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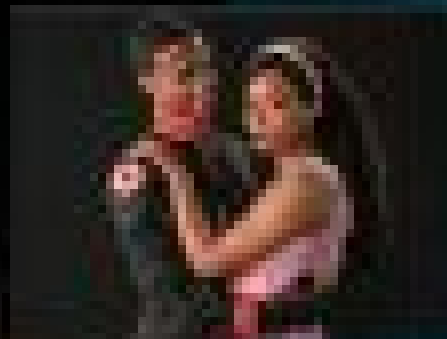
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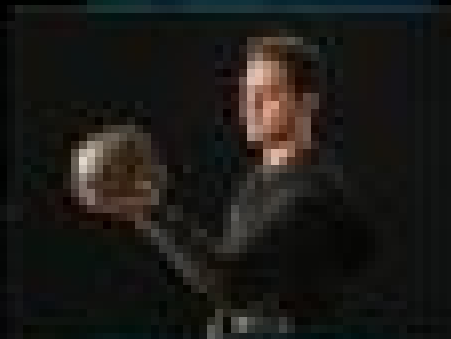
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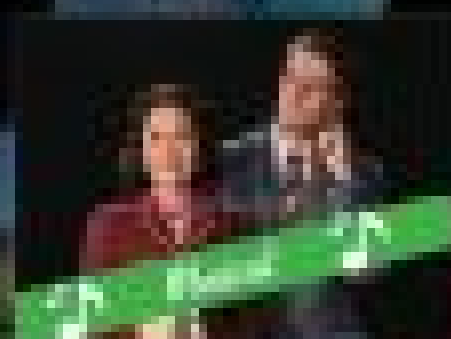
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**Summer
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STORY IN NEWS

Iron County Junior Deputy Academy gives teens a look behind the badge

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

For two weeks, a group of Iron County teenagers are trading summer downtime for CPR training, patrol car scenarios, defensive tactics, search and rescue exercises and a firsthand look at what it means to serve a community.

The Iron County Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy Academy gives youth ages 14 to 19 a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement and other first responder careers.

The program introduces students to agencies, skills and career paths they may never have considered.

But for the deputies who help run it, the program is about more than uniforms, patrol cars and training

exercises.

It is also about confidence. Mentorship. Trust. And giving young people a chance to see the person behind the badge.

"I hated cops growing up until I had those positive interactions with law enforcement, which ultimately changed my life," said Cpl. Anna Teeple, who helps oversee the program. "That's what my goal for this is, that we can be that positive interaction for these kids."

The academy has been operating in some form since about 2009 and has continued for roughly 15 years, with a few breaks when there was no one available to coordinate it.

Originally, the academy lasted about a month. It was later shortened to three weeks and is now held for two weeks.

The shorter format still allows students to experience a wide range of training while making the program manageable for the deputies and agencies involved, Teeple said.

The academy includes instruction and demonstrations from the Iron County Sheriff's Office, Cedar City Police Department, Utah Highway Patrol, Southern Utah University Police, Enoch Police Department and Adult Probation and Parole.

"The goal," Teeple said, "is to show students that public safety includes

far more than just being a cop."

"I feel like there's that misconception," she said. "People get caught up in just, 'law enforcement is cops only.'"

During the two weeks, students learn CPR and lifesaving skills, field sobriety testing, vehicle stops, evidence collection, search and seizure, defensive tactics, jail operations, firearms safety, and search and rescue operations.

Students begin the academy by taking a fitness test similar to the one required to graduate from the police academy, including a 1.5-mile run, pushups, a plank and a vertical jump.

After two weeks of daily physical training, they take the test again, giving them a chance to see how much they have improved.

Deputy Mary Menke said she often sees students surprise themselves.

"Sometimes it's just because they didn't know that they could do it," she said.

One of the program's highlights is a search and rescue day at Kanarra Falls, where students watch a mock rescue involving a victim being lowered by ropes and carried out in a Stokes basket.

Students also rappel from the fire training building near 1600 North and Lund Highway.

While those moments can be intimidating, they often become some of the most meaningful.

"A lot of them try to back out, and we try to encourage them to face their fears and do it," Menke said. "Every single one of them, once they do it, they are glad they did."

Along with new skills, many students leave the academy with something



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for a third time.

“Quite a few of the kids end up being close friends with somebody after our program,” Menke said.

Lt. Shawn Peterson said the program also helps strengthen relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Some families who enroll their children may have only interacted with deputies in some of their worst moments, but still trust the agency enough to send their children to the academy.

“I just really feel like it’s bridging a gap between law enforcement and the community,” Peterson said.

Part of that comes from giving students an opportunity to see officers outside of emergency calls, investigations and other stressful situations.

Instead of interacting with a badge, they get to know the people wearing it.

“We’re all just people that joined this law enforcement community to try and help people,” Menke said.

Over the years, several former participants have even gone on to work in law enforcement or related agencies, Peterson said.

The belief that a single positive interaction can change a young person’s future isn’t just a talking point for Teeple. It is something she experienced herself.

As a teenager, she got into trouble, spent time around gangs and often viewed law enforcement with distrust.

“I hated cops growing up until I had those positive interactions with

else: friendships. Some participants return year after year, including one student this year who is attending

law enforcement, which ultimately changed my life,” she said.

Now, she hopes the academy can do the same for someone else.

“They’re going to come to a crossroads in their life,” Teeple said. “I hope that this positive interaction with them, that they choose the better road.”

The academy is held each summer, with announcements typically posted in March or April on the Iron County Sheriff’s Office website and Facebook page.

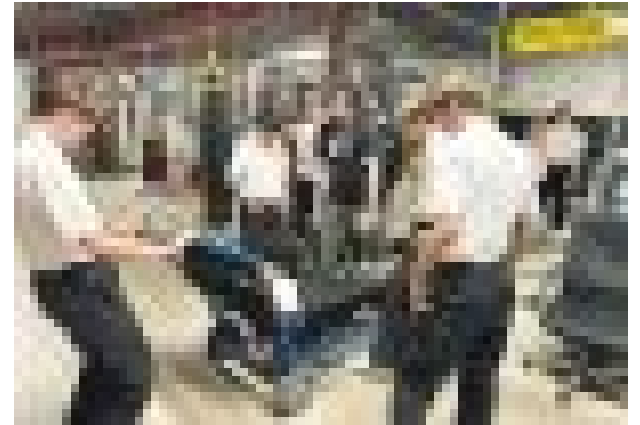
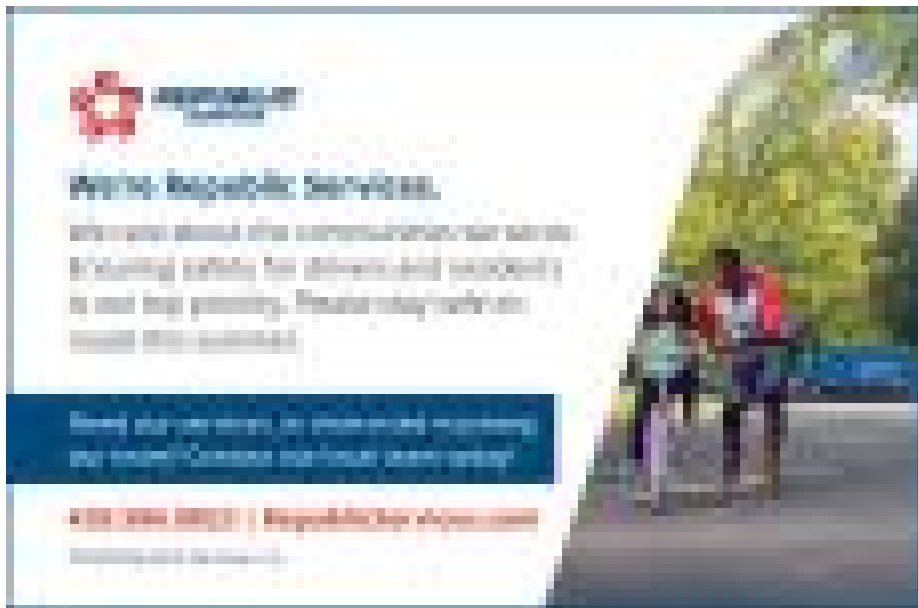
The program is open to youth ages 14 to 19. Space is limited.

Peterson said the sheriff’s office tries to keep costs as low as possible and does not want money to prevent interested students from participating.

“We will never turn anybody away,” he said. “We will do everything

we can to work with people.”

The academy will conclude with a graduation ceremony June 19 at the Heritage Center, where families will gather to recognize what students accomplished during the two-week program.



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FROM THE EDITOR



**BECKA
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COPY EDITOR

Life gave me a reminder this week that some of the most worthwhile things require effort long before they produce any results.

I started a garden this week, despite knowing very little about gardening. My boyfriend and I spent the afternoon digging in the dirt, reading seed

packets, and hoping we weren't making any major mistakes.

But the best way to learn something is to do it, right? So, I suppose the only way to get a garden is to plant one.

We put herbs, lettuce, spinach, arugula and green onions in the ground, with more still waiting to be planted. Now comes the hard part: waiting. And if you know me, you know that's a challenging activity for me.

The truth is, I have no idea whether any of it will grow.

That's what struck me most. In so many parts of life, we're accustomed to immediate feedback. We send a text and get a reply. We order something online and can track its progress every step of the way. We make a mistake and often know right away.

My understanding is that gardening doesn't work like that.

You do the work first. You water. You weed. You wait. Then, weeks later, you find out whether your efforts took root.

As summer settles in and the days grow longer, I'm reminding myself that growth rarely happens overnight. Whether that's in a garden or elsewhere in life, the harvest almost always arrives long after the work begins.

WORD OF THE WEEK

ASSIDUOUS

[AS-SID-U-OUS]

adjective

showing great care, attention,
and effort



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Five years ago, my husband and I chose to move to Cedar City because it felt different from everywhere else.

We fell in love with the natural beauty, the historic character, the slower pace, and the sense that people here genuinely cared about preserving the town's identity. Cedar City didn't feel overdeveloped or commercialized. It felt like a place where history, nature, and community still mattered.

But over the last few years, many longtime residents and newer residents (like us) have watched Cedar change at an alarming pace.

Housing developments continue to spread across nearly

every open space. Traffic has increased dramatically. Prices have skyrocketed. Familiar landmarks disappear and are replaced with more chain businesses and gas stations, even when there are already plenty nearby (we miss you, Sizzler!).

The latest example is what is happening along Cross Hollow Road.

For many of us, driving through the hills on Cross Hollow was one of the most beautiful parts of coming home. The hills, trees, open landscape, and natural terrain were part of what made Cedar feel special. Now, hillsides are being bulldozed,

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."

-Lao Tzu

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trees removed, and large portions of the landscape flattened for yet another commercial development.

In just the last two years:

- D·R· Horton built large town home developments along Cross Hollow.
- Hundreds more apartment units were added as The Henley was constructed.
- Additional townhome projects recently approved at Cody Dr and Cross Hollow Rd.
- Commercial retail space (“The Commons”) is now being carved directly into the hillside.
- Traffic on what was once a quieter two-lane road has become increasingly congested.

The concern many residents share is not that Cedar should never grow. Growth is inevitable. The concern is how it is growing, and whether anyone in leadership is asking what kind of city Cedar will become if every open hillside and natural corridor is turned into dense housing, retail, or commercial expansion.

At some point, a city can grow so quickly that it destroys the very character that attracted people there in the first place.

Residents have already voiced concerns about other major developments, including the planned AI data center projects and the construction of the Maverick gas station on historic Main Street. These conversations are not isolated complaints. They reflect a broader fear that preservation, history, and natural beauty are no longer being prioritized.

Cedar City has a history of standing up for its identity and culture when residents believed something important was at risk. That spirit is part of what has always made this community unique.

People are not asking Cedar to stay frozen in time. They are asking city leaders and developers to slow down long enough to consider balance, preservation, infrastructure, traffic, environmental impact, and the long-term identity of this town.

Because once the hills are flattened, the trees are gone, and the open space is filled with concrete, there is no getting it back. And many of us are beginning to wonder whether Cedar City is preserving its future, or selling it away piece by piece.

Genessa Hager

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Iron County Commission Meeting Summary

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Parks and Recreation Update

The Parks Director reported that the department has spent 37% of its annual budget and generated approximately \$2,000 in revenue so far this year. Several events, including the We Rock rock-crawling competition, Utah Summer Games moto trials, mountain bike races, and shooting competitions, were held successfully. Improvements at Three Peaks Recreation Area, including clearing overgrown areas of the course, were well received by event organizers.

A major topic of discussion was the Woods Ranch water system. After repeated positive tests for E. coli and coliform bacteria, the Utah Division of Drinking Water has directed the county to either install a costly chlorination system or convert the water system to non-potable status. Officials are continuing to evaluate options and gather information before making a final decision.

The Director also reported that Five Mile Recreation Area opened May 1, with newly planted trees and shrubs

being watered through a temporary arrangement with Parowan City. A new vault toilet is expected to be installed later this summer.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioners highlighted the success of the Special Olympics and Utah Summer Games, noting their positive economic impact and community benefits. They also discussed wildfire prevention outreach conducted during the Summer Games opening ceremonies, where county staff and state officials shared fire safety information with attendees.

A historic flag from the USS Iron County, a naval vessel that served during World War II and the Korean War, was flown during the opening ceremonies. The flag will later be retired and placed on permanent display in the courthouse.

Discussion also focused on the Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG), which provides services such as grant administration, transportation assistance, housing programs, senior services, community planning, and veteran support. Officials expressed concern about the organization's financial challenges and announced plans to meet with local leaders to discuss future funding options.

Commissioners also reported that construction of the new county jail continues to move forward quickly and

remains on schedule.

Data Center Discussion

Commissioners discussed ongoing public concerns about proposed data centers, praising the Planning Commission for its extensive review process and noting that a recent permit included 53 conditions to address public concerns.

Officials also clarified that any future data center would need to acquire existing water rights rather than use additional water supplies. They noted that tax revenue generated by such projects could help fund future regional water infrastructure improvements.

Solar Development Study

Commissioners also discussed a potential study to evaluate the economic impact of solar developments in Iron County. The analysis would help guide future decisions on incentives and renewable energy projects and could be completed within six months.

Planning and Zoning Decisions

The commission approved three zoning requests following public hearings. A 20-acre parcel west of Lund was rezoned from Rural Agriculture to Residential 1-Acre, allowing up to four residential lots due to septic density restrictions. Commissioners also approved a one-acre parcel near Beryl for commercial zoning and approved a

20-acre commercial rezoning request near the Hamilton Fort interchange west of Interstate 15.

Public Comment

During public comment, county officials again expressed appreciation for Planning Commission members and acknowledged the challenges they have faced while reviewing controversial development proposals. Commissioners emphasized their support for volunteers serving on county boards and recognized the significant time and effort required to evaluate complex land-use decisions.

The meeting concluded following additional discussion regarding public criticism surrounding data center proposals and the importance of maintaining respectful civic dialogue.

Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

New Volunteer Firefighters Recognized

The meeting began with a badge-pinning ceremony for Cedar City's newest volunteer firefighters. Department leaders praised the

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

recruits for completing their training and certifications, while family members helped pin on their badges. City officials welcomed the new firefighters and thanked them for their commitment to serving the community.

Resident Praises Emergency Response

Local resident Tom Jett thanked Cedar City police officers and firefighters for their response to a recent residential fire. He praised the professionalism and coordination of emergency responders, crediting them with preventing a much larger disaster. His remarks were met with a standing ovation from the audience and council members.

Fire Department Introduces New Wildland Truck

Fire Chief Mike Phillips introduced the department's new Type 5 wildland

brush truck, which was purchased entirely through wildland fire funding. The vehicle will support regional wildfire response efforts and is expected to help generate revenue through future deployments.

America 250 and Community Events

A Councilmember highlighted upcoming America 250 celebrations, including a patriotic concert at Southern Utah University and a Flag Day festival featuring live music, food, family activities, and historical flag displays.

Waterline Break Infrastructure Discussion

Council members discussed a recent waterline break in Sunset Canyon. Staff explained that high water pressure is needed to maintain fire flow in the

area and said long-term infrastructure improvements are already planned.

Septic System Request Approved

The council unanimously approved a septic system request for a property on Horse Alley, which is located outside the city's sewer service area.

City Adopts Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget

The council held a public hearing and approved Cedar City's Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget. The Finance Director reported that the budget is balanced, with revenues and expenditures totaling approximately \$36.5 million. He also noted that the city has maintained annual surpluses for the past 15 years, helping build reserves for emergencies, economic downturns, and future capital projects.

Planning for Future Financial Challenges

It outlined that several long-term financial challenges facing the city, including rising employee, insurance, and workers' compensation costs, as well as future infrastructure and facility needs. Despite these pressures, city officials said reserves remain strong and spending remains under control.

Future Recreation and Parking Improvements Discussed

Council members discussed potential parking improvements near the Aquatic Center, Bicentennial Park, and Iron West. No action was taken, as additional engineering studies and cost estimates are needed before funding decisions can be made.



Utah's Children Deserve Better Than the Status Quo

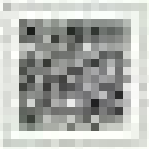
Academics over Ideologies. Ensure ideologies remain in the classroom or school counseling centers. Schools are for academics, not politics.

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A responsible approach to AI. While there are valid uses for AI in the classroom, we must never allow AI to replace working teachers. We must protect students' privacy and ensure teachers will be properly trained to navigate this new technology.

Restore order & due process. Allow parents to have control of their classrooms.



UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Utah House of Representatives

Get Involved in the Interim Process

Interim Meetings resumed last month, and I welcomed the opportunity to get back to the Capitol to continue working to study, debate, and craft policies that will benefit our communities and state. Interim allows us to hear directly from industry experts and the public alike. Hearing your voices, your concerns, and your ideas on the issues that matter most is exactly what keeps our legislative



REP. CARL ALBRECHT
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process grounded and effective, and I look forward to keeping that open dialogue going throughout the rest of the year.

Our next Interim Meetings will take place on June 16th and 17th at the Capitol. I would love to see you there in person, or you can watch recordings, participate in livestreams, view agendas, and more at le.utah.gov.

Stewardship of our Resources

Governor Cox has issued a Drought Exec-

utive Order declaring a statewide state of emergency due to our drought conditions. Our mountain snowpack serves as Utah's primary water supply, and with our reservoirs drawing down quickly, aggressive water conservation is absolutely critical for all of us this season. Because our landscapes are incredibly dry, this drought also brings a significantly heightened risk of wildfires. This summer, while you're enjoying all the beauty our state has to offer, please practice extra caution and use our fire sense whenever spending time outdoors. Let's do our part to conserve water, prevent human-caused wildfires, and protect our communities.

Number One in Family Structure Index

Utah's continued prosperity is rooted in the strength of our homes, and that was proven in a new national report that ranks Utah #1 in the family structure index. This ranking reflects our state's high marriage rates and the fact that more of our children are raised in stable, two-parent households than anywhere else in the country. Our commitment to family values has led to tangible results: Utah currently holds the lowest childhood poverty rate in the nation and the lowest reliance on public assistance. When we prioritize the family unit, we see a direct correlation with our #1 rankings in volunteerism, charitable giving, and overall economic outlook. For the fourth year in a row, Utah has been named the best state in the nation, proving that strong families are not just a social priority—they are the primary engine behind the greatest success story in the American experiment.

Securing our Energy Future

One of my top priorities for our state is ensuring we have secure, reliable, and affordable baseload power that is always available when our families and businesses need it. In Utah, we embrace an "all-of-the-above" approach to energy that allows us to utilize every resource at our disposal to keep our power affordable and independent. In a major step forward for this vision, Utah has teamed up with Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico to launch the Mountain West Geothermal Consortium. Geothermal energy is a crucial piece of this puzzle because it provides a continuous, 24/7 supply of electricity that doesn't rely on the weather. We are uniquely positioned to lead this industry because high-quality heat is closer to the surface here, and experts are already calling Utah the heart of this geothermal renaissance. By streamlining permitting and cutting through bureaucratic red tape, this consortium will help expand our domestic energy portfolio and ensure Utah remains a powerhouse of innovation and grid

reliability, while supplementing our coal and natural gas plants, and the future of nuclear.

June 6th D-Day 82nd Anniversary

My wife and I went to Normandy this past week and was honored to be at the hallowed, sacred site of the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach where over 9,000 US soldiers are buried. This trip had been on our "bucket list" for a long time. We also met several of the 37 WWII Veterans who were there. Many of them were 100 years old or older, one being 107. They certainly were the "greatest generation!" Let us never forget all our Veterans from all wars as well as those who continue to serve, including our first responders.

Join the Celebration: America 250

As we gear up for America's 250th Anniversary, I find myself reflecting more than ever on the incredible legacy of freedom, ingenuity, and community that defines our nation. This milestone isn't just about looking back at our history. It's about coming together as neighbors to shape the next chapter of our story. There are some fantastic celebrations and community events being planned right here in our area, and I'd love for you and your family to be a part of them. Check out Utah America 250 website to find upcoming events, get involved, and join in as we honor this incredible milestone together!

Happy 4th of July – 250 years!!!

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by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The summer solstice is nearly here—the day when the sun lingers longer in our western sky than at any other time of year. People often call it “the longest day,” though it’s still a 24-hour day; it’s simply the one with the most sunlight hours. More importantly, it marks the first day of summer, a moment cultures have honored for thousands of years with monuments, gatherings, and sky-watching traditions. After this day, the light slowly begins its retreat toward the winter solstice in December, when the cycle starts again.

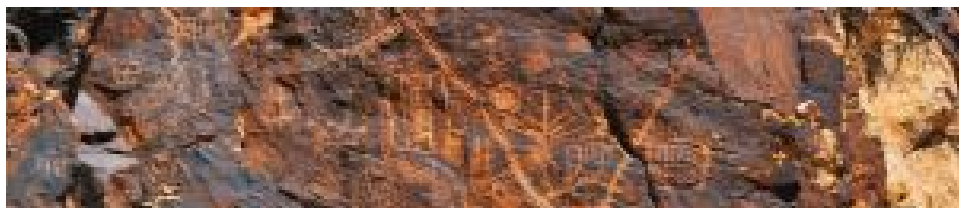
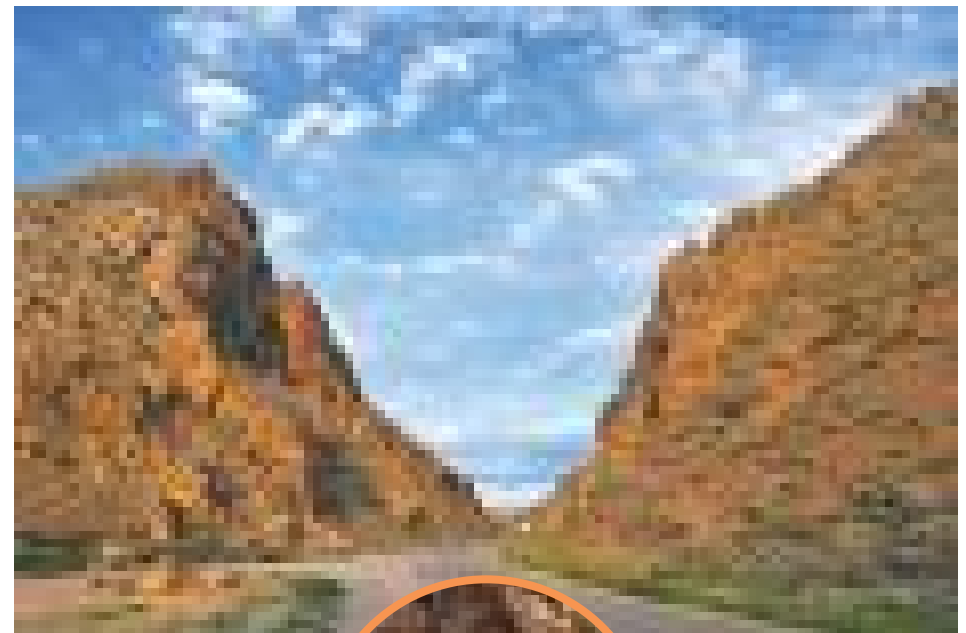
For many, the Parowan Gap is the perfect place to welcome the season. About 12 miles west of town, the Gap is one of Parowan’s most striking landmarks—an ancient river cut through rising red hills millions of years ago, leaving behind a

dramatic passage and even a few dinosaur tracks are still visible today. Archaeologists call it a “waterless wind gap,” but whatever name you use, it’s a remarkable sight, whether you approach from Gap Road or from Highway 130, out of Cedar City and through Enoch. The whole area is considered a treasure trove of relics, but the most visible are the petroglyphs carved into the rock walls near the narrowest point of the Gap.

These symbols likely come from several cultural groups over thousands of years. Indigenous people left the majority of them, but 19th-century Mormon pioneers and even Spanish explorers added their marks as well. The Gap served as a natural passageway for countless generations, and around 1,500 individual carvings remain. No one is entirely sure what all of them mean, which only adds to the intrigue.

And now the Gap is ready for its biggest moment of the year—the summer solstice. If you head out there on June 21, you’ll probably find a couple of hundred people gathered in the field, maybe a food truck or two, and the occasional modern-day Druid, all waiting for the sun to drop perfectly into the notch of the Gap. When it does, the light flares in a brief, brilliant burst that signals the true arrival of summer.

Maybe bring a picnic, and allow enough time to wander the trails, study the petroglyphs, and settle in on a blanket or tailgate. It’s a simple, memorable way to say you’ve experienced the solstice at least once. Go west on 400 N off of Main St in Parowan. It becomes Gap Road when you drive under the freeway. Enjoy the drive through the farmlands where the smell of just cut alfalfa hangs in the air.



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SUU Introduces New Master's Degree in Student Affairs

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

To meet the growing need for student affairs professionals in higher education, Southern Utah University (SUU) is proud to announce its redesigned Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Higher Education and Student Affairs degree program. This graduate program provides a unique combination of practitioner-learning in student development. Launching in fall 2026, SUU's Student Affairs master's degree is the only one in Utah delivered entirely in a flexible, asynchronous online format.

"Cultivating an environment where students thrive socially, emotionally, and academically is at the heart of our mission at SUU," said SUU Vice President for Student Affairs Jared

Tippets. "Student affairs professionals are the vital bridge between enrollment and graduation, often serving as the deciding factor in a student's persistence and ultimate success.

Graduates of this program will enter the workforce equipped with the strategic tools necessary to champion student advocacy, elevate institutional retention efforts, and shape the future



of higher education."

Designed with modern working professionals in mind, this innovative degree opens doors to diverse careers within higher education institutions.

Graduates of the Higher Education and Student Affairs program will be prepared to guide and support collegiate communities across a wide spectrum of functional areas. The program welcomes graduates from

any bachelor's degree program; no prior teaching license or teaching experience is required.

"As colleges and universities across the nation navigate an increasingly complex academic landscape, the role of well-trained, student affairs professionals has never been more vital," said SUU's M.Ed. Program Director and Assistant Professor Doug Stump. "This new graduate program gives students both the theory and practical campus application, so that graduates are ready to step into high-impact student development work immediately."

Learn more about the new degree program through an interactive recruiting webinar on June 17 at noon MT (2 p.m. ET). Get the details and sign up at <https://suu.edu/online/events>.

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SLC, S.L. County sue to stop ICE detention center; feds say they want to be 'good partners'

by Jose Davila IV
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

“Salt Lakers,” says Mayor Erin Mendenhall, “are legally entitled to public review and reasoned decision-making on major actions by the federal government.”

By Jose Davila IV, The Salt Lake Tribune

Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall had vowed to use every tool at her disposal to halt a massive immigration detention center slated for the west side.

On Monday, she reached into her toolbox and pulled out a hammer.

The city and Salt Lake County filed a joint lawsuit against Immigration and Customs Enforcement and its parent agency, the Department of Homeland Security, in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City. The city and the county argue that the government did not complete a public environmental review of the

project, cooperate with them on it nor show reasoned decision-making.

“This kind of facility has no place in Salt Lake City, not only due to its inhumane nature but also because of our limited water supply, the increased strain on public utilities systems and the potentially drastic public health and safety impacts it would have on our residents,” Mendenhall said in a news release. “Salt Lakers are legally entitled to public review and reasoned decision-making on major actions by the federal government, and it is my responsibility as mayor to defend these rights.”

A DHS spokesperson said Tuesday that the agency was reviewing its policies and proposals as it transitioned to new leadership under former Republican U.S. Sen. Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma.

“As Secretary Mullin said in his confirmation hearing,” the spokesperson wrote in an email. “I will work with the community leaders and make sure that we are delivering for the American people what the president set out. ... We want to work with community leaders. We want to be good partners.”

The lawsuit seeks to halt the conversion of a warehouse at 6020 W. 300 South into a detention center that could hold at least 7,500 people for immigration-related reasons. The federal government bought the empty warehouse for \$145.4 million in mid-March.

The complaint filed by the city and county argues that the facility would have significant impacts on Utah and its residents and that the agencies did not adequately address those environmental, public health and safety impacts.

“The proposed facility is a dire threat to the very essence of our community values,” County Mayor Jenny Wilson said in the release. “It would overwhelm the infrastructure in the region, harm area businesses, and strain public safety and public health resources. The federal government did not notify nor consult with local officials, including myself.”

The lawsuit alleges, for instance, that the facility, once opened, could create millions of gallons of additional sewer flows and require the city to upgrade its wastewater system.

Holding up to 10,000 people in the center could also create health issues with an ongoing measles outbreak, the filing noted. That’s a particular concern for the county, which leads public health efforts.

The two local governments said they had only received minimal communication from the law enforcement agencies and that the county’s Health Department had not been consulted on ensuring public health inside the facility.

“Regardless of one’s views on immigration, any detention facility should be evaluated based on transparency and fiscal responsibility,” Utah immigration lawyer Vanessa Contreras said Monday. “The public deserves clear answers regarding how the facility will operate, who will oversee it, and how the rights of detainees will be protected. This detention center’s transparency cannot be an afterthought.”

Citing the lack of required environmental and public reviews of the project, the complaint urges the U.S. District Court in Utah to vacate the federal agencies’ decision to buy and convert the warehouse into a detention center and halt any efforts to build it.

This article was originally published on June 8, 2026.

Cedar City man arrested on voyeurism, lewdness allegations

by Tracie Sullivan
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man was arrested Saturday after police allege he entered a residential backyard, watched people through a window and exposed himself while engaging in a lewd act.

Sage Walsh, 20, was booked into the Iron County Jail on suspicion of lewdness involving a child, voyeurism, burglary of a vehicle, criminal trespass, drug possession and disorderly conduct.

According to charging documents filed in 5th District Court, Cedar City police responded shortly after midnight June 7 to a report of a man in a backyard touching himself inappropriately.

The reporting party told dispatch a male suspect had been seen in the backyard. One of the home’s occupants later went outside and spotted the suspect, who allegedly attempted to hide before fleeing the area.

By the time officers arrived, he had left.

Police later reviewed surveillance footage from the residence and nearby homes.

The video allegedly showed a man entering a secured backyard without the occupants’ knowledge and watching a group of people through a window.

Investigators allege the man then exposed himself and engaged in lewd conduct while looking at the victims through the window.

While reviewing the footage, officers believed the suspect resembled Walsh, whom they had arrested several months earlier.

Police contacted Walsh at a residence where he was staying and showed him a photograph taken from the surveillance footage.

The suspect allegedly admitted he was the person shown in the image. Officers also recovered clothing and shoes that reportedly matched those seen in the video.

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Audition Opportunities for the Orchestra of Southern Utah

by Amy Gold

ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH

The Orchestra of Southern Utah holds auditions in July for new members and returning strings. The audition excerpts are on the website, myosu.org, under the Musician tab. New musicians are welcome, as well as those returning after a break. "We are fortunate to work with such a wonderful group of musicians. We appreciate their musicianship, energy, and commitment in helping make this organization what it is, and we are excited for the season ahead," said Harold Shirley, OSU President.

There is also an opportunity to solo with the orchestra for ages 13 to 25. Video auditions are due in September, so the summer is a good time to polish a concerto or aria. Same website for application and more information. The April concerto and aria concert honors R. L. Halversen. He taught a generation of teachers and performers in Cedar City while developing the local string programs. He was instrumental in building the community strings as well as helping start Cedar City Music

Arts. Selected soloists will perform with a full 70-piece orchestra and receive a \$500 honorarium, a digital recording, and the opportunity to be featured on OSU's website and YouTube channel.

Singer auditions for Magic in Motion and Rock Gold: Volume 4 will take place on July 23. See our website for information.

For more information contact Amy Gold at myosumanager@gmail.com. Previous concerts with photos and more on our social media at the osucedarcity.blogspot.com.

Most recent Halversen concert: www.myosu.org/news

Auditions for the Orchestra of Southern Utah

July 9 and 11: for new musicians and returning strings

July 23: Singers for first two concerts

Sept. 9: Video auditions for Halversen Young Artist Concert due

Check website myosu.org under Musicians tab for details.



by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Cedar City: The Cedar City Arts Council presents its summer Final Friday Art Walks, beginning June 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. at multiple locations throughout Cedar City. This is a family friendly, free event and open to the community. Galleries and artists will share visual art, while musicians perform at several venues. Artist demonstrations will also add to the festivities.

Artists are welcome to set up their family-friendly display tables at the corner of 100 West University Blvd (Center Street) beginning at 4:30 p.m. There is no vendor fee. Save room for the musicians.

"We appreciate all of the musicians who participate and help create a magical evening for the community," said Roger Gold, CCAC President. "There are several places for performance locations and

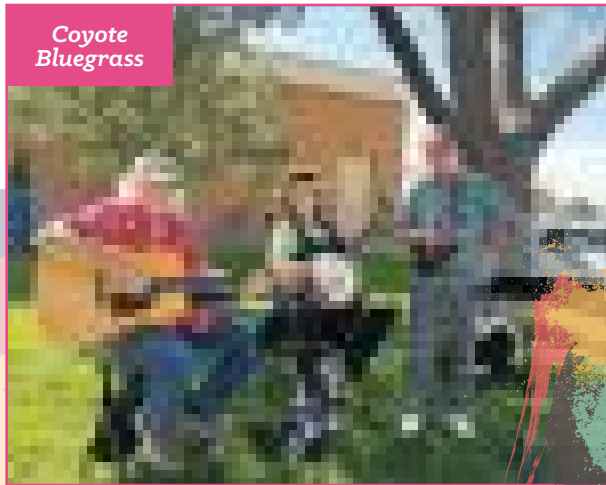
people enjoy having live music while they explore the art and visit with each other." A few musician spots are still available. Those interested in participating may contact cedarcityartscouncil@gmail.com. All types of music are welcome.

For June 26, the musical performances will range from folk music by Coyote Bluegrass to a handbell choir and a brass quintet. The same evening also marks the tenth anniversary celebration of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts at the Southern



Utah Museum of Art and the Utah Shakespeare Festival, with additional performances and activities for the community.

This summer's Art Walks are set for June 26, July 31, August 28, and September 25. For updates check Cedar City Art Walk on Facebook.



Coyote Bluegrass



ART WALK

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Musician Schedule:

June 26

The Green, lawn at the corner of 100 West Center

5 to 6 Coyote Bluegrass

6 to 7 Laughing Larks Flute Ensemble
7 to 8 Southern Utah Handbell Choir

Artisans, 94 West University Blvd. (Center)

5 to 6 Side Note Vocal Quartet
6 to 7 Coyote Bluegrass

Stone Path, 150 West Center

5 to 6 Richard and Marla McMaster and friends, including brass quintet

SUMA 300 West Center (University Blvd)

5 to 8 p.m. SUMA Celebration for ten year anniversary of the Beverly Sorensen Arts Center

Johnson Center, 59 North 100 West

6:30 to 7:30 Richard and Marla McMaster with friends, including brass quintet.

IG Winery, 59 West Center

6 to 7:30 p.m. Peter Buis, guitar

Home on the Range, 97 West Center
7 to 8 p.m. Ember Moat

Shape Theory Ceramics Community Studio, 173 N. 100 West

5:30 to 6:30 Jason Tyler Burton



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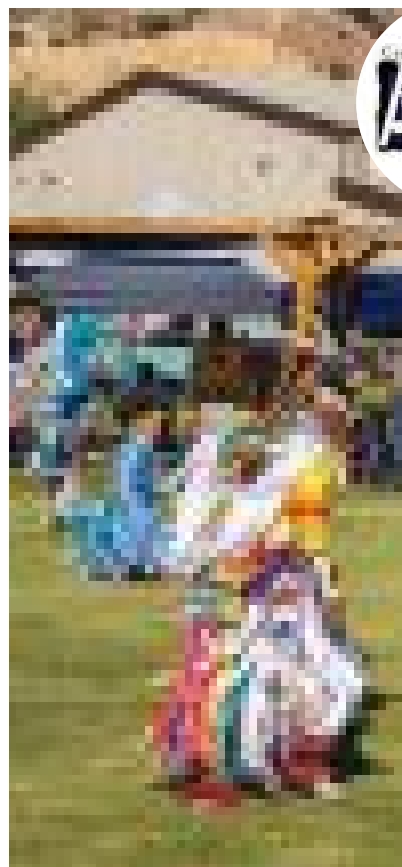
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Dance Enhances Cedar City

by Sara Penny
CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Cedar City: The Cedar City Arts CoDancing traditions in Cedar have evolved to eight community studios plus school and university programs. The Paiutes celebrate spring with the Bear Dance, which has deep historical roots. The annual Pow Wow celebrates the restoration of tribal status. The amazing colors of the regalia and the sounds of the drum circles are powerful.

Pioneers danced with fiddlers and later local bands. As children, we learned square dancing in school, but I don't know if that is still happening. The Rubik's Cube Youth Square Dancers participate in local parades and community events.

Today's dancers use recorded music, although occasionally a live pianist or other musicians are incorporated.

Why does this community have so many dance options? Several influential teachers created an atmosphere of collaboration and taught a variety of styles.

When I was a child we had ballet classes available. I remember going to dance concerts with my mother at the college. LaVeve Whetten started teaching around 1939 and taught modern dance, tap, and folk dance for 41

DANCE

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years. I remember the colorful costumes of her folk dancers at community events. She was the original choreographer for the Utah Shakespeare Festival. One of her most famous students was Joan Woodbury who founded the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company.

The American Folk Ballet arrived in 1982 and there was great appreciation for their dance concerts, which celebrated the American West. They performed in Logan during

the summers and had a California base in the winter. Gerald Sherratt arranged for them to move operations to Cedar City. Burch Mann directed the group, and many influential teachers emerged from the company. Both of our children had a chance to have dance classes and performances under the direction of San Christopher, Burch's daughter. Some of the other teachers included Gwen Grimes, Lise Mills, Kay Anderson, Chris Mills, and Shauna Mendini. Their efforts helped develop the current dance teachers and companies.

The American Folk Ballet tour to Russia in 1990 was a resounding suc-

cess. The Los Angeles Times reported on repeat performances in California where "the ensemble of 16 dancers and two vocal soloists recreated a program that wowed Leningrad (St. Petersburg) during their two week Soviet tour." Our neighbor Mary Anker was part of the support team, and she said the reception the dancers received was electric. We loved their summer performances, and periodically the SUU Dance Department restages the dances.

John Mead recently moved to Cedar City and is developing a professional dance company. They have already had several performances,

including dancing with the Orchestra of Southern Utah for Copland's Rodeo Suite. More performances are scheduled for this season.

Country line dancing is popular and the Big Iron Country Swing Dance has dances at the Venue on Main Street that are especially popular with the SUU students.

Teachers are now offering clogging, salsa, ballroom, and hip hop as well as modern dance and ballet. We are lucky to have so many dancers enhancing our arts community.



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A Decade of Inspiration: SUU's Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

by **Brittney Corry**

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Southern Utah University (SUU) invites art lovers and community members to the 10th

anniversary celebration of The Beverley Taylor Sorenson Center for the Arts on Friday, June 26, 2026. The day is open to the public and includes many admission-free events. Beginning at 10 a.m. with the Southern Utah Museum of Art, the schedule also features an afternoon street party, live music, a collaborative partner presentation, evening art walks, play orientations, and *The Greenshow*.

The celebration will also feature two Utah Shakespeare Festival performances of *See How They Run* at 2 p.m. and *Hamlet* at 8 p.m. Tickets for the plays are required and available for purchase at bard.org or 800-PLAYTIX.

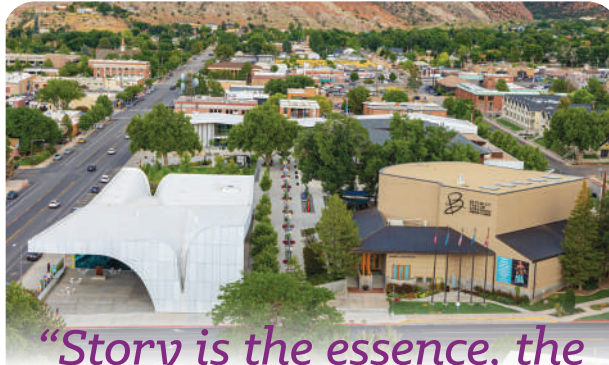
Over the past decade, the Beverley Center for the Arts has evolved into a premier cultural destination for Southern Utah. By uniting world-class theater with the visual arts, the center serves as a dynamic bridge between higher education and the public, using creativity as a catalyst for meaningful community dialogue.

"We are the cultural fabric of Cedar City; the Utah Shakespeare Festival, SUMA, and the Beverley Center for the Arts are all key parts of the community and who we are," said Mindy Benson, President of Southern Utah University. "We are thrilled to be able to celebrate this milestone this summer."

This special landmark celebration also honors a decade of the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) and 65 years of the Utah Shakespeare Festival (USF), all housed within the heart of the SUU campus. Together, these entities represent a legacy of academic quality, regional leadership, and an ongoing commitment to making the arts accessible to everyone.

"I think SUMA has really amplified and created greater access to the arts in Cedar City," said Dr. Becky Bloom, Interim Executive Director/Director of Curatorial Affairs at Southern Utah Museum of Art. "I think it's our mandate as an academic museum to have art that encourages conversation and that makes people think, and serves a wider purpose of bringing people together."

"The Utah Shakespeare Festival has been relevant for the last 65 years because of its attention to story," said Michael Bahr, Executive Managing Director of the Utah Shakespeare Festival.



"Story is the essence, the key, that opens up the humanity in all of us; and that is exactly what we are doing in Cedar City."

Public Schedule of Events

Friday, June 26, 2026

- 10 a.m. – SUMA Museum Opens (Location: SUMA)
- 1:15 p.m. – Play Orientation for *See How They Run*: (Location: Seminar Grove | Hosted by USF)
- 2 p.m. – The Beverley Street Party Begins (Location: 200 West)
- 2 p.m. – All Anniversary SUMA Activities Begin (Location: SUMA Museum)
- 2 p.m. – Matinee Performance* of *See How They Run* (Location: Randall L. Jones Theatre)
- 2:30 p.m. – Live Music (Location: SUMA Plaza)
- 4:30 p.m. – 10-Year-Celebration Presentation featuring all partners (Location: Seminar Grove)
- 5 p.m. – Cedar City Final Friday Art Walk (Location: University Boulevard | Hosted by Cedar City Arts)
- 5:45 p.m. – Beverley Activities and Street Party Continuation (Location: SUMA / 200 West)
- 6:45 p.m. – Play Orientation for *Hamlet* (Location: Seminar Grove | Hosted by USF)
- 7:10 p.m. – The Greenshow (Location: Greenshow Stage | Hosted by USF)
- 8 p.m. – Evening Performance* of *Hamlet*

(Location: outdoor Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre)

*Tickets are required and can be purchased at bard.org or 800-PLAYTIX

About Southern Utah University

Southern Utah University is a caring campus community where students realize their potential through personalized mentorship from people dedicated to helping them soar. Offering a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, SUU provides hands-on, career-focused learning to prepare students for the future. Located in the world's best backyard, SUU's safe and vibrant campus offers a welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels supported and inspired by both the natural beauty and a strong sense of community. Whether on campus or online, SUU provides an education that is competitively priced and highly valued, giving students the skills and confidence to thrive in any professional setting. This is where students soar.

About Southern Utah Museum of Art

Southern Utah Museum of Art, on the campus of Southern Utah University in Cedar City, features the artwork of regional artists known for their landscapes such as Maynard Dixon, Edith Hamlin, and Jimmie F. Jones, as well as emerging and distinguished artists from around the country and the world. Within SUMA's holdings is an especially robust collection of prints that includes well-known artists such as Marc Chagall, James McNeill Whistler, Kawase Hasui, Thomas Hart Benton, and Käthe Kollwitz, among others. Named the best-designed museum in Utah by Architectural Digest, SUMA's building, designed by Brooks + Scarpa and inspired by the region's famed slot canyons, is an artwork in and of itself.

About Utah Shakespeare Festival

The Utah Shakespeare Festival's 65th season runs June 18 through October 3, and includes Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida*, *Hamlet*, and *Twelfth Night*, along with the Tony Award-winning musicals *Something Rotten!* and *She Loves Me*, the hilarious farce *See How They Run*, the bold reimagining of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, and the contemporary comedy *The Book Club Play*. For tickets and information, visit bard.org or call 800-PLAYTIX (752-9849).

Celebrating Fathers: The Unsung Pillars of Our Society



by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As Father's Day approaches, it provides a meaningful opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the profound impact fathers have on our families, communities, and society as a whole. Fathers, often the unsung heroes of everyday life, play an instrumental role in shaping

the future, one child at a time. They teach important life lessons, demonstrating affection, support, responsibility, and selflessness through their actions and example.

The bond between a father and child is powerful. The presence of a caring father or father figure can significantly influence a child's development, instilling confidence, resil-

ience, and a sense of security. Fathers are more than providers; they are mentors, role models, and companions who share in life's joys and challenges, offering guidance and unwavering support along the way.

A father is neither an anchor that holds us back nor a sail that carries us forward, but rather a guiding light whose love shows us the way. Every father leaves a legacy. Every father has a story to tell, past, present, and future.

Research consistently highlights the vital role fathers play in the cognitive and emotional development of their children. Children with actively involved fathers are more likely to excel academically, develop healthy social skills, and demonstrate higher self-esteem. The unique ways fathers interact with their children, often through playfulness, encouragement, and fostering independence, complement maternal nurturing and help create a well-rounded upbringing.

Within our communities, fathers contribute significantly to the strength and stability of families. A father's engagement often correlates with stronger family bonds and a more supportive environment where children can thrive. Quality time spent together is invaluable; it is during these moments that lifelong memories are created, important lessons are learned, and meaningful relationships are strengthened. Whether coaching a sports team, helping with homework, or simply sharing a meal, these interactions form the foundation of a child's world.

Moreover, the influence of fathers extends far beyond the family unit. Fathers who actively participate in their children's lives help build stronger, more resilient communities. They serve as positive models not only for their own children but also for others around them. Their involvement in schools, community organizations, and local activities fosters a sense of responsibility, connection, and community spirit.

This Father's Day, let us honor and celebrate the fathers who tirelessly devote themselves to their families and communities. Let us recognize their sacrifices, their unconditional love, and their unwavering commitment to being present for their children. They are the quiet strength, the steady hand, and the guiding light in the lives of so many.

To all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and father figures, thank you. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. You are shaping the future one moment at a time, and for that, we are eternally grateful.



Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day is celebrated each year on the third Sunday in June. This year, Father's Day falls on June 21. Take time to celebrate the fathers and father figures who have made a difference in your life.

“Fathers hold their children's hands for a little while, but their hearts forever.”

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BEVERLEY CENTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION JUNE 26

Event Schedule

2:00 PM

Beverley Activities & Street Party
Beverley Center & 200 W.

2:00 PM

See How They Run
Pamela Thomas
200 W. University

3:30 PM

State Plaza Live Music
BLONDIE
200 W. University

4:30 PM

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American History's Influential People

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

ABRAHAM LINCOLN:

“Four score and seven years ago...” begins Abraham Lincoln’s famous Gettysburg Address. Born in Indiana, the 16th President of the United States is remembered for his profound influence on American history. By leading the nation through the Civil War, Lincoln preserved the Union and strengthened America’s commitment to freedom and equality. His leadership remains one of the most significant examples of courage and determination in the nation’s history.

GEORGE WASHINGTON:

George Washington, known as the Father of Our Country, was born in Virginia and played an essential role in the founding of the United States. His Farewell Address of 1796 was published as an open letter to the American people rather than delivered as a speech. The address was intended to inspire future generations and established the precedent for the peaceful transfer of power. It remains so highly regarded that the United States Senate continues the tradition of having a member read it aloud each year on Washington’s birthday in honor of his legacy. Washington also established the tradition of serving only two terms as president.

THOMAS JEFFERSON:

Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal,” a principle that has had a lasting influence on American history and society. Later in life, Jefferson reflected on the Declaration’s purpose and its role in shaping the nation’s values and identity.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN:

Benjamin Franklin is perhaps best known for his famous kite experiment, which helped advance the understanding of electricity. Franklin was a scientist, inventor, writer, diplomat, and statesman whose contributions helped shape the foundation of the United States. His image appears on the one-hundred-dollar bill in recognition of his many accomplishments.

THOMAS EDISON:

Although Thomas Edison is most famous for developing the practical electric light bulb, he was responsible for numerous inventions that transformed everyday life and changed history forever. His innovations helped usher in the modern technological age.

JAMES MADISON:

James Madison, the fourth President of the United States, is often referred to as the “Father of the Constitution.” He played a key

role in drafting the Constitution and authored much of the Bill of Rights, which continues to protect the freedoms of American citizens today.

JOHN ADAMS:

John Adams was a leading figure in the American Revolution and one of the nation’s Founding Fathers. Through his leadership, diplomacy, and dedication to independence, Adams contributed significantly to the success of the Revolutionary War and the establishment of the United States.

The Founding Fathers were influenced by various philosophies of self-government during the 1760s and 1770s, particularly as they argued against taxation without representation. These ideas inspired the Declaration of Independence and later guided the creation of important governing documents, including the Articles of Confederation (1781) and the United States Constitution (1787).

What Makes America Stand Apart?

America represents patriotism, opportunity, and personal gratitude. It reflects an individual’s appreciation for the nation’s core values, including freedom, equality, opportunity, and self-determination. America’s strength comes from its diverse cultures, shared ideals, and commitment to individual rights.

Individual Freedom: The liberty to speak freely, practice one’s faith, and make personal life choices without excessive government interference. **Pursuit of Happiness:** The belief that anyone can improve their circumstances, achieve their goals, and succeed through hard work and determination.

Diversity and Community: A nation enriched by people from different cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives who unite to support one another.

Democratic Ideals: An appreciation for the Constitution and a system of government designed to protect the rights and freedoms of its citizens.

Respect and appreciation for our country stem from a strong personal connection to its promises and a sense of gratitude for the opportunities and privileges it provides.

Personal Reflection:

“The freedoms that we enjoy as citizens of the United States have blessed my life immensely. I have had the opportunity to build a successful business career, raise a family, and enjoy the blessings of grandchildren, all within a safe and secure nation where opportunities are abundant. We are free to worship as we choose, direct our own lives, and experience the satisfaction that comes from our accomplishments. I love this country.”

— Zurl Thornock

LIBERTY TREE PLANTING – PATRIOT CAMP

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Patriotic Camp of Iron County planted an elm tree on Tuesday June 9, 2026 at the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum. This tree, now known as the Liberty Tree, was planted as part of Utah’s official America 250 celebration.

Patriotic Camp is a national

program that began in Pennsylvania in the 1990s when five mothers became concerned about the limited instruction their children were receiving regarding the founding of America. The camp was established in Cedar City in 2018 by Shelly Schnieer and Shannon Seright, who wanted to create an environment where students could learn about America’s founding principles while empowering youth and parents to confidently teach those

principles to others.

What began as a single session serving approximately 70 youth has grown into two sessions involving more than 250 participants. Today, Patriotic Camp works closely with the Frontier Homestead Museum and Matt Carling, organizer of the Spirit of ’76 Parade.

Each year’s camp offers a unique

experience filled with music, memorization, patriotic challenges, learning stations, historical actors, presentations, and refreshments.

Patriotic Camp is a youth leadership and civic education program designed to inspire patriotism and deepen understanding of American history. In conjunction with America

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250, the nationwide commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, Patriotic Camps across the country are expanding opportunities for youth engagement and learning.

The Patriotic Camp of Iron County is held at the Frontier Homestead Museum and Willow Glen RV Resort in Enoch and will run through June 19, 2026.



calendar

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.

FRI, JUNE 19

WILL GLEN LIVE MUSIC: DILLON JONES (7PM) LIVE MUSIC: Honky Tonk Highway Tour featuring Dillon Jones time TBA, held at Willow Glen Resort - Roadhouse BBQ (3308 N Bulldog Rd, Enoch). Tickets are \$10 and are available online at willowglen.ticketspice.com.

CEDAR BREAKS: NIGHT SKY TOUR CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL Monument - Ranger-led Night Sky Tour beginning at 8:30 pm at the Visitor Contact Station at North View Overlook (weather permitting). The National Monument entrance fee applies (\$25 per vehicle). Be an astronomer and join the rangers of Cedar Breaks to experience a night of wonder and observe astronomical features through a telescope. Each tour will begin with a 30-minute ranger program indoors and will be followed by a tour of the constellations and an interactive telescope experience. Due to limited parking and equipment, reservations are required for the guided walks. Reservations and information can be found by visiting nps.gov/cebr or by calling (435) 986-7120.

SAT, JUNE 20

UTAH SUMMER GAMES BRIAN HEAD ATHLETE'S VILLAGE THE Historic Athlete's Village will be available in the Giant Steps Lodge Parking Lot & Patio (329 S Hwy 143, Brian Head) from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm with live music, local vendors, and more. The Scenic Chair Lift Rides, Activities, and Mountain Biking will be available from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

THE GREENSHOW: AMERICANA - CELEBRATING AMERICA 250 (7:10PM) on the Ashton Family Greenshow Commons (195 W University Blvd (Center St), Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Everyone is invited to immerse themselves in singing, dancing, storytelling, and music at the 30-minute family-friendly, outdoor entertainment on the green. Held most Wednesdays and Saturdays, June 20th to September 5th; excluding July 22nd, August 15th & 29th for a special Paiute Heritage and Celebration Greenshow.

PAROWAN GAP SUMMER SOLSTICE (7:30 - 9:30PM) PAROWAN Gap Summer Solstice & Sunset Observation begins at 7:30 pm with the FREE Summer Solstice Program at the Parowan Gap (14 miles west of Parowan) and at 8:30 pm the attendees will walk, about two city blocks, to the Summer Solstice Sunset cairns to watch the sunset at about 9:00 pm directly down the center of the Gap opening.

IMPAC - 2ND ANNUAL BROADWAY GALA (6PM) IN THE Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Tickets are \$50 and are available online at im-pac.com. Reserve your tickets today by calling (702) 587-3429. Attendees will enjoy a semi-formal evening of Broadway-themed entertainment and fine cuisine to support the educational theatre program at IMPAC Theatre Company. Dinner provided by The Pub Craft Kitchen.

SUN, JUNE 21

Happy Father's Day

MASTER SINGERS: FATHER'S DAY CONCERT (7PM) IN THE Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the Master Singers in concert again.

MON, JUNE 22

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP(4-5:30PM) CEDAR CITY Library, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn and do Ancient Judeo-Christian dances, fun and easy to do. No cost. Info@ (702)460-2317

WED, JUNE 24

CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW (5-8PM) AT WALMART (1330 S Providence Center Dr, Cedar City).

THURS, JUNE 25

NEIGHBORHOOD SLOW ROLL (6PM - 8PM) AT WEST CANYON Park (500 E Center St, Cedar City).. Everyone is welcome to bring any non-motorized way of getting around (bikes, scooters, strollers, skates, boards, feet, or wheelchairs) for an evening of fun. There will be resource booths, guided rides, music, games, and even a RAFFLE!

SAT, JUNE 27

WATER FESTIVAL (10AM - 2PM) 10TH ANNUAL WATER Festival is held in the Cedar City Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Southwest Plumbing Supply and the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District host the annual community Water Festival to help educate about water and showcase the latest technology in water conservation. Enjoy foam fun, inflatables, giveaways, food & vendor booths, free hot dogs, and other outdoor activities. Come visit the booths to learn all about local water issues, proposed solutions, and water conservation. For information visit cedarvalleywaterutah.gov/water-festival/ or call (435) 865-9901.

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 signup: 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.

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.



World-Famous Phoenician Replica Ship Arrives in Utah Seeking Restoration Workshop and Volunteers

from Phoenicia Ship Restoration

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Ancient ocean-going vessel based on a 600 BC Phoenician shipwreck now preparing for public restoration and museum development in Utah.

From Phoenicia Ship Restoration

The legendary Phoenicia, widely recognized as the world's only full-scale, ocean proven replica of a 600 BC Phoenician merchant ship, has safely arrived in Utah and is currently secured in climate-protected shipping containers while preparations begin for its next phase of restoration and public exhibition.

The Phoenicia is far more than a museum artifact. Based on archaeological evidence from a 600 BC Phoenician shipwreck discovered near Marseille, France, the vessel was constructed using historically accurate shipbuilding methods under the leadership of British explorer and captain Philip Beale.

The Phoenicia later completed major expeditions under Beale's leadership, sailing more than 30,000 nautical miles, circumnavigating Africa, and crossing the Atlantic Ocean, demonstrating that ancient Phoenician-style vessels were capable of transatlantic voyages long before Columbus.

Now under the direction of the Phoenicia Ship Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving this one-of-a-kind maritime vessel, the Phoenicia is expected to become the centerpiece of a future interactive museum experience in Utah.

The ship has already received

more than 3,500 volunteer man-hours of restoration work at its previous location. Organizers are now preparing to continue that effort

in Utah with the help of volunteers and community supporters.

ft. ceilings

- Volunteers Needed: Restoration workers, woodworkers, educators, media technicians, museum support staff, grant writers, and general volunteers

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mike LaFontaine
Phoenicia Ship Museum

Phone:
904-635-4476

Website:
phoenicia.rocks
For volunteer opportunities, restoration updates, donations, and project informatio

Phoenicia Voyage Route

Phoenicia Replica Ship underway

Phoenicia Ship inside in Utah - awaiting restoration

Volunteers working on the restoration

"We're actively searching for an insulated building between 6,000 and 9,000 square feet with at least 20-foot ceilings," said Mike LaFontaine of the Phoenicia Ship Museum.

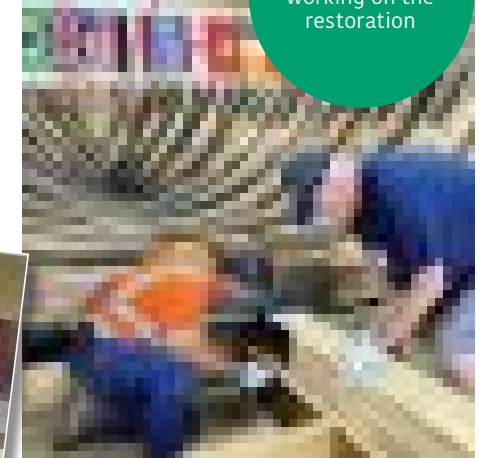
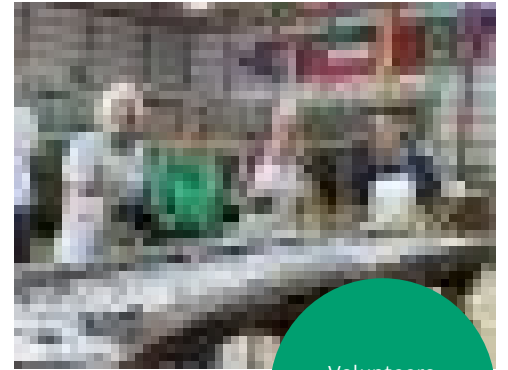
"This facility will serve as a temporary restoration workshop where volunteers can help restore and preserve this remarkable historical vessel for future generations."

Organizers also plan to accommodate school tours, youth groups, and public educational visits once the restoration facility is operational.

Organizers say the project represents a rare opportunity for Utah residents to participate in the preservation of an internationally recognized maritime achievement while helping create a unique educational and cultural destination in the state.

How to Help Right Now:

- Space Needed: 6,000–9,000 sq. ft. insulated shop or warehouse with 20



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NIGHT RADIANT
Iron County's Local All Agency



Michael Bahr



Tessa Douglas

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone offers an opportunity to reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead to the future we hope to build for generations to come.

Michael Bahr, Executive Managing Director of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, shared highlights of the Festival's 65th season, which coincides with the national America 250 celebration. Running from June 18 through October 3, 2026, the season will feature special American-themed pre-show performances, concerts, and community events throughout historic downtown Cedar City. Bahr encouraged residents and visitors alike to take part in the celebration and experience all that the 2026 season has to offer.

HIGHLIGHTS

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tion in Iron County has been a year-long collaborative effort involving local governments, universities, nonprofit organizations, and state partners. Organizers have dedicated countless hours to developing an extensive lineup of programs and events. Planned activities include community-wide arts festivals, historic trail dedications, fitness challenges, volunteer service projects, and much more.

obituaries

Gary Adams



Gary Adams, born November 9, 1957 passed away after living a quiet and solitary life. Marked by hard work, kindness and a simple way of life.

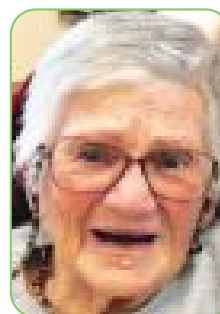
Just how he liked it, nestled in the pinions of Cedar Valley.

Born to Earl and Elaine Adams in Cedar City, Gary was a talented mechanic and took pride in his skill. He also loved animals and found joy in their companionship. Gary was often referred to as the "Mountain Man" and he fit the part well with his gruffy appearance and quietness.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Leland and Carlin Adams who greeted him with loving arms.

He will be remembered fondly and deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

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.



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Reds grab USG football silver medal

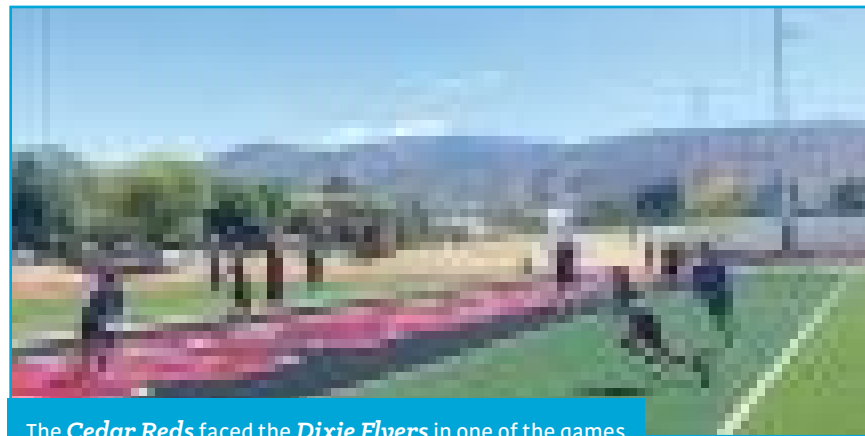
by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar head football coach Tye Hiatt knew that the “ultimate goal” won’t be reached over summer vacation, but the 7-on-7 tournament held at the Utah Summer Games gave his team plenty of opportunity to turn on its competitive brains and start preparing for a new season.

The Reds used an effective passing game and stout plays from the defensive secondary to earn the team a silver medal from the tournament that was played June 9 on the turf at SUU’s Eccles Coliseum.

“Every coach out here feels the same, but you’re not going to reach your ultimate goal on June 9,” Hiatt said. “You want to see kids competing and guys wanting to get better. You want to see



The Cedar Reds faced the Dixie Flyers in one of the games at the Utah Summer Games 7-on-7 football tournament played June 9 at Eccles Coliseum. (Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)

kids fighting through adversity and be a little more resilient. I think we did that.”

In one play during the semifinal game against Dixie, a Cedar defender got caught by a fake from the Flyers’

wide receiver, but hustled back well enough to break up a pass that ended up well short of its intended target.

“You want to see guys be able to fight through adversity and not feel sorry for themselves,” Hiatt said. “Pick yourself up off the mat and be the best you can be

in the moment.”

With the defense of their 3A state title and 13-game winning streak, Hiatt said the changes in the team will be challenging as they look to maintain their excellence.

“Now these kids have to bear that burden, and the biggest thing with this group is trying to be the best team we can be every single day, and that’s the beautiful part of summer,” he said. “Ultimately, this team is a whole new team with new coaches. If we worry about November, we will miss the joy of the journey.”

Cedar begins defense of their 3A state title with a road game at 5A Wasatch on Aug. 14. After three straight games against Region 9 teams – at Pine View, then home games against Snow Canyon on Aug. 28 and Dixie on Sept. 4 – the Reds start 3A South play on the road at Manti on Sept. 11.

A Finals miracle, a source of joy

If you’re a regular reader of this space, you’ve probably seen my reaction a few weeks ago when the New York Knicks wiped out a



22-point fourth-quarter deficit and beat the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Finals. From there, the winning continued all the way to the team’s first trip to the NBA Finals in 27 years.

After winning the first two games of the series in San Antonio, the Spurs crashed the party at Madison Square Garden and beat the Knicks in Game 3. The momentum continued for the visitors in Game 4 as they couldn’t miss from anywhere on the floor.

The halftime score spoke loudly. San Antonio had a 76-49 lead and increased it to 81-52 with 9:40 to play in the third quarter.

Then something incredible happened. Unthinkable, illogical, and impossible to mere mortals. Shots stopped falling for the Spurs, and everything the Knicks threw toward the rim went in.

Over the next five minutes, New York went on a 13-0 run that chopped the lead down to 16. By the end of the period, San Antonio’s lead was 15 at

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90-75. The Knicks were just getting warmed up.

The Spurs scored the first five points of the fourth and temporarily pushed the lead back to 20 with 9:33 left. Over the next five minutes, the Knicks went on a 20-4 run and made everyone stand up to pay attention. It was 99-95, and the Garden was getting loud in the best way.

After a jumper from Victor Wembanyama put the Spurs up by seven, Jose Alvarado and Jalen Brunson hit 3-pointers before Brunson hit a jumper in the lane that gave New York its first lead of the whole game, 105-104. The roof was coming off its hinges as the fans exploded with glee.

Here's the part that makes the Knicks' achievement all the more remarkable. With 30 seconds left, San Antonio's Stephon Castle got fouled, made two free throws, and put his team back in front at 106-105.

When Brunson missed a short-range jumper, De'Aaron Fox got to a loose ball and tried a driving layup that was blocked by O.G. Anunoby. After a timeout, Anunoby put on his orange-and-blue Superman cape, swooped in and tapped in a Brunson miss with 1.2 seconds left.

On the final possession, the Spurs couldn't get a shot off. When the final horn sounded, the scoreboard showed Knicks 107, Spurs 106. The Garden was in full bedlam. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld's look spoke for all of us. Puzzled, befuddled and amazed.

How did a team win despite needing to rally from 29 points down? It's as much about belief as it is taking advantage of every opportunity. As these words were written, the Knicks were one win away from its first NBA title in 53 years before Game 5 was played June 13.

If what happened June 10 was any indication, trying to figure it all out is impossible.

—On the home front, the folks at the Bank of Utah Championship have thrown out a pretty big carrot for this year's Utah State Amateur. On May 13, the tournament announced the winner of this year's event at Soldier Hollow will not only have his name put on the trophy, but earn a sponsor's exemption to play alongside the PGA Tour pros at Black Desert Golf Course from Oct. 1-4.

The Utah State Amateur will be played July 6-11.

Contact Tom Zulewski at tominator19@yahoo.com.

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 devoted to records at the US Open 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. With the 2026 championship, Shinnecock Hills is hosting the US Open for the sixth time, tying with what other New York course that last did it in 2020?
2. True or False: Tiger Woods has won four US Open titles.
3. Who was the last non-American to win a U.S. Open (2022)?
4. Rory McIlroy (2011) and Brooks Koepka (2017) are tied for the lowest 72-hole score at the US Open in relation to par. What is that number?
5. At the 2023 US Open, two golfers set a new scoring record with an 8-under par 62 in the opening round played at Los Angeles Country Club. Name either player who pulled off the achievement?
6. Who has endured the most runner-up finishes at the US Open (6, last in 2013 to Justin Rose)?
7. Who was the oldest player to win a US Open, having done it at 45 in 1990?
8. How many states have hosted a US Open? Which one is the most recent that joined the list, hosting at Erin Hills in 2017?
9. How many US Opens did Jack Nicklaus play in during his career (more than 40)?
10. How old was PGA Tour legend Sam Snead when he

made the cut at the 1971 US Open?

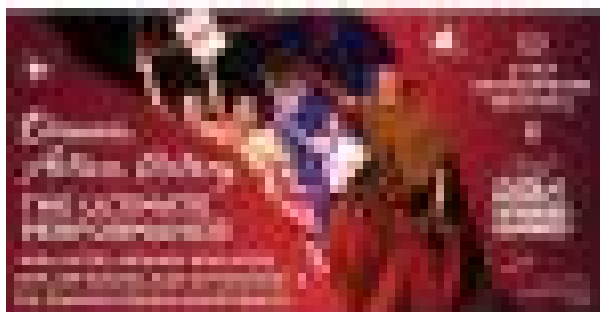
11. Payne Stewart won his second US Open in 1999 at Pinehurst in June and passed away as result of a plane crash over South Dakota in October at age 42. His reaction to making the winning putt on the 72nd hole is immortalized with a statue on full display at the clubhouse. In what state is Pinehurst located?
12. Who did J.J. Spaun beat by two strokes to win the 2025 US Open at Oakmont?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. False. In 1999, the Spurs beat the Knicks in five games to win the NBA title.
2. Miami Heat.
3. Myles Garrett.
4. New England Patriots.
5. Jo Adell.
6. On June 2, five of the 15 American League teams had winning records – the Rays, Yankees, Guardians, White Sox and Mariners.
7. Texas and Texas Tech.
8. Kyle Schwarber.
9. Six of the first 14 Cup races have been won from the pole. Tyler Reddick did it four times (Atlanta, COTA, Darlington and Kansas), Shane Van Gisbergen won at Watkins Glen, and Denny Hamlin did it at Nashville
10. New York.
11. 48.
12. Paraguay, Australia and Turkiye.



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Case No. 260500099 Judge Matthew L. Bell

BROWN DIRT, INC.

Plaintiff

v.

SHANNA PATRICK, LEVI DEMILLE, and JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

THE STATE OF UTAH TO DEFENDANTS:

SHANNA PATRICK, LEVI DEMILLE, and JOHN DOES 1-X:

The above-entitled Court has entered an Order granting Plaintiffs the right to serve Defendants, Shanna Patrick, Levi Demille, and John Does I-X, by publication. You are thereafter hereby summoned and required to file an answer in writing to the Verified Complaint on file with the clerk of the above entitled Court, located at 40 N. 100 E., Cedar City, Utah, 84720. You are also required to file an Answer with the Court and serve upon, or mail to, Plaintiff's attorney, a copy of said Answer within twenty-one (21) days after the service of the Summons upon you if you reside within the State of Utah, or thirty (30) days after the service of Summons upon you if you reside outside the State of Utah.

If you fail so to do, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in said Verified Complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

Please be advised that this action seeks to quiet title to certain property legally described in Plaintiff's Complaint, and identified by Iron County as: Water Right No. 71-1248 (Application/Claim No. A15644), consisting of 2.0 acre-feet of underground water.

Once quieted, the Water Right shall be titled solely in the name of Plaintiff Brown Dirt, Inc., to the exclusion of all parties.

A copy of the Verified Complaint in this action has been deposited with the Clerk of the Iron County Fifth Judicial District Court, with a description of the Water Right, and can be picked up by anyone claiming an interest in the above matter at no charge.

DATED this 27th day of May, 2026.

WAYMENT & JONES LAW

/s/ Justin W. Wayment

JUSTIN W. WAYMENT

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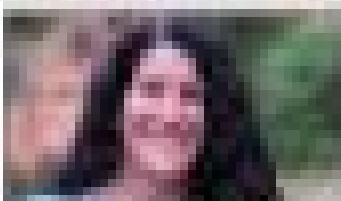
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- 5 Unruly group
- 8 Bygone fliers
- 12 Lawman Wyatt
- 13 Stop — dime
- 14 Ornamental jug
- 15 Heart charts
- 16 Business card no.
- 17 Calf-length
- 18 Stop
- 20 Son of Erik the Red
- 22 "War and Peace" author
- 26 Violin stroke
- 29 Cyclades island
- 30 British verb ending
- 31 Subject, usually
- 32 Fellow
- 33 Healthy
- 34 Internet address
- 35 Continent north of Afr.
- 36 Disinfectant brand
- 37 Oscar-winning actress in "The Fighter"
- 40 Arizona tribe
- 41 Prisoner
- 45 Conspiracy
- 47 Corn core

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- 50 — song (cheaply)
- 51 Lincoln nickname
- 52 Zilch
- 53 Swindles
- 54 Dogpatch adjective
- 55 Musician's jobs
- 7 Inflated party prop
- 8 Big rigs
- 9 Fans of pop icon Taylor
- 10 — Talks (online lecture series)
- 11 Lanka lead-in
- 19 Stitch
- 21 Golf's Ernie
- 23 Pageant crown
- 24 City on a fjord
- 25 Holler
- 26 "E Pluribus —"
- 27 Skin opening
- 28 Megaphone's kin
- 32 "Suffs" or "Rent," e.g.
- 33 Cheyenne's state
- 35 Mentalist's gift
- 36 Cariou of "Blue Bloods"
- 38 Smidgens
- 39 Slander in print
- 42 Mine, in Marseille
- 43 Tart flavor
- 44 Alimony recipients
- 45 USMC rank
- 46 Privy
- 48 Japanese sash

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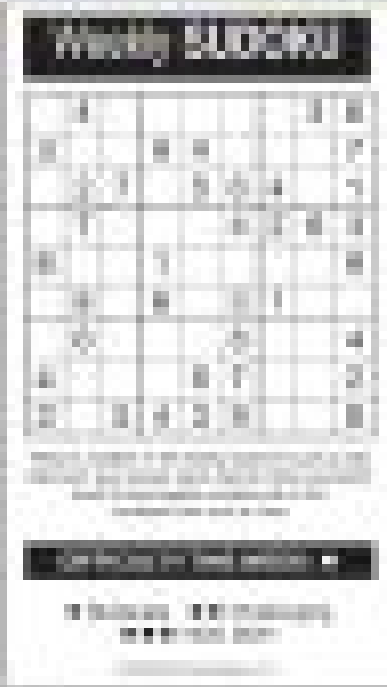
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Answers
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- Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez
1. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?
 2. ANATOMY: Which blood type is considered to be a universal donor?
 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be Earth signs?
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 5. GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has a mountain range called The Great Rift Valley?
 6. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Russia?
 7. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV sitcom features a dog named Comet?
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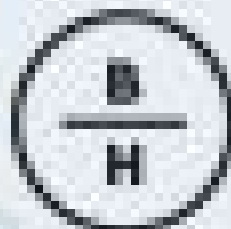
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