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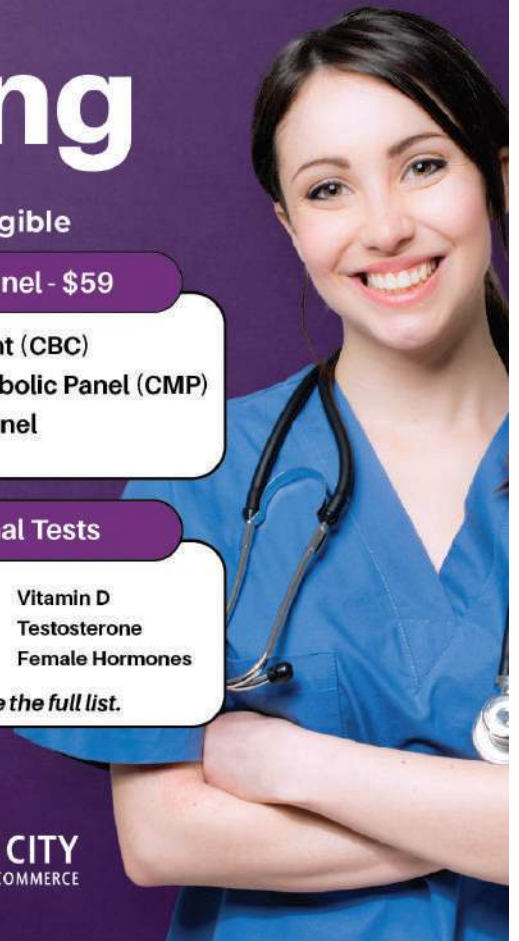
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My name is Scheri Marrow, and I'm a Clinical Social Worker (CSW) at Roots Counseling & Wellness. I've been with Roots since 2022. I started here as an intern, and not long after, I had the opportunity to begin coaching Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) groups and to work with clients participating in ketamine-assisted treatment, helping them process and make meaning of those experiences.

As I continued my work at Roots, I completed my Master's Degree in Social Work and spent time as an intern therapist at SBHC. After finishing my internship hours, I returned to Roots Counseling & Wellness full-time, where I continue to work with individuals and groups, and it truly feels like home to me.

Along the way, I've pursued additional training to better support people who have experienced trauma. I am a Level 2-trained Internal Family Systems (IFS) therapist, a modality many people can relate to through the ideas illustrated in the movie Inside Out. I am also trained in EMDR. I value having a variety of approaches available because I believe therapy should be tailored to each person—we work together to find what truly fits for you.

I genuinely love the work I do. It means a lot to me to sit with my clients in the moments when life feels overwhelming, and to help them hold what may feel too heavy to carry alone. I see how often people feel isolated in their struggles, and I want to offer something different—a space of support, understanding, and connection. More than anything, I want people to know that help is available, and even more importantly, that healing is possible, even from things that may feel unhealable.

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# This Utah county just 'put the brakes' on new data centers

*The Iron County Commission banned the processing of new or incomplete applications for data centers, data center power plants or solar plants for the next 180 days.*

by Brooke Larsen

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

The Iron County Commission is pressing pause on any new data centers and large energy projects in the county for the next six months, as public outcry over such projects across Utah has continued to intensify.

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(Brooke Larsen | The Salt Lake Tribune) A resident raises concerns and questions about the proposed Red Butte energy campus and data center in Iron County during an open house in Cedar City on Thursday, May 14, 2026.

The commission on Tuesday unanimously approved a temporary land use regulation that prohibits the acceptance or processing of new and incomplete applications for data centers, data center power plants and utility-scale solar projects over the next 180 days. In that time, the county plans to review and update current policies to protect the area's "rural character," Iron County Planner Brett Hamilton said during the meeting.

"The goal ultimately [is] clear, balanced and sustainable development standards," Hamilton added.

The Iron County Planning Commission is reviewing conditional use permit applications for two data center projects, according to the county's planning website.

The application for the proposed 640-acre Antelope Data Center and natural gas power plant has been deemed complete and will not be paused by the new ordinance, Hamilton said. The planning commission will vote on the permit applica-

tion on June 4, he added.

The application for the 2,564-acre Red Butte Data Center and natural gas plant is still incomplete, though, and Hamilton said the proposal "would be put on hold with this ordinance."

During the pause, the county may adopt new standards to protect rural land uses, the environment and the area's limited infrastructure capacities, Hamilton said.

Data centers and associated power plants are allowed on the majority of land in the county under the current zoning rules. That "opens a really wide door for projects to potentially come in and propose a conditional use permit," Hamilton said.

To prevent dozens of projects from being built across its rural areas, Hamilton added, the county could create a zoning rule that would shrink the land available for such projects.

Southwest Utah residents have repeatedly spoken out about water, energy, heat effects and noise associated with these projects, including during a nearly four-hour open house for the Red Butte project on May 14.

"I've literally received dozens and dozens of calls, emails, 24 hours a day," Commissioner Mike Bleak said during the meeting. "It started this morning at 5 a.m."

He can't keep up with it, he added, and doesn't expect it to slow down.



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## DATA CENTERS

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“I think this is a step in the right direction to figure out what we need to do to make sure that Iron County is protected, number one, and if there’s benefit moving forward, then we need to make sure that we capitalize on that benefit so that it helps each member of our community,” Bleak said about the ordinance passed Tuesday.

Protests and outcry over data centers have spread across the state in recent weeks after the approval of the hyperscale Stratos data center in Box Elder County. Utah’s Military Installation Development Authority approved the project backed by celebrity investor Kevin O’Leary in April, and the Box Elder County Commission voted unanimously to allow MIDA to create the project area.

Bleak, who is the commission’s liaison with the building and planning departments, said the data center applications are “brand new” for the county.

“We need to figure out what’s going on, we need to put the brakes on the whole thing a little bit, and we need to make sure that we’ve got things right up front by ordinance that are very strong,” he said.

The commissioners also said there is a need for data centers.

“Every single time we use an electronic device, we are demanding data on the open market. ... So we need to turn down the temperature a little bit, and realize that we are all using AI, we are all using data centers,” Commissioner Ken Robinson said.

The planning commission, he added, is “asking the questions that need to be asked and doing the things that need to be done to move this forward.”

## Support for the pause

Several people spoke in favor of the data center pause during the commission meeting on Tuesday.

“Thank you, commissioners, for what you’ve done and are doing,” said Iron County resident Bob Ballou.

“Sometimes I wonder if these organizations, these companies, take a big Google map, and they look for an open space, throw a dart, and say, ‘There,’ and they don’t think about ramifications like water,” he continued.

Both the Antelope and Red Butte data center projects would use water from areas with groundwater management plans regulated by the Utah Division of Water Rights. Depletions from the aquifers in Iron County have exceeded recharge, according to the division, and the division is cutting back water rights to balance groundwater supplies.

“Water rights are not water,” Ballou said.

Jessica Berri, a Cedar City resident and teacher aide at North Elementary, echoed Ballou’s concerns and said it didn’t make sense to build a data center when much of the state is in extreme drought.

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox declared a state of emergency due to the drought last week.

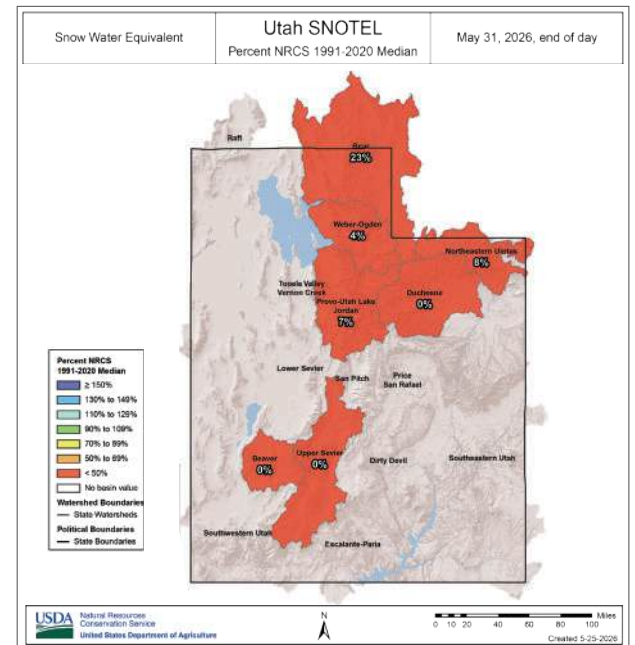
“I am really concerned about the future that we are leaving

behind for our children if we don’t think twice about these massive pollution-causing, water-taking projects,” Berri said.

Others voiced concerns about power usage, pollution and the effect on taxpayers in Iron County. Some also dove into the debates around artificial intelligence and the need for more data centers.

“I’ve been using the internet for 30 years,” said Nichole Phillips, a Cedar City resident. “We have not needed large scale data centers like this up until now. This is a recent development, and that should be part of the critical thinking.”

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**SUNDAY**  
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WINDS: SW 25-35

**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
**80°/53°**  
PRECIP: 20%  
WINDS: SW 10-15

**TUESDAY**  
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### FROM THE EDITOR



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I don't know about you guys, but it feels like the first half of this year went by in the blink of an eye. How exciting, that we're already in June! It feels like a month that is not exactly a starting point, and not quite a finish line, but somewhere

in between. I love taking the time halfway through the year to do a little check-in with myself on how life has been going for the last six months, and what I might need for the next six months.

Looking back on the first half of this year, so much has already happened. Projects have been completed. Challenges have come and gone. Plans have changed. New opportunities appeared that weren't even on my radar six months ago. Starting this job is the perfect example of a new opportunity that I did not anticipate, and I absolutely love it.

June is a chance to ask ourselves where we've been, what's working, what isn't, and where we'd like to go next. It's a rare opportunity to look ahead while also reflecting on how far we've come.

Here's to making it through the first half of the year, and to whatever new adventures the second half has in store.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### PERIPETEIA

[PERI-PE-TEIA]

noun

a sudden or unexpected reversal of circumstances or situation



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

*As graduation season approaches, I have found myself reflecting on my daughter and her journey since graduating from Cedar City High School in 2014.*

*Like many parents, I remember watching her walk across that stage and wondering where life would take her. Her senior superlative that year was "Most Likely to Become President." At the time it felt funny and ambitious — but twelve years later, she is now a leading Democratic candidate in Virginia's 1st Congressional District and could become the youngest mothers ever elected to Congress.*

*Politics was never the goal. Service was.*

*At Cedar, she was a state champion swimmer before attending the University of Kentucky on a full ROTC scholarship. She was commissioned as an Armor Officer in the U.S. Army and became one of the first women to enter the field after Congress lifted the combat exclusion policy.*

*During her military service, she met her husband, also an Army veteran and former Ranger, who now serves as a firefighter. Together they are raising their daughters and opened their home as foster parents, later adopting two little boys.*

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The only journey is the one within."*

— Rainer Maria Rilke

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*After leaving the military, she built a career in business leadership, helping launch and grow a new division in Richmond, Virginia, while continuing her advocacy work for foster children and working families and earning her MBA from William & Mary.*

*As a mom, I share this not because of politics, but because graduation season reminds us that young people are often told what they cannot do, to stay in their lane, or to wait their turn.*

*I hope students walking across the stage at Cedar this year remember that there should be no limits placed on their dreams.*

*Work hard. Take care of people. Serve your community.*

*This young lady from Cedar City who once had a senior superlative about running for president is now running for Congress across the country. Sometimes the path is bigger than you ever imagined — and sometimes this is only the beginning. She got her start because of the support and opportunities offered by Cedar City High School and speaks so fondly of the teachers who encouraged her and are still role models to this day — Like Anne Jordan, Joy Coates, and Natasha Tebbs.*

*Sincerely,*

*Julie Gregorkiewicz,*

*Proud Mom of Elizabeth Dempsey Beggs*

## California man sentenced in Iron County after plea deal in sexual assault case

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A California man accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl in Cedar City after allegedly providing her alcohol and marijuana products has been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to a reduced charge of attempted rape.

Luis A. Lopez, 32, was sentenced May 19 in 5th District Court to an indeterminate term of three years to life in the Utah State Prison following his conviction for attempted rape, a first-degree felony.

According to court records, Lopez originally faced multiple felony charges including rape, object rape, forcible sodomy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and furnishing alcohol to a minor following his January arrest.

As part of a plea agreement filed in October 2025, Lopez admitted he attempted to engage in sexual intercourse with the victim without her consent. The agreement also states the girl was 14-years-old at the time of the offense while Lopez was 31.

The original investigation began Jan. 2 2025 after police were contacted about the alleged sexual assault of a minor.

According to charging documents, the girl had run away from a Parowan group home and

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## Friends of Iron County K9 Fundraiser



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Friends of Iron County Police K9 Fundraiser was held on May 30, 2026, at the home of Ree Zaphiropoulos. Ree has long been a dedicated supporter of the K9 program, volunteering countless hours of service to our community. We sincerely appreciate her generosity in hosting this successful fundraising event.

Members of the Cedar City Police Department and Iron County Sheriff's Office provided impressive demonstrations showcasing the many ways K9 teams serve and protect our community.

Corporal Jason Hottell and K9 Snitch, a 6-year-old German Shepherd, demonstrated a helicopter deployment exercise. Detective Mary Menke and K9 Devi, a 22-month-old Belgian Shepherd, conducted a bomb

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# IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

## Cedar City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

### Opening & Administrative Business

The council amended the agenda before approving the remaining consent items. Officials noted one project had secured outside funding, eliminating the need for city dollars, though a future budget adjustment will still be required to redirect a \$44,000 payment to the 100 East project.

### Traffic Signal — South 1100 West & 600 South

The council approved a bid from Cash Valley Electric Company to install a traffic signal at South 1100 West. The item was moved from the consent agenda after nearby residents requested more time to review the project.

City Engineer said the signal will include left-turn lanes on 1100 West, which could remove some on-street parking. That issue will return to the council separately as part of a future ordinance discussion.

Officials said the current four-way stop has reduced accidents but causes heavy traffic backups, especially during Cedar High School peak hours. A traffic

study showed a signal was warranted.

A resident expressed concerns about safety, driveway access, speeding, and property values. Despite the concerns, the council voted 3-1 to move forward, saying delaying construction into the school year would create greater traffic problems. Staff will continue working with nearby residents on parking and other concerns.

### Water Bill Late Fee Waiver

The council denied a request from property manager to waive a water bill late fee after city records showed no payment had been received. Officials said such situations are not uncommon, but without proof of payment, the request was denied 4-0

### Other Action Items

The council approved several additional items with little discussion, including amendments to the city fee schedule and FY 2027 blanket contracts. Officials also approved ordinance changes related to driveway widths and updated engineering standards to address ADA compliance concerns.

A proposed change to the fire department comp time policy was tabled pending review of a citywide policy and payroll software capabilities. The council also unanimously approved new no-parking zones near 200 North and 100 East to improve safety.

### Cross Hollow RDO

The council denied a proposed Residential Development Overlay and development agreement for the Cross Hollow project near Cody Drive and Cross Hollow Road in a 3-1 vote.

The developer had reduced density and added commitments including single-family homes along Cody Drive, stormwater improvements, wildfire mitigation, and amenities such as pickleball courts and a park. However, several council members remained concerned about stormwater capacity and whether the RDO designation was appropriate for the largely high-density project.

Some council members cited concerns about infrastructure and community impact, while another Councilman opposed the denial, arguing the land could eventually support a similar number of homes anyway.

## Iron County Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

### Clerk/Elections Office

County Clerk reported that election staff are continuing certification coursework through Weber State

University as preparations continue for the upcoming primary election. Mail ballots are scheduled to be sent out next week, with drop boxes available at locations throughout the county, including the courthouse, Burrell Junction, KanarrvilleTown Hall, Enoch City offices, Cedar City's parking garage, and Brian Head. It was noted he will recuse himself from some election duties because he is on the November ballot, with George assisting in ballot collection. It was noted that more than 90% of Utah voters have cast ballots by mail since 2016.

### Council on Aging / Senior Services

Senior Services Director reported increased activity at the Cedar City Senior Center, where Meals on Wheels deliveries rose 7% and congregate dining participation increased 35% compared to last year. Parowan meal deliveries declined after the department eliminated duplicate meal deliveries. Rising fuel and food costs have pushed the department about 9% over budget, but new state funding helped secure replacement Meals on Wheels trucks and new transit vans. The department also expanded programming, including exercise classes, Tai Chi, line dancing, Trivia Tuesday, and a popular new Beanbag Baseball activity.

### Emergency Management

Emergency Manager George reported his department budget is tighter

## 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
<b>ANNUAL INCREASE</b>	10.7%	15.5%	17.8%	0%	3.4%	4.3

\* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

## IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

this year due to adding a new employee. He also highlighted a multi-county federal grant application to place whole blood in emergency medical vehicles for on-site transfusions, with future plans to explore drone delivery of blood to accident scenes.

The Manager also updated commissioners on a recent 31-acre wildfire believed to have been started by target shooters. Multiple agencies responded and no structures were lost.

### Fleet Department

Fleet Manager reported the department is slightly over budget after a spreadsheet error omitted five vehicles from earlier projections, though repair costs remain lower than last year.

He also described a cooperative vehicle exchange benefiting several rural fire departments, allowing agencies in Paragonah, Kanarrville, and Beryl to upgrade equipment at minimal county cost.

### Brian Head Community Redevelopment Area Extension

The commission approved Iron County Resolution 2026-3, extending participation in the Brian Head Community Redevelopment Area through an interlocal agreement with the Brian Head Redevelopment Agency. The school district asked to delay involvement until next year while its new finance committee reviews the proposal. Under the approved agreement, Iron County will participate at 30%, while Brian Head will remain at 60%, with hopes the school district may join later.

### 2026 Iron County Fee Schedule

Staff presented the county's annual fee schedule update, which included mostly minor or state-required changes. The

largest adjustment was a new tiered conditional use permit fee structure for large projects, replacing the previous flat fee. State recording fees also increased from \$40 to \$45, and landfill fees for uncovered commercial loads were raised. The updated fee schedule was approved without further discussion.

### Engine Brake Ordinance

The commission approved Ordinance 2026-12 regulating the use of engine brakes on semi-trucks in designated areas of Iron County. The ordinance was prompted by complaints from Newcastle-area residents about disruptive noise, particularly affecting some veterans with PTSD. After coordination with the Utah Department of Transportation, county staff, and law enforcement, the ordinance was drafted and approved within about a month.

### Personnel Items

The commission approved several personnel actions, including the hiring of two new sheriff's deputies, promotions for three deputies, bilingual pay for one deputy, and the hiring of a part-time outdoor maintenance technician in Parks and Recreation.

### Utah Retirement System — Tier 2 Public Safety Employee Contribution

Commissioners discussed rising Utah Retirement System contribution rates and approved covering a new 1.25% increase for Tier 2 public safety employees beginning July 1, 2026. Sheriff officials emphasized the importance of retaining deputies amid competition from higher-paying agencies. Commissioners acknowledged concerns that non-public safety employees would not receive the same benefit due to limitations in state law, but said the issue would likely return during future budget discussions.

## FRIENDS OF IRON COUNTY

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detection demonstration. Officer Waldo Fuentes and K9 Thunder, a 2-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer, and Corporal Jared O'Neal with K9 Dano, a 4-year-old German Shepherd, also participated in the demonstrations.

The vehicle drug detection demonstration featured Deputy Michael Mecham and K9 Nala, a 2½-year-old German Shepherd, along with Officer Daniel Bowler and K9 Bandit, a 17-month-old Belgian Malinois. Deputy Tristen Roman and K9 Reacher, a 21-month-old Dutch Shepherd, demonstrated obedience and officer protection skills. The vehicle extraction and explosives breach demonstration was conducted by Corporal Jared O'Mealy and K9 Tonka, a 5½-year-old Belgian Shepherd.

The law enforcement agencies represented at the event included the Iron County Sheriff's Office, Cedar City Police Department, Southern Utah University Police Department, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and Iron/Metro SWAT.

A special moment during the event was the recognition of honored guest Brooklyn Shorter, who was presented with financial assistance to help with medical expenses, as well as a Green River fishing float trip for her and her family.

Friends of Iron County Police K9 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization originally established to assist retired police K9s and their handlers. Many handlers choose to keep their canine partners after retirement, but ongoing expenses such as veterinary care, food, and other necessities can become costly.

The organization helps ease that burden by covering food, medical expenses, and other essential needs so handlers can continue providing excellent care for their retired partners.

Because law enforcement agencies often face budget constraints, they are not always able to provide every training opportunity or piece of safety equipment needed by their canine teams. Agencies may submit requests to the organization, and the board carefully evaluates each one. When approved, the organization often partners with the requesting agency to help fund the needed equipment or training.

In addition to supporting equipment purchases, the organization helps provide training opportunities for handlers and is currently assisting in the development of a local K9 training facility.

The organization also sponsored the creation of a

Police K9 Memorial at the Cedar City Cemetery. This memorial honors the service and sacrifice of all police K9s that have served in Iron County.

These dogs are more than our best friends, they embody courage, loyalty, dedication, and the heart of a true warrior.

The board consists of active and retired law enforcement personnel, K9 handlers representing local agencies, and community members who deeply support law enforcement and working dogs. Their dedication, along with the generous contributions of citizens throughout the community, makes it possible for the organization to continue its important mission.

Police K9s help keep our com-

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Ryan Bauer, Chairman Friends of K9

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# Southern Utah University Engineered for Excellence, Secures Second Place on National Stage in U.S. Department of Energy Hydropower Competition



by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

### CEDAR CITY, Utah

- Demonstrating outstanding technical skill and forward-thinking innovation, Southern Utah University's (SUU) student engineering team captured second place overall at the fourth annual 2026 Hydropower Collegiate Competition (HCC). Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Hydropower and Hydrokinetic Office (H2O), the national contest challenges the country's next generation of clean energy workers to tackle complex, real-world water power dilemmas.

In addition to their stellar second-place national finish, the T-Birds soared to the very top of the ranks by winning first place in the highly competitive Design Challenge category. The final standings placed California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in first, SUU in

second, and Purdue University tied with Northern Arizona University for third. This recognition highlights SUU's growing strength in applied engineering education, renewable energy systems, infrastructure design, and hands-on student research.

"Securing second place overall and first place in the Design Challenge on the national stage is a tremendous milestone for SUU's students and overall for the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (CSTEM)," explained Bill Heyborne, Dean of the CSTEM at SUU. "This competition embodies exactly what we strive for at SUU: providing students with immersive, industry-aligned experiences where classroom concepts turn into real-world innovations. Our team's success proves that our graduates are not just ready to enter the clean energy workforce, they are ready to lead it."

The 2026 competition focused heavily on pioneering advancements across three core areas: converting non-powered dams into energy facilities, introducing pumped storage to existing reservoirs, and advancing in-conduit hydropower solutions. SUU's multidisciplinary team spent the academic year researching, conceptualizing, and developing practical technologies aimed at making clean energy more accessible and affordable.

The team's success was also strengthened

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### HYDROPOWER COMPETITION

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by meaningful support from SUU's community and industry partners, who helped connect the project to real regional water, energy, agricultural, and infrastructure needs. Through letters of support, stakeholder meetings, professional interviews, technical discussions, and guidance on local water-resource concerns, these partners helped students better understand the importance of protecting water rights, maintaining irrigation reliability, addressing dam safety, and communicating project benefits clearly to affected communities. SUU recognizes and appreciates the support of the Cedar City Engineering Department, The Five County Association of Governments, The Six County Association of Governments (R6 Regional Council), Utah Association of Conservation Districts, Utah Division of Water Resources in Cedar City, Central Iron County Water Conservancy District, Iron County Farm Bureau, Rural Hydro, Sunrise Engineering, Garkane Energy, and the SUU SPARC Office.

The extensive year-long process concluded at the Midwest Regional Meeting, organized by the National Hydropower Association and the Midwest Hydropower Users Group. There, SUU students delivered formal technical presentations, displayed research posters, and pitched their concepts directly to energy industry executives.

This remarkable achievement underscores SUU's unique approach to education, combining classroom learning with professional mentorship and career-focused experiences. By positioning students on the frontlines of regional leadership and workforce development, SUU prepares its students to graduate with confidence and transition smoothly into high-demand industries.

*"Our Hydropower Collegiate Competition provides an opportunity for the next generation of American workers to take on some of the biggest issues facing the industry today," said Nichole Fitzgerald, Hydropower and Hydrokinetic Office (H2O) Director.*

*"The teams did a tremendous job offering innovative, affordable solutions. We look forward to seeing these students flourish in their chosen fields as they enter the workforce."*

By challenging students to turn bold ambitions into national achievements, SUU continues to demonstrate how practical investment in student potential yields immediate benefits for both the graduates and the communities they will serve.

### SUU's Walter Maxwell Gibson College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (CSTEM)

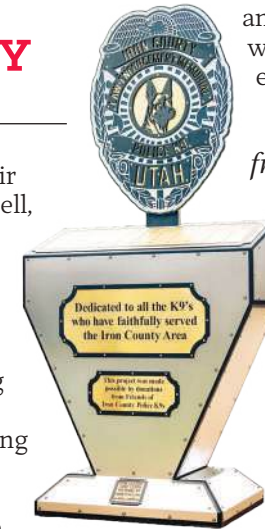
The Walter Maxwell Gibson College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (CSTEM) at Southern Utah University offers diverse programs across six academic departments: Biology, Chemistry & Physics, Computer Science & Cyber Security, Engineering, Geoscience, and Mathematics. These academic offerings are supported by over 100 dedicated faculty and staff members focused on student-centered, experiential learning. The College hosts an annual Research Symposium and maintains specialized centers like the Ashcroft Observatory, the SUU Water Lab, the Frehner Museum of Natural History, and more.

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munities safe through their extraordinary sense of smell, intelligence, and protective instincts. They serve as invaluable partners in law enforcement, airport security, and search-and-rescue operations, helping detect threats, apprehend suspects, and locate missing persons.

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who attended the fundraiser and to the many volunteers whose hard work made the event such a success.

*"When you walk in front of me, I shall always have your back. When you talk behind me, I shall always be willing to lay down my life for you. And so long as you walk beside me, I shall always call you my brother."*

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# Board approves compensation package for District employees

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

It was standing room only Tuesday night as Iron County School District employees and community supporters packed the board room to give input on a proposed compensation package for the fiscal year 2026-27.

Adoption of the proposal was postponed

May 19 after Iron County School District Board of Education members said it violated a gentleman's agreement that no action on business items would take place on the same day the item was discussed in a work meeting.

Prior to public comment, Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch reviewed the process that had been followed which included three committee meetings. The committee is

made up of representatives from every building and job type. One of those meetings included a presentation from insurance providers as the district explored less costly options. One board member was present for that discussion. Another meeting outlined the proposed compensation package. Two board members were present at that meeting.

"The process has been the same for years," Hatch said.

"Our approach is working and it takes everyone to do this work," he said. "We are a team in Iron County School District and we work hard to cultivate a team mindset."

Hatch also reviewed a publication which shares trends in academic performance. It includes comparisons between each district and other comparable districts nationwide. ICSD ranked higher in math and reading than the national average. "Education is a people business," he said, "and taking care of people leads to good outcomes."

Business Administrator Todd Hess said the proposed compensation structure is fiscally responsible and conservative. He also reviewed the various taxes that make up public school funding and the increases and decreases that have occurred over the years.

"Every year we look at the funding we get from the state and we compare it with the previous year and when there is money available we provide increases to our employees," he said. "When there is not money available, we are not able to provide as much of an increase."

More than 20 individuals, which included part-time employees, full-time teachers, administrators and community members, addressed the board. Comments included requests for the board to show they value the work teachers do to praise for teachers who made a difference.

Board member Stephanie Hill

questioned the use of "one-time" money for pay increases. Board member Tyrel Eddy also expressed concern and warned that continuing to pay the premium for insurance is unsustainable. Hess said he was confident use of that money would not put the district in a bad situation financially.

After a long discussion, the Board unanimously approved the following:

- Salary Schedule cost of living increases at every step (approximately 3%)
- Fully funded High Deductible Health Insurance Plan with MotivHealth. This year's overall increase to the premium was 6.5%. Deductibles remained the same. No changes for dental insurance, long-term disability and life insurance.
- Step and Lane changes (approximately 1.5 percent)

Additionally, the Legislature allocated increases for educators as follows:

- \$10,661 above the salary schedule (up from \$10,350). Part-time teachers receive pro-rated amount according to their contract.
- Teacher supply legislative reimbursement continues.
- State professional development funds (32 hours) paid at an eligible employee's hourly rate. Documentation and submission of hours required.

Increases in individual employee compensation will vary due to current placement on the salary schedule. The new salary schedules will be posted to the website after July 1. Salary schedules will also be included with contracts sent out in the next week or so.

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# Troopers seize 40 pounds of meth after high-speed pursuit through Iron County construction zone

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A California man is facing multiple felony charges after authorities say he led troopers on a

high-speed chase through a construction zone before deputies allegedly found nearly 40 pounds of methamphetamine in his vehicle.

Daniel Flores, 26, was arrested May 27 and booked into the Iron County Jail on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges, including possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, failure to respond to an officer's signal to stop and aggravated assault.

According to charging documents filed in 5th District Court, a Utah Highway Patrol trooper observed a white Mercedes traveling about 86 mph in a marked 70 mph construction zone near mile marker 51 on Interstate 15 around 11 p.m. Wednesday.

A black Range Rover following behind the

Mercedes then "suddenly accelerated" and began weaving through traffic, court records state.

The Range Rover reportedly exited onto the shoulder, struck a construction sign and later re-entered the freeway while leaving behind "a visible fluid trail."

Troopers attempted a traffic stop, but officers said the driver continued southbound at speeds exceeding 100 mph through the construction area.

"The Range Rover nearly struck construction vehicles as it entered the construction zone," the affidavit states. "Several workers were in the area actively working as the vehicle continued driving through the area."

The vehicle eventually stopped near the construction zone, where the driver allegedly exited and fled on foot across the freeway before officers. He was later located hiding in a culvert on the southbound side of I-15.

Investigators later deployed a police K-9 around the exterior of the vehicle. According to the affidavit, the dog alerted to the odor of narcotics, leading deputies to obtain a search warrant for the Range Rover. During the search, authorities said they discovered 40 - 1 pound bags of methamphetamine inside a sealed brown box in the cargo area.

Court documents state Flores was also driving on a suspended California driver license at the time of the arrest.

## ASSAULT CASE

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met Lopez at a Cedar City Walmart after asking to use his phone. Investigators said Lopez invited her to stay in his motorhome parked in the lot after she told him she was 14-years-old.

Court documents state the girl later reported being given alcohol, THC wax and a vape suspected to contain nicotine while inside the motorhome.

During interviews at the Iron County Children's Justice Center, she disclosed sexual contact and told investigators she said "no" and attempted to push Lopez away, but "he continued anyway."

Investigators also reported that evidence collected during a sexual assault examination led police to obtain a warrant for a DNA sample from Lopez for comparison testing.






At sentencing, the court recommended Lopez receive sex offender, substance abuse and mental health treatment while incarcerated. Court records also indicate a continuous protective order will remain in place and restitution could be determined at a future hearing.



## Nichole Beecher Isom

### State School Board, 14

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1. "How Mississippi Transformed its Schools from Worst to Best", NY Times, 1/11/26  
2. "Doctor on How Kids' Cognitive Development is Hurt by Screens," C-SPAN, 1/13/26  
3. "Can We Fix Utah's Literacy Crisis?" The Sutherland Institute, 2/17/26

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## A New Theatre Rises in Cedar City

by Remington Comp

THE FORGE

In the summer of 1989, flash floods poured down the Cedar City mountains. Nearly half an inch of rain had fallen in under 15 minutes. Fiddler's Canyon was buried in several feet of mud. A young farmer named Shannon Comp rushed to the Fiddler's movie theater with an army of nearly 50 people to clear mud from the seats. It took them the better part of 18 hours to get the theater cleaned out.

Mr. Comp had a deep personal connection to the building. He and his father had built the movie theatre together, the walls, the wiring, the screen, even bolting down each seat.

Decades later, the Fiddler's theater had become a distant memory. It was now the Cedar Fun Center. Shannon Comp and his wife, Ellen, went there occasionally with their kids.

One afternoon, his wife walked him into the same theater that he had shoveled mud out of years earlier. He couldn't help but chuckle to

himself when his wife turned to him.

"Honey," she said, "I need you to build me a stage here."

Cedar City is unique. It was founded as a farming and mining town, but is now most known for performing arts. From renowned festivals, to university performances, to local community groups, Cedar City is alive with theatre, but, somehow, there are no midsize venues for community theatre in Cedar City.

Three-time Emmy Award winner Ellen Wheeler saw an opportunity at the Cedar Fun Center. She and her husband have led a team to build *The Foundry*. Seating 160 patrons, *The Foundry* is Cedar City's newest professional-level venue. At the center of the new venue is a 48-by-24-foot stage with state-of-the-art sound and lighting capabilities.

"My own arts story began here in Cedar City," Wheeler said.

**"The Foundry is about making room for other artists' stories to begin here, too."**

The Foundry will debut with The Forge's *All-American Summer Season*, created in connection with America's 250th anniversary. The season includes *High School Musical* - June 10-13; *Oklahoma!* - June 18-22; and *1776* - June 26-July 3.

The public is invited to a Community Open House and performance on Sunday, June 7 at 5 p.m. at 170 E. Fiddlers Canyon Road in Cedar City. The performance will feature Cheyenne Grace, Austin Fronk,

Tamera Merkle, Brandon Burk, Brielle Bowden, Remington Comp, Kira Pasket, and Andrew Briggs.

"We need a space like this in Cedar City," said Kathy Heer, Marketing Director for The Forge. "This project is about opening doors for more artists, more audiences, and more opportunities for the community to experience the arts."

Tickets for The Forge's All-American Summer Season are available at [theforgearts.com](http://theforgearts.com).



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# Audition Opportunities and Strategies

by Sara Penny

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**A**uditions are tricky

events. Sometimes everything clicks and you remember all the lines or music notes. Other times your nerves interfere and accuracy is compromised.

The Orchestra of Southern Utah holds auditions in July for new members and returning strings. The audition excerpts are on the website, [myosu.org](http://myosu.org), under the Musician tab. We try to create a musical family and welcome back those who have had to take a break.

There is also an opportunity to solo with the orchestra for ages 13 to 25. Video auditions are due in September, so the summer is a good time to polish a concerto or aria. Same website for application and more information.

The concerto honors R. L. Halversen. He taught many of us in Cedar City.

He was instrumental in building the community strings as well as helping start Cedar City Music Arts.



I started lessons in elementary school and he taught much more than just violin. He would ask if I noticed the sunrise since I had early morning lessons. He helped make the younger students feel comfortable working with adults for operas and graduation ceremonies. We were expected to work hard and be involved with community music.

I remember staying overnight with Jan Jones so we could get to the high school orchestra before school when snow was predicted because I lived in the valley and driving in the early morning snow was a challenge. After school several of us went to the college to play in that orchestra as well.

The soloists who play with the

orchestra have prepared for many months. Being a soloist takes a lot of technical skill as well as the emotional energy to interpret the music. It is not just ink spots on a page. It is taking what the composer offers and sharing with the audience. Shaping a phrase is evoking an emotion. As Joy Grimes said in a workshop, “Every note has a journey.” Is it getting louder or softer? Is it a tragic sigh or a triumphant exclamation? Does the music tell a story? Is it a charming dance or a romantic expression? Every musician takes what the composer has provided and adds their own spin and personality. That is part of why live music is more engaging than a recording.

Think of the audition and performing as sharing a gift with the listener. This helps put the focus on giving your best rather than the anxiety of worrying about making a mistake. If there is a bobble then think ahead to the next note because dwelling on a mistake creates a cascade of prob-

lems. I think of it as letting a butterfly go and moving forward.

*The Inner Game of Music* by Barry Green is helpful in using sports psychology concepts applied to music performance. Practicing at home is much a different experience than playing for an audition or concert. Most people lose a percentage of proficiency with an audience, so extra preparation is essential.

Everyone is different. I have had students who were close to perfect in lessons who stumbled in performance. Others find that an audience focuses their minds and they outperform their practice. Some develop a solid consistency no matter the situation. Regular thoughtful rehearsal definitely increases the odds for a successful experience.

We are excited to build our musical family and hope you will be involved whether onstage or in the audience.

## Utah Shakespeare Festival Marks 65 Years of Storytelling and Connection

by Nikki Koontz

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL



**CEDAR CITY, Utah** — The Utah Shakespeare Festival celebrates its landmark 65th anniversary season this summer

centering on the theme “Generations Gather Here.” The upcoming season honors more than six decades of artistic excellence while celebrating the Festival’s enduring role as a cornerstone of community, artistry, and cultural innovation in the American West.

Since its founding in 1961, the Festival has evolved from a

small outdoor stage into a Tony Award-winning institution. This year’s anniversary also marks a decade since the opening of the Beverley Taylor Sorensen Center for the Arts, a transformative facility on the Southern

Utah University campus that united the Festival’s theaters with the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). This “magical oasis of story” continues to serve as a vital space for artistic excellence, community engagement, student opportunity, and professional mentorship.

“The Utah Shakespeare Festival has remained relevant for 65 years

because of its attention to story—the importance of telling incredible stories that unite us,” said Festival Executive Managing Director Michael Bahr. “Our theaters are designed for intimacy, where the communication between actor and audience creates a shared energy you simply won’t find anywhere else. We are the antidote to the digital screen; we are about real human connection.”

The 65th anniversary season features a robust lineup that balances classical rigor with modern vibrancy, including *Hamlet*, *Twelfth Night*, *Troilus and Cressida*, *Something Rotten!*, *See How They Run*, *She Loves Me*, *Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein*, and *The Book Club Play*. Beyond the stage, the Festival Experience includes the nightly *Greenshow*—a free gift of song and mirth to the community—and the long-running Seminar Grove, where patrons and scholars engage in candid dialogue about the plays’ themes and relevance.

To celebrate not only the opening of the Festival’s 65th season, but to celebrate the tenth year of the Beverley Center, the community is

invited to attend a Beverley Center Anniversary Celebration on Friday, June 26. It is an all-day event featuring a street fair, live music, SUMA activities and exhibits, a special Seminar Grove presentation, plays, and more.

This season also aligns with the broader “Americana” celebration, highlighting stories of place, purpose, and community-building that mirror the history of Cedar City. From a new experience-based activity list called “Festival Quest” to historical exhibitions at the neighboring SUMA, this exciting anniversary year is designed to be an accessible, life-changing experience for long-time patrons and first-time visitors alike.

“We are grounded in the beautiful foundational work of the past, which catapults us into who we are aiming to be,” Bahr said. “We treat Shakespeare like a living, modern playwright informed by the present. This 65th year isn’t just a look back; it’s a launching pad for the next 65 years of humanity and discovery.”

For tickets and information, visit [bard.org](http://bard.org) or call the Festival Ticket Office 800-PLAYTIX (752-9849).



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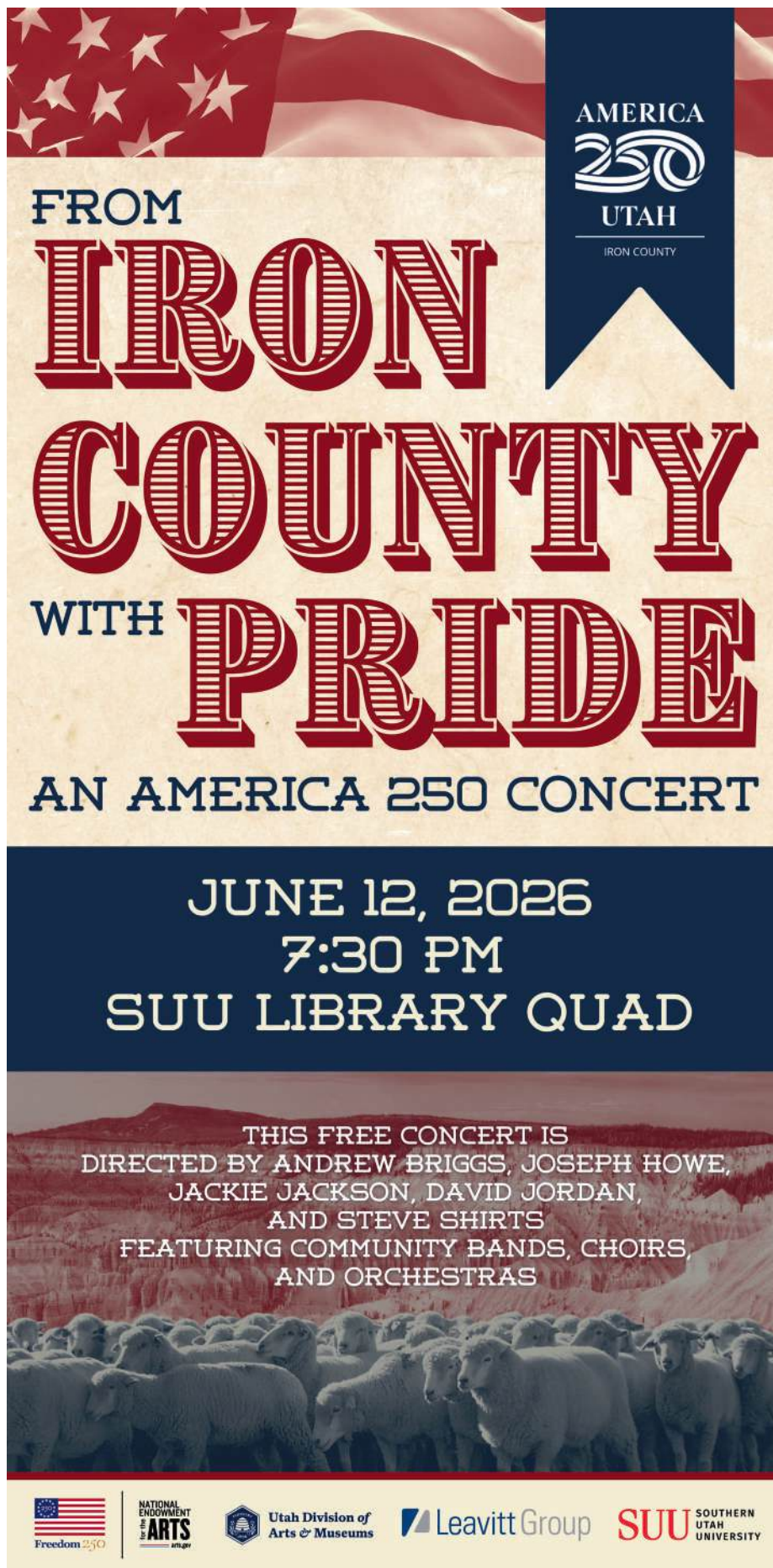


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Cedar Valley Community Theatre presents the timeless classic,  
**The Sound of Music**  
At Southern Utah National Cemetery



by Cedar Valley Community Theatre

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar Valley Community Theatre is thrilled to present the family favorite and beloved Broadway musical, *The Sound of Music*. Featuring music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, and book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. *The Sound of Music* tells the inspiring true-life story of Maria, a governess who brings music and love to the stern Captain von Trapp and his seven Children in Austria, just as the Nazis are annexing the country. Audience members will recognize iconic songs like "Do-Re-Mi," "My Favorite Things," and "Edelweiss." The production features a talented community cast ranging from 6 years to 80+ years old, and a live orchestra! This heartwarming story will run from May 29th through June 6th at the Heritage Center Theatre.



Howard Lindsay, Russel Crouse

**Location:** Heritage Center Theater, 105 N 100 E, Cedar City

**Dates:** May 29 - June 6

**Times:** Shows at 7:30pm.

**Tickets:** General Admission: \$15.

Discount Admission (seniors, students with ID, children 12 and under): \$10. Tickets may be purchased on our website [www.cvct.online](http://www.cvct.online).

**About Cedar Valley Community Theatre**

The Cedar Valley Community Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, founded in January 2012. The theatre was organized to bring together people from a variety of backgrounds in

the Cedar City area, and to provide a vibrant theatre culture for all community members. The theatre produces two musicals each year in the beautiful Heritage Center Theater. Open auditions are held for each show, and all community members are welcome to audition regardless of their prior experience. Ticket prices are kept low so that shows are affordable and accessible to all.

**Organization:** Cedar Valley Community Theatre

**Title:** The Sound of Music

**Book, Music & Lyrics:** Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II,

# A Memorable Parowan Memorial Day

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**M**emorial Day in Parowan featured a collection of activities held at our local cemetery. The many US flags along Main Street immediately told you that it's a holiday weekend. The constant flow of off-road vehicles heading up Parowan Canyon is a pretty good indicator that summertime is in the sights of visitors and locals alike. There are no cars in the school parking lot and plenty of recreational vehicles along the Interstate and out-of-towners enjoying our eateries. It's obviously a time to get your ice chest and motorized toys loaded up for an outdoor adventure.

However, the reason for this season is primarily focused on our military veterans from wars gone by who have defended and protected us so that we are able to keep our freedoms and rights and enjoy the 250 years of independence of this country. It is the weekend to remember and celebrate



all the men and women who served proudly and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Last week on a still and mild morning, Parowanians rose to the occasion with a tribute that was as *Parowan Proud* as you might imagine. A wooden cross and an American flag were placed at the gravestone of each veteran in the cemetery, and all the flags were waving in the light morning breeze. The ceremony included patriotic music and a stunning rendition of Taps played on Bugles and heard like stereo from both sides of the cemetery grounds, and a visual masterpiece of a bagpipes player marching through the rows of headstones playing a stirring version of *God Bless America*. The most poignant part of the ceremony was presented by Sgt. 1st Class Dominic Vigil of the Utah National Guard telling a heartwarming story that included some of his father's military experiences followed by our VFW who fired off a military rifle salute. It's hard to



before I finish my story; My four years in the military were during a different time in our country. Viet Nam was a very unpopular war that divided this

country and during my final year I was assigned to Southeast Asia where I heard many of the soldiers of my generation say, "What are we doing here?" In fact, on the day I was discharged it was suggested to us that we not wear our military uniform going through an airport on our way home because of the negative comments yelled our way and the anger expressed throughout the country. Recently, I have compared notes with other guys who served back then and we all agreed that the current climate is such a difference, and what a pleasure it is when a store clerk applies my military discount with a very sincere: "Thank you for your service," and in return, I give them a just-as-hearty: "You're Welcome."

that anyone in attendance left without a tear in their eye, a lump in their throat and a great sense of patriotic pride.

Our little town put on an extraordinary Memorial Day presentation, thanks to Jet Smith, who manages the Visitor's Center and is responsible for organizing many of the City's festivities throughout the year. Call (435) 477-8190 for more information on all the City's celebratory activities, like July 4th, Car Shows, the Friday concerts in the park, Fall Fest and the County Fair and more. So, think about a day trip to Parowan, where something is happening most every weekend of the Summer.

One final and personal thought



# A Buzzing Partnership Takes Root at Frontier Homestead



by Deborah Leoni

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) teamed up with the Utah State University extension office here in Cedar City and a great group of 4H kids last week at the Frontier Homestead gardens.

As our conservation committee project this year, DAR ordered 10 Mason Bee House kits to put together and paint. DAR gals worked on them for several months and painted them to honor the America 250th Anniversary. The kids picked out the spots in the garden they thought would be best and made sure the houses faced east for the morning sun.

The houses provide a perfect place for the female Mason bee to lay her eggs. These Mason bees are crucial to the environment. We are in danger of losing them completely due to pesticides, pollution and habitat loss. They are much smaller than honeybees, but are experts at moving pollen around

so we have beautiful flowers and great veggies in the garden.

The boys and girls from the 4H group also scattered packets of wildflower seeds. This leads to bee friendly habitat restoration and preservation. We hope everyone will build a Mason bee house and scatter wildflower seed in their own back yards to help with this project. The Mason bee house kits are inexpensive and readily available through retailers like Amazon, for you and your kids to give a try at making a Mason bee house, too.

Become a part of the solution. We are committed at DAR to promote positive lasting results in our community when it comes to conservation. The DAR gals really enjoyed teaming up with the 4H kids for our conservation project this year. We plan on teaming up with them again shortly to plant some native shrubs along the creek bank. Stay tuned for more from DAR and the 4H kids. Thank you to Rebecca Esplin from the USU extension for coordinating this for us.

# A Memorial Day Ceremony At Southern Utah National Cemetery

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration dedicated the Southern Utah National Cemetery in Cedar City, Utah, on September 10, 2025. This Memorial Day marked the first observance at Southern Utah's first national veterans cemetery, located at 2181 W. 1600 S., Cedar City, Utah.

The cemetery serves as a lasting tribute to veterans and their families by providing a dignified burial site and memorial benefits in recognition of their service to our nation. These benefits are provided at no cost to families and include a gravesite, headstone, burial flag, and perpetual care of the cemetery.

The Memorial Day ceremony featured patriotic singing, musical performances, a flag ceremony, an honor guard, the playing of Taps,



Volunteers respectfully gathered all 1478 American Flags, the American Legion provided, from Cedar City Cemetery and Veteran National Cemetery.

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CEDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS

## The Sound of Music

MUSIC BY RICHARD RODGERS  
LYRICS BY OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II  
BOOK BY HOWARD LINDSAY AND RUSSEL CROUSE  
SUGGESTED BY "THE TRAPP FAMILY SINGERS" BY MARIA AUGUSTA TRAPP

**MAY 29,30, JUNE 1,4,5,6**  
**7:30 PM**

HERITAGE CENTER THEATER  
105 N 100 E, CEDAR CITY

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$15  
SENIORS 55+, STUDENTS W/ ID,  
CHILDREN 3-12: \$10

TICKETS: HERITAGE CENTER BOX OFFICE  
AND [WWW.CVCT.ONLINE](http://WWW.CVCT.ONLINE)

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization.  
[www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The “Let Freedom Shine Illuminate Iron County” event is county-wide, on June 28, 2026, encouraging all residents to light, businesses, municipal, county, community buildings & private homes, with bright RED, WHITE, AND BLUE lights, as it kicks off a 13-day celebration in honor of the “13 Colonies” and America 250 Birthday CELEBRATION!

Enter your home in the contest at [visitcedarcity.com/america250](http://visitcedarcity.com/america250), if you would like.

CELEBRATE AMERICA 250! This year, 2026, is the exact 250-year mark of American Independence. Join in ‘The American Dream!’

“OUR STORY. OUR FUTURE.  
HONORING HISTORY. SHAPING  
TOMORROW.”

# COLONIAL AMERICA

## The Thirteen Colonies



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The United States was formed from thirteen British colonies in 1776. Many of these colonies had existed for well over 100 years, including Virginia, the first permanent English colony, which was founded in 1607.

### What Is a Colony?

A colony is a region of land that is under the political control of another

country. Typically, the controlling country is geographically distant from the colony, as was the case with England and the American colonies.

Colonies are generally founded and settled by people from the home country, but they may also attract settlers from other nations. This was especially true in the American colonies, where immigrants from many parts of Europe established new lives.

### The Thirteen Colonies

The original thirteen colonies were:

- Connecticut

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## calendar

### THURS, JUNE 4

**CVCT: THE SOUND OF MUSIC (7:30PM) DATES:** 6/4, 6/5, 6/6. Cedar Valley Community Theatre: The Sound of Music performance will be at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Doors open at 6:30 pm. General admission is TBA, available at the Heritage Center Box Office and [cvct.online](http://cvct.online).

### FRI, JUNE 5

#### THE LARRY H. MILLER UTAH SUMMER GAMES

Opening Ceremony and Block Party (5-8PM) The Block Party will be held from on the SUU Football Practice Fields (Cedar City), followed by the opening ceremonies in the Eccles Coliseum (99 S 1100 W, Cedar City). The opening ceremonies will feature a concert, an athlete parade, activities, fireworks, and more. For information, visit [utahsummergames.org](http://utahsummergames.org)

#### FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR (1-4PM) IN

the Cedar City Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar City). Join Molina Healthcare and Iron County Care and Share. Resources and valuable information available at the event will include healthcare insurance with Medicaid, Medicare, and Marketplace, Senior Services, Homelessness resources, Emergency shelter information, Food assistance, Childcare resources, Legal services, Dental information, Drop-in services, Behavioral health, and more!

#### INDOOR FARMERS MARKET SPECIAL GRAND

OPENING EVENT! (9AM - 6PM) featuring fresh local produce, handmade goods, local vendors, and unique finds – all in one convenient indoor location. Shop local year-round and support farmers in the community. Located at 909 S Main St, Cedar City, Utah.

#### TEAM THROTTLE MONSTER TRUCK TOUR (7PM)

Team Throttle Monster Truck Tour held at the Cross Hollow Arena (11 N Cross Hollow Rd, Cedar City). Tickets are \$15 for children (3 yrs to 15 yrs) and \$25 for adults. A Family 4 pack is \$60. Tickets are available online at [HERE](http://HERE). Gates open at 5:00 pm, Pit Party from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, and Main Event at 7:00 pm.

#### COLOR COUNTRY EQUESTRIAN CLUB 25TH

ANNIVERSARY HORSE SHOW - CCEC is celebrating its 25th year in Southern Utah with a two day horse show at the Iron County Fairgrounds in Parowan, UT. Featuring Dressage, Jumping, English Pleasure & Equitation, Showmanship & Halter, Ranch Versatility, and Western Pleasure & Horsemanship. Prizes will be awarded all weekend along with Raffle Drawings and goody-bags! Spectators and competitors welcome, visit [colorcountryequestrianclub.net](http://colorcountryequestrianclub.net) to learn more about our amazing club!

### SAT, JUNE 6

#### NORDIC FOLK AT THE GATEWAY TO THE PARKS:

Sofia Talvik Brings Songs & Stories (7PM) Internationally touring Swedish singer-song-

writer Sofia Talvik brings her 2026 U.S. tour Songs, Strings & Stories to the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum. Audiences can expect a carefully curated setlist featuring highlights from across her extensive catalog, along with newer material introduced on this year's tour.

**PAROWAN CINNAMON ROLL STROLL & BLOCK PARTY (10:30AM - 3:30PM)** beginning at the Chamber of Commerce Booth in the Parowan Main Street Park (113 W Center St, Parowan). Get your Passport/Map of the tour at their booth; complete the map & get a FREE prize back at the Chamber Booth.

### SUN, JUNE 7

#### FREE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE (5PM) THE

Forge at Cedar Fun Center. Tours, live performances, refreshments & prizes! [theforgearts.com](http://theforgearts.com) Join us!

### MON, JUNE 8

#### CARS & CUSTARD - CAR SHOW (6 - 8PM) IS

held on the second Monday (June - Oct) from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Culver's (1093 S Main St, Cedar City). Admission is free. Enjoy a night with classics (1981 or older), customs, hot rods, and exotics. Followed by a cruise down Main St at 8:00 pm. \*weather permitting.

### TUES, JUNE 9

#### THE JAZZ ALLIANCE OF CEDAR CITY PRESENTS:

Justin Pfeifer and Robbie Matheson (7PM) Join us for our season finale where we are joined by Justin Pfeifer on keyboard and Robbie Matheson on Bass. Be part of our live studio audience and experience the energy, creativity, and fun of live jazz like never before! 913 S Main St, Cedar City, UT 84720

### WED, JUNE 10

#### THE FORGE CENTER OF ARTS PRESENTS HIGH

SCHOOL MUSICAL (7PM) The Forge presents: High School Musical, at 7:00 pm in the Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). Tickets are available online at [theforgearts.com](http://theforgearts.com). Get ready for big energy, big voices, and big fun as this upbeat, fan-favorite musical joins our all-American summer.

### Want your event on our calendar?

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

## 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. For information contact Scotty, Post Adjutant, at (435) 590-3072 or [hidesertdog@gmail.com](mailto:hidesertdog@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.utahaa.org). Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829  
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

**Speaking From The Heart** • M – Sa, Noon**Steps and Traditions** • M – Su, 7 am

**Red Road to Sobriety** • Mon, 6 pm Paiute Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307

**Misfits** • M – F, 6 pm**Cedar Group** • Tues, 8 pm

**The Great Fact** • T, F, Noon. True Life Center 2111 N. Main. (702) 802-1332 or (702) 533-7856

**Red Creek Group** • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925

**Uncommon Sense** • Sat, 10:00 am**My Story** • Sat, 8 pm**Thank God Sunday Spiritual** • Sun, 11 am

**What a Way to Start the Day** • Su, W, F 7-8 am • All are welcome

**Al-Anon**

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

**Easy Does It** • Tues, 6-7 pm • (435) 559-3333**Hope for Today (Family Groups)**

Thurs, 6 pm • (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](mailto: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

**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](http://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, 7:00 pm • Share Families of So. Utah • 565 N Main Street, Ste. 6, Cedar • [www.southernutahshare.com](http://www.southernutahshare.com)

**Reel Mental Health**

A fun interactive support group focused on your mental health and well-being, available online <https://www.facebook.com/groups/9254516527891777/?ref=share&mbextid=NSMWBV>

**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](mailto:info@sunrisechurch.net), [sunrisechurch.net](http://sunrisechurch.net).

## CLASSES, CLUBS &amp; 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](mailto:ekimjacobs@gmail.com) for more info

**Cedar City Farmers Market**

(9am-1pm) on the north end of Cedar City, Design & Flooring parking lot (2232 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Come for the farmers, food, and artisans, as well as drawings, bingo, and more! For information, visit them on Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or call Nancy (435) 463-3735.

**Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club**

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

**Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild**

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun. Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. [cedarchestquilters-guild.org](http://cedarchestquilters-guild.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 8 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](mailto: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 Universal-****ists**

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](http://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.cedarcity-communityband.org](http://www.cedarcity-communityband.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](mailto: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](http://myscouting.org) or contact local Cubmaster Tristin L. at [CubScoutTroop1848UT@gmail.com](mailto: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 sign-up: October 21 to July 25. Parowan Rec, 35 E 100 N, Parowan, UT 84761. 435-600-1597.

**PB&J Therapy Groups**

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

College: [forms.gle/SmGytGfVq1tS2pB7](mailto:forms.gle/SmGytGfVq1tS2pB7)

Adolescent: [forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9](mailto:forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9)

**Rock Club**

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201

W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. [southernutahrockclub.org](http://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) 327-1919 (no text)

**Wellness Place**

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

**Wellness Wednesdays**

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

**Zumba with Steff at Retro Fitness 929**

S Main St, Cedar City, Tuesday at 9 AM. Membership or drop-in fee. Fun and easier to follow.

## A MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

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a wreath-laying ceremony, and remarks from Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. A flyover added to the tribute. Despite windy conditions, the event was memorable and well attended by members of the community.

Memorial Day transforms what is often viewed as the start of summer or a long holiday weekend into a meaningful time of reflection, gratitude, remembrance, and community. It is an opportunity to honor those who served and sacrificed for our country.

Members of American Legion Post 74 placed 1,478 flags on veterans' graves throughout the cemetery and later returned to respectfully collect them following the ceremony.

Sheriff Carpenter spoke about the gratitude that accompanies freedom and emphasized the important role military spouses and families play in supporting service members. He noted that through the love and support of family, great things are possible, and the memories of our heroes live on. He

encouraged attendees to carry forward the motto, "Tradition of Service."

### Sheriff Carpenter shared the following reflection:

"When I was 19, I was living in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It was at the height of IRA terrorist activity and a time when Bobby Sands and other Maze Prisoners were slowly taking their lives through hunger strikes. I became accustomed to seeing British military units patrolling the streets, ever vigilant for ambush. One day, while walking down the street, I saw the Stars and Stripes flying over a cheese factory owned by an American company. The beauty and majesty of that flag brought tears to my eyes. I stopped, placed my hand over my heart, and pledged allegiance. It was

perhaps the first time I truly understood what that symbol meant to freedom-loving people around the world and the significance of the Constitution of the United States with its freedoms from tyranny. That

experience was a defining moment in my life, and I vowed to do all I could to safeguard those freedoms for all."

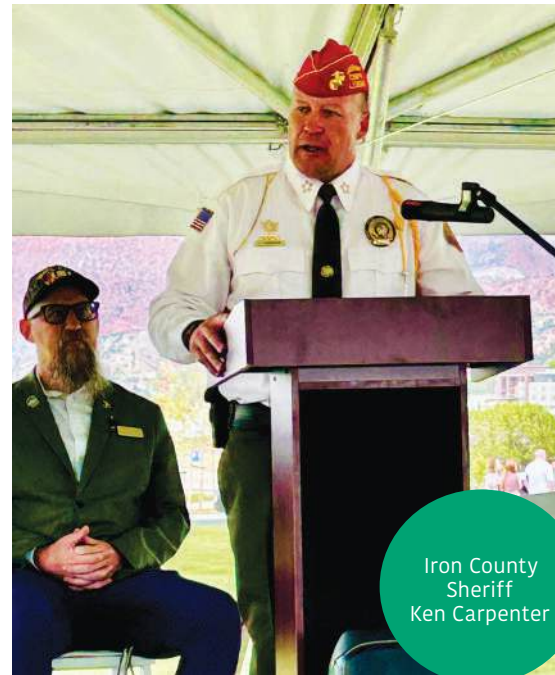
— Ken Carpenter, Iron County Sheriff and retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran

Honoring • Remembering  
• Never Forgetting

If you have a family member or know a veteran who did not receive a flag placement on their loved one's grave, please contact 435-310-1097.

As the saying goes, "We didn't know them all, but we owe them all."

**Thank a Veteran.**



Iron County  
Sheriff  
Ken Carpenter

# TAKING CARE OF THE LITTLE THINGS KEEP US SAFE.



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FOR IRON COUNTY COMMISSIONER



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## COLONIAL AMERICA

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### A Path to a New Nation

#### Taxation Without Representation

British efforts to exert greater control over the colonies through taxes such as the Stamp Act and the Townshend Acts sparked widespread outrage and resistance among colonists.

#### The Continental Congress

Leaders from the colonies gathered in Philadelphia to coordinate their response to

British policies. Over time, these meetings led the colonies to declare themselves independent states.

#### The Revolutionary War

Fought from 1775 to 1783, the Revolutionary War resulted in victory over Great Britain and officially secured the independence of the thirteen colonies, which united to form the United States of America.

After gaining independence in 1783, the former colonies faced significant challenges as they worked to establish a new nation. The adoption of the U.S. Constitution in 1789 created a federal government and laid the foundation for future growth and expansion across North America.

The American experience with the original thirteen colonies demonstrated that distant, centralized rule is often ineffective without local representation. By overcoming their differences and working together to achieve independence, Americans learned the importance of unity, equality, and self-government.

In 1803, the United States doubled in size through the Louisiana Purchase, acquiring territory that stretched from present-day Louisiana to Montana. This vast region was already home to many Native American nations. Over the following decades, the United States continued to add territories and expand westward, beginning a new chapter in American history known as Westward Expansion.

#### A Personal Reflection

I love America because it is vast, diverse, and beautiful. Our country is filled with breathtaking landscapes, national parks, and historic monuments that remind us of both our natural heritage and our shared history.

I also appreciate that America is a nation of people from many different backgrounds and cultures. Generations of immigrants have been drawn here by the promise of freedom, opportunity, and the chance to build a better life.

One of the things I value most is the ability to travel freely from state to state without a passport while sharing a common currency and national identity. Although we face challenges in the modern world, I believe that when we work together and respect one another, we can find solutions and continue to grow stronger as a nation. -Georgia Beth Thompson

## obituaries

### Mervin Warren Adair



Mervin Warren Adair, a stalwart pillar of faith, mentor, and devoted family man, returned to his heavenly home surrounded by his family on May 27, 2026. Mervin died from cancer. Born on May 2, 1943, in Caliente, NV, to Eldon Merle and Norma Adair. He graduated from Lincoln County High School in Panaca, NV. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Sydney Australia Mission (1962-1964). He married Miriam Judd in the St George temple in 1966. He attended The College of Southern Utah where he served as the student body president from 1966-1967 and graduated with a business degree in 1967.



Mervin was a ceaseless learner and teacher, dedicating his life to the study and teaching of the scriptures and the doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His career as a Seminary and Institute Teacher was not just a job, but a calling, a passion that led him from Cedar City, Utah to Mesa, Arizona and then to Australia where he pioneered the Seminary and Institute programs in the state of Victoria and Tasmania from 1970-1973. The family returned to Provo Utah where Mervin earned a master's degree in Organizational

Behavior from Brigham Young University. After graduating, He moved his family to Columbia Missouri where he accepted the assignment as Area Coordinator for Church Education to set up the seminary home study program and was the director of the Institute from 1975-1984. In 1984 he chose to return with His family to Cedar City Utah to teach at the Institute at Southern Utah University. He retired in 2005. After retiring, he continued to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever and whenever he could.

Mervin's dedication to service extended beyond his profession, as he also served as a temple worker for 16 years in the St George Utah and Cedar City Utah temples. His love for his community was evident in his active participation in the Republican party in Cedar City, Utah, and his membership in the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. Throughout many summers, he also provided lawn care and sprinkler work, a testament to his industrious spirit and willingness to lend a hand and his way to teach his 8 sons to work.

Mervin is survived by his loving wife, Miriam, and their children: Darren (Christy) Adair, Sterling (deceased), Tory (Monica) Adair, Boyd (Colleen) Adair, Nari (Scott) Burton, Mitchell (Gaylene) Adair, Brandyn Adair, Clifford (Angela) Adair, and Taylor (Lauren) Adair, 36 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Dawn (Kenny - deceased) Lee, Sharon (Jim) Rice, and Lanny (Vicki) Adair. He is preceded in death by his parents, Eldon Merle and Norma Adair and his son, Sterling Adair. Mervin's legacy of faith, service, and love continues in the lives of his family and all who were blessed to know him.

We invite everyone to celebrate Mervin's life by sharing memories of him on his memorial page. Your stories, thoughts, and photos will serve as a comforting keepsake and a reminder of the love and light Mervin brought into our lives.

The family wishes to thank Ethan Bunker and Mission Hospice.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday June 10, 2026, at 11:00 in the LDS church building located at 1925 W. 320 S, Cedar City Utah. The viewing will be before the service from 9:00- 10:30 am. The service will be streamed live on the mortuary website cedarvalleyfuneral.com.



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### Maridon Smith Nielsen



After 96 years of exemplary living, Maridon Nielsen slipped peacefully into eternity on May 28, 2026, to be joyously reunited with her husband, her parents, and many other waiting family members and friends.

She was born in Cedar City, Utah, on April 21, 1930, to Gordon and LaPrele Corry Smith. A brother, Collin, followed in 1934.

The early years of her childhood were spent in Cedar City. She was often at her Grandma Corry's house, or on Cedar Mountain with her dad and his sheep. She was proud of her pioneer heritage and that her ancestors were some of the first to settle this valley.

Her family moved to Richfield, Utah, during her elementary school years and she had fond memories of her friends there. They returned to Cedar City, where she attended Cedar Junior High, and graduated from Cedar High School. She was very involved in the music programs there and became an accomplished violinist. As a teenager she loved to camp with her friends at Navajo Lake.

She went on to attend the Branch Agricultural College (now SUU), and then Utah State University, where she studied music and business. It was a regret in her life that she didn't graduate, but she remained a lifelong learner and was an advocate of higher education for her children and grandchildren.

As a young woman, she was employed as a secretary for the US Forest Service, which she enjoyed very much. She was given the opportunity to work in Washington DC, but that appointment was cut short when a gearjammer for the National Park Service and young teacher/basketball coach by the name of Lindy Nielsen, gave her an engagement ring just before she boarded the plane. She went to DC but didn't stay quite as long as she'd originally planned.

Maridon and Lindy were sealed in the St. George Temple on May 24, 1955. Shortly after, they relocated to Salt Lake City, for Lindy to attend graduate school. While there, Barry, Shauna, and Jilynn joined the family.

In 1961, Lindy accepted a job as a speech therapist with the Skamania County School District in the small town of Stevenson, Washington, in the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. Corry joined the family there. The idea was to stay for five years, then return to Utah. It stretched to nearly twelve years, as Lindy and Maridon

essentially became the parents of the fledgling Church of Jesus Christ congregation being established there.

Maridon recalled those as some of the most difficult, and most wonderful times of her life. The Southern Utah girl in her had a hard time adjusting to the rainforest drizzle and gray days in Stevenson, but she loved her community and church friends. She and Lindy served in many capacities there and treasured the lifelong friendships they made.

In 1972, after her mother's untimely passing, Maridon and family moved back to Cedar City to help her dad. She went to work as a secretary for the Iron County School District and enjoyed her associations there for many years. She also became involved as a volunteer with the Utah Shakespeare Festival, where she served for thirty years, and used her musical talents to participate in community orchestras.

She was a woman of great faith and lived what she'd been taught. She served in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints wherever she was asked and found great satisfaction in doing so. Up until a year ago, she was the music director and chorister for her ward. She baked hundreds of loaves of bread, and hundreds of pies and cookies which she shared with friends and neighbors over the years.

She and Lindy served two missions for the church: at the Washington DC Temple Visitor's Center; and at the Nauvoo Temple. These were highlights of her life.

She served as an ordinance worker in the St. George Temple and was thrilled to live long enough to also serve in the Cedar City Temple.

She was an excellent homemaker and had a keen eye for decorating that made her homes comfortable and beautiful. She was a seamstress. She was a quilter. She knitted and crocheted many beautiful blankets and items of clothing. She set a gorgeous table for special occasions. She had an eye for beauty and grew spectacular roses. She loved the arts, particularly music and theater.

Most of all, she was a loving mother and grandmother. She created and gifted her children and grandchildren scrapbooks that spoke from her heart. She taught her grandchildren the basics of sewing, quilting, and canning. Her Easter egg hunts were legendary. So was the time she rescued a toddler granddaughter from a snake slithering toward her on the patio. No one else noticed it, but Grandma Maridon did and was lightning fast! She was also stealthy, evidenced when she delivered Valentines the

old fashioned way – ringing the doorbell and running to hide. She never got caught! Most recently, she created beautiful baby blankets for each of her great-grandchildren.

She was guileless and kind. She gave everyone the benefit of the doubt.

She was Corry's biggest fan as he coached the CHS girls' basketball team but got after him when he yelled at the girls. She taught him to motivate them with kindness, not a raised voice.

Her granddaughters adored her. She encouraged and supported them in their musical, athletic, and dance endeavors; was invested in and very supportive of their educational pursuits, and instilled in them an appreciation for music, for which they are forever grateful.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family, and of Lindy's. She outlived most of her friends and has missed them dearly.

She is survived by her children Barry (Lynn) of Cedar City; Shauna (Art) of Kanarraville; Jilynn (Gary) of Sandy; and Corry, of Cedar City. Also, her grandchildren Rachel (Colton) Merrill; Madelin (Wyatt) Peterson; Collette Batty; and Allie (Ethan) Murphy; great-grandchildren Caroline, Macie and Claire Merrill; Kolter and Lettie Peterson; with Jack Murphy expected to put in an appearance in September. Also survived by bonus grandchildren; Tyler Batty and Nolan and Olivia; Miles Batty (Danika) and Max, Ben, Owen and Annie; Cameron Batty (Denise) and Blakely, Callum, and Kyla; as well as a number of beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to thank Dr. Newman and Kathy; her caregivers Faylynn, Sandy, Sherri, Allison and Annie; dear neighbors CJ, Lacey, and family; Ethan Bunker; the Pines; and so many ward members and friends who've served and loved her over the years. Special thanks to Shauna, Art, and Corry for their attentive service to mom during the winding down years of her life. We love and appreciate all of you.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 5th, 2026, at 1:00 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 N. 300 W., Cedar City, Utah. There will be a viewing prior to the service from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the same location. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit [www.mortuary.org](http://www.mortuary.org).

### Christine Francis Ladd



Christine Francis Ladd, 79, of Cedar City, Utah passed away unexpectedly on April 20, 2026. Christine was born in Troy, New York to Edmond and Anne Canfield. She graduated from Catholic Central high school in Troy, New York and continued her education at Mildred Eli business school earning a degree in business. Chris owned and operated a very successful business, Williamson, Wine and liquors in Troy, New York for many many years.

Chris followed her daughter and grandson to Las Vegas. She married Gary Ladd on October 19, 2002,

later moving to Cedar city Utah, where she resided until her death.

Christine was a woman of deep faith and was a friend to everyone she met. Chris enjoyed many hobbies, including kayaking and hiking, with a love of the outdoors. She enjoyed getting together with friends, playing board games, pickleball and traveling. But her absolute favorite thing to do was spending time with her family.

She was incredibly close with her daughter Paula and the light of her life, her grandchildren, Niko, Brooklyn, Bianca and Edgar. She was a great grandmother to Nolan, who she absolutely adored. She created memories that her family will cherish. Chris and Paula were best friends and shared a special bond.

Chris had a heart of gold. Unfortunately, Chris committed

suicide after being prescribed an antidepressant three months prior to her passing. The family wants to ask that people check in on each other. Pay attention to warning signs. The signs of Chris sinking into a worsening depression were there. The thought of referring to "someone exaggerating their sadness" is unforgivable. Pay attention to those you love and care about.

Chris is survived by her husband, Gary Ladd, her daughter, Paula Tanner (Tom) her grandchildren, Niko (Jazmin) and Brooklyn Tanner, Bianca and Edgar Perea, all of Las Vegas Nevada. Step children Casey Bennett, Jennifer Connely, Lori Guysing. 14 step grandchildren and 18 step great grandchildren. There were no services.

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### Anna Lisa (Delnegro) Rosales



Anna Lisa (Delnegro) Rosales, aged 37, passed away on December 6, 2025, in Cedar City, Utah of heart failure after a long, hard-fought battle against several medical issues. Anna was born on November 13, 1988, and grew up in a loving family with her parents, Tracy and Jon Delnegro.

She attended Copper Canyon Elementary in Scottsdale, Arizona, before graduating from Cedar City High School. She furthered her education by obtaining a CNA certificate in Cedar City, Utah.

Anna dedicated her life to caring for others, both through her career and personal endeavors. She worked diligently as a Certified Nursing Assistant in Alabama and Arizona, supporting her family while her spouse served in the military. Despite facing medical challenges most of her life, her creativity and love for life never waned. Anna found joy in drawing, listening to music, cooking, journaling, mud-bogging in her Mom's truck, and connecting with people and animals.

Above all, she cherished her role as a mother to her daughter, Serenity, and stepson, Ethan. Anna is survived by her daughter, Serenity J. Rosales; stepson, Ethan J. Rosales; and her parents, Tracy and Jon Delnegro. She was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents, Nancy and Richard Harbour as well as her cousin Nickolas Travis.

A Celebration of Life will be held in her honor at the Courtyard Marriott in Cedar City, UT  
Saturday, June 13, 2026 · 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

In Lieu of Flowers - Contributions may be made to a local animal sanctuary – a cause close to Anna's heart.

"Anna's life, marked by her beautiful smile, loving heart, and vibrant spirit, will be deeply missed by all who knew her."

### Maureen Wightman Keitz



Our sweet mother, Maureen Wightman Keitz, passed away May 18, 2026 in Parowan, Utah after a long struggle with dementia. Maureen was born on June 2, 1948 in Provo, Utah to Grant and Norma Wightman. She grew up in Provo, Utah and graduated from Provo High School in 1966.

Maureen continued her education at Southern Utah State College (SUU) where she met Donald Keitz and they married in 1970. They bought their home in Parowan in 1974 where they raised 3 children. Don and Maureen later divorced, but remained good friends.

Maureen was a seeker of knowledge. There weren't many subjects that she didn't know something about. She was always reading informational books and watching educational programs; she never stopped asking questions.

Maureen was a hard worker and held various jobs. She was employed by Brian Head Town, secretary for the Iron County Planning and Zoning Commission, and worked as a real estate agent, to name a few. But she found her passion in working for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. During the 15 years that she worked there, she became a valued employee and trusted friend to her coworkers. She worked in Social Services, served as tribal secretary for the Paiute Indian Tribal Council and was an active participant on the Restoration Gathering Committee. She volunteered long hours at many events and made herself available to help out in any way that she could. She gave her whole heart to the Tribe and formed lifelong bonds with its members; especially her best friend Patrick Charles.

Maureen was a talented seamstress. In college she sewed many of her own clothes. As a mother, she made us beautiful dresses for Christmas and Easter and impressive Halloween costumes that turned heads and earned much deserved compliments. She took great pride in these projects and the finished products were always masterpieces!

Maureen had many hobbies and interests. She busied herself with projects around the house and was never idle. Whether it was pulling weeds in the garden, riding her 1970's green Schwinn to the Parowan Gap, or pounding out a Mozart tune on her old upright piano. She sang silly songs passed down from her mother, and entertained us with quirky dances around the house. Her laughter and good nature were contagious.

Maureen also had a green thumb. She was an avid gardener and grew a variety of vegetables; but her tomatoes were the star of the show. She was a great cook and taught us how to make everything from scratch.

Maureen grew up a member of the LDS church, attended seminary and young women's. Later in life she became more of a spiritual hybrid, drawing truth, wisdom and comfort from multiple sources. She continued to be teachable and receptive as she traveled down her own path towards enlightenment.

Maureen was assertive and outgoing, genuine and kind. There was nothing she wouldn't do for her family and friends. She loved being a mother and a homemaker. She was delighted to be a grandma and enjoyed spending time with all of her grandkids, playing games (especially Skip-Bo), taking them to the Parowan and Veyo swimming pools, and having sleep overs. She loved all animals, mainly cats, which lovingly earned her the nickname grandma Kitty.

Maureen was nice to everyone, she always saw the good in people and welcomed them into her home with warmth and love. She was very generous, donated to local fund raisers, and always bought from kids going door to door selling goods. She was a loyal friend and treated everyone with respect. She was classy, proper and old-fashioned. Even in her last days, and to our amusement, she would correct our grammar.

Maureen was preceded in death by her parents as well as her siblings Linda, Carolyn, Clarke and Dana. She is survived by her 3 children; Levi (Nichole), Kelly and Abby as well as 8 grandchildren; Drew, Brock, Cadence, Charlie, Azlyn, Dylan, Annika, and Sterling; and 2 great grandchildren; Marley and Dixie.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to VaLynne Nichols and Jon (Yon) Garayalde who helped care for our mother; giving their time, love and companionship, making her last years a little brighter.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Maureen's honor at Sweet Pea Farm & Orchard 136 South 600 West in Parowan on Sunday, June 7th 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.



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# Southern Utah Football Finalizes 2026 Schedule, Adds Sixth Home Game Against Chicago State

by Regan Hunsaker

SUU SPORTS

The Southern Utah University football program has announced the completion of its 2026 regular season schedule, highlighted by the addition of a sixth home game at Eccles Coliseum following a late-cycle adjustment.

Head Coach DeLane Fitzgerald said: "One of the best things about this change is that it gives our fans another home game. We talk all the time about the importance of creating a home-field advantage, and that starts with the people in the stands. Having six home games gives our community more opportunities to support these young men and be part of what we're building here at Southern Utah."

The update comes after Sacramento State, which is transitioning to the Mid-American Conference (MAC), revised its long-term football scheduling commitments. As part of that realignment, the originally scheduled 2026 matchup between the Thunderbirds and Sacramento State has been pushed to the 2031 season. With the opening created on the schedule, Southern Utah was able to secure an additional home game to round out its 2026 slate.

The Thunderbirds will now host Chicago State University on Saturday, November 21, 2026, marking the final home game of the regular season and giving SUU a sixth opportunity to play in front of its home

crowd for the second straight season.

The addition of Chicago State brings a unique and timely opponent to Cedar City. Chicago State University recently announced the launch of its football program following unanimous approval from its Board of Trustees in December 2025. The Cougars are set to begin their inaugural season in 2026 as an FCS independent program, with their first-ever game scheduled for August 29, 2026. Chicago State will later join the Northeast Conference in 2027 as it continues to build its football foundation.

With an expanded home schedule and a full slate of matchups at Eccles Coliseum, Southern Utah football season tickets for 2026 are now one of the best values in college football in the region. Fans are encouraged to secure their seats early to guarantee the best selection and be part of what promises to be an exciting season in Cedar City as the Thunderbirds return to the Big Sky Conference.

Season tickets provide the most affordable way to experience every home game, including key conference matchups and the newly added November showdown against Chicago State. Fans can also lock in their seats before single-game demand increases for the fall slate. Now is the time to secure your spot at Eccles Coliseum and be part of the action all season long. For more information and to purchase, visit [tbirdtickets.com](http://tbirdtickets.com).



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## TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

And now, we have liftoff on a dozen sporting trivia questions straight out of the grab bag for your guessing enjoyment. This week's collection is full 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!

- For the first time since 1999, the New York Knicks are in the NBA Finals after a four-game sweep over the Cleveland Cavaliers. Who was the Knicks' opponent the last time the team reached the Finals?
- Heading into the Finals, the Knicks have won 11 straight games. How many of those wins have come by single digits (nine points or less)?
- Who was the last NBA team to win championship titles in back-to-back seasons?
- For the 13th straight year, the NHL team that won the President's Trophy for having the league's best regular-season record didn't win the Stanley Cup. What Western Conference team earned this year's unfortunate distinction after losing to the Vegas Golden Knights in the Western Conference Final on May 26?
- During the 13-year drought, how many of those President's Trophy winners went as far as the Stanley Cup Final before falling short of the big prize?
- Who is the head coach of the Vegas Golden Knights, hired with eight games left in the regular season after the firing of Bruce Cassidy?
- True or False: As of May 27, all five teams in the NL Central (Cardinals, Reds, Cubs, Brewers, Pirates) have winning records.
- On May 25, the Houston Astros came through with the first no-hitter since September, 2024 when they blanked the Texas Rangers, 9-0. Led by six innings from Tatsuya Imai, how many pitchers did the Astros use to complete the feat?
- What Kansas City Chiefs tight end purchased a minority stake in his hometown team – the Cleveland Guardians – on May 27?

- Who won the NASCAR Cup Series Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 24, just three days after the tragic death of Kyle Busch at age 41?
- Formula 1 moved its traditional Memorial Day weekend race at the Grand Prix of Monaco back two weeks to early June. What Canadian city took over the holiday slot for the first time in 2026?
- On the PGA Tour, who is the defending champion heading into the 2026 U.S. Open?

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- J.T. Glinn.
- Wembanyama finished with 41 points and 24 rebounds in the Game 1 victory over the Thunder.
- The Canadiens beat the Buffalo Sabres on an overtime goal by Alex Newhook.
- Nashville.
- Donovan Mitchell and Sam Merrill.
- The Mets scored 10 runs in the top of the 12th inning and beat the Nationals, 16-7.
- Jamahl Moseley.
- Mitch Marner.
- As of May 18, there were four American League teams that had winning records – Tampa Bay, the Yankees, Guardians and Chicago White Sox. As of May 27, that number was reduced to three with the White Sox at 27-27.
- Mason Miller.
- True.
- Andre Agassi. No American man has played in a men's singles final in Paris since Agassi's victory 27 years ago.

The Canyon View boys varsity basketball team came away with a silver medal from the Utah Summer Games on May 30, falling to American Heritage in the final. (Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)



## CV boys team finishes with silver at USG

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

After shooting the lights out in a convincing semifinal win at the Utah Summer Games basketball tournament, the Canyon View varsity boys team found itself on the other side of the coin and ended up falling short of the big prize.

American Heritage, the runner-up from the 2026 3A state basketball tournament, led by 10 at the half and went on to a 59-46 victory over CV on May 30 to claim the gold medal at America First Events Center. The Patriots, who won all five games they played at the tournament, converted a tip-in that beat the buzzer and helped build a halftime lead they didn't relinquish.

"They came out and made shots, set the tone early," Falcons head coach Kim Blackner said. "We had open looks, but couldn't score. We played even with them after that and figured some things out later in the game, but by the time we did, we were chasing double-digits (deficits)."

"We didn't play our best, but we're going to learn. It's only the third day of our summer stuff, and we were playing a team that's obviously really loaded and really good."

In the semifinal on the home floor vs. Hurricane, the Falcons scored 31 straight points at the start and rolled to a convincing 66-25 rout over the

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# When coach-speak goes horribly wrong

As the NBA Eastern Conference Finals between the Cleveland Cavaliers and New York Knicks unfolded last week, I noticed several things that were seriously eye-opening. The first one was the Cavs blowing a 22-point fourth-quarter lead and losing Game 1 to the Knicks in overtime at Madison Square Garden.

Over the next two games, New York turned up the defense and earned two more wins in laughable blowouts, winning Games 2 and 3 by 16 and 13 points, respectively. And then before Game 4, with his team on the edge of elimination, Cleveland head coach Kenny Atkinson gave us a quotable gem for the ages as reported on ESPN.com.

"I think analytically, I think we've won the – I said three out of three [games in the series], we're two out of three in the expected wins," Atkinson told reporters Sunday. "I don't know if you guys follow that – the expected score. We've won two out of three."

Can I take a minute here? Kenny, my dude...how about addressing reality for a minute. You were down three games to none. No NBA team has ever erased a 3-0 series deficit in playoff history at any point.

## RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski  
IRON COUNTY TODAY



But hey, let's instill false hope. Expected wins have to count, right?

We're not sure how well expected wins carried over into Game 4 for the Cavs, but the Knicks sent them to the offseason and swept them away in a 130-93 embarrassment played May 25 in front of the home crowd.

Yes, it was that bad. New York was plus-27 in rebounds (60-33), dished 12 more assists (33-21) and forced 22 Cleveland turnovers. And now we have a rematch of the 1999 NBA Finals because the Knicks are playing the San Antonio Spurs.

OK, that's two different eras, but the point is still the same. New York hasn't won an NBA title since 1973 and hasn't been this close to the Larry O'Brien Trophy since 1999. Based on what we've seen to this point, the Knicks have a legitimate case for a breakthrough.

Just keep the "expected" wins out of the discussion and go win

on the court where it truly counts.

–With spring sports in the rear-view mirror, the all-Region 9 baseball and softball teams were announced last week.

–For baseball, Snow Canyon pitcher Trey Vaughn was named MVP and teammate Cael Esplin earned Player of the Year. Here are the rest of the honorees from Cedar:

First team: Karver Tom, Karson Duncan, Payton Ludlow and Colton Johnson.

Second team: Ty Rowley, Kian Carroll, Collin Corry, Gavin Mackert and Brent Martin.

Honorable mention: Danny Chairez, Maddox Giles.

On the softball side, 4A champion Desert Hills had teammates Lulu West and Riley Greene share Most Valuable Player honors as the team finished 32-3 on the season. Here are Cedar's all-region honorees:

First team: Kate Lopez. Second team: Kinzie Hawkins. Third team: Kyla Johnson.

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girls earned a bronze medal after beating the Richfield Wildcats in a low-scoring game, 20-11. Head coach Jaycee Barnhurst said her team is young, but learning the art of handling pressure in situations like the Summer Games.

"We have a lot of young kids on the roster who were able to play a lot of good minutes in pressure situations. It's what summer is all about," Barnhurst said. "It's good for these kids to

be in situations that are tough so when they roll around in the season, they'll be ready."

The Falcons fell in the semi-final to the No. 7 seed Mesquite Magic, 42-21. Cedar's girls team faced the Magic in the gold-medal game and dropped a 57-38 decision, but was later awarded the gold medal when the Magic was disqualified for using an unregistered player.



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Tigers to reach the final. Jeter Sanders and Jack Meyer led the way in scoring, combining unofficially for 36 points in the win as most of the players who played found their way onto the stat sheet.

In other highlights from the tournament, the Canyon View

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Candle is taller. 2. Arm is resting on table. 3. Back of chair is different. 4. Dial on stove is moved. 5. Light is shorter. 6. Hair is different.

1. Blossom, Buttercup and Bubbles; 2. Indian Ocean; 3. 2,026; 4. Olivia Dean; 5. Hawaii; 6. "Double Indemnity"; 7. 10; 8. The Sun's solar winds and magnetic fields create a protective bubble around our solar system; 9. The study of flags; 10. Charles I in 1649

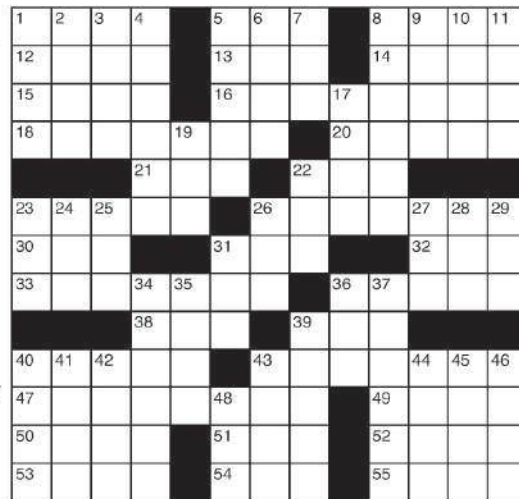
Trivia Test Answers

June 1, 2026 Posting Date

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Idle of Monty Python
- 5 Homer's lament
- 8 Grate
- 12 Sprint
- 13 Geological period
- 14 Intro studio class
- 15 Met melody
- 16 Knee cartilage
- 18 Cough drop flavor
- 20 Valerie Harper sitcom
- 21 Light brown
- 22 Fluffy neck-piece
- 23 Streep of "The Post"
- 26 Patching up
- 30 Lab eggs
- 31 Witty one
- 32 Wrigley product
- 33 Proteges
- 36 Accra's country
- 38 Stein filler
- 39 Zadora of "Hairspray"
- 40 Huge success
- 43 H.L. — (The Sage of Baltimore)
- 47 Cites
- 49 Comic actor Danny



- 50 Oklahoma tribe
- 51 Nonsense
- 52 French 101 verb
- 53 Military VIPs
- 54 GI's address
- 55 Marsh plant

- 8 Actress Phylcia
- 9 With the bow, musically
- 10 Poker type
- 11 Galileo's birthplace
- 17 Pressing need
- 19 Actor Linden
- 22 Plead
- 23 Soccer —
- 24 Prior night
- 25 Campaigned
- 26 More, to Manuel
- 4 Talkative
- 5 Fiend
- 6 Pitcher
- 28 Convent head
- 29 "Today" rival, briefly

- 31 Pint-sized
- 34 Flavors
- 35 K thru 12
- 36 Tom Collins liquor
- 37 Website invader
- 39 Green sauce
- 40 Urban haze
- 41 Apportion
- 42 Shortly
- 43 L-Q bridge
- 44 Designer Spade
- 45 Literary Jane
- 46 Must have
- 48 British singer Rita

## DOWN

- 1 Dutch cheese
- 2 Exceptional
- 3 "The doctor —"
- 4 Talkative
- 5 Fiend
- 6 Pitcher
- 28 Convent head
- 29 "Today" rival, briefly

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

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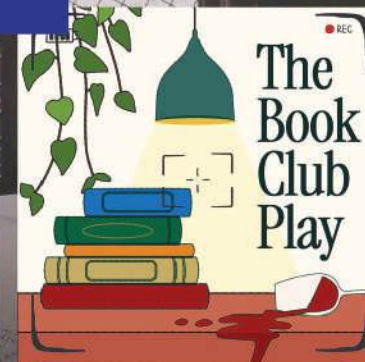
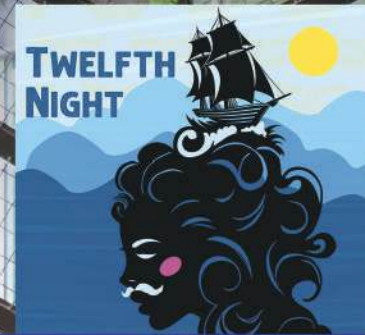
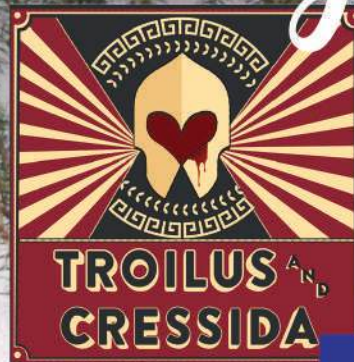
# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What are the names of the three girls in the animated series "Powerpuff Girls"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean lies between Australia and Africa?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMXXVI?
- MUSIC: Who won Best New Artist at the 2026 Grammys?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is an archipelago?
- MOVIES: Which classic movie has the tagline, "From the moment they met it was murder"?
- GAMES: How many basketball players can be on the court at the same time?
- SCIENCE: What is the heliosphere?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is vexilology?
- HISTORY: Who was the only English king to be executed for treason?

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