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After months of debate, Antelope Data Center moves forward in southern Utah

The proposed development would include a data center and a 1.5-gigawatt natural gas power plant about 15 miles northwest of Cedar City.

by Brooke Larsen

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A proposed data center near Cedar City that has sparked months of public debate in Iron County cleared a key hurdle Thursday.

The Iron County Planning Commission on Thursday signed off on a conditional use permit for the Antelope Data Center, a proposed 1.5-gigawatt project that will include

an on-site natural gas power plant in unincorporated Iron County roughly 15 miles northwest of Cedar City, according to the company's application.

The vote followed a packed public hearing in March, where residents voiced concerns about the project's potential impacts on water resources, noise, lighting and wildlife.

Planning Commission Chair Erick Cox told The Tribune on Friday that those concerns shaped the county's review and ultimately led to dozens of conditions attached to the approval.

"We did our very best to protect the people in Iron County, and looking out for the long term," Cox said, "while offering the opportunity for them to come in and build a business, and provide jobs to local people."

A spokesperson for the developer said it has spent the last year hosting meetings with hundreds of people about the project.

"We've engaged directly with neighbors, residents, agricultural stakeholders, environmental stewards, and elected officials. I think it's important to recognize that data center projects aren't all created equal," said Scott Cuthbertson, a spokesperson for Pronghorn Development, in a statement Friday. "When people have access to the facts, anxiety gives way to

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2026 Utah Boys State and Girls State Delegates

by Tyler Brown

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City American Legion Post 74 and American Legion Auxiliary Post 74 are

proud to sponsor five outstanding young men and 14 outstanding young women to attend the 2026 Utah Boys State and Utah Girls State programs.

Boys State and Girls State are the premier youth programs of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. These programs are internationally recognized leaders in civics education and character development, offering students a unique, hands-on experience in government and public service.

Often described as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, participants engage in leadership training, learn the fundamentals of citizenship, and gain valuable insight into civic responsibility. Graduates of Boys State and Girls State join a distinguished group of alumni known for being civically engaged and accomplished members of their communities.

During the program, veterans and community leaders mentor students, emphasizing the importance of patriotism, leadership, and public service. Participants also earn three college credits in political science, and many are eligible for additional scholarships.

The Cedar City American Legion and Auxiliary extend their sincere appreciation to the following organizations and individuals for their generous support:

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Back row: John Fenn (Cedar City American Legion Post 74), Alexandra Esplin, Tyson Barney, Bracken Johnson, Tripp Strange, Ethan Black, Darrin Duncan (Cedar City American Legion Post 74).

Middle row: Madallyn Bleazard, Cambree Selby, Coco Webb, Sage Whittaker, McKinley Bagley, Suzanne Roundy (Cedar City American Legion Auxiliary).

Front row: Karalie Pierce, Evelyn Dodds, Charity Herring, Emma Klumb, Kadence Lyman, Jaynie Bergstrom, Maggie Nesson.

Not pictured: Georgia Smith-Johnson (Commander, Cedar City American Legion Auxiliary Post 74), Maggie Smith, and Landon Larsen.

Driver accused of causing I-15 rollover crash, leaving scene

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 34-year-old man was arrested Wednesday after authorities say he crossed a highway median causing another vehicle to roll over before leaving the scene of the crash.

Jose Antonio Castro Rodriguez was booked into the Iron County Jail on suspicion of failing to remain at an accident involving injury, driving with a measurable amount of alcohol in his system while operating a vehicle subject to commercial restrictions, driving without a valid driver's license and crossing a highway divider.

According to charging documents filed in 5th District Court in support of the arrest, the crash occurred June 3 on southbound Interstate 15 near mile marker 66.

Investigators allege Castro Rodriguez was driving a white GMC Sierra when he crossed

through a highway median crossover and cut off a white Ford F-150. The driver of the Ford swerved to avoid a collision and the truck rolled over.

A passenger in the Ford sustained minor injuries and was transported by ambulance to Cedar City Hospital, according to court records.

Authorities later located and stopped the GMC Sierra. The driver allegedly told officers he left the scene because he was scared and did not have a valid driver's license.

Officers said they detected the odor of alcohol coming from Castro Rodriguez and administered field sobriety tests. A portable breath test also reportedly showed a posi-

tive indication for alcohol.

Castro Rodriguez allegedly admitted to police crossing through the median and swerving to avoid hitting his vehicle.

"The Driver of the White GMC Sierra stated to an officer that he did cut through the median and did have knowledge that the other vehicle swerved to avoid colliding with him," the affidavit states.

The vehicle Castro Rodriguez was operating was subject to commercial vehicle alcohol restrictions, meaning drivers are prohibited from operating such vehicles with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system.

Georgia Smith-Johnson; Ken and Amalia Wells; and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker.

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opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



**BECKA
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COPY EDITOR

Lately, I've been thinking about how easy it is to mistake access for understanding. We have more access to one another than ever before. People put their lives on display for the whole world to see online now more than ever. We can gather a surprising amount of information about

someone without ever meeting them.

And yet, understanding another person still turns out to be one of the hardest things we do.

When information arrives in small pieces, our brains have a tendency to fill in the blanks. We assume motives. We imagine intentions. We connect dots that may or may not belong together. Before long, we've created a complete story from just a handful of details.

What I've learned is that reality rarely fits as neatly into those stories as we'd like it to.

I had some very enlightening conversations this week that I believe ended in both sides gaining some understanding for each other.

We often treat understanding someone as a reward for agreement, when in reality it should come first. You can understand someone and still disagree with them. You can listen without surrendering your personal beliefs. You can acknowledge another person's humanity without changing your own convictions.

That may sound obvious, but it feels increasingly rare.

Perhaps that's why genuine conversation still matters so much. Not because it solves every problem, but because it reminds us that most people are more complicated than the stories we tell ourselves about them.

And honestly, that's usually a good thing.

WORD OF THE WEEK

MAGNANIMITY

[MAG-NA-NIM-I-TY]

noun

the quality of being magnanimous: loftiness of spirit enabling one to bear trouble calmly, to disdain meanness and pettiness, and to display a noble generosity



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understanding.”

The project will not receive tax incentives or tax breaks, Cox said, and the developer will be responsible for all infrastructure and improvement costs associated with the project.

Construction, however, is also years down the line, Cox said.

Before Iron County can issue a building permit, the developer must secure approvals from state and federal agencies, including air-quality permits from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

While the project is slated for about 640 acres at the site, the county approval covers only a roughly 250-acre development footprint, Cox said. The remaining acreage will serve as a buffer between the project and surrounding land.

Residents have argued that the proj-

ect's impacts would be felt most directly by those living near the proposed site.

“This is being proposed in our literal backyard,” said Annette Nunes, a goat farmer in Iron County, during the March hearing.

“If at all possible please don't put this in my backyard,” she added. “Remember that there are humans living up there, and we will be affected.”

The approval comes as Iron County officials reconsider how future data center and large energy projects should be reviewed.

The Iron County Commission voted last month to pause approval of any new and incomplete applications for data centers, power plants and utility-scale solar projects for the next six months.

Pronghorn Development had submitted all the needed documents, including application materials and technical studies to the county, before the morato-

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.”

-Stephen Covey

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rium was approved, so their application was deemed complete and not affected by the pause, Hamilton said.

While going through Pronghorn's application, the county found that there was additional information, such as additional studies, they'd like to have that current state and county policies don't require.

The conditional use permit is "not a permit to build, by any means," said Brett Hamilton, the county's planner. "It's more a permit that lays out the framework and requirements that would have to be met prior to building anything."

The county has put a three-year term on the conditional use permit, which Hamilton said is not a lot of time to acquire a building permit and begin construction.

The developer estimates it will complete the project in 2033, with the first 500 megawatts of power generation completed by 2028.

It also said that each combined data center and power generation building will support around 136 employees, for a total of 680 employees once complete.

Questions about water

The project will use a closed-loop water cooling system that will require a one-time fill of 8 acre-feet, according to the developer's water feasibility report prepared by Jones & DeMille Engineering. The report also says the project will use about 10 to 20 acre-feet of water per year during construction, and nearly 8 acre-feet of water per year for indoor and outdoor water use once fully built out.

An acre-foot is equivalent to 325,851 gallons, or enough water for about two average Utah households.

The company says it aims to connect to the Iron County Water Conservancy District, recently

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TRUST FIRST, VERIFY AFTER

by *Adyson Dragon*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The unpaid volunteers of the Iron County Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, June 4th going over several agenda items. The last item on the list was the vote to give Pronghorn Development, LLC a Conditional Use Permit to build their Antelope Data Center on a 640 acre property. A large crowd of people overfilled the meeting room and spilled out into the hallway. Although the vote was not a public one, and no public comment was intended to be taken, a broad range of citizens from Cedar City and surrounding areas showed up to witness and share their voices all the same.

Two people passed out sturdy paper plates to the attendees with the words "APPEAL" or "JUST SAY NO" on them, along with an attached note that read: "The commission has indicated that they will not take public comment tonight, and that they are planning to approve the Antelope Data Center. We want everyone to have the opportunity to speak. When the commission issues their decision to approve it, please silently hold up this message to communicate your support for an appeal."

The Planning Commission and audience were given a presentation explaining the guidelines that Pronghorn Development, LLC was to follow to qualify for their Conditional Use Permit; this included the following, and more. They will not receive power from the grid, keeping power "behind the meter" and supplying themselves with their own power plants, which will use natural gas - 1.5 gigawatts will be used at full build out. There will be a 65 decibel limit at the boundary of the property in place for noise. 8 acre feet of water will be used in total at full build out in their closed-loop cooling system. Fire suppression will be waterless to avoid damaging servers. Ground disturbing work will be prohibited between April 15th and June 15th to respect fawning season for nearby wildlife.

The road construction at Antelope Springs, involving paving with asphalt, realigning for a left turning lane, and allowing for over 600 vehicles a day,

will take around two and half months.

The Planning Commission emphasized that they had been receiving public comments via email, phone, and in person conversation for the past three months. Over 150 of these comments can be found included in the 480 page document on ironcountyut.gov/planning/data-center-projects under the section for the Antelope Data Center, along with more information. These comments instigated some revision of conditions that the data center must follow.

Despite not intending to be open for public comment, various audience members spoke up with questions, typically remaining polite and keeping things relevant. Some questions were answered, while others remained hanging in the air as information continued to be presented. When the drought was brought up, it was stated that part of the conditions for the permit were worded as: "this project shall comply with all drought conditions imposed by the state." If any conditions are not followed, their permit could be revoked.

A man sitting next to the presenter, who was lacking a name plaque in front of him, spoke up about his belief in the importance of independent collaboration. "It's the ol' 'trust and verify'. We are a society that needs to move forward by trusting first, verifying after."

At this statement, surprised gasps, scoffs, and disbelieving laughter rippled through the crowd. There was a collective chorus of "woah"s and "no"s.

"There seems to be a disagreement on that," the man responded to the reaction, and continued to insist upon the importance of trust.

"Trust us!" a crowd member spoke up, emphasizing the word "us" to imply the citizens of Iron County.

A Parowan resident wearing his marine corp uniform stated after the

Iron County Planning Commission served empty plates of disapproval

meeting, "In the military, when you go to a combat environment, you need to trust your leadership, and your leadership earns your trust before they expect trust. There's no 'verify later'. We train together, operate together, then we go to war, and then we fight together. It doesn't go the other way around."

The Planning Commission had four options that they could vote for that evening: approve, modify conditions, deny based on objective code non-compliance findings with substantial evidence, or continue the matter to a later date. The crowd noticed and got confirmation that "deny" was only an option if it could be proven that Pronghorn Development, LLC was not compliant with code or law.

The vote was put forward. The crowd raised their plates, voting to appeal. The Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve. Construction of the Antelope Data Center will begin in approximately two years.



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Parowan City Council Meeting Summary

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Parowan City Council held a public hearing regarding a proposed zone change for approximately 15 acres owned by PCP Trust, located west of 600 West between Center Street and 100 North. The request sought to rezone the property from Agricultural (A1) to Residential (R3). Residents voiced concerns about increased density, traffic, water availability, privacy, and the possibility of future high-density development. Several suggested that lower-density zoning classifications such as R1 or R2 would be more appropriate. After discussion, the council voted to deny the requested zone change.

The council unanimously approved a proclamation designating June 28 through July 5, 2026, as “America’s 250 Celebration Week” in Parowan, recognizing the 250th anniversary of the United States and encouraging community participation in local celebrations.

The council also considered an ordinance updating the city’s Transportation Master Plan. The

amendment designates 100 North as a minor collector road, improving connectivity to future development areas and helping the city qualify for transportation funding opportunities. After discussion about the extent of the designation, the council approved the change, extending the minor collector designation from Main Street westward to the future 1000 West corridor.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on revisions to the city’s compensatory time (comp time) policy. The proposed changes were intended to reduce the city’s financial liability from large accumulated comp time balances. Discussion centered on lowering the maximum comp time accrual for law enforcement employees from 480 hours to 240 hours and eliminating voluntary payouts during employment. City staff explained that large payouts had created budgeting challenges in the past. The council ultimately approved an amended policy that allows comp time payouts only upon separation from employment and reduces law enforcement accrual limits to 240 hours.

The council then reviewed proposed increases to pool and recreation fees. Treasurer Jerry Ross presented recommendations designed to offset rising operating costs and reduce the city subsidy required to support recreation programs. Proposed changes included modest increases in daily pool admissions, spectator fees, pavilion

and pool rental rates, punch pass prices, pool reservation fees, pickleball and league fees, and team jersey costs.

Council members expressed concern about the impact of fee increases on families with limited incomes. Discussion included the possibility of creating a scholarship or assistance program to ensure recreation opportunities remain accessible. Rather than taking immediate action, the council voted to postpone consideration of the fee schedule to allow additional discussion and exploration of affordability options.

During council reports, Council Member Burton highlighted the successful Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery and praised the community’s flag display and cemetery maintenance efforts. He also reported progress on the cemetery fence project, with completion anticipated by Labor Day.

Council Member Dean noted that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the Transportation Master Plan amendment involving 100 North. Council Member Barton reported that the Iron County Commission has imposed a 180-day delay on data center applications. Council Member Topham shared information from a Five County Association of Governments hazard mitigation planning meeting and encouraged future public participation

through a community survey.

City Manager Jessen provided updates on several projects. The Main Street Bridge project continues to face delays due to relocation of a high-pressure gas line. City officials are working with the gas company to accelerate the process and explore options to keep the project on budget. Jessen also announced the resignation of the city’s building inspector/code enforcement officer and reported that the city is exploring contracting inspection services with neighboring communities, including Enoch City, as a cost-saving measure.

Mayor Halterman echoed concerns about bridge project delays and reported continued progress on restoration of the Old Rock Church. Interior painting is underway, and installation of historic fixtures is planned, with completion targeted before the July 24 celebration. She also announced a partnership with Envision Utah through its “Playful Landscapes” program, which aims to enhance community spaces and environmental learning opportunities.

The meeting concluded with a reminder that City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Parowan City Council Chambers.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Work Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Community Announcements

Before business, council members highlighted upcoming America 250 events, including a 150-piece choral and orchestra concert at SUU on June 12 titled "From Iron County with Pride."

On June 13, an America 250 Summer Street Fest will be held on 100 West from 5:00-10:00 PM alongside the farmers market and Larry H. Miller Summer Games.

They also previewed the "13 Days Celebration: Stars and Stripes Forever" (June 26-July 8), featuring a "Let Freedom Shine" initiative encouraging red, white, and blue displays with a \$250 prize for homes. The Utah Summer Games opening ceremonies with fireworks were also noted.

Business Items

Septic System Approval — 580 North, Horse Alley:

The council reviewed a septic system request for a Horse Alley property being converted for business use. Although the applicant already received health department approval, city council approval was also required, causing delays. Because the property is over 300 feet from the sewer line and about two acres in size, it qualifies for a septic system under ordinance. The item was moved to next week's action agenda, and staff will contact the applicant.

Zion Storage Donation — First Responder Discount:

Zion State Storage proposed a 50% discount program for first responders with a \$100 refundable deposit. The city attorney noted disclosure requirements under the Public Employees Ethics Act for gifts over \$50. The council accepted the disclosure and determined the program met legal requirement

Cross Hollow Trail Grant:

Ken Nelson presented a \$57,279 Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation grant to resurface the Cross Hollow Trail from Walmart to Silver Silo. The city match (40%) would come from RAP tax funds. The council moved contract approval to next week's consent agenda.

Crimson Cliffs Development Property Purchase:

The council discussed a \$150,000 purchase of a quarter-acre lot to create a second road connection between South Mountain and Iron Horse developments, easing congestion on Eagle Ridge Drive. Despite some concern over the lack of an independent appraisal, the agreement was placed on the consent agenda.

Budget Work Session

The council reviewed and adjusted several proposed budget items. Key approvals included funding outside grant writers instead of hiring a full-time staff member, for the Iron Leaders program, and additional part-time staffing plus reduced storage costs

for Animal Control.

They also approved \$150,000 for a zoning consultant (with the general plan update deferred), \$31,630 for Thunderbird Gardens maintenance, \$30,000 for weed abatement, and \$200,000 for safety improvements to angled parking on 100 West.

A major decision added \$1 million to the Heritage Theater renovation fund and directed a shift toward more revenue-focused programming. The fire truck budget was increased to \$865,000 due to higher costs.

The council noted that the formal public budget hearing would be held the following week due to a posting timing error, with a final vote to follow. The meeting concluded with brief Redevelopment Agency and Municipal Building Authority work sessions, both advancing their respective fiscal year budgets to action items for the next meeting.

Iron County couple accused of crimes involving 14-year-old girl

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Communications that began on Snapchat led to the arrest of an Iron County couple accused of crimes involving a 14-year-old girl.

Cecilia Rose Espinoza-Michalosky, 21, was booked into the Iron County Jail in May on suspicion of unlawful sexual activity with a minor and distributing material harmful to a minor. Dylan James Black, 18, was booked on suspicion of unlawful sexual activity with a minor and sexual exploitation of a minor.

According to charging doc-

uments, the investigation began after the Iron County Sheriff's Office received a Child Abuse and Neglect Report in December 2025 involving allegations that a 14-year-old girl had been sexually abused.

The alleged victim was interviewed at the Iron County Children's Justice Center, where she told investigators the encounter was not consensual.

"The 14-year-old female victim...described the fear she felt during the assault," the affidavit states.

Detectives later obtained search warrants for Snapchat accounts associated with the defendants and the alleged victim. Court records indicate Snapchat was the only platform through which they had communicated before the alleged assault.

Investigators allege the records showed Black possessed a nude image of the girl and that Espinoza-Michalosky sent explicit images to the minor through the social media platform.

According to court records, Black agreed to speak with investigators after being advised of his rights and admitted to sexual activity involving the girl. Espinoza-Michalosky requested an attorney.

Separate orders signed by Judge Matthew Bell found probable cause existed for the defendants' warrantless arrests and directed that both be held without bail. The court also found substantial evidence supporting the charges and determined the defendants would pose a danger to the community if released.

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SUU to Rename Event Center as “State Bank Arena” Under Landmark 15-Year Sponsorship with SBSU

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Southern Utah University (SUU) and State Bank of Southern Utah (SBSU) announce a major long-term sponsorship, reinforcing a legacy of cooperation and a shared vision for the success of SUU and its students.

The new agreement formalizes a 15-year, \$5.25 million investment designed to enhance campus and community experiences, strengthen university programs, and expand engagement opportunities across the region.

As part of the agreement, SUU’s event center will be renamed State Bank Arena, with the transition taking effect in fall 2027. In addition to the future naming rights, the sponsorship includes construction of a new external digital sign located directly in front of the arena, enhancing SUU’s ability to promote athletic, academic, and community events.

“We are incredibly excited about this collaboration with State Bank of Southern Utah, which reflects our shared values and commitment to the Southern Utah community,” said SUU President Mindy Benson.

Decades of teamwork between SUU and SBSU will continue to expand through this agreement, which secures the future of several high-profile programs. SBSU will maintain its role as presenting sponsor for the Utah Summer Games Opening Ceremony, title sponsor for the State Bank Business Challenge, and a platinum sponsor for the One Utah Summit.

“As a graduate of Southern Utah University, this partnership is especially meaningful to me,” said CEO and President of State Bank of Southern Utah Trevor

Andersen. “This truly is a win-win for our community. State Bank has long benefited from SUU graduates who now serve as our customers and employees across Southern Utah - in fact, more than 50% of our employees are SUU graduates. Through this agreement, we are proud to continue giving back in the region we all call home.”

The collaboration will also reintroduce the Jr. Thunderbirds program for the next generation of T-Birds. With support from Funaki Asisi, General Manager of SUU Athletic Sponsorships through Van Wagner Sports & Entertainment, this youth program will encourage local kids to participate in recreation and engage with

SUU athletic events, building meaningful relationships between the university and local families early on.

The event center will continue as the America First Event Center until fall 2027 honoring a legacy of dedicated sponsorship and support that America First Credit Union has provided to SUU students and the campus community.

“America First is grateful for our partnership with SUU and the deep roots it has helped us build in Southern Utah,” said CEO/President Thayne Shaffer. “It has been an honor to support SUU’s student-athletes and the athletics staff, and we look forward to the future as we continue to cheer on the Thunderbirds.”

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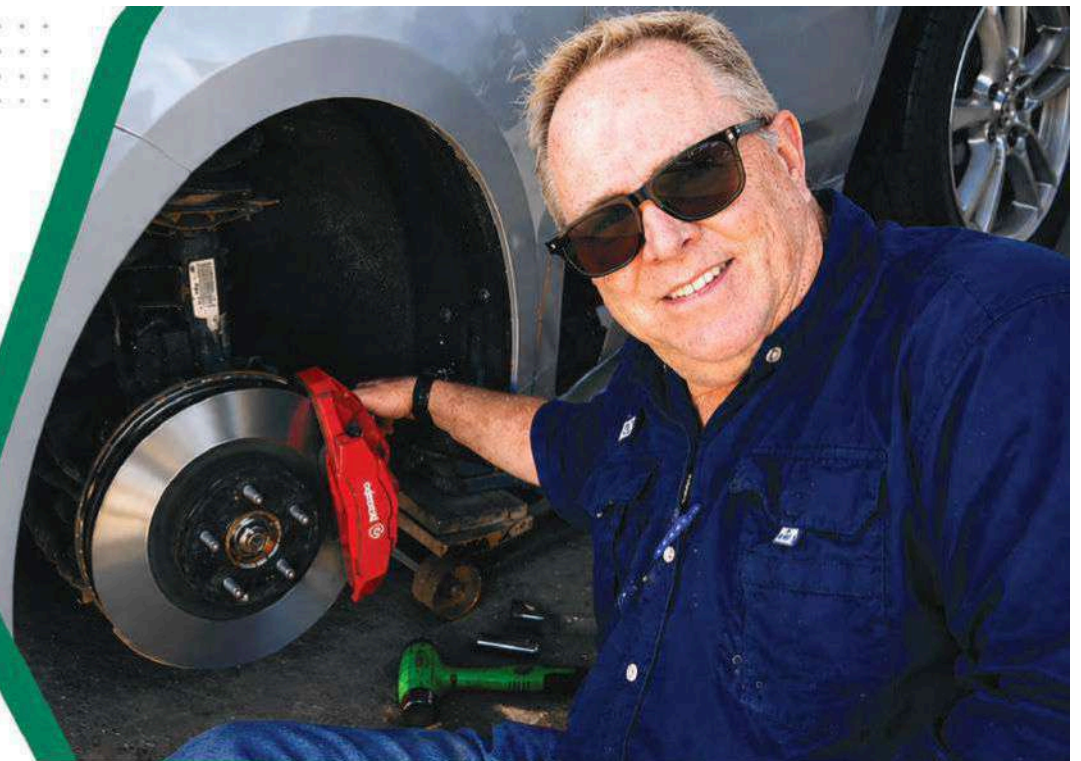


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DATA CENTER

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renamed the Cedar Valley Water Conservancy, public water system.

One benefit of connecting to the conservancy's system is the potential for better transparency, Paul Monroe, the conservancy manager, said.

"Within our own agreement we'd have with them, we'd provide monthly data and just host it publicly ... so that everybody could see exactly what their water use was," he said.

The Utah Division of Water Rights also requires reports of water usage, but that's only reported annually, Monroe said.

"If they are going to come in, it's better if they're under an umbrella that can keep a closer eye on them," he added.

The Antelope Data Center would be located in the Beryl Enterprise area, where the Utah Division of Water Rights required a groundwater management plan in 2012 after studies showed depletions exceeded how much water was recharging into the aquifer. Over the next 100 years, the division will reduce water rights in the area by 31,000 acre-feet.

The Cedar Valley Conservancy also uses water from the Cedar City Valley, where water depletions have also exceeded aquifer recharge. The division also required the area to adopt a ground-

water management plan in 2021, and the division plans to cut nearly 30,000 acre-feet of water rights in the valley by 2080.

How Iron County is preparing for more data center proposals

The county's 180-day pause on data centers and other large power projects will allow it to consider additional information they may want to require of future data center and energy project applicants.

Much of the unincorporated county is zoned in a way that would allow data centers and large energy projects. So, the county is also considering creating an overlay zone that will "shrink" the area that's open for such projects, Hamilton said.

To add additional accountability, the county may also create new zoning districts entirely. That would mean a project would also have to go through a zone change process, which requires approval from the county commission as opposed to just the planning commission.

"A lot of the resident's concern is that they feel like the decision should rest with the elected officials, so that's one way of going about doing that," Hamilton said.

The county plans to hold workshops over the next six months to get more feedback from residents about the changes they'd like to see in local policy.

Utah Summer Games 2026 Opening Ceremony

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

More than 11,000 athletes from across the western United States, along with approximately 50,000 spectators, filled Eccles Coliseum on the campus of Southern Utah University for a spectacular Opening Ceremony. The entertainment lineup featured Neon Circus, a live musical tribute to Brooks & Dunn. In celebration of the Utah Summer Games' 40th anniversary, attendees also enjoyed performances by the 80s tribute band Shuffle and Flippenout, a professional entertainment company known for its extreme trampoline acts. Performers were launched more than 25 feet into the air while executing triple flips, twists, and other acrobatic stunts.

The ceremony also included the traditional parade of athletes representing every event, appearances by Las Vegas Raiders linebacker Amari Gainer and mascot Raider Rusher, and concluded with one of the largest fireworks displays of the year.

The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games would not be possible without the dedication of more than 1,000 volunteers, sport coordinators, officials, and support staff. Their countless hours of hard work, commitment, and teamwork helped make the 40th Annual Utah Summer Games a tremendous success. Their efforts demonstrated how

collaboration can make even the most challenging tasks easier and more efficient.

Those attending the Opening Ceremony were impressed by how well organized and smoothly the event was conducted. It truly felt like a "mini Olympics" right here in Cedar City, Utah. The athletes were incredibly inspiring.

Spectators witnessed competitors as young as eight years old earning gold medals, families competing and succeeding

together, and even athletes in their 80s continuing to perform at an impressive level. Their determination, dedication, and sportsmanship served as a powerful reminder that age is no barrier to pursuing excellence



Rich Wilson, the Executive Director of the Utah Summer Games in the early growth, he established the USG brand, his efforts promoted SUU's visibility.

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ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

Take a Look at What's Under the Parowan P

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

From almost every place around Parowan you can see what we call “The P Hill.” Whether you live here or are just visiting, it’s an easy way to spot our town. Many communities along the interstate highways have their initial on a high ridge above the city, and if you follow your nose—or your GPS—to the base of the P Hill, you’ll find a hidden gem in the Mother Town: our Heritage Park.

Our park shares similarities with other heritage parks throughout Utah. A handful of statues along a walking trail bring the history of Iron County to life. This 2-acre site portrays the earliest history of Parowan, beginning in 1849 when explorer Parley P. Pratt scouted and dedicated the valley to become the first Mormon settlement in Southern Utah. I’ve written

before about local artist Stan Johnson’s bronze statue of “Aunt Pliny” Lyman, who delivered more than 1,000 babies and became a legend. She stands frozen in bronze, mid-stride on her way to another birth.

Near the entrance is a statue of a pioneer family with their handcart, accompanied by a plaque telling their heartwarming story. Don’t miss the two circular displays of Bas Relief statuary along the trail, that portray so much about our yesteryears in great detail.

The familiar iron silhouettes seen along the Old Spanish Trail are also part of this shaded park. This spot served as a halfway rest stop for travelers heading to California long before Parowan was settled. If you visit, you’ll find several more monuments that illuminate the early days of Iron County.

The most surprising feature isn’t a

statue at all. At the far eastern end stands a massive Fremont cottonwood that predates the first settlers. Its gnarly roots are exposed across a hillside, forming a short cave beneath them. Heap’s Spring flows from the cave, sending a small creek into the park—an obvious reason why early travelers paused here.

In just a few hundred yards of walking, it’s easy to imagine what life around here once looked like. This little park brings history to life. Located at the southernmost part of Main Street, just around the bend from the Maverik, it’s perfect for a walk, jog, family picnic, or lunch break. With restrooms, paved parking, well-kept lawns, and shaded paths, it’s a pleasant place to soak up some early local history.



*Sergeant Amon Chambers, U.S. Army, Iraq Veteran.
Captain Amy Peifer, U.S. Air Force, Gulf War.
Specialist 4 Henry W. Blair, U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.*

QUILTS OF VALOR

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

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Cedar City's Pollinator Festival is June 16 and 17

by Samuel Wells

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Spring is almost over and gardens all over

from the Frehner Museum at 6:00 PM and run until around 7:30 (also for both days). Transportation will be provided for the tours if desired.

Iron County are in bloom. Those of us that love flowers are walking more slowly through neighborhoods as we stop to admire their many colors and aromas. Some of us also stop to look for the insects that visit the flowers. There are so many different kinds and they often go unrecognized and under-appreciated. This month, Southern Utah University is offering several events to help our community (including visitors) learn more about and better appreciate these small and important pollinators.



Mark Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16-17, on your calendars if you want to participate. There will be a handful of venues to choose from, including classes on recognizing the different kinds of pollinators, classes on nature journaling, water-wise workshops, propagation tips for native plants, activities for kids, tours of SUU's pollinator garden, and evening tours away from Cedar City to explore wildflowers and pollinators in the wild. All events are free and open to the public. The afternoon events will start at noon outside of the Frehner Museum (at the far Southeastern corner of campus) and run until 2:00 (for both days). The evening tours will also start

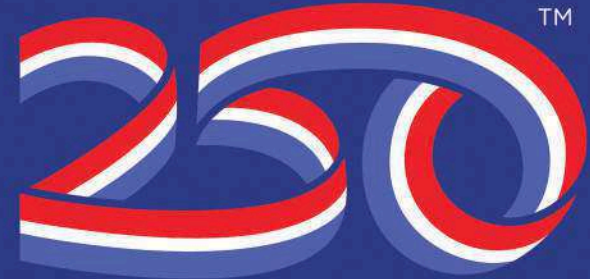
Our state has been investing in pollinators and pollination research for a number of years. In fact, many other states (and nations) are doing so as well. The focus is often on honey bees, a fact that always captures our attention in Utah since we pride ourselves in being the Beehive State. And we all know that honey bees are very important pollinators. Their decline is a concern to millions who care about the future of our food.

Here in the Desert Southwest, we are also in the center of one of the world's biodiversity hotspots for other kinds of bees. This may come as a surprise, but there are over a thousand different species of bees within just a hundred miles of here. Many are in our corner of the state. Escalante National monument has recorded around a thousand species alone. Most of these pollinators are smaller than honey bees and most of us need a little help recognizing them at first. Entomologists at SUU (present company included) have been taking inventory for over a decade. The colorful meadows on the Markagunt Plateau (including Cedar Breaks National Monument) that attract international travelers every year, are home to some of the country's most fascinating pollinators. We have around two dozen bumblebee species alone in just four counties near

Cedar City. A word of warning might be in order here, from someone who has been actively watching our insect friends for decades. Once you start looking closely at our floral visitors, it can become an addiction.



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Adventure Across America

Why Do We Celebrate Flag Day?

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Flag Day, also known as National Flag Day, is observed in the United States on June 14. This day honors the American flag and commemorates June 14, 1777, when Congress approved the design of the first official flag of the United States.

Before the American flag was adopted, each colony had its own flag. After the Declaration of Independence, the new nation needed a symbol of unity. On June 14, 1777, Congress passed the Flag Resolution, stating that the flag would have thirteen alternating red and white stripes and thirteen white stars on a blue field, representing a

new constellation. Today, the stripes represent the original thirteen colonies, while the stars represent the fifty states.

Flag Day has been celebrated as a patriotic occasion for many decades. President Woodrow Wilson officially recognized the day through a presidential proclamation on May 30, 1916. Although American folklore credits Betsy Ross with designing and sewing the first flag, there is no solid historical proof of this. However, she did make flags and pennants for the Philadelphia Navy during the Revolutionary War.

In 2026, Flag Day will mark the 249th anniversary of the official adoption of the American flag. Although it is not a federal holiday,

Flag Day remains an important day to honor the history, meaning, and symbolism of the American flag.

Americans can celebrate Flag Day by proudly displaying the flag at their homes, businesses, and community events. The flag should be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset. The Stars and Stripes continue to represent liberty, justice, freedom, national pride, and unity.

The American flag is more than a piece of fabric. It is a living symbol of our nation's history, sacrifice, and shared purpose. Whatever America means to each of us, it is represented by the stars and stripes. On June 14, we are reminded to honor the flag and the values it represents.

HOW TO CELEBRATE FLAG DAY IN CEDAR CITY, UTAH, IN 2026



Cedar City will celebrate Flag Day during the America 250 Summer Street Fest on Saturday, June 13, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. A brief program about the significance of Flag Day will take place at 6:50 p.m. at the Johnson Center Outdoor Stage.

This family-friendly event will celebrate America's milestone anniversary and include vendors, children's activities, and evening entertainment along 100 West.



Other ways to celebrate Flag Day include flying the American flag outside your home or business, visiting the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum to learn more about Iron County's pioneer history, or hosting a patriotic gathering with friends, family, and neighbors.

As Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote, **“One flag, one land, one heart, one nation evermore.”**



Annual Paiute Restoration Gathering Pow-Wow

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The 46th Annual Paiute Restoration Gathering Pow-Wow was a two-day event held in Cedar City, Utah, and hosted by the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah at their

outdoor arbor. This annual gathering celebrates the restoration of the tribe's federal recognition and



honors Paiute culture, heritage, and community.

The free, family-friendly event featured contest dancing, traditional singing, a beautiful flag ceremony, and a parade of colorful regalia worn by participants of all ages. Under clear, beautiful skies, the celebration brought people together until the event returns again next year.

Participants traveled from nearby reservations throughout the Southwest, including the Navajo Nation in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah; the Hopi Tribe in

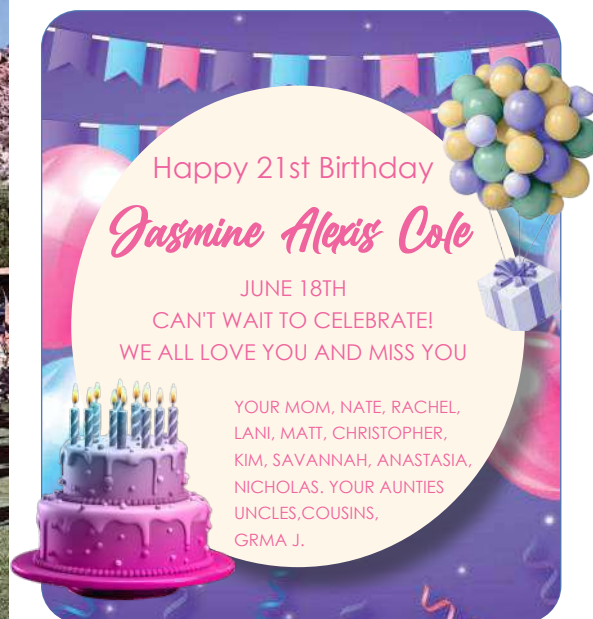
Arizona; and various Ute and Shoshone tribes from Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and California.

Today, a pow-wow is an intertribal celebration where people gather to honor their heritage, pass down traditions, socialize, and celebrate through drumming, singing, and competitive dancing. The Pow-Wow brought many tribes together under the open sky for spiritual enrichment of body, mind, and spirit through sacred songs, dances, and shared traditions.

The gathering created a positive and meaningful experience for the dancers, drummers, families, and all who came to watch and celebrate.



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CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Children's Justice Center recently hosted a wonderful and impactful Community

Carnival at Main Street Park in Cedar City, bringing families, first responders, volunteers, and community members together for a day centered on fun, connection, and education. The free family event offered breakfast, games, bounce houses, relay races, live music, cornhole with local first responders, and even a dunk tank, creating an atmosphere filled with laughter and community spirit.

While the carnival was packed with activities for children and families to enjoy, the deeper purpose of the event was to help raise awareness about the vital role the Children's Justice Center plays in our community. Many residents were able to learn more about the services the center provides to children and families who have experienced abuse, trauma, or difficult circumstances.

The event provided a welcoming and positive opportunity for people to ask questions, meet volunteers and advocates, and better understand how the Children's Justice Center works alongside law enforcement, child protection services, medical professionals, and mental health providers to support children during some of life's most challenging moments.

One of the most meaningful aspects of the day was seeing the community come together in support of local children and families. Events like this remind us that the Children's Justice Center is not only a place of healing and advocacy, but also a resource that depends on community involvement, awareness, and support.

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Local Students Honored in Sons of Utah Pioneers Ancestor Essay Contest

by *Howard Thorley*

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS, CEDAR CITY CHAPTER

With the school year ending, it is time for the local Cedar City chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers to present the awards for its annual ancestor essay contest. Each year the local chapter of SUP sponsors an ancestor essay contest for the fourth graders in the Cedar City area, Enoch, Escalante Valley, and Parowan elementary schools. The essay must be in the fourth grader's own words about an ancestor who lived at least two generations back from the student.

Researchers have found the more children know about their families, the stronger their sense of control over their own lives. They also had higher esteem and believed their families functioned more successfully. They show higher levels of emotional well-being.

One of the mission statements of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is to

“Teach (pioneer) values to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.”

One of the goals of these essays is to provide an opportunity for a fourth grade student to get to know one of their ancestors.

This year we received essays from eight of the public schools in Cedar City and Enoch as well as Escalante Valley Elementary and Parowan.

There were over 250

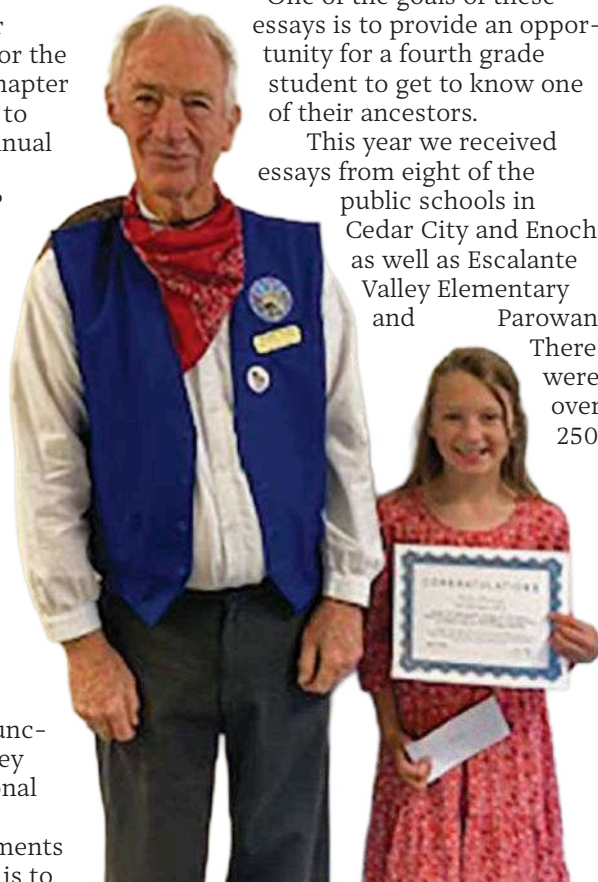
entries total. Each school was awarded first, second and third place awards.

First place winners in each school include Lacey Jackson from Enoch Elementary, Jonathan Huizar from Escalante Valley Elementary, Kiana Hulet from Fiddlers Elementary, Robby De La Paz from Iron Springs Elementary, Rosemary Mitchell from North Elementary, Ethan Elder from South Elementary, Claire Parker from

Three Peaks Elementary, and Adeline Temple from Parowan Elementary. The overall winner this year is Nora Stump from Escalante Valley Elementary. She won \$50 and she will be reading her winning essay in a town meeting at the Rock Church in Cedar City on the morning of July 24th at 10:00.

Nora wrote about her great,

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Friday
JUNE
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BEVERLEY CENTER CELEBRATION

Celebrate Southern Utah Museum of Art's 10th anniversary and the Utah Shakespeare Festival's 65th with art activities, street festival, food, and more. Starts at 2pm. Located at 195 W. Center Street, Cedar City.

Saturday
JUNE
27

SUMMER JAM WITH UNCLE SAM

Outdoor dance at 8:30pm at Main Street Park. Sponsored by the Cedar City Youth Council.

Sunday
JUNE
28

LET FREEDOM SHINE

Red, White and Blue lights & decor illuminate municipal, county, businesses & private homes. Enter your home in decor contest at visitcedarcity.com/america250
SPIRIT OF AMERICA CONCERT
Cedar City Rock Church 75 E. Center Street, Cedar City, 7pm.

Monday
JUNE
29

FREEDOM FOUND: AMERICA 250 CHALLENGE

250 things to do in Iron County Digital Pass launch. Participate in activities and events, check-in to earn points towards prizes. Go to Visitcedarcity.com/america250

Tuesday
JUNE
30

ECHOES OF FREEDOM SPEAKERS CORNER

250 minutes of reciting important American documents & speeches, including the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, etc. Starts at 2:50pm at the Cedar City Mayor's Square (corner of Center and Main).

AMERICA 250 PLAYLIST LECTURE- PART ONE.

The Iron County America 250 playlist features 250 songs curated by SUU professors Ryan Paul and Joseph Howe, showcasing the depth of American music exclusively from U.S. artists. Lecture at 6pm at Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main.

Wednesday
JULY
1

LEGACY OF LIBERTY TIME CAPSULE

Items commemorating the America 250 year placed in a time capsule to be opened in 50 years. Noon at Cedar Main St. Park.

AMERICA 250 PLAYLIST LECTURE- PART TWO.

The Iron County America 250 playlist features 250 songs curated by SUU professors Ryan Paul and Joseph Howe, showcasing the depth of American music exclusively from U.S. artists. Lecture at 6pm at Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main.

Thursday
JULY
2

RED, WHITE & REEL FUN FAMILY MOVIE IN BRIAN HEAD

Enjoy a patriotic movie in the cool mountains of Brian Head. Bring your own blankets and chairs and dress warm. Held at Brian Head Resort Chair #1 at 8:30 pm. Movie to be announced.

JULY 4TH ACTIVITIES

BRIAN HEAD TOWN

Brian Head Fire Department Pancake Breakfast from 8am-10am. Fun, food & music at Brian Head Resort Giant Steps Patio from 11am-6:30pm. Brian Head Arts and Crafts Fair all day at the Brian Head Mall. Due to wildland fire conditions, fireworks are TBA.

CEDAR CITY

Lions Club Fourth of July Parade starts at 9am on 300 W Center Street to Main Street. It opens with 12 "Spirit of '76" floats celebrating America's founding. After parade, enjoy Main Street Park activities (200 N Main St) from 11am-3pm, with the Cedar City Community Band playing throughout the day. Americana Night follows at Utah Shakespeare Festival Greenshow at 7pm. The Cedar City fireworks at dusk (approx. 10pm) at the Cedar Airport, and is set to music on AM radio. Pick up free, America 250 3D glasses to enhance your viewing at the Cedar City Offices or Visitor Center.

ENOCH CITY

Freedom 5K Race at 7am, Parade at 5:30pm from 1390 E Mid Valley to 451 Mid Valley, followed by hot dogs, games, music, the Enoch City Orchestra and the Wings of Death wing eating competition. No fireworks.

KANARRAVILLE

Fun Run/Walk at 7am at the church parking lot, along with a free breakfast at the Town Park. Parade begins at 10am starting at 200 North and Main Street, followed by a patriotic program at 11am at the Cobblecrest Pavilion. Fire Department Fundraiser lunch from noon-1:30pm. The festivities continue in the afternoon with water games and conclude with a dance at Cobblecrest Pavilion.

PAROWAN

Parade at 10am followed by lawn games, vendor booths, food, and live music all day at Library Park. In the evening, the community is invited to the Iron County Fair Rodeo Arena at 8pm for an America250 fireworks watch party, featuring themed music and fireworks. Don't forget to pick up your America 250 3D glasses at the Parowan City Offices or the Visitor Center.

Note: Parowan Community Potluck on July 5 at Library Park from 4-6pm. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share.

AMERICA 250 SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Friday
JULY
3

A SACRED CELEBRATION OF AMERICA 250

Patriotic Program & Ice Cream Social presented by the Cedar Inter Faith Alliance (CIFA). Held at the Cedar City Christ the King Catholic Church, 690 Cove Drive at 7pm.

ENOCH CITY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

Held at 7pm at 451 E Mid Valley Road

Saturday
JULY
4

AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY!

Extravaganza of activities, all day throughout Iron County (see details in the inset box). Get your America 250 Commemorative 3-D glasses for viewing fireworks at your City Office or Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main.



Sunday
JULY
5

AMERICA'S 250 POTLUCK: BACKYARD BASH

Neighbors will come together to celebrate harvest, harmony, and home. Check with your local religious organization for specific neighborhood potlucks/congregation gatherings. Pin your potluck at <https://bit.ly/48Pazzd> and share your celebrations using hashtags #America250Utah & #America250IronCounty.

Monday
JULY
6

LET FREEDOM ROLL: TRAIL DEDICATION 250

Dedication of the Fort Cedar Railroad Trail plus the unveiling of two historic markers and new pump track feature. Held at 10am on the corner of 400 West and Industrial Road in Cedar City.

Tuesday
JULY
7

MAKING WAVES FOR AMERICA

Celebrate America with a day at the pool at the Cedar City Aquatic Center from noon-8:30pm, or at the Parowan Pool from 1pm -6pm. Cost is \$2.50 or enjoy free swimming at Lake on the Hill throughout the day.

Wednesday
JULY
8

UTAH SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS

America 250 Concert with the Utah Symphony in the Cedar Main Street Park at 8:30pm. Free but reserve your spot at <https://bit.ly/3PqLoFs> Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

All events are FREE unless noted otherwise and open to the public.



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CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

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The turnout and enthusiasm throughout the day reflected the compassion and generosity that make Iron County such a special place to live. Families enjoyed spending quality time together while also gaining a greater understanding of how the Children's Justice Center helps protect and advocate for vulnerable children in our area.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the many volunteers, sponsors, first responders, performers, and community partners who helped make the carnival such a success. Their time, effort, and dedication created a memorable event that not only entertained families but also strengthened awareness and support for an organization that does such important work in Iron County.

The Iron County Children's Justice Center continues to be a beacon of hope and healing for children and families throughout the region, and events like the Community Carnival help ensure that more people understand the mission, services, and life-changing impact of the center.



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FRI, JUNE 12

FROM IRON COUNTY WITH PRIDE AN

AMERICA 250 CONCERT (7:30PM) At the SUU Library Quad. Come join us for a free America 250 Concert. Directed by Andrew Briggs, Joseph Howe, Jackie Jackson, David Jordan, and Steave Shirts. Featuring community bands, choirs, and orchestras. They will have some chairs but you can also bring your own or sit on the lawn.

JOHNSON ARTS CENTER SUMMER

CONCERT SERIES (6PM) Kicking off with Branson Anderson and PTO. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy some free entertainment at our outdoor stage. Second Friday of every month. 59N 100W Cedar City, Utah.

CONCERT IN THE PARK (8-10PM) 250TH

Birthday Concert in the Park featuring "Muddy Boots" held from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the Main Street Park (113 W Center St, Parowan). Celebrate America's Birthday with Parowan. Remember to bring your own chair. For information, call (435) 477-8190.

JANE AUSTEN REGENCY FESTIVAL

Dates June 12th & 13th. Jane Austen Regency Festival in Cedar City is a new festival in Cedar City. There will be a picnic, movie night, reticule class, promenade, croquet, afternoon tea, and a ball (as well as ball classes). These are costumed events. Find them on Instagram @jaregencyfestcedar, Facebook Jane Austen Regency Festival or at jaregencyfest.com. The Regency Ball will be held on Friday at 6:30 pm on the SUU Campus in the Gilbert Great Hall (405 W University Blvd, Cedar City). Tickets and information are available at jaregencyfest.com.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THE FORGE

presents: High School Musical, at 2:00 pm in the Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). Tickets are available online theforgearts.com/tickets. Get ready for big energy, big voices, and big fun as this upbeat, fan-favorite musical joins our all-American summer. A special Sing-A-Long night will be on Friday, June 12th.

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OLD SPANISH TRAIL RODEO DATES JUNE

12th & 13th. The Old Spanish Trail Rodeo is held at the Iron County Fairgrounds (E Clinic Way, Parowan). Tickets can be purchased online at sky9events.com. The Old Spanish Trail Rodeo is held the second weekend in June just below the Parowan Gap in beautiful Parowan. Hosted by Sky 9 Ranches and Sponsored by Stephen Wade Ram!

SAT, JUNE 13

11TH ANNUAL VETS HELPING BETS

POKER RUN Hosted by Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association® Chapter 49-4. Registration from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at 437 Aviation Way, Cedar City. A community event supporting local veterans and their families. Participants can take part using a motorcycle, car, truck, or any vehicle capable of completing the approximately 100-mile scenic route through Southern Utah. All proceeds stay local and go directly toward assisting veterans in need. Pre-register: www.utahcvma4.com/ride More information: www.utahcvma4.com

AMERICAN 250: CEDAR CITY SUMMER

Street Fest (5-10PM) in downtown Cedar City on 100 West (between Center Street and Harding Ave, Cedar City). Presented by Festival City Farmer's Market, Cedar City Events, and the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games, enjoy a festive summer evening with food, vendors, live entertainment, a beer garden, and patriotic flair celebrating Flag Day, America 250, and the start of summer fun. FREE

PAROWAN: FUN RUN CAR SHOW (8AM

- 3PM) 35th Annual Parowan Chamber's Fun Run Car Show held at Parowan Main Street (Parowan). Enjoy all makes and models, vendors, BBQ, and more. For information, call the Parowan Visitor Center at (435) 477-8190 or Parowan City Events at (435) 559-4504.

RED ACRE: BURGER, BIKES, & BANDS

(6PM-8:30PM) at Red Acre Farms (2322 W 4375 N, Cedar City). Join for live music, burgers made with beef and pork, hand-made buns, and all the fixings. This event is family-friendly and fun for all ages. If you ride your bike out, (pedal or motor) get premium parking on the farm, not on the street, and a discount on your meal! For information call (435) 865-6792 or find them on Facebook: /RedAcreFarmCSA.

IRON COUNTY SHERIFF - FUN SHOOT

(10AM) Iron County Sheriff Volunteer Posse - Fun Shoot held at 10:00 am at the Three Peaks Shooting Range (10

miles west of Cedar City). Tickets are available online at eventbrite.com/e/iron-county-volunteer-posse-shoot-with-the-sheriff-tickets.

IRON DEPOT CAR SHOW (9AM - 2PM)

Iron Depot Car Show is held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the BZI Innovation Park (1811 N Innovation Way, Cedar City). Everyone is invited to enjoy food trucks, raffles, product specials, a car show, and so much more.

TUES, JUNE 16

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD CHILDREN'S

STORY TIME (10AM) Every Tuesday at the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum (635 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Every Tuesday morning, a Ranger will read a frontier-themed story and have fun with a corresponding take-home activity. Story Time is for preschool children and their guardians to learn about the past through stories and history-related activities. This program is free to the public with help from the Visit Cedar City · Brian Head.

THURS, JUNE 18

OKLAHOMA (7PM) DATES JUNE 18TH

- 22nd. The Forge presents: Oklahoma, is held at 7:00 pm at the Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). Tickets are \$15 to \$60 available online at theforgearts.com/tickets. As part of our All-American Summer Season, OKLAHOMA! brings one of America's most beloved musicals to the Forge stage in celebration of America 250.

Want your event on our calendar?

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

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

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance (CAIFA)

3rd Tues 10:30am @ Cedar Library, West room. Help us plan and organize fundraising projects and quarterly community events. (No meet Jul, Nov, Dec)

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

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

Elks Lodge #1556

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

Kiwanis Club of Iron County

6-7pm • 1st Tuesday of each month at the Cedar City library. ironcountykiwanisclub@gmail.com

Lion's Club

Tues, 12 pm • Call Pres. Michelle Wilson for mtg. info. Everyone welcome! (802) 359-2183

Marine Corps League

Detachment 1315, 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm Elks Lodge (303 N 100 E)

Rotary Club

Tues, 12:15 • Southwest Tech, 757 W 800 S, Cedar City • (435) 233-0244

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

1st Thurs, 6PM, Post 10846 meets @ Elks Lodge, 111 E 200 N.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

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.

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.

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

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&mibextid=NSMWBT>

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widows Ministry

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar 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.

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

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

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

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 or by calling 435-590-2513.

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

Iron County Moms For America

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

Labyrinth Walk

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

Local Cub Scout Pack (K-5th).

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

Parowan Pickleball

Mon, 6-8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9-12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and 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

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201

W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

Tues, Thurs, 9 am • SUU pool, 2-56 N 600 W., Fun, up-tempo workout to music. Intensive cardio, full body muscle toning. Any fitness level. All ages. \$3/class, including pool admission. (435) 327-1919 (no text)

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

CONTEST

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courageous.”

Sebrina was born in 1812 in Tennessee. Her family raised and bred horses. When she was 15 her family moved to Texas.

She married and she and her husband had five children together. Her husband died in 1840.

Later she met and married George Wise Cropper. They had four children. George was a doctor. In 1852 there was a cholera epidemic and while caring for others, George came down with cholera and passed away.

At 40-years-old, Sebrina was a widow again. These were hard times for her.

In 1852, Sebrina and her eight children joined the Mormon church. As a pioneer heading to Utah she met Jacob Croft, whom she married. When they got to Utah they were asked to settle in Fillmore, but eventually ended up in Deseret. “She became the first midwife there,” and delivered a lot of babies including, “all of her grandchildren.” She died of cancer in 1878 at the age of 66-years-old.

Congratulations to Nora and all those who submitted essays. They were all winners as they learned about their ancestors. Thanks also to the judges.

great, great, great, great grandmother Sebrina Land Cropper, because “she was a real life pioneer. Her story taught me to be strong and

obituaries

Betty J. Divers



Betty J. Divers passed away March 5, 2026, in Cedar City, Utah. She was 98 years old and lived a long, full life. Betty was born May 5, 1927, in Los Angeles, California, to Cecil O. Moore and Goldie J. Moore. She grew up and went to school in Wilmington, CA. She married her high school sweetheart, Bill V. Divers on October 1, 1944. They were married for 62 years before his death in 2006.

Betty enjoyed the outdoors all her life. As an adult she liked searching for rocks and arrowheads and hiking the hills of Southern Utah. She and Dad also spent wonderful times at Lake Powell on the houseboat they shared with several friends. Betty loved camping, fishing, and deer hunting. Often, she was called upon to be the camp cook for the group they were hunting with. She was a great cook and canned and bottled the fruits and vegetables from her garden. She also bottled the fish and venison they brought home. They lived in Summit, Utah for several years and made many lifelong friends before moving to Cedar City.

Some of her hobbies included crocheting and solving crossword puzzles. She made beautiful Afghans which she gifted to family and friends. Often, Bill and/or her daughter would “help” her with the New York Times Sunday crossword.

Betty is survived by her children, Cathy Ewert and husband Russell of Cedar City, Jerry Divers and wife Terri of Kingman, Arizona, and Richard “Rick” Divers and wife Susan of Salt Lake City, Utah, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren, and a cousin. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother, husband, 1 grandson and 1 great grandson.

Her family expresses grateful thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff of Stonehenge Assisted Living where she lived for the past year and a half. She made several friends while there and loved playing Bingo.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Community Presbyterian Church (2279 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, UT). Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be shared on the website www.mortuary.org.

A Free, Family-Friendly Community Event

CONSTRUCTION INNOVATION DAY

JUNE 12, 2026 | 11AM - 2PM

Join us for the 3rd annual BZI Construction Innovation Day and see some of the biggest equipment in the industry!



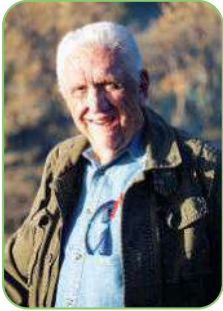
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Boyd Cox Bulloch



Boyd Cox Bulloch, 92, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2026, in Cedar City, Utah. He was born April 24, 1934, in Cedar City, to Bruce Nielson Bulloch and Louisa Cox Bulloch. He spent his early childhood years in Southern California before his family relocated to Boulder City, Nevada, where he graduated from Boulder City High School in 1952. Following high school, he attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, graduating with a degree in Accounting.

Boyd married his high school sweetheart and the absolute love of his life, Patricia Jeanne Swartz, in 1955. They settled in North Las Vegas in 1959, where they began building a beautiful, enduring legacy together. Patricia preceded him in death in 2018, and after missing her deeply for eight years, they are finally reunited.

A man of immense diligence, vision, and fearlessness, Boyd never encountered a challenge, an opportunity, or the unknown that he was not willing to face head-on. He was a visionary entrepreneur in North Las Vegas, starting and operating multiple successful businesses and expanding real estate holdings throughout his long career. Though he built a successful career in development, Boyd always maintained that his true wealth couldn't be found in land or ledgers. He frequently told anyone who would listen that he was "the richest man alive"—a title he claimed not because of his business ventures, but because of his faith, his eternal covenants, and the family he adored.

Alongside his professional pursuits, Boyd possessed a profound sense of civic duty. He served with distinction as a city councilman for the City of North Las Vegas and was actively involved in numerous committees and regional commissions within the Las Vegas Valley.

Boyd's greatest passion and work with Pat was raising their 11 children. Their home was a sanctuary of hospitality, always filled with friends, neighbors, and extended family. While he was the father to 11, countless others looked to Boyd as a father figure, and his door was always open to anyone in need of guidance, shelter, or a warm welcome.

A faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Boyd lived a life guided by the promptings of the Holy Spirit. From 1988 to 1991, Boyd and Pat served faithfully as he presided over the Mississippi, Jackson Mission, maintaining a lifelong love for the many missionaries who served under his leadership. He also served for many years as the Director of Public Affairs for the Church, where he was heavily involved in the public affairs and site coordination for the construction of the Las Vegas, Nevada Temple.

Boyd had a passion for life and a wide array of interests. He loved flying, building, ranching, and working on the land. He was never happier than when he was starting new projects and improving his properties. His joyful, competitive spirit and absolute pride in his massive posterity were famously captured on his custom writing pens, which he loved to hand out to friends and strangers alike. They bore a trademark inscription that perfectly captured his zest for life: "Boyd & Patricia Bulloch: 11 children, 52 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren... catch me if you can!"

Boyd was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patricia Bulloch; his parents, Bruce and Louisa Cox Bulloch; his sister, Beverly Gaffin; his grandson, Michael Avance; and his great-grandson, Declan Peattie.

He is survived by his 11 children: Bruce (Linda), Randy (Robyn), Howard (Cristi), Dee Dee Bulloch, Alicia (Mike) Avance, Brent (Diane), Bonnie Bulloch, Scott (Michelle), Troy (Erin), Roger (Megan), and Rebecca (Kent) Wagner. Boyd was incredibly proud to be a grandfather to over 50 grandchildren, and a great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather to more than 100 descendants.

A funeral will be held on June 12, 2026 at 11:00 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (1925 W. 320 S., Cedar City, UT), with a viewing prior at 9:30 to 10:45 am at the same location. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To share online condolences and watch the livestream, visit the website, www.mortuary.org.



Flowers: Zion Sun Floral, 48 E 200 S, Cedar City, UT 84720, (435) 586-6119



Nichole Beecher Isom

State School Board, 14

Utah's Children Deserve Better Than the Status Quo

-  **Academics over ideologies.** Ensure ideologies are not in the classrooms or school counseling centers. **Schools are for academics, not politics.**
-  **Rigorous standards.** Mississippi just went from 49th in the nation to 9th by training their teachers in phonics & restoring accountability (1). They didn't lower standards - they helped students rise! They didn't stick with the status quo. **They did something else ... and it worked!**
-  **Get teachers, textbooks, paper, & pens back in the classroom.** Tech/screen-based instruction has resulted in some of the lowest test scores in Utah's history(2)(3). **Utah has great teachers. Let them teach!**
-  **A responsible approach to AI.** While there are valid uses for AI in the schools, we must **never allow AI to replace caring teachers.** We must protect students' privacy and empower teachers with the proper tools to navigate this new landscape.
-  **Restore order & discipline.** Allow teachers to take control of their classrooms.

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, 1/15/26
 3. "Can We Fix Utah's Literacy Crisis?" The Sutherland Institute, 2/17/26

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Dixon Tim Parry



With heavy hearts and cherished memories, we announce the passing of Dixon Tim Parry, a beloved brother, and friend, who left this world on May 24, 2026, just shy of his 73rd birthday. Born on May 30, 1953, in Cedar City, Utah, Tim was a beacon of warmth and kindness whose life was tragically cut short due to a fire at his mobile home, where he had resided for over three decades.

Tim was the cherished son of Dixon Parry and Marjorie Miller Parry Dubois, both of whom predeceased him, as did his brother, John Stephen Parry. Survived by his loving brothers, Kent Miller Parry and Stanley Warren Parry. He also leaves behind close friends Howard Pickering, Bonnie Mitchell, Fred

Karoly, Bob Ogie, Mike Flanagan, and Roland Williams, who were an integral part of his extended family.

A proud graduate of Cedar High School, Tim furthered his education at Southern Utah State College. His career was as varied as it was impactful. Tim was a pioneer in ham radios and a skilled technician in radio communications. He later transitioned into the grocery industry, where he became a convenience store manager. His passion for Southern Utah's history was evident as he warmly greeted visitors and shared his knowledge with pride.

Tim's life was marked by service and community involvement. A joyful volunteer at the Cedar City Presbyterian Congregation, he also served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His dedication to helping others extended to his mobile home neighborhood and to the wider community, where he often reached out to help those in need. He shared his love with two-dollar bills.

His love for the outdoors, along with his impressive collection of firearms, were testament to his adventurous spirit. One favorite event was the annual pilgrimage to the top of Brian Head on Solstice with his friends to celebrate a new year. A lifelong seeker of knowledge, Tim was always ready with a fascinating historical or scientific fact, bringing light and laughter to those around him.

Known for his infectious smile and genuine greetings, Tim touched the lives of everyone he met. A firm believer in the sanctity of life, Tim often attended funerals to honor those who had passed, underscoring his belief that every life deserved reverent dedication.

His family extends their deepest gratitude to the Cedar City Police and Fire Departments for their service during this difficult time.

While Tim did not have children, his legacy lives on in the hearts of his family and friends. He will be remembered for his kindness, his unwavering support for others, and his zest for life. As we say goodbye, we hold onto the warmth of his memory, forever grateful for the time we shared with such a remarkable soul.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for June 20th, 2026, at Southern Utah University in the R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center at 11 AM with a luncheon to follow. Interment will be at Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To share online condolences, visit the website, www.mortuary.org.

Katrine Rowley



Katrine Rowley passed away on June 2, 2026, at the age of 92. Katrine was born on December 15, 1933, in Parowan, Utah to Neta (Thornton) and Frank Eugene Taylor.

Katrine often shared childhood stories about working at the Taylor Cafe, run by her parents, on Parowan Main Street. She loved her parents and was always a daddy's girl. She also had fond memories of her uncle Tom Taylor and visiting her Grandma Taylor. Her sister Cherie, older by seven years, became one of her best friends later in life.

Katrine married Carlyle Johnson and they had six boys: Ron, Dennis, Jerry, Tom, Steve, and Brian. The boys remember family trips to Lake Powell, Minersville Reservoir, and Navajo Lake.

Katrine's family bonds only tightened after her divorce; her boys and their wives invited her into their homes, vacations, and celebrations: camping trips, Disneyland, Lagoon, a clogging trip to Tennessee, and continuing the family tradition of visiting Lake

Powell.

Later in life, Katrine married Bob (Robert) Rowley, and they spent many years together. They enjoyed going on trips, often with her sister Cherie and her husband Norm Day.

Katrine enjoyed working at Northeast Furniture with the Hunter family. She then spent most of her career working in the office of Parowan High School. From this position, she was able to watch her grandchildren during their high school years. She worked with several principals, keeping them organized and in line, and developed lasting friendships with the PHS faculty and staff.

Katrine had a passion for music and singing, and she shared her talents with her community. She sang with the Parowan Community Choir for many years and especially enjoyed being part of the annual Christmas Cantata, often singing a solo. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Katrine served in many callings over the years, favoring those that involved music. She sang in the ward choir and was the ward chorister for many years.

She had a beautiful yard and rose garden, and she spent hours tending to her yard and pruning her roses. She also served the community to help beautify Parowan; she was a member of the Shade Tree Committee and worked in the community rose garden. Katrine also enjoyed spending time and "going for a coke" with her dear friends Janet, Mary Etta, Hettie Anne, and Debbie.

Katrine loved her large family and was dearly loved by them. For years, the whole family gathered in her home for Sunday dinners. Later, the house was packed every Christmas morning with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Family barbecues filled her backyard during the summer.

Katrine is survived by her six children: Ron (Debbie) Johnson, Dennis (Debbie) Johnson, Jerry (Ronda) Johnson, Tom (Kathy) Johnson, Steve (Celeste) Johnson, and Brian (Cecilia) Johnson, 22 grandchildren, and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Cherie Day, her first husband Carlyle Johnson, her second husband Bob Rowley, her grandson Nathan Johnson, and her great-grandson McCabe Garfield.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Iron County Home Health, Marie and Cari, and others who assisted her in her home, Yahaira Vargas and Merilynn Allred. We would also like to thank Kristin Orton for years of beautiful hair.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 2:00 pm at the Parowan West Building (59 South 100 West, Parowan, Utah). A viewing will be held prior to the service from 12:00pm - 1:30pm. Interment will be at the Parowan City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.

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Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games Adaptive Bowling continues longstanding community tradition

by Kale Nelson

LARRY H. MILLER UTAH SUMMER GAMES

The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games program has been changed and adjusted over the years, but through it all, Adaptive Bowling has remained a consistent staple. On June 3, 31 athletes took to the lanes of the Cedar Bowling Center to take their opportunity to compete.

The annual Adaptive Bowling event gives individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities an opportunity to participate in the Games through an event of their own.

Among these bowlers are some of USG's most seasoned veterans, including Nina Aston, who has participated in every Adaptive Bowling since she moved to Cedar City in 1998. Her collection of medals has grown significantly over the years, and she added two more to the stack in 2026.

"I've been here a long time," Aston shared. "It's so fun. We played singles, had our lunch break, and then just got done doing our doubles. My score was 163."

While Aston has been flashing her bowling talents for some time, RJ Rowley has seen Adaptive Bowling



from an outside perspective for nearly as long. Rowley began working at the Cedar Bowling Center in 2003 and has seen the tradition carried out across the years.

"They come out, and they enjoy bowling," Rowley said. "They're usually out here two to three times a week, even outside of Summer Games. Their faces when they get medals are awesome."

Between Aston, Rowley, and Bowling Sport Coordinator Kathy Jones, nobody can remember a time when Adaptive

Bowling wasn't one of USG's most beloved events, and each is certain it will continue to be a staple of the Games.

The consistent success of the sport has contributed to growing opportunities for people with physical and intellectual disabilities, including a three-year partnership between Special Olympics Utah and Southern Utah University to host the Special Olympics Utah Summer Games in Cedar City.

How to be a baseball fan

RANDOM
thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



Before the Major League Baseball season began, I was taken in by the hype train that surrounded what the Detroit Tigers did in 2025. Despite losing all of a 15.5 game lead in the AL Central, the Tigers still found a way and reached the postseason for the second straight year.

When we reached this year's spring training, the Tigers went to work. They bagged a lethal one-two punch in the starting rotation when they signed former Houston Astros lefty Framber Valdez on a 3-year deal that will pay him \$38 million per season, then signed two-time Cy Young winner Tarik Skubal for a \$32 million one-year contract.

For good measure, the team brought back 43-year-old Justin Verlander, who had a solid closing stretch with the San Francisco Giants last season.

When the predictions and prognostications came out, the Tigers bandwagon was getting seriously crowded. Detroit was being

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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!

1. True or False: When the New York Knicks played the San Antonio Spurs in the 1999 NBA Finals, the Spurs won in a four-game sweep.
2. The Spurs have won five NBA titles, but suffered its only Finals loss in 2013 to what team that repeated as champion?
3. The Los Angeles Rams got a huge boost for its defense last week when it traded for what edge rusher from the Cleveland Browns, who broke the NFL single-season sacks record with 23 in 2025?
4. After expressing frustration with his role in the offense, former Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver A.J. Brown was finally traded to what AFC East team that was runner-up in Super Bowl LX on June 1?
5. What Los Angeles Angels outfielder had a Jose Canseco moment when a fly ball off the bat of Colorado's T.J. Rumfield went off his glove, then off his head and over the fence for a home run June 2?
6. As of June 2, how many American League teams have winning records?
7. What two Texas schools are playing for the Division I softball national title at the Women's College World Series that started June 3?
8. What Philadelphia Phillie leads Major League Baseball with 22 home runs as of June 3?

9. Of the first 14 NASCAR Cup races in 2026, how many have been won from the pole position?
10. What state's Shinnecock Hills is hosting this year's U.S. Open golf championship that begins June 16?
11. How many teams are playing in the 2026 World Cup that starts today (June 11)?
12. Name any of the three countries that are included with the U.S. team in Group D of the World Cup preliminary standings.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. San Antonio Spurs.
2. One. The Knicks beat the Philadelphia 76ers, 108-102, in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series.
3. The Golden State Warriors repeated as NBA champions in 2017 and 2018, beating the Cleveland Cavaliers both times.
4. Colorado Avalanche.
5. None.
6. John Tortorella.
7. True.
8. Three. After Imai, Steven Okert worked the seventh inning and Alimber Santa pitched the final two innings.
9. Travis Kelce.
10. Daniel Suarez.
11. Montreal.
12. J.J. Spaun.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

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this time around, mainly because the rest of the teams weren't anything to write home about.

And then the regular season arrived. First came pitching problems. The injuries soon followed. Skubal hasn't been around since April 29 due to surgery on his pitching elbow. Verlander followed and is on the 60-day injured list along with Hurter. Casey Mize and closer Kenley Jansen are on the 15-day IL as well.

It all led to the month of May producing a whole bunch of wilted flowers. The Tigers finished 6-22 for the 28 games and had the worst record in baseball. Things got better last week with the flip of the calendar as Detroit went on the road and swept the AL East-leading Tampa Bay Rays handily, hitting 10 home runs and outscoring them 25-11.

Three games doesn't make a turnaround, but we've seen all kinds of weird things happen. Will Skubal be traded by the trade deadline? Can Mize find his groove again? Will Kenley Jansen find the strike zone?

All of these mysteries will be revealed soon. There are still 97 games to play in this season. There will be an All-Star break. Sports radio will dissect all the possible details obsessively. We in the fan base will be left kicking and screaming with frustration.

Through it all, we know it's all about believing, even if our teams get lost along the way.

Speaking of championship celebrations, the New York Knicks continue to amaze. They've won the first two games of the NBA Finals over the San Antonio Spurs, including a nail-biting 105-104 victory in Game 2 on June 5.

Heading into Game 3 that was played June 8, New York had won 13 straight in the playoffs. This team hasn't won an NBA title since 1973, when Richard Nixon was into his second term as president.

The moment has been intoxicating for Knicks fans, some who got just a little too rowdy in celebration outside Madison Square Garden. A total of 26 arrests were made after Game 2 and a cop got punched in the face.

For their effort, no celebrations will be allowed in the plaza outside MSG during Game 3. Considering the extra security risk added on with the planned attendance of President Trump, the move became absolutely necessary.

As for the rest of us, save a space at the favorite watering hole and smile. It'll confuse the supporters of the other team.

Contact Tom Zulewski at tominator19@yahoo.com.



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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.

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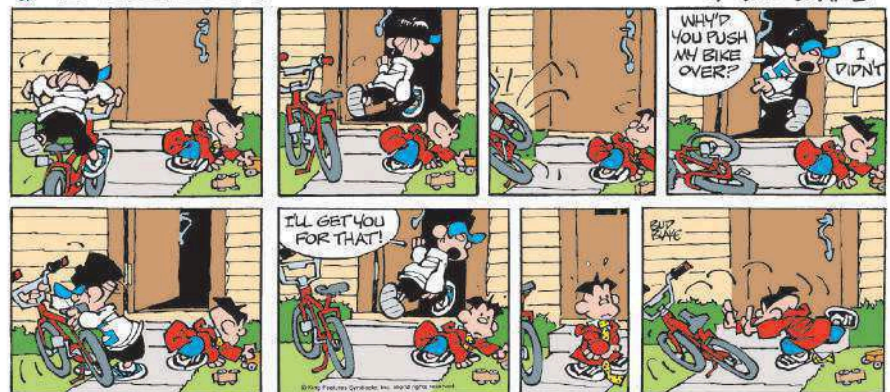
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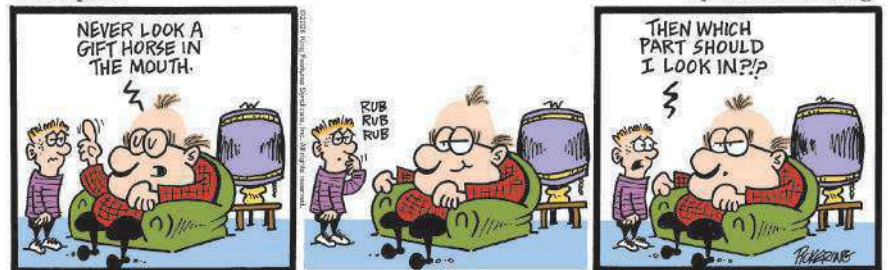
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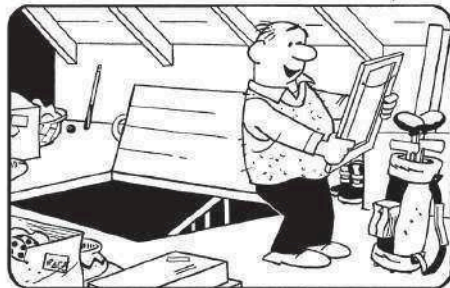
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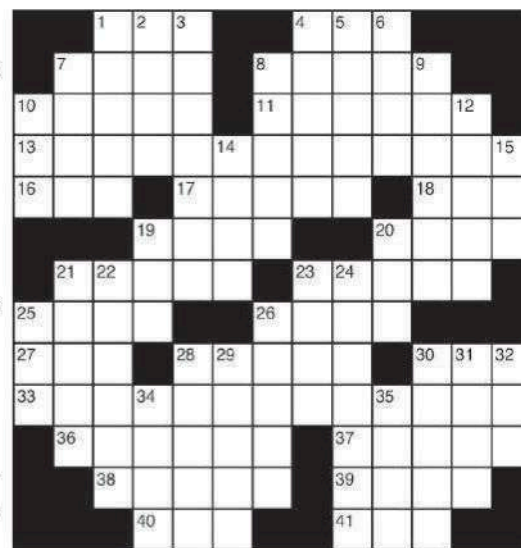
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- 20 Feel sorry for
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- 23 "Time in a Bottle" singer
- 25 Impudent
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- 27 Solid-rock insert
- 28 Spine-tingling
- 30 Lupino of film
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- 14 Farm pen
- 15 Stick with a kick
- 16 Cauldron
- 17 Greek storyteller
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- 20 Author's payment
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- 22 "Papa" of classical music
- 23 Molts
- 24 Traction aid
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- 26 Editing mark
- 27 Ninny
- 28 Verifiable
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- 7 Frog's kin
- 8 Apollo's birthplace
- 9 Picturesque

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Answers

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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- MOVIES: What is the song playing when the lead characters dance the twist in "Pulp Fiction"?
- U.S. STATES: The first president, George Washington, was born in which colony that would later become a state?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country controls Easter Island?
- MYTHOLOGY: To which mythological character is the Parthenon dedicated?
- LITERATURE: Which war is the background for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?
- MATH: What is the sum of the first five prime numbers?
- INVENTORS: Which inventor developed more than 300 products from peanuts?
- MUSIC: Who won Album of the Year at the 2026 Grammys?
- HISTORY: In what year did U.S. women earn the right to open credit cards in their own names?

- Trivia Test Answers
1. Jeff Probst. 2. "You Never Can Tell." Chuck Berry. 3. Virginia. 4. Chile. 5. The Greek goddess Athena. 6. World War II. 7. 28 (2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 11). 8. George Washington Carver. 9. Bad Bunny. 10. 1974

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