence to find solutions,” Governor Leavitt explained. “In a world that is increasingly shaped by algorithms, the ability to bring people together will become more - not less - valuable.”

Interim Provost Shauna Mendini, herself a recipient of an honorary doctorate that evening, conferred associate, bachelor, and master's degrees to the Class of 2026. This served as her final commencement exercise as Chief Academic

Officer after 33 years of service to the University.

The ceremony concluded with SUU Alumni President Jamie Shaw (class of '96) welcoming the graduates to the status of “SUU Alumni.”

“Sixty thousand SUU students have walked across a graduation stage just like this one,” Shaw told the audience. “You are now part of that story, and that story needs you in it.”

Commencement exercises continued on Friday, April 24 as individual college convocations were held throughout the day.

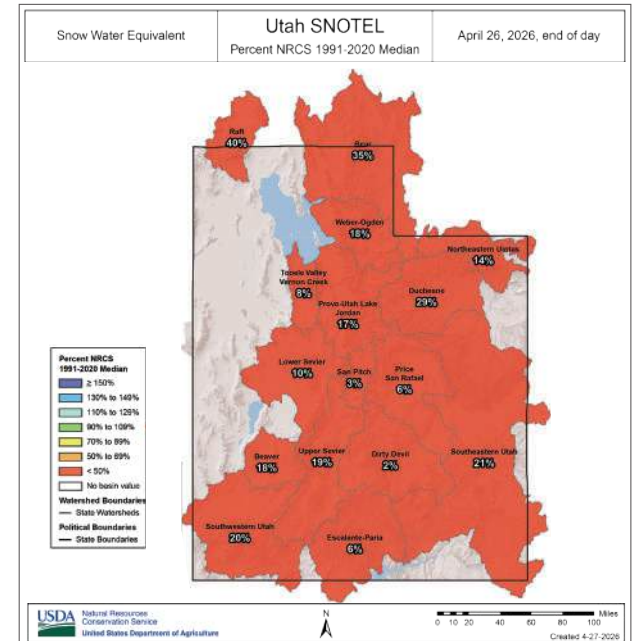
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smaller reservoirs with one or two years of storage capacity are struggling.

On Tuesday, the Utah Department of Natural Resources met with county leaders and water providers to share critical data

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Drought Update

by Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY (April 23, 2026)

– In a typical year, Utah's runoff – which refills our reservoirs – would just be getting underway. However, due to record-low snowpack and record-high temperatures, peak runoff has already come and gone. While larger reservoirs with multiple years of storage are doing well,

IRON COUNTY FORECAST

WE WILL WRAP UP THE WEEK WITH BELOW AVERAGE TEMPERATURES AND INCREASING SUNSHINE. THE WEEKEND WILL FEATURE SUNNY AND SEASONAL WEATHER BEFORE A FEW MORE CLOUDS RETURN NEXT WEEK.

Check your local forecast anytime at: ABC4.com/weather

THURSDAY

Partly Cloudy
66°/37°
PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: SW 5-10

FRIDAY

Mostly Sunny
68°/38°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: N 5-10

SATURDAY

Mostly Sunny
72°/39°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: SE 5-10

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy
74°/44°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: SE 5-10

MONDAY

Partly Cloudy
72°/43°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: SE 5-10

TUESDAY

Partly Cloudy
71°/41°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: W 5-15

WEDNESDAY

Partly Cloudy
70°/40°
PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: NW 5-10

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FROM THE EDITOR



**BECCA
DIMICK**
COPY EDITOR

If you had told me five years ago that I'd be writing to you today as the editor of this newspaper, I probably wouldn't have believed you. But life has a funny way of bringing you exactly where you're meant to be. I've built my career working in media and storytelling, drawn to the intersection of

public information and the human experience. I studied journalism and media at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where I developed a deep appreciation for the role local journalism plays in keeping people informed, engaged and connected to the place they call home. For me, that place is Parowan, a town that's been close to my heart for many years. Living here now has given me a deeper understanding of the kind of community that makes Iron County so unique. It's a community built on connection, service to one another, and a shared sense of place.

As I step into the role of editor, I do so with respect for the community, curiosity to keep learning, and a thoughtful approach to the stories we tell.

My goal is to reflect Iron County with honesty and care, highlighting the people and moments that shape everyday life across the county. I'm looking forward to listening, learning and getting to know this community better. Thank you for the opportunity to be here. I'm truly excited to get to work.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You live longer once you realize that any time spent being unhappy is wasted. Life is about serving others, sharing what you have, and making a difference in ways both big and small."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Did everybody get a letter from Deidre Henderson about your voter registration?? Do you know who she is?

The letter asks for us to justify keeping our voter registration private. The reason for this is that Trumps DOJ has asked for a list of registered voters from all states. It is just one more step in Trumps devotion to power.

I remember very clearly where I was when Congress passed the law allowing 18 year olds to vote: in the tiny living room of my tiny house in Ely, Nevada. I exulted! I was 19, almost 20, and now I could vote!

Congress changed the voting age from 21 to 18 because of the Vietnam War. If our boys could fight and die at the age of 18, they should be able to vote. I was proud to march down to the voting booth and cast my first vote, for a Democrat—George McGovern. I'd read an interview with Jack Anderson, who said MC Govern was one of the most honest people in DC. Later, of course, Nixon's actions during Watergate would

prove that to be true and, I suppose, many regretted their vote for him.

Now here we are again at a crossroads with Trump trying to stunt the vote. I think he will try to block votes in any way he can to ensure Republican victory in 2028. We must not let him.

I didn't return the questionnaire that came with the letter. I don't think this effort will reach fruition, in large part due to the courage and backbone of people like Deidre Henderson. When I got the letter, I called that office, specifically Shelly Jackson.

I left a text message and she quickly responded, informing me that Lt Gov Henderson was at the heart of a lawsuit fighting the effort to give Trump our voter information. She has dug in her heels hard and will fight, probably to the Supreme Court.

Some of you who support Trump might agree with his desire to have a detailed list of voters from every state. You can write to him and inform him of

WORD OF THE WEEK

QUINTESSENTIAL
[kwɪn-tuh-SEN-shuhl]
adjective
the most perfect, typical, or essential example of a quality or class.



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I urge you to tell her that you support her, that you appreciate her actions.

If you believe in Donald Trump's bid for unlimited power, speak up! You have the right and responsibility. But if you are opposed to yet another step towards dictatorship in America, let your voice be heard! He does not have any kind of moral right to your voter information.

Arlene Ball

your support, of course, but further, those of you who support our Lt Gov can write to her as well.

DROUGHT UPDATE

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to support proactive resource management. Officials presented a bleak outlook for streamflow and runoff to help local leaders prepare for the coming months.

“To address extreme drought, we are asking county leaders to coordinate with water providers and review drought contingency plans and consider if a county-specific drought declaration is warranted,” Joel Ferry, executive director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, said. *“While the state remains a resource for data and guidance, water planning – including any potential restrictions – takes place on a local level to reflect conditions in the area.”*

The state's Drought Response Committee, which consists of representatives from a variety of state agencies, is closely monitoring conditions and will make a recommendation to Gov. Spencer Cox if conditions warrant a statewide drought declaration, which is in effect for 30 days unless extended by the Legislature. Currently, 100% of the state is in some form of drought, and 59% is in extreme drought.

Reservoir storage averages 72% full, which is slightly higher than normal for this time of year but down from 82% recorded last year. Statewide stream flow runoff is anticipated to be around 50% of normal. Natural inflows from the Colorado River into Lake Powell are expected to be 40% of normal this year. On March 21, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico approved a plan for the release of between 660,000 and 1 million acre-feet from Flaming Gorge Reservoir beginning as early as this week and extending through April 2027 in order to protect critical elevations at Lake Powell.

As noted in the Natural Resources Conservation Service's April 1st Water Supply Outlook Report, every major basin in Utah had record-low snowpack as of April 1, and some were almost completely melted out.

On April 28 at 8:30 a.m., DNR, Water Rights and Water Resources are holding a virtual media update/Q&A to highlight conditions.

The Department of Natural Resources continues to promote initiatives such as the Agricultural Water Optimization Program for farmers and SlowtheFlow.org for residents. These programs aim to educate and incentivize water-saving practices, helping Utahns become more drought-resilient and better prepared for future conditions. Many indoor water-saving tips are available on the Slow the Flow website.

50 Years of Pride and Progress

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In 1976 a Salt Lake County Sheriff's deputy, who worked for Blackett Oil Company of Midvale on the side, took a leave of absence to move to Cedar City and embark on a new endeavor. With a population of 10,711, no one could have predicted the massive growth Cedar City would experience, but Ron Jenkins saw an opportunity.

Ron purchased the Texaco distributorship and

founded the Jenkins Oil Company. Ron purchased the Texaco distributorship and founded the Jenkins Oil Company. During the early years, Ron, supported by his wife Lorraine, was a hard working, one man show; from the hands-on work of driving the truck, to the administrative work behind the scenes, Ron did it all. In 1988 Jenkins Oil acquired the Cooper Oil Company, and with it came two new bulk plant facilities. With this addition, Jenkins Oil was now an accredited whole-

saler for Texaco, Sinclair, Chevron and Shell.

Jenkins Oil has continued to grow, but remains true to its roots as a family business. During their high school years Ron's three children worked in the business with him. Following his passing in 2007, Ron's son Eric, and daughter Andrea, took over operations. Eric and Andrea now run the company with Eric's children working in various areas of the company.

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Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Planning Commission reviewed three main items, including a development agreement for a new Smith's Marketplace.

Smith's Marketplace Development Agreement

Commissioners heard a proposal for a 123,000-square-foot Smith's Marketplace with a fuel center, commercial pad sites, and Main Street improvements. Key features include loading bays, an e-commerce pickup area, a pharmacy drive-through, and significant screening, such as walls and landscaping, to buffer nearby homes.

Two major issues drew discussion. First, the applicant requested a public water system, but city staff raised concerns about cost, liability, and limited public benefit. Commissioners agreed the system should remain private.

Second, due to limited storm drain capacity on Main Street, the applicant requested to discharge stormwater into the Greens Lake channel at a higher rate without additional fees. Commissioners approved the request, noting delayed flow would reduce impact.

The commission also supported a 35-foot pylon sign (above the 30-foot limit) for visibility, while discussing concerns about a nearby digital gas sign. The project includes added infrastructure such as sidewalks, a drainage crossing, and removal of an old pipe.

During public comment, concerns were raised about pedestrian and bike safety and dark sky lighting. The applicant agreed to add bike racks.

The commission voted to recommend approval of the project, with the condition that the water system remain private.

Residential Development Overlay — Cross Hollow Road and Cody Drive

The commission reviewed a proposed Residential Development Overlay (RDO) for a 77-acre site near Cross Hollow Road and Cody Drive. The plan allows clustered housing while preserving open space.

The site could allow about 310 units under current zoning, or up to 464 with RDO bonuses. The applicant proposed 400 units across three areas: higher-density housing near the commercial corridor, moderate density on a smaller parcel, and low-density development on the remaining land. Between 30 and 49 acres would be preserved as natural open space and dedicated to the city.

City staff supported the clustering approach but raised concerns about traffic impacts and stormwater management. Commissioners required a traffic impact study and removed a proposed cost-sharing agreement for drainage infrastructure due to uncertainty.

Public comment drew strong response from nearby residents, who voiced concerns about traffic, parking, fire risk, water supply, and loss of open space. Some also said they were not properly notified. One speaker noted the plan could actually reduce impacts compared to alternative development without open space protections.

The commission voted to recommend approval with modifications, including the traffic study requirement. The decision passed with some dissent, primarily over density and traffic concerns.

Engineering Standards Revision

The final agenda item, an engineering standards revision, was tabled to the next meeting after a brief public hearing drew no public comment.

Cedar City City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Road Closure Policy

Council members raised concerns about extended road closures, including Industrial Road, and called for better accountability. City staff agreed stronger contract language is needed, including limits on closure times and possible penalties. While current permits allow 14-day closures with extensions, enforcement has been inconsistent. The council plans to tighten policies for both city projects and private developers.

Iron West Park Update

City staff reported gradual progress on Iron West Park's turf, with ongoing treatments to improve soil conditions. The field could be ready for competitive soccer by spring 2027. A stagnant pond on-site remains unfunded, and parking and restrooms are still in the design phase.

Cedar City Hospital Presentation

The hospital president shared an update on growth and community impact, including praise for local police

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

who quickly responded to protect a nurse during a recent incident.

The newly expanded emergency department has reduced wait times by about 20% and is expected to handle more than 23,000 visits in 2026. The hospital also saw a record number of births in March and continues to receive national recognition as a top-performing rural hospital.

Future plans include a new medical office building, expanded cancer services, an ambulatory surgery center, and additional community clinics. The hospital reported over \$9 million in charity care last year and more than \$70 million in total community benefit. Council members expressed appreciation for its services.

Pioneer Day Donation

The council approved a \$10,000 contribution for a July 24 Pioneer Day pageant, with most of the \$200,000 budget already raised through donations. The funding will come from a transient room tax fund, not general taxes, and may become an annual budget item.

Gapyeong Way Street Naming

The council approved the addition of a commemorative name, Gapyeong Way, to a stretch of 200 East between Paiute Drive and Center Street, in recognition of Cedar City's relationship with the South Korean city of Gapyeong. The official address numbering will remain on top of the sign, with the commemorative name below. Staff were directed to move quickly on design and fabrication, as a formal unveiling is planned within the week for visiting dignitaries.

Canal Liability and Indemnification Agreement

Council discussion focused on a modified irrigation canal in a city park that has led to injury claims from slippery concrete. The irrigation company requested liability protection, prompting debate over possible fixes like removing the concrete, piping the canal, or adding safety measures. Community members opposed

removing the feature, citing its value for local children. The council ultimately approved an indemnification agreement to protect the company and will revisit the feature's future later this summer.

Several ordinances were also approved unanimously, including updates to bond requirements, accessory dwelling units, parking restrictions, engineering standards, and cul-de-sac lengths.

Parowan City Council Meeting Summary

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting opened with Mayor Halterman expressing gratitude for the community's support following the passing of her husband, Sam Halterman. She reflected on his deep love for Parowan and lifelong service, noting he considered the town his home. She thanked residents for their kindness, echoing his phrase, "thank you forever."

Public Comments:

Residents voiced concerns about proposed zoning changes. Larry Zajac opposed rezoning a lot from agricultural to R1A, arguing it would increase housing density, allow additional dwellings, and set an undesirable precedent. Spike Ress presented a petition opposing a similar request for Parcel A-0482-000-000, citing concerns about reduced lot size, neighborhood character, and long-term planning impacts. Both urged the council to follow the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to deny the changes.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Alan Cavalieri reported steady improvement in the department. Equipment includes two fire engines, a ladder truck, and brush

trucks, though several vehicles require repairs due to leaks. Of 26 firefighters, 15 have up-to-date protective gear, and newer lightweight gear has been added for wildland operations. Training is consistent and collaborative with nearby departments, drawing strong participation. The department aims to improve its ISO rating, which could lower insurance costs. Response times and morale are improving, supported by mentorship between experienced and newer firefighters. Six recruits are currently attending Firefighter 1 training at personal expense. The Chief praised the volunteers' dedication and ongoing support from neighboring departments.

Police Department Report:

Chief Addison Adams presented the 2025 report. The department handled 2,741 calls, including property crimes, crimes against persons, medical calls, and agency assists. Officers also conducted VIN inspections, traffic stops, and follow-up work. With six officers (5.3 effective due to a school resource assignment), workload per officer has decreased. The department completed 311 training hours, exceeding state requirements.

UDOT Speed Study (SR 143):

A traffic study showed most drivers comply with speed limits through town, though speeds increase when leaving populated areas. A proposal to raise the east-end speed limit was withdrawn. UDOT discussed solutions such as driver feedback signs, partially funded by the state, and other traffic-calming measures. Pedestrian safety and future growth impacts were also discussed.

Action Items:

- **Zone Change Request:** The council denied a proposal to rezone Parcel A-0482-0000-0000 from A1 to R1A.
- **Arbor Day Proclamation:** May 2, 2026, was designated

Arbor Day, with a tree-planting event planned at Meeks Pond.

- **Pool Concessionaire:** The council approved a one-year agreement with Nick's Smokehouse and Café, with conditions including negotiated pricing and operational guidelines.
- **Water Rates:** A new culinary water rate schedule was adopted, with a condition to suspend the next electrical rate increase.

Fireworks Budget Discussion:

Due to rising costs, this year's Independence Day fireworks show will cost more than last year. Options included maintaining the current budget with a smaller show, increasing funds to match last year's display, or expanding further. The council deferred a decision for later consideration.

Airport Fuel Services:

The city approved terminating its contract with Parowan Aviation and taking over fuel operations. The city will reimburse approximately \$35,600 for equipment and fuel inventory. Officials believe this will reduce liability, support airport operations, and potentially increase revenue.

Water and Irrigation Planning:

The city outlined a water conservation strategy using a color-coded system (green, yellow, red) to guide watering restrictions. Public education will include messaging through bills, social media, and newsletters. Enforcement will begin with warnings before escalating. Officials also addressed cross-contamination risks and emphasized proper system installation.

Reservoir levels are slightly below capacity, and reduced runoff highlights the need for conservation. The city may consider restricting watering during peak daytime hours.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

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Public Works and Infrastructure Updates:

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Additional Updates:

- Spring Cleanup Day will not be considered for 2026 due to workload constraints.
- Progress continues on the community garden and Rock Church restoration.
- A new school board representative was announced.
- The city budget process is underway, with a draft expected in May.
- The pool will open Memorial Day weekend, with staffing still in progress.

Arbor Day Event:

The May 2 celebration will include a ceremony, tree planting, and community engagement activities.

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



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In 1990, Jenkins Oil purchased its first convenience store and began expanding further. By 2015 they decided to consolidate their business under one name and created RallyStop.

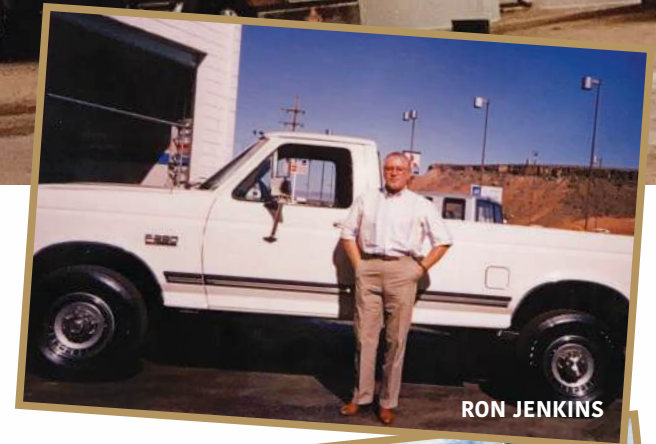
The RallyStop Mission is simple, provide quality performance fuels, with clean well stocked stores, variety for the whole family, and a superior customer experience. Their RallyStop Rewards program offers perks such as free drinks and discounts, enhancing the value for frequent visitors.

The Jenkins family takes great pride in knowing that over the last 50 years, Jenkins Oil has garnered the reputation of being a “commu-

nity partner.” Throughout the years they have sponsored a variety of youth sports, with their logo being present on almost all scoreboards within Iron County, and make regular donations to the Utah Food Bank to help grow and support our community.

On May 1, RallyStop will host a grand opening for its newest location at 545 N 5300 W in Cedar City. This store will mark the company’s 18th location. The community is invited to attend, with giveaways, food, in-store promotions, and activities planned throughout the day. More than just a convenience store, this new location will also offer groceries, further expanding its services to

meet the needs of the community. From its beginnings as a one-man operation to an 18-location business, Jenkins Oil continues to build on its legacy as a trusted community partner.



Las Vegas man pleads guilty in Cedar City equipment theft case; skid steer still missing

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Las Vegas man accused of renting a mini skid steer from a Cedar City Home Depot and never returning it has now pleaded guilty to a reduced felony charge.

Anthony Jermaine Collins, 47, recently pleaded guilty to theft, a third-degree felony, under an amended charge filed in 5th District Court.

As part of the plea, Collins admitted that on April 24, 2025, he rented the equipment from the store and did not return it.

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Six plead guilty in Iron County retail theft ring; alleged ringleader faces prison, deportation

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

What began as a string of brazen walkout thefts at a Cedar City Home Depot has ended in guilty pleas for six defendants, all of whom now face deportation under court-approved agreements.

Among them is Edgardo Duque, 43, identified by investigators as the primary figure behind the operation, who pleaded guilty to multiple felony charges and faces prison time before removal from the United States.

Court documents show Duque entered guilty pleas to theft by receiving stolen property, money laundering and possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted

person. As part of the plea agreement, he agreed to forfeit two firearms and more than \$40,000 in cash seized during the investigation, serve jail time and comply with deportation proceedings.

Duque has been in the United States since at least 2019, when court records show multiple tax liens were filed against him and his wife, Yojana Ester Garcia-Rojop, 31. Garcia-Rojop pleaded guilty to attempted theft by receiving stolen property, a third-degree felony, for her role in the Home Depot theft operation and also faces deportation.

Their 18-year-old son, Andy Josue Garcia-Rojop, also pleaded guilty to attempted theft by receiving stolen property in connection with

the same case and is expected to face deportation under the terms of his plea agreement.

The broader case stems from a series of thefts reported at the Cedar City Home Depot between February and early March 2026, where eight suspects repeatedly walked out of the store with carts full of merchandise without paying.

According to charging documents, the group used a consistent method of loading high-value items onto carts and exiting the store, sometimes using distraction tactics or displaying fake receipts to avoid detection.

Investigators linked the suspects through surveillance footage and a vehicle seen leaving multiple scenes. The investigation led officers to

a residence on 6300 West, where an informant told police the theft operation was being directed by Duque and carried out by “employees” associated with him.

When officers served a search warrant at the property, they reported finding a large quantity of stolen merchandise valued at more than \$47,000. The items were spread across multiple structures, much of it still in its original packaging and traceable to the Cedar City store.

Authorities also located a locked room on the property that multiple individuals identified as being controlled by Duque, where stolen items were stored. Investigators said Duque’s “employees” reported Duque would open

the room so the merchandise could be placed inside after thefts.

During the search, officers also seized cash, firearms and suspected methamphetamine from a safe in the primary residence. Both Duque and his wife told police they were aware of what was inside the safe.

In addition to Duque, his wife and son, the case includes Sindy Cabrera, Franklin Fernando Garcia-Diaz and Rey Alexander Santos-Montes, all of whom have pleaded guilty and agreed to deportation after serving their sentences.

The remaining defendants, Nehemias Josue Zapet-Maldonado and Marco Antonio Rivera-Hernandez, are scheduled to enter pleas next week.

LAS VEGAS MAN

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The charge was reduced from a second-degree felony, which alleged losses exceeding \$5,000, to a third-degree felony under an amended filing.

Court documents show under the plea agreement, the state agreed not to seek prison time so Collins can pay restitution for the stolen equipment.

The case stems from an incident reported by Home Depot in Cedar City.

A Toro mini skid steer, trailer and attachments valued at more than \$20,600 were rented under a false name and never returned. According to charging documents, the equipment was rented using the name “Cody Gedman.”

Home Depot provided photos to police showing the suspect’s truck with a Utah license plate that had

been reported stolen March 26, 2025. The photos also showed the driver and the man who rented the equipment, according to the affidavit.

Police then used Flock camera data to track the same truck in Cedar City with a California license plate assigned to Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Enterprise records showed the vehicle had been rented in Las Vegas by Eboni Harris.

The stolen skid steer later appeared for sale on Facebook Marketplace, where store employees recognized it from photos and confirmed it was taken from the Cedar City store.

A search warrant served on Facebook confirmed the listing had been posted by Collins, who used his real name and phone number while communicating with potential buyers. The skid steer was listed for \$10,700, or \$11,500 with delivery.

While the trailer was later recovered in Las Vegas in July 2025, the skid steer had not been recovered as of the time charges were filed.



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11 CEDAR CITY STUDENTS RECEIVE \$55,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

from Colton Howard

THE KFC FOUNDATION

CEDAR CITY, Utah (April 21, 2026)

— This week, the KFC Foundation is proud to announce it has granted more than 300 KFC® restaurant employees nationwide a total of \$2 million in scholarships to further their educational dreams. Among this year's recipients are 11 Cedar City residents and employees of the local KFC restaurant located at 895 W 200 N, Cedar City, UT. These scholars include:

- **Faith Joseph**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$10K)
- **Makenzie Allred**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$5K)
- **Eric Buckles**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$5K)
- **Ethan Cornish**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$5K)
- **Daniel Griffin**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$5K)
- **Hunter Losee**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$5K)
- **Isabella McUne**, student at Western Governors University – (\$5K)
- **Samantha Stuart**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$5K)
- **Coulter Talbot**, student at Western Governors University – (\$5K)
- **Cayden Whaley**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$5K)
- **Faith Worthington**, student at Southern Utah University – (\$5K)

The KFC Foundation Scholarship program empowers KFC restaurant employees throughout the U.S. to pursue their educational dreams by providing scholarships to attend an accredited four-year or two-year college, trade/vocational school, or graduate school of their choice. Since

its inception in 2012, the program has awarded over \$25 million in scholarships to more than 8,500 KFC restaurant employees.

“Education opens doors, and we’re proud to help KFC restaurant employees walk through them,” said **Emma Horn, Executive Director of the KFC Foundation.** **“Each scholarship represents an investment in someone’s future and the incredible potential they bring to their communities.”**

Scholarships are just one way the KFC Foundation supports, empowers, and serves joy to KFC restaurant employees and communities. The foundation also provides programs focused on education accessibility, financial and hardship assistance, and community giving.

**To be eligible for the KFC Foundation’s programs, one must be employed at a KFC restaurant participating in the KFC Foundation’s Annual Franchise Donation Program. Some restrictions may apply. See KFCFoundation.org for details.*

About the KFC Foundation

Celebrating over 25 years of changing lives, the KFC Foundation, an independent 501c3 organization, has provided over \$47 million to support and empower more than 18,000 individual recipients and over 4,600 non-profits. The KFC Foundation’s charitable programs focus on education accessibility, financial and hardship assistance, and community giving, and are made possible by Round Up donations, purchases of KFC’s Secret Recipe Fries, and other contributions. For more information, visit kfcfoundation.org.

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Music Festivals Offer Gold Cup Scholarships

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Both the String and Piano Festivals were successful this year. Students came from throughout the area to share their music. A large contingent of teachers and local musicians helped with judging and administration of the festivals. Students can earn Gold Cup trophies through their performances.

The local Music Festivals want to remind graduating seniors who plan to attend SUU that they can apply for the \$100 scholarships. The music students who have received at least one Gold Cup are eligible for the scholarship which is applied to their student account. The string application is on the website at southernutahstringfestival.org under forms. The piano students can contact Shelley Holt at 435-231-2519 for the application form.

Shelley Holt is the new director for the National Federation of Music Clubs Piano Festival. She wants to thank Brittanie Larson for serving as the director for several years. This year's festival had 15 returning piano teachers and five new teachers participating.

Marin Colby directs the Southern Utah String Festival. Seventy five students participated, including some with the online option from outside the area. The Gold Cup recitals for strings featured students from elementary through high school.

The Music Festivals started in 1983 to help provide performance experiences for young musicians. "It is exciting to see the progress each year as the students come back to share their music," said Colby. Several of the students have become teachers and participate in local music organizations.



Return Changed: A Reflection on Artemis II

by *Brittania Howe*

CCAC GUEST COLUMN

We often talk about the courage it takes to launch, to break through gravity and to chase the unknown. But the deeper, more dangerous truth lives in the return. This is what moves me the most. Not the destination, not even the discovery, but the intention to come back.

There's a kind of poetry in physics. To return home, the spacecraft must meet the atmosphere at a precise angle (too steep, and it burns; too shallow, and it skips off the atmosphere and is lost to space). Everything is calculated exactly for this moment. It is prepared to surrender to forces that must be understood and respected. It must endure fire, shed speed, and trust the narrow path laid before it.

In the same way, we, too, must release

what weighs us down like habits, fears, and expectations to survive our own reentries. Growth is not just ascent; it is also the courage to come back changed, intact, and alive. Alive!

This mission, in every sense, is an act of faith paired with flawless preparation. Millions of dollars, hundreds of minds, years of calculation in the realm of orbital mechanics. And yet, the mission still depends on something almost spiritual: the belief that the traveler is worth bringing home.

What is exploration if there is no return? Because meaning is not only found in reaching the stars, but in returning from them having truly seen. In the world of the arts, we often say that "the eye does not just see; it interprets." And perhaps this is why we must go at all.

Interpreting is a universal gift of humankind. For this specific mission, it was important that the astronauts

took turns at the window and used their eyesight, described by NASA scientists as "the best camera," to analyze the moon during their lunar flyby. In real-time they told scientists on earth scientific information about the moon's surface that no human eyes had seen before. I often think of the image the astronauts captured: the Moon in the foreground, large in her quiet beauty, and beyond the Moon, the Earth suspended in the background. This photograph reveals fragility and a deep connection. The Earth, a thin crescent of light, holds everything we are: every story, every life, bound together in something finite and shared.

The mission is not complete until we return changed — through the fire, through the pressure, through the narrow corridor of possibility — and then share it with others. Because meaning is not only found in reaching the stars, but in returning from them with something to give.

So, as you attend a performance in Iron County this spring, perhaps an end-of-year orchestra concert, a school play, walk through a local museum, or support your students or local artists, ask yourself:

What will I bring back?

The mission of the arts, just like spaceflight, is not just to launch, but to carry insight, interpretation, and meaning back into our community, changed.



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MEET THIS MONTH'S CLINICIAN!

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Chandra works with adults and couples.

Her approach is CBT, DBT, mindfulness, and reality therapy.



WELCOME TO ROOTS COUNSELING & WELLNESS

My name is Chandra W. Hitz, and I am an Associate Clinical Mental Health Counselor (ACMHC) at Roots Counseling. I primarily work with adults in individual and couples counseling. I especially enjoy working with older women navigating life transitions and seeking empowerment through positive change. I also enjoy working with couples who are motivated to strengthen communication, face challenges honestly, and take responsibility for their growth together.

My approach to therapy is collaborative and grounded in whole-body wellness, supporting mental, emotional, and physical health. I integrate skills-based learning through evidence-based models, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), mindfulness practices, and Reality Therapy/Choice Theory. For clients who desire it, I also incorporate a spirituality or existential perspective into our work.

I believe everyone deserves a safe, supportive space during the therapeutic process. I am passionate about helping clients discover new ways of being and building a strong therapeutic alliance rooted in trust and mutual respect. My goal is for clients to feel seen, heard, understood, and genuinely supported. I want them to know they are not alone and that I am in their corner.

I chose this field because of my deep desire to help people improve their relationships with themselves and with others. What keeps me motivated is witnessing meaningful, lasting change. To me, growth looks like real, tangible progress built through small, everyday shifts. There is no timeline for transformation; it may take weeks or years, but those consistent, intentional steps create a more grounded and fulfilling life.

Struggling doesn't mean you're failing, it means you're human.

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-Viktor Frankl

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Life Begins the Day You Start a Garden – Even in a Drought!

by **May Hunter**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

your garden? Cedar City and most of Iron County average about 135 frost-free days each year. In spring, the average last frost date is around May 14. That means cool-season vegetables and flowers can often be planted earlier, while warm-season crops should wait until May.

In Iron County, especially around Cedar City, cool-season crops such as peas, lettuce, and spinach can usually be planted in March or April and go in as soon as the soil is workable. Warm-season crops such as tomatoes, peppers, and squash should be planted after the danger of frost has passed, usually in May. Because of our short growing season and high elevation, it is still wise to keep frost blankets on hand in case of a late frost.

If you are starting seeds indoors, warm-season crops like tomatoes and peppers can be started by mid-March. Outdoors, pansies and snapdragons are also good cool-season flowers to plant earlier in the spring. Be sure to choose a sunny location and keep an eye on soil moisture. For more detailed planting dates, consult the USU Iron County Vegetable Planting Guide.

Spring is also the perfect time to begin preparing your soil. You can start tilling, clearing winter debris, and adding mulch or compost to replenish nutrients. May is the best month to plant many garden favorites. It is also not too late to plant tomatoes and peppers from

Wondering when you can plant



seed. Strawberries, blackberries, and raspberries can be planted in late April or early May.

You can also purchase vegetables, fruit, and flower starts from a nursery to give your garden a healthy beginning. Fruit trees do especially well in raised nursery beds because they

allow for better control of soil quality, drainage, weed growth, and soil compaction. Buying strong starts can help your garden thrive and keep your flowers blooming beautifully all summer long.

There is simply no comparison between a bland grocery store tomato and one freshly picked from your own garden. Much of the produce sold in American grocery stores has traveled long distances, which affects both flavor and quality by the time it reaches your table.

If you do not have a traditional garden plot, you can still grow food in containers, garden boxes, or even flower beds.

Easy Steps to Start a Garden:

1. Choose workable soil
2. Choose your crops wisely
3. Build your bed
4. Plant your crops
5. Weed your garden
6. Be patient
7. Keep your garden healthy
8. Harvest

Gardening takes time, patience, and discipline, but it is also a

wonderful way to de-stress. There is something deeply gratifying about planting, tending, harvesting, and sharing your own food. Gardening can build self-esteem, support heart health, provide a natural boost of vitamin D, and offer a great form of exercise.

Gardening adds years to your life — and life to your years.

If you have a garden, there are two things you must have: hope and patience. In times like these, both are especially important.

Water-wise gardening can also produce healthier plants. By using smart watering practices, you can save both time and water.

10 Ways to Conserve Water in the Garden

- Build healthy soil by adding compost and organic matter regularly to improve water retention and drainage.
- Group plants together based on how much water they need.
- Mulch wherever possible. Mulch reduces evaporation, and materials such as wood chips, leaves, grass clippings, and newspaper help retain moisture.
- Water consistently. Sticking to a schedule helps reduce waste.
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses to deliver water

directly to the roots with minimal evaporation.

- Put timers on your drip system so water is not left running too long.
- Water in the early morning, before 9:00 or 10:00 a.m., so plants can absorb moisture before the heat of the day.
- Water deeply and less often to encourage strong, deep roots.
- Keep weeds out, since weeds compete with your plants for water.
- Water slowly. Let the water soak in gradually so it can reach deep into the soil.

Avoid watering on windy days, since you can lose up to 50% of the water to evaporation and drift. Plants do best when watered deeply about three times a week. There are also many drought-tolerant plants available, so choose your seeds and starts wisely. Nursery professionals in your area can help you select the best options for your local conditions and water situation.

“Plant seeds of happiness, hope, success, and love, and they will come back to you in abundance.” – Steve Maraboli

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” – Audrey Hepburn



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. (No meet Jul, Nov, Dec)

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

6-7pm • 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

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Easy Does It • Tues, 6-7 pm • (435) 559-3333

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (925) 508-9058

Key to Harmony (Online/Email Meeting) Sun & Tues 435-704-4979 • <https://keytoharmony.org/>

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Caregivers

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

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

Reel Mental Health

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

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widows Ministry

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

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

welcome all religious backgrounds, agnostics, and atheists. 3rd Sundays at 11 am. 5101 W 1125 S, Cedar City. Leave a message or call Valerie Whitaker if interested at 435-704-4262.

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 expressive emotions. INFO: 435-267-4212.

College: forms.gle/SmGygtCfvQ1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiePW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

Mon, 10-11 am & Wed, 1-2 pm • Cedar City Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Easy to do.

Please bring own mat. (435) 586-0832

Sewing Group

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

Annie Anzalone (702) 232-0063.

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

calendar

THURS, APR 30

EAST ELEMENTARY

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF MEMORIES (6-7:30PM) Once a part of East, always a part of East. We invite all alumni, former staff, and community members to come home and celebrate 75 years of memories. Walk the Halls, share memories, honor the legacy. Short program at 6:30PM. Held at East Elementary 255 E. 70 S. Cedar City 84720

FRI, MAY 1

CEDAR CITY SPRING FIESTA

AND SLOW ROLL (5-10PM) in the Historic Downtown (Center Street and 100 West, Cedar City), admission is FREE. Everyone is welcome to bring some wheels and enjoy the family fun festivities! Slow Roll Bike Ride (5:30 pm - 8:30 pm), Food, Main Stage Live Entertainment, Vendors, Face Painting, Loteria Games, Prizes, & more. For information or vendor application visit cedarcity.org.

SOUTHERN UTAH SENIORS

CONFERENCE (8:30AM - 2PM) Join us for the 2026 Southern Utah Seniors Conference in Cedar City on May 1, at Festival Hall! We will have great speakers, fun workshops, a vendor fair, lunch, and entertainment. You can register at <https://www.southernutahseniorsconference.org/>. The Greatest Show on Earth is YOU!!

RALLYSTOP RIBBON CUTTING

(12PM) At 545 N 5300 W Cedar City. This store will mark the company's 18th location. The community is invited to attend, with giveaways, food, in-store promotions, and activities planned throughout the day. More than just a convenience store, this new location will also offer groceries, further expanding its services to meet the needs of the community.

SU BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

(9AM - 9PM) May 1st & 2nd. held in Cedar City (Veterans Park - 200 N 200 E | Bicentennial Park - 660 W 1045 N | Fields at the Hill - 2090 W Royal Hunte Dr, Cedar City & Valentine Peak Sports Complex - 330 E 200 N, Parowan). For information visit subaseball.wixsite.com.

SAT, MAY 2

2D BATTALION 222D FIELD

ARTILLERY Centennial Celebration&Commemorations of the Battles of Gapyeong, Korea and Ramadi, Iraq. 10am - Main Event - Cedar City Veteran's Memorial Park. 2pm - 213th Armored Field Artillery Documentary - SUU Auditorium. 4pm - Ar Ramadi and Baghdad, Iraq Deployment Reunion - SUU Upper Quad. History Exhibit - SUU R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center, Great Hall. Follow 2nd Battalion 222nd Field Artillery and Utah National Guard on Facebook for Updates.

KOLOB ART GALLERY

CELEBRATING MOTHERS (6-8PM) Mother's Day sale. At the Kolob art gallery 111 S Main St. Cedar City.

THE COAL CREEK TRAIL

SUMMER PARKRUN (8AM) The Coal Creek Trail summer parkrun is a free, weekly, timed 5k run/jog/walk held on Saturdays at 8:00 am in Canyon Park West (133 S 400 E, Cedar City). The run is for all ages & abilities. For information visit parkrun.us/coalcreektrail.

PAROWAN CITY ARBOR DAY

CELEBRATION (10AM) held at Meeks Farmstead (20 N 400 W, Parowan). Come celebrate Arbor Day with the community! Enjoy the outdoors and help honor the importance of trees. Bring your own chair.

THREE PEAKS RECREATION

AREA WALKING TOURS

(1-3PM) Will also be held on Wednesday May 6th (9-11AM) BLM archaeologist is giving 5 walking tours of the Three Peaks Recreation Area to discuss the agency's multiple use mission through the lens of history. Tours (~2 hours) will visit remnants of several Cold War era test sites on public land. Events are free and open to the public. Please RSVP with the BLM at the office, 435-865-3048, or slavalley@blm.gov. If you have a large group, a separate date/time can also be scheduled.

WED, MAY 6

CCAC BOOK CLUB (7PM) @

Main Street Books in Cedar City. This month's book is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, by James McBride. We alternate between fiction and non-fiction titles. We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.

FRI, MAY 8

COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND

CULTURE NIGHT Hosted by Natural History Museum of Utah (2:30-4:30PM) At Zions Bank, 3 S Main Street Cedar. The Natural History Museum of Utah will host a free, family-friendly Community Science and Culture Night celebrating its "Woven Through Time" Traveling Treasures exhibit. The event will feature hands-on activities, museum specimens including dinosaur bones and archaeological artifacts, and interactive learning stations with local partners such as the Frehner Museum of Natural History and Cedar City Library. The exhibit will remain on display at Zions Bank through May 28.

schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three Peaks Elementary

Second grade classes had the opportunity to attend the Bard's Birthday Bash on the campus of SUU on April 21, 2026. They ate cake with Queen Elizabeth, played jousting games, watched portions of Shakespeare plays performed by students, and participated in a Maypole activity. Students in Mrs. Hunter's and Mrs. Parker's class were excited to perform in front of their peers on the stage at the Adams Theater. The evening before, the 2nd grade students in Mrs. Hunter's class and Mrs. Parker's class performed a student version of "Midsummer Night's Dream" to parents and family members. Each class did a great job with their speaking parts and acting skills. Thank you to SUU for providing fun activities for students to attend and learn from.

Also, a big thank you to Tonya Hunter and Susan Parker for taking the time to teach their students about William Shakespeare and helping the students memorize lines and act out parts for one of Shakespeare's famous comedies.

Canyon View Middle School

At CVMS, dual immersion students participated in a statewide Chinese speaking competition. Porter, a 7th grader, gave a speech on the benefits of the dual immersion program. He took 2nd in the competition and 6th place in the competition for his excellent Chinese speaking abilities. We are so proud of our students!

South Elementary

South Elementary hosted a successful Family Fun Night on April 20, bringing students, families, and staff together for an evening filled with fun activities, laughter, and strong community connection. The event highlighted the positive and welcoming spirit of our school. As the school year winds down, students and staff are preparing to "level up" for end-of-year testing. We are proud of the hard work taking place in our classrooms and look forward to finishing the year strong.

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Parkinson's Disease and Pedaling to Phoenix for the 2026 World Parkinson's Congress

by David Warner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a chronic and progressive neurodegenerative disorder primarily affecting movement control. It results from the loss of dopamine-producing nerve cells in the substantia nigra, a brain region that helps regulate smooth and purposeful movements. The hallmark motor symptoms include tremors, muscle rigidity, bradykinesia (slowness of movement), freezing of gait, and postural instability. Although less known and treated, non-motor symptoms such as depression, sleep disturbances, cognitive changes, and autonomic dysfunction also frequently occur. PD typically develops gradually, mostly affecting people over 60, though at least 10 percent of patients are considered young onset. There is currently no cure, but treatments aim to alleviate symptoms and improve quality of life.

Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurodegenerative disease with over 90,000 people per year being diagnosed. 1.1 million people in the

United States currently suffer from PD. Although there is no known single cause of the disease, recent research has shown that environmental toxins such as pesticides and chemicals used in dry cleaning/industrial cleaners (Trichlorethylene or TCE), significantly increase the risk of someone developing Parkinson's Disease. For example, a commonly used chemical for pesticides, Paraquat, increases the risk of PD up to 500 times.²

The primary treatments for Parkinson's focus on providing motor symptom relief. There currently is no medicinal method to slow progression of Parkinson's Disease. However, several studies indicate the benefits of exercise and in particular, vigorous cycling, slows progression and can provide significant daily symptom relief. Other beneficial activities shown to help symptom relief include running, boxing, Tai Chi, and dancing.

covers topics of interest to all members of the PD Community, including recent scientific and clinical research, rehabilitation research, education and training, best-care models, and quality of life

issues. The Congress is attended by researchers, neurologists, rehabilitation therapists, physicians and nurses, social workers, people with PD, care partners and others.



The next World Parkinson's Congress will be in Phoenix AZ, May 24-27, 2026. It will be held in the Phoenix Convention Center. Information about the Congress can be found at wpc2026.org. I encourage all who have any connection to PD to explore attending this event in Phoenix, or future World Parkinson's Congress events.

To create awareness regarding PD, three teams of cyclists will be Pedaling to Phoenix to attend WPC 2026. Team West Coast will be starting in Seattle and travelling down the Pacific coast before heading East at San Diego. Team Route 66 is starting in Chicago picking up riders in St Louis and then heading West.

Team Utah will be led by my brother Rob and will be launching from the Parkinson's Moving Day event at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City on May 2nd. We will be riding down the state and will be accomplishing routes between these SW Utah cities on the following dates: Richfield -Panguitch, May 6; Panguitch-Cedar (via Hwy 20), May 7; Cedar-Enterprise, May 8; Enterprise-St. George, May 9, and St George-Mesquite (via Shivwits), May 11. If you want to ride with Team Utah for part of a day, or more, all are welcome. Each evening, we will be posting departure points and times for the following day at <https://www.facebook.com/PedalForParkinsonsUT> and we would love to ride with you. And if unable, for whatever reasons, we would love to meet you as we depart; or enjoy your encouragement along our route.

1. <https://www.parkinson.org/understanding-parkinsons/statistics#:~:text=An%20estimated%201.1%20million%20people,neurodegenerative%20disease%20after%20Alzheimer's%20disease.disease>.
2. Dorsey, R, et al., (2020), Ending Parkinson's Disease
3. (Frontiers, 2015)
4. (PubMed, 2016)

The World Parkinson's Congress occurs every 3 years at various locations around the world. The Congress program

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AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE PARK

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The American Legion is the nation's largest veteran service organization, advocating for veterans, service members, and military families since 1919. The American Legion has operated with a clear and enduring purpose: to serve those who have served, strengthen the nation, and uphold the

values that define American democracy. Founded by an Act of Congress after World War I, the American Legion has strengthened America and its veterans through programs, services, compassion, and actions that have proven vital, timeless, and life-changing. They meet the unique needs of local communities, celebrate all

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who contribute to something larger than themselves, and inspire others to serve and strengthen America.

The American Legion Family Day was held on Saturday, April 25, at the Cedar City Main Street Park. The bake sale fundraiser helps support our veterans, their families, and the community. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful!

The American Legion and Auxiliary would like to thank all those who attended and participated.

To find out about joining or volunteering: The Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Cedar City Library. The American Legion meets the second Monday at 6 p.m. at the Cedar City Library.



obituaries

Ann Frehner



"My teacher smells like TicTacs," a seven-year-old wrote of our mother. He was correct, but minty-fresh breath was only the beginning of her perfection. From crown to heel, she dressed and looked like a movie star. Despite her luxurious looks, our mother was thrifty. None of her clothing was couture; her jewelry? Costume. She had a vision for fashion.

Perfection was not limited to attire. Every occasion was completed with flair. Flaming pudding for Christmas. A classroom birthday treat? How about cream puffs, from scratch?

Our mom was a seeker of all things lovely. If nature couldn't come through, she willed it into her life. Some may have noted the blooms on her rose bush. Well, the truth is, that bush only produced thorns. Ann to the rescue! A little floral tape and Dollar Store roses did the trick! Perfection

was everything...

But what our mother didn't realize was that her imperfections made us love her even more. She was prone to embarrassment, and accounts of her follies made us laugh so hard we wanted to share them with the world. Her humor was unmatched.

Our mother was a dancer. She taught dance when we were young, credited her lower body strength to the art, and occasionally boasted, "When I was in college, I beat the football players at leg wrestling."

With all that going for her, certainly there must have been romance? Why, yes, there was. She was a young college girl. He was a handsome farm boy from Mesquite, Nevada. He drove a pink Cadillac, but it wasn't the car with which she fell in love. While sparks were still flying, he served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She missed him. He missed her, and his heart filled with concern: "What if she doesn't wait?" He hatched a plan and bought a ring. Was it he on bended knee? No—it was his father! Her true love sent his own father to make the proposal on his behalf.

Ann and Clayton married in the St. George LDS Temple on November 17, 1961. Their union produced two daughters, then two sons. They lived in Logan, Utah; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Cedar City, Utah.

Ann and Clayton's marriage played out like a "Movie of the Week." There was love, drama, and exotic adventure to faraway places. Remember the part where she was known for her style? She may have been one of the few to climb the steps of an Egyptian pyramid in high heels.

And now, for the good stuff. Our mom believed. She believed in a Savior and knew her prayers would be answered. She believed in waiting for answers. She knew they would come—and waited twenty years for one in particular. She did not surrender her mind to doubt.

She believed in the language of music. She believed the singing voice is more powerful than the speaking voice. She once said, "I know I'm the loudest singer in the church congregation, and what others think is not my concern." It was her way of praising the Lord, and nothing could get in the way.

Where did this beautiful life begin? In Cedar City, Utah, on August 17, 1941. Her parents adored her, as did her older brother. She was raised with treasured love in the same neighborhood as grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who were as close as siblings.

Anna Evon Sherratt Frehner is survived by her children, Natalie Waters (John), Michele Bryant (Steve), and Cary Frehner; and her grandchildren, Courtney Squires, Mackenzie Ayers, Spencer Waters, Parker Waters, Chelsea Bryant, Jacquelyn Bryant, Garret Bryant, Olivia Knight, Hannah Dumeyer, Lauren Frehner, Kaylee Frehner, and Jade Frehner; as well as 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ila Gurr Sherratt Corry; her father, Burns King Sherratt; her stepfather, Durrell W. Corry; her husband, Clayton Frehner; her son, Gregory S. Frehner; her brother and sister-in-law, Lee and Joyce Sherratt; and her lifelong friend and confidant, LeeAnn Gentry.

Now, as the credits roll across the screen of this magical life, here are some random facts—in no particular order:

Age 3: fell in a manhole—"...dark and scary."

Teenage years: twirled a fire baton with fellow performer Billy Rice.

A beloved elementary school teacher.

Loved her LDS service: favorites included teaching inmates the Gospel of Jesus Christ and playing the organ in the Cedar LDS Temple.

Our favorite sayings: "Oh, Ann Frehner!" "Alright, troops!"

She played piano, organ, and flute—and had a gorgeous operatic voice.

And though the credits have rolled, her story plays on—in every note of music, every act of beauty, and in every life she touched.

Giana Hulet



Giana Graff Hulet was born on June 16, 1959, in Cedar City, Utah, to Paul David and Diana Tremewan Graff. She was raised in Salt Lake City until her family moved home to Cedar City when she was 13. She attended both Salt Lake County and Iron County Schools and graduated from Cedar High in 1977. She was active in science, band, and student government. She always had a book in hand and enjoyed growing up around her 4 siblings, her cousins, and dear friends. Family time included working on the family farm and trailing cattle and sheep up and down Kanarra Mountain, livestock shows, 4-H Clubs, and music.

From an early age, Giana dreamed of being a registered nurse. She was admitted to Weber State's Nursing Program 2 weeks after high school graduation and received her Associate in Nursing Degree in 1979. Shortly after this, she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Westminster College and another Bachelor's Degree in Health Service Administration from Weber State University. Later on, she earned her Master's Degree in Nursing Administration from Regis University in Denver, CO. All of her degrees were awarded with the highest academic honors.

For 48 years, Giana was a nurse in the Emergency Department at Valley View Medical Center/Cedar City Hospital. She advocated for her patients and cared for them in a loving and professional manner. She was a CPR Instructor and an instructor for Trauma Nursing and Pediatric Nursing. She was a certified emergency nurse for 35 years. The last half of her career, she served as the clinical educator for the Emergency Department and was awarded the ER Educator of the Year by the Emergency Nurses Association.

As much as Giana enjoyed her career, her life began when she met an Iron County Deputy Sheriff when he came into the ER with appendicitis. Lee Hulet and Giana married on June 4, 1982, in the St. George Temple. They were devoted to each other and to their 3 children. Lee and Giana were busy with their family, jobs, farming, horses, animals, music, and church activity.

Motherhood was Giana's greatest joy. She volunteered at the schools and made sure each of her children felt loved unconditionally. Giana organized family get-togethers and brought people together. Her nieces and nephews were all favorites. She was active in the scouting program and received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. She worked with the children in her ward as a Primary teacher and chorister for many years. She was a fantastic cook and a voracious reader. Friends and family looked forward to her homemade soaps for the holidays. She enjoyed serving others. Mostly, she spent as much time as she could with her husband and family.

She is survived by her husband, Norman Lee Hulet, Jr., and her children: Jordan Hulet (James Hood), Jacob Graff Hulet, and Joshua Graff Hulet. Also survived by her mother, Diana Graff, and her siblings: Genifer (Kerry Rose), Gayle (Thadd Jennings), Paul Rowland (Kris Doty), and Oliver Graham. Preceded in death by her father, Paul David Graff, and her grandparents, Oliver and Anna Tremewan, and Dr. A.L. and Deloris Graff.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at the Cedar City Rock Church. Viewings will be held at the church on Friday, May 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and again on Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.

To stream the service or share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

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Christine Frances Ladd



Christine Frances Ladd, 79, of Cedar City, Utah, passed away unexpectedly on April 20, 2026. Christine was born on September 14, 1946, in Troy, New York, to Edmond “Jake” Canfield and Anna Canfield. She was raised in Troy, New York, where she graduated from Catholic Central High School in Lansingburgh before continuing her education at Mildred Elley Business School in Albany, New York, earning her degree in business.

In 1998, Christine relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada, following her daughter and grandson. There, she built a career with

Clark County Parks and Recreation until her retirement. She later made her home in Cedar City, Utah.

On October 19, 2002, Christine married Gary Ladd in Las Vegas, Nevada. Together, they built a life centered on family, faith, and shared experiences.

Christine was a woman of deep faith and was actively involved in weekly Bible studies at Red Hills Southern Baptist Church. She found great joy in the outdoors and staying active, especially kayaking, hiking, traveling, and playing pickleball. She also loved spending time with friends, trying new things such as bowling, volunteering, and playing card games.

She especially cherished time spent with her grandchildren in Las Vegas—Niko, Brooklyn, Bianca, and Edgar—and the light of her life, her great-grandson Nolan, creating memories that will be treasured forever. Christine and her daughter Paula shared a special bond; they were best friends, and Paula will miss her immensely.

Christine had a heart of gold and was known for her kindness to everyone she met. She was loved by all who knew her, and anyone who crossed her path could tell you she was truly one of a kind. She is survived by her loving husband, Gary Ladd; her children: Paula Tanner (Thomas Tanner) of Las Vegas, Nevada; Lori Guysinger (Jim Guysinger) of Silt, Colorado; Jennifer Connelly of Fort Worth, Texas; and Kaci Bennett (Matt Bennett) of Smithfield, Utah; as well as 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by MaryAnn Daly of Clifton Park, New York; numerous cousins; and a long-lost cousin, Kathy Swota of Grafton, New York, with whom she formed a cherished and meaningful relationship. Christine was preceded in death by her parents, Edmond “Jake” Canfield and Anna Canfield, and her sister, Sandie Canfield.

Christine will be deeply missed and forever remembered for her love, generosity, and the lasting impact she had on everyone around her.

Interment is under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To share online condolences visit the website www.mortuary.org.

Anthony Gerald Calvasina



Anthony Gerald Calvasina, age 46, of Cedar City, passed away on April 15, 2026, surrounded by his family.

Born on June 19, 1979, in Oxford, Mississippi, Anthony was the beloved child of Gerald and Karen Calvasina. He grew up in Charlotte, NC and graduated from Charlotte Catholic High School in 1997. He went on to UNLV and finished his degree at Southern Utah University in 2015.

Anthony was known for kindness, he would give you the shirt off his back and his sense of humor, often cracking colorful jokes, to make others laugh and lighten the mood. He was an avid sports fan of his favorite teams, the Ole Miss Rebels, the Duke Blue Devils, the Fighting Irish, the Raiders and the Dodgers. He was a talented musician who loved to play the guitar and write songs. He had a deep passion for music, especially Phish, Dave Matthews, Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix. He found joy in his son, Ethan, and he delighted in Ethan's accomplishments academically and musically.

Anthony is survived by his parents; his son, Ethan; his stepdaughter, Jezebel; his brother, Jamie; his sister, Melanie; and his nephews, Caleb, Ben, and Aidan.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Anthony will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him. His family takes comfort that he has gone home to his Heavenly Father.

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Michael Jay Stolk



Michael Jay Stolk of Ruth, NV, age 68, passed away on April 19, 2026 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He was born on January 18, 1958 in Ely, NV, to Walter Jay Stolk and Joyce Marie Halterman Stolk.

Michael was raised in Ely and graduated from White Pine High School in 1976.

He worked as a detective at the White Pine County Sheriff's Office and retired in 2012.

Michael loved spending time with his wife Teri. He also enjoyed working in his yard which he was very proud of. One of his favorite things was to travel to the Oregon coast with Teri. He also enjoyed visiting with family and having a good BBQ.

Michael is survived by his wife, Teri Stolk of Ruth, NV; son Michael Jason Stolk of Ruth, NV; daughter Makaela Stolk Creager of Grants Pass, OR; and grandchildren: Deven Michael Stolk, Riley Jay Stolk, Emerie Lajuana Stolk, Aja Joyce Stolk, and great granddaughter Ryah Andriana Stolk.

Michael is also survived by his sister Cynthia Stolk Longinetti, brother-in-law John Longinetti; nephew Erick Jay Trevena and wife Jacquelyn Joelle Trevena, nephews Austin Jon Trevena and Jaxson Erick Trevena, all of Ely, NV.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Jay Stolk and Joyce Marie Halterman Stolk.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A private family service was held on April 21, 2026.

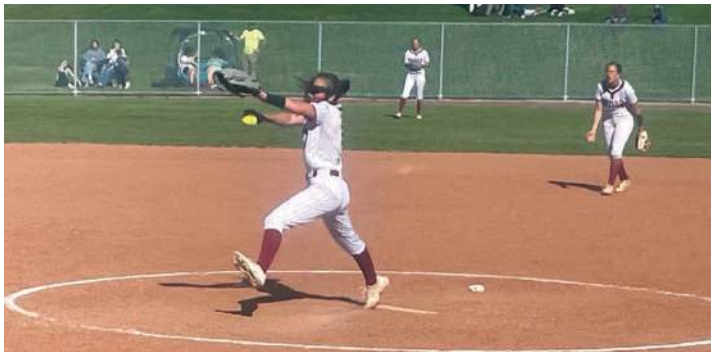
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Reds score early and often, beat Warriors



Cedar's **Shelby Goulding** delivers a pitch against Snow Canyon during the Reds' 14-8 win over the Warriors on April 21. (Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

After falling behind before its first turn at the plate, the Cedar softball team had no trouble responding to the challenge and earned another Region 9 win.

Karli Adams and Kinzie Hawkins homered, and the Reds scored runs in each of the first five innings on the way to a 14-8 victory over the Snow Canyon Warriors on a windy day April 21. The Reds added six doubles among 15 hits. Hawkins and Sloane Fielding led the charge with three hits each and three RBI.

With Adams working in the circle, the Warriors scored two runs in the top of the first, but Cedar answered quickly with five in the bottom of the inning and added four more in the second to build a 9-2 lead. Snow Canyon scored runs in the third, fourth and fifth,

but the Reds responded each time.

Falynn Randall went 3-for-4, homered and had three RBI for the Warriors in the loss.

On April 22, the Reds scored three runs in the top of the first inning and went

on to beat the Beaver Beavers, 7-4. Freshman pitcher Karli Adams overcame nine walks by allowing the host Beavers only two hits in the victory.

Kinzie Hawkins drove in two runs and went 1-for-4 in the victory.

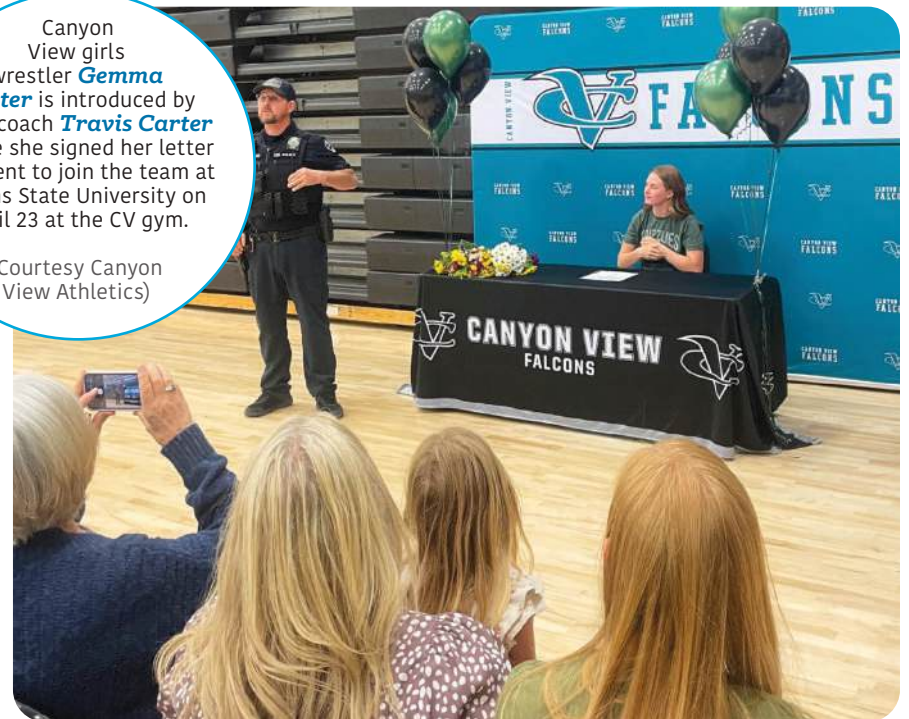
In the region finale played April 24, Cedar scored five times in the top of the first inning and cruised from there to a 12-5 win over Snow Canyon. The Reds finished Region 9 play with a 7-5 record.

Hawkins, Fielding and Cambry Selby all hit home runs in the win, and six of Cedar's 10 hits went for extra bases.

The Reds finished the regular season with a home game against the Enterprise Wolves on Tuesday, and will await their fate for the 4A playoffs that begin with the best-of-3 regional round that starts Friday.

Canyon View girls wrestler **Gemma Carter** is introduced by head coach **Travis Carter** before she signed her letter of intent to join the team at Adams State University on April 23 at the CV gym.

(Courtesy Canyon View Athletics)



Carter joins sister, signs with Adams State wrestling

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

When she started to look for a college to continue her wrestling career, there were only two choices Canyon View wrestler Gemma Carter wanted to consider. First was Snow College, but with her older sister, Hallie Carter, already at her next choice, the final decision was almost

a no-brainer.

Gemma made it official when she signed her letter of intent to join Division II Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado. The signing was held in front of friends, teammates, her family and coaches April 23 in the CV gym.

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TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

And now, we have liftoff on a dozen sporting trivia questions all about the NFL Draft 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!

- In 2017, the Cleveland Browns selected defensive end Myles Garrett out of Texas A&M with the No. 1 pick of the NFL Draft. In 2025, Garrett set a new standard for sacks in a single season with 23, breaking the mark set in 2001 by what N.Y. Giants defensive end and TV host of shows like "Good Morning America" and "The \$100,000 Pyramid?"
- Who was the most recent No. 1 NFL Draft pick to play in a Super Bowl?
- What Big Ten and former Pac-12 school has had the most No. 1 draft picks with six, the most recent coming in 2024?
- True or False: Prior to the 2026 NFL Draft, the Las Vegas Raiders last had the No. 1 pick when the team was in Oakland in 2007, taking quarterback JaMarcus Russell out of LSU.
- Who was the most recent No. 1 draft pick to win a Super Bowl (LIV)?
- Two teams are tied for the most No. 1 picks in NFL Draft history with seven. One team's most recent top pick came in 2012, the other was in 2016, and both players were quarterbacks – Andrew Luck and Jared Goff. Name either team.
- A lot of players who won the Heisman Trophy were taken as the No. 1 pick, but some weren't as fortunate. Who was the No. 1 pick of the Tennessee Titans in 2025 who did NOT win the Heisman?
- In the history of the NFL Draft, three teams have never had the No. 1 pick and all three have won Super Bowls, including SB 50 and SB LX. Name the teams.

- By position, a total of 40 quarterbacks have been taken with the No. 1 NFL Draft pick. What position ranks second on the list with 23, the last coming in 1995 when the Cincinnati Bengals took Ki'Jana Carter out of Penn State?
- Who was the last NFL No. 1 pick to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame? This player was taken in 1998 and earned his place in Canton in 2021.
- What two-way player (cornerback and wide receiver) out of Colorado was the No. 2 pick in the 2025 NFL Draft?
- The top three picks of the 2024 NFL Draft were quarterbacks – Caleb Williams, Jayden Daniels and what pick of the New England Patriots, who was taken third out of North Carolina?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- Ichiro Suzuki.
- Luka Doncic.
- Nikola Jokic.
- The Mammoth face the Vegas Golden Knights.
- Chicago Blackhawks.
- Nathan McKinnon.
- True.
- 65 games.
- Chris Paul.
- Three – the Oklahoma City Thunder and San Antonio Spurs in the West, and the Detroit Pistons in the Eastern Conference.
- Travon Walker.
- Austin Cindric.

Falcon softball beats Patriots

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Payton King homered to highlight a six-run third inning, and the Canyon View Falcons wiped out a 4-0 deficit to beat the Providence Hall Patriots, 9-5, on April 21. CV took advantage of seven errors by Providence Hall and improved to 6-1 in Region 14, 13-7 overall.

The visiting Patriots scored twice in the top of the first inning and added two more runs in the third before the Falcons went to work and grabbed control of the game. CV finished with 13 hits, including a 3-for-3 effort from Madison Quintanilla and two hits apiece from freshmen Sadie Shumway, Maisy Brady and Navy King. Brady also worked the final five innings in the circle, holding PH to one run on three hits with two walks and eight strikeouts.

Canyon View closed its regular season with non-region home games against Pine View on Tuesday and Manti on Wednesday. They will finish with the Senior Day home game against the Richfield Wildcats for a potential share of the region title Friday starting at 3:30 p.m.

Wildcats snap Falcon baseball winning streak

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Porter Brower doubled with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning to score Kelby Rickenbach with the winning run as the Richfield Wildcats beat the Canyon View Falcons, 2-1, on April 21 to snap CV's seven-game winning streak.

The Region 14 game featured a pitchers' duel between Falcons starter Zach Maine and Austin Morgan for the Wildcats. CV was held to only five hits, but broke through to tie the score on a bases-loaded walk to Cannon Williams with two out in the top of the seventh.

Between Morgan and reliever Griffin Wayman, the Wildcats issued seven walks to the Falcons, but CV also struck out 13 times in the game. Maine went the distance, allowing seven hits with two walks and eight strikeouts.

Jeter Sanders went 2-for-3 at the plate with a double to lead the CV offense, and Williams added a double in the loss.

As the series returned home for a doubleheader, CV put together a pair of four-run

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Reds' baseball struggles in loss to Thunder

by Tom Zulewski

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A 10-run outburst in the top of the first inning proved to be more than enough for the Desert Hills Thunder as they beat the Cedar Reds, 15-4, on April 21. The Thunder had six doubles among its 14 hits off of four Reds pitchers.

Cedar got on the board with single runs in the second and third, but Desert Hills responded with three runs in the fourth to stretch the margin to 15-2.

The Reds were able to score twice in the bottom of the fifth, but left two runners in scoring position as the game ended early.

Colton Johnson went 3-for-3 to lead the Cedar offense, while Karver Tom had two hits and drove in two runs.

In the return match at Desert Hills on April 22, the Thunder scored in every inning, and Hoyt Atkin allowed only one hit as the Thunder shut out the Reds, 12-0. DH scored six runs in the bottom

of the fourth to help end the game early. Brock Graf and Harmon Skeen homered for DH in the victory.

The Thunder finished its regular season 7-5 in Region 9 and 19-6 overall.

In the final home game of the regular season, Snow Canyon scored at least three runs over five straight innings and beat Cedar, 18-7, on April 24. The Reds lost their sixth straight and fell to 5-6 in Region 9, 10-14 overall.

The region-leading Warriors (9-2, 19-5 overall) built a 9-0 lead after three before Cedar answered with four runs in its half of the third and three more in the fourth. Snow Canyon put the win away early with five runs in the top of the fifth.

Cedar closed the regular season with a road game at Snow Canyon on Tuesday, and the best-of-3 regional round in the 4A state playoffs begins Friday.

WILDCATS

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innings and beat Richfield, 10-4 on April 24. Jack Merrill had two hits, including a double, with three RBI, and Jeter Sanders scored three runs for the Falcons in the victory.

Richfield scored twice in the top of the third to lead 2-0, but Canyon View responded with four runs in the bottom half of the inning and repeated the effort in the fourth to break away from a 4-4 tie.

Wildcat pitchers walked

seven in the loss despite outhitting the Falcons, 11-7.

In Game 2, CV wiped out an early 6-0 deficit by producing a pair of five-run innings and completing a sweep of the doubleheader with a 15-11 win over Richfield. The Falcons improved to 8-1 in Region 14 and 11-11 overall.

Canyon View closed the regular season with three games against the Juab Wasps, starting with a home matchup Tuesday, and they will travel to face the Wasps on the road for a Friday doubleheader.

CARTER

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“She was a good influence for me,” Carter said of her older sister, who is heading for her senior season at Adams in the fall. “She went to Snow her first two years before Adams, so I hit the books to make sure I could go there directly.”

Gemma finished her high-school career at Canyon View with three team titles and two individual championships, one at 130 pounds as a junior and

at 135 for her senior season. She credited her dad, head coach Travis Carter, for helping keep her eyes on the bigger prize.

“A lot of work went into this,” Gemma said. “My dad was a big influence and he always keeps me on track.”

As for the moment Gemma decided to join Hallie at Adams, there wasn't any extra fanfare.

“She doesn't really talk a lot, but (the college choice) came out as an idea,” Gemma said. “After (Hallie)

suggested it, I thought, ‘let's do it.’”

And with three 3A state championships in a row, Gemma has a strong sense of pride in what she and her teammates were able to accomplish.

“It's been an honor to be a part of this program, bringing it all together and making it so successful,” said Gemma, who plans to study business when she heads to Adams State.



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Baseball

Region 9

4/21 Desert Hills 15, Cedar 4
Snow Canyon 3, Crimson Cliffs 2
Pine View 3, Dixie 2

2/22 Desert Hills 12, Cedar 0
Crimson Cliffs 4, Snow Canyon 3
Dixie 8, Pine View 5

4/24 Snow Canyon 18, Cedar 7
Crimson Cliffs 9, Pine View 8
Dixie 7, Hurricane 5

Region 14

4/21 Richfield 2, Canyon View 1,
8 innings
Delta 11, Providence Hall 0

4/24 Canyon View 10-15, Richfield 4-11
Delta 4-5, Providence Hall 3-8

2A South

4/21 Parowan 7, Enterprise 6, 8 innings
Beaver 17, Water Canyon 0
Kanab 13, Milford 0

4/24 Enterprise 6, Parowan 5
Beaver 19, Water Canyon 5
Kanab 19, Milford 0

Softball

Region 9

4/21 Cedar 14, Snow Canyon 8
Crimson Cliffs 12, Pine View 2
Hurricane 5, Dixie 1

4/22 Cedar 7, Beaver 4
Desert Hills 10, Hurricane 6

4/23 Dixie 10, Hurricane 0

4/24 Cedar 12, Snow Canyon 5
Crimson Cliffs 18, Pine View 1

Region 14

4/21 Canyon View 9, Providence Hall 5
Carbon 8, Richfield 7

4/22 North Sevier 18, Delta 13

Region 18

4/21 San Juan 15-14, Kanab 0-2
Grand 15-17, South Sevier 2-7

4/22 Cedar 7, Beaver 4

4/24 Enterprise 8, Parowan 0

Boys Soccer

Region 9

4/21 Pine View 2, Cedar 0
Dixie 2, Snow Canyon 1

4/24 Dixie 4, Cedar 2
Pine View 3, Hurricane 1
Desert Hills 3, Snow Canyon 2, OT

Region 14

4/21 Richfield 4, Providence Hall 3
Manti 4, Juab 0

4/28 3A playoffs, first round
Emery at Canyon View
Manti at North Sanpete
Delta at Logan

Providence Hall at Carbon
Grantsville at Ben Lomond
Union at Morgan
Juab at Richfield

2A South

4/21 Grand 7, Parowan 0
Millard 5, Enterprise 3
San Juan 2, Beaver 1, 2 OT
Gunnison 2, South Sevier 1

4/24 2A playoffs, first round
Grand 5, Parowan 1
Wasatch Academy 2, APA West
Valley 0

Draper APA 8, Telos 0
Intermountain Christian 4, South
Sevier 1

Am. Leadership 5, San Juan 0
UMA Camp Williams 9, Wendover 0
Enterprise 4, UMA Hill Field 2
Freedom Prep 3, Beaver 2

4/28 2A playoffs, second round
Wasatch Academy at Maeser Prep
Draper APA at Gunnison
ICS at Am. Heritage
Grand at Millard
Am. Leadership at Waterford

UMA Camp Williams at North
Summit
Enterprise at Rowland Hall
Freedom Prep at St. Joseph

Canyon View (5) 6-1 14-7
Delta (13) 2-5 10-14
Juab (12) 2-5 5-13
Providence Hall (14) 0-7 2-14

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
San Juan (1)	11-1	22-1
Beaver (3)	9-2	17-7
Enterprise (4)	7-4	15-12
South Sevier (5)	5-6	10-13
Grand (7)	5-7	15-9
Parowan (9)	2-9	8-18
Kanab (12)	1-11	4-22

Boys Soccer

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (3)	9-1	13-2
Dixie (6)	8-2	10-4
Crimson Cliffs (10)	6-3	10-4
Pine View (16)	4-6	6-7
Snow Canyon (18)	4-6	6-9
Cedar (20)	4-6	6-7
Hurricane (28)	0-10	1-15

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (4)	6-2	11-5
Richfield (6)	6-2	12-4
Juab (11)	4-4	7-9
Delta (12)	4-4	5-9
Providence Hall (15)	0-8	0-11

2A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Millard (5)	9-1	14-2
Gunnison (8)	10-3	10-4
Grand (12)	9-5	10-8
San Juan (18)	5-6	5-8
Enterprise (19)	6-8	7-11
South Sevier (20)	5-8	5-11
Parowan (21)	4-8	4-11
Beaver (22)	2-11	2-15

STANDINGS

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Baseball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (1)	9-2	19-5
Crimson Cliffs (5)	8-3	14-10
Desert Hills (2)	7-5	19-6
Cedar (13)	5-6	10-14
Pine View (11)	4-7	9-14
Dixie (9)	4-7	14-10
Hurricane (16)	2-9	10-14

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (4)	8-1	11-11
Delta (3)	5-4	16-6
Juab (8)	5-4	9-12
Providence Hall (9)	4-8	12-11
Richfield (12)	2-7	6-14

2A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver (1)	7-1	20-2
Kanab (2)	7-1	20-3
Parowan (6)	3-5	7-6
Enterprise (10)	3-5	9-15
Water Canyon (16)	0-7	0-12

Softball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (1)	12-0	24-3
Crimson Cliffs (6)	9-3	14-8
Cedar (8)	7-5	15-10
Dixie (7)	6-6	17-9
Hurricane (13)	4-8	11-14
Snow Canyon (19)	3-9	3-21
Pine View (21)	1-11	5-19

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (7)	7-0	13-8

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