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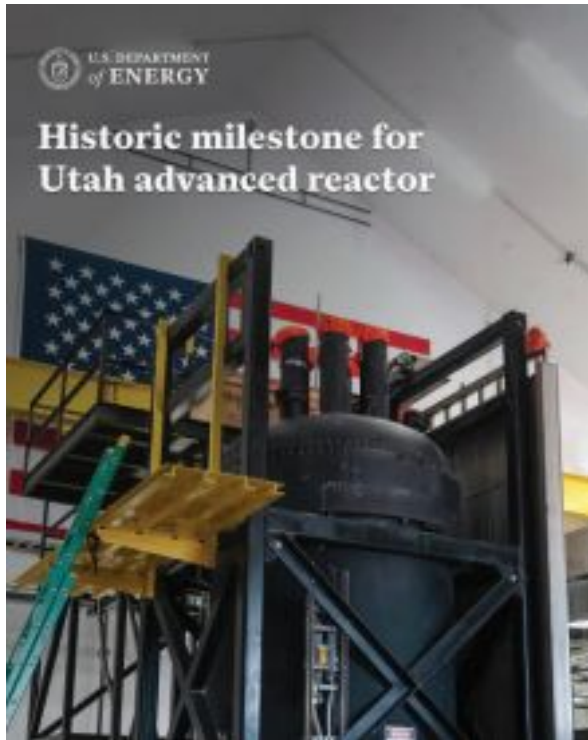


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Valar Atomics' Ward 250 reactor achieves criticality; eyes ramp to power by July 4

by Aidan Mortensen

FOR KOAL NEWS

A historic milestone was reached in Emery County Thursday afternoon, as Valar Atomics' Ward 250 reactor completed a zero-power fueled criticality demonstration. The experiment marks the second criticality for Valar and the first nationwide for a Department of Energy-authorized reactor outside a national lab.

Despite the intimidating name, criticality in a nuclear reactor means that it can produce an ongoing, stable chain reaction. According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, this occurs when "each fission event

releases a sufficient number of neutrons to sustain an ongoing series of reactions." This reaction is what leads to power generation for the reactor.

"Moments ago, Valar Atomics took Ward 250 critical for the first time. This fulfills President Trump's EO 14301, which called for 3 advanced reactors to go critical by July 4th," said Valar CEO Isiah Taylor in a social media post. "This is a historic moment and the culmination of two years of work on the part of the Valar Atomics team. [These are] the most hardcore, intelligent, and driven people I've ever had the privilege of working with; which will be seen as we begin power ascension in the coming days."

The Ward 250 project – which was first announced in May of 2025 – was a part of President Donald Trump's executive order pushing to turn on an advanced nuclear reactor on American Soil by July 4, 2026, the country's 250th birthday.

"Today marks another historic moment for America's nuclear renaissance," said U.S. Energy Secretary Chris

Wright. "From the first-ever airlift of a small reactor aboard a U.S. military C-17 to successful zero-power criticality testing, Valar Atomics is delivering achievements that mark a revolutionary moment for advanced nuclear in this country. The Trump administration is proud to support the rebirth of America's nuclear industry, ensuring Americans have access to affordable, reliable and secure energy for generations to come."

The criticality of Ward 250 comes just weeks after Antares Nuclear's Mark-0 reactor reached the milestone at the Idaho National Laboratory.

"This achievement is a testament to the innovators, builders, and public servants working to strengthen America's energy future," said Gov. Spencer Cox. "Utah is proud to be at the forefront of the next generation of nuclear technology."

Nuclear energy has become a focal point of potential energy production in Emery County. Outside of Valar, Fulcrum Point Holdings and Blue Castle Holdings recently announced an agreement to advance the existing Blue Castle nuclear project in Green River, Utah.

The next step for Valar will be to ramp to full-power operations, a goal Taylor said the company aims to achieve by July 4.

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Fireworks, Festivities and Keeping Pets Calm

Tips from Best Friends Animal Society to Keep Dogs and Cats happy, Safe and Home this Fourth of July

by Michelle Sathe

BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY

Ahead of the fireworks, barbecues, and summer camaraderie during the Fourth of July holiday weekend, it's important to consider how pets may feel amidst the commotion. While the nation's 250th birthday provides humans with plenty to celebrate, pets may feel differently as crowds, loud booms, and passing sirens can be overwhelming.

To give pet owners peace of mind and set dogs and cats up for success this Fourth of July, national nonprofit Best Friends Animal Society is offering tips to help keep pets at ease during the annual festivities.

- **Stay calm:** Check when local fireworks are scheduled and bring pets indoors beforehand. Set dogs and cats up in a cozy room with closed windows, drawn curtains, and their favorite toys or blanket. Try playing calming music or turn on the TV to help muffle the noise.
- **Keep it clean:** Promptly clear the property of any firework debris if celebrating at home as they contain chemicals and heavy metals that can be seriously harmful if a pet were to get into them. Keep a close eye on dogs and cats during backyard time and on walks following the holiday in case neighbors indulged in the

celebrations.

- **Hold the scraps:** While a cookout spread might be tempting to share, many summer staples including avocados, grapes, onions, and ice cream are toxic to pets. For those who can't resist sharing a treat from the table, try frozen watermelon chunks, blueberries, or baby carrots as safe, pet friendly alternatives.
- **Tag up:** Double-check that the information on a pet's identification tag and microchip are

current before the holiday week end. Should they get startled and run off, up-to-date contact information will help bring them home. Year round, microchips are essential in helping keep pets and their people together and is key in helping the country achieve no-kill*, which means saving every healthy and treatable pet in shelters.

- **Plan ahead:** Pet owners should have emergency contact information easily accessible, or saved

in their phone, so if an emergency happens, they can quickly reach out for help. Key contact information to have on hand includes local emergency veterinary clinics and nearby shelters.


Need another reason to celebrate America's 250th birthday? All adoption fees at Best Friends Animal Society locations across the country are waived June 22-July 5th thanks to Warner Bros Discovery.


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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

A SYSTEM PASSING TO OUR NORTH WILL LEAD TO GUSTY WINDS AND A HIGHER FIRE DANGER OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HIGH PRESSURE WILL KEEP CONDITIONS MAINLY DRY AND WARM THROUGH MOST OF NEXT WEEK.

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 WINDS: SW 15-30








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 WINDS: SW 15-30

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FROM THE EDITOR



**ESTHER
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OFFICE MANAGER

As our community moves beyond Father's Day, it is worth taking a moment to reflect on the important role fathers and father figures play in our lives.

While the holiday itself may have passed, the influence of a good father

is felt every day of the year. Fathers often serve as teachers, providers, mentors, and examples of hard work, integrity, and perseverance. Many of life's most valuable lessons are learned through their guidance, whether offered through words of wisdom, a helping hand, or simply by setting a positive example.

Fatherhood comes in many forms. Some are biological fathers, while others are stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, coaches, teachers, neighbors, and friends who step into a fatherly role. Their impact reaches far beyond a single day of recognition.

As we look back on Father's Day, we extend our gratitude to the men who dedicate their time, energy, and love to helping others grow and succeed. We also remember those fathers who are no longer with us but whose influence continues to shape the lives of their families and communities.

At Iron County Today, we hope everyone had an opportunity to celebrate the father figures who have made a difference in their lives. Their contributions, both large and small, help strengthen families and build stronger communities.

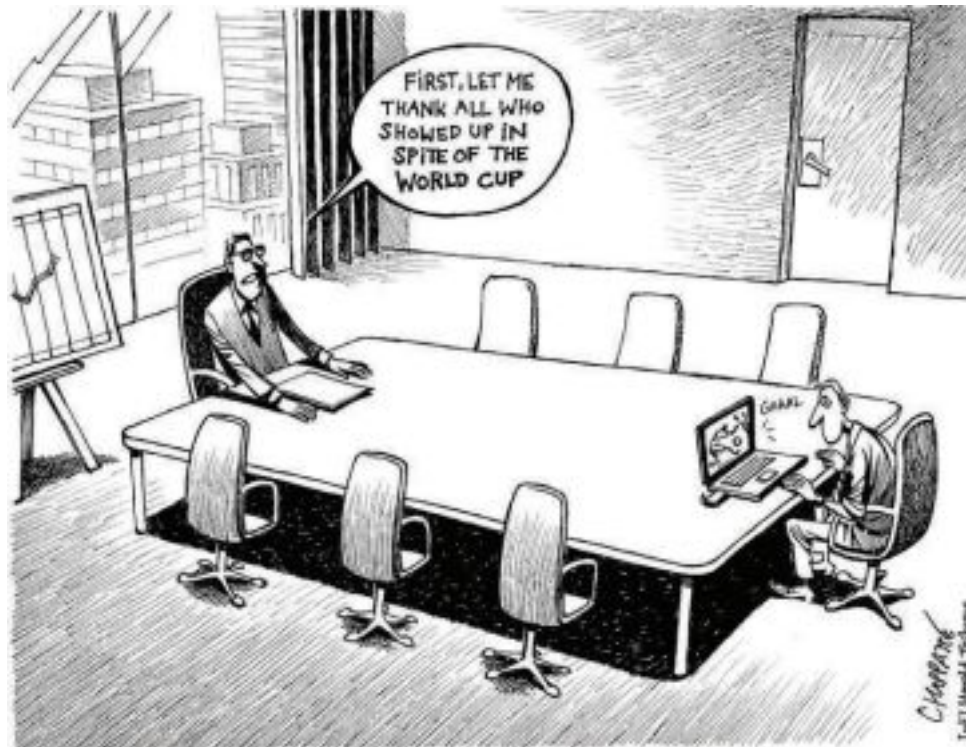
Thank you to all the fathers and father figures who continue to make a positive impact every day.

WORD OF THE WEEK

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adjective

something beneficial, health-giving, or generally favorable to one's physical or mental well-being.



news

CEDAR CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER FLAG RESCUE

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On June 4, 2026, the Cedar City Senior Citizens Center received some much-appreciated assistance from the Cedar City Fire Department after recent high winds severely damaged the American flag flying outside the center.



The strong winds had shredded the flag and created a hole that caused it to become tangled around the top of the flagpole multiple times, making it impossible to lower from the ground. In response, the Senior Center contacted the Cedar City Fire Department for help.

Captain Travis Fails and Firefighter Cason Maxwell arrived with the department's ladder truck and carefully prepared the area before beginning the operation. Using the ladder truck, the firefighters successfully freed the damaged flag and replaced it with a new one.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Great moments are born from great opportunities."

-Herb Brooks

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Board approves proposed 2026-27 budget

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education of the Iron County School District approved

the final budget for Fiscal Year 25 and the proposed budget for 2026-27 during its regular meeting.

Business Administrator Todd Hess said state law allows the budget to be adjusted right up to the end of the fiscal year, but it does not allow districts to overspend the budget. Adjustments included about a \$3.25 million decrease in revenue. He said that was largely due to the tax increase not being accepted by the state in the fall of 2025.

Changes also included the transfer of \$6 million to the Capital Projects Fund for the initial expenditures on construction of a new South Elementary.

Hess said expenditures were also adjusted to reflect estimated payments on bond projects. Some payments are likely to carry into the next fiscal year.

For the proposed 2026-27 school year budget, Hess said no tax increase is proposed. However, he briefed the board on some changes to taxes that would meet the state requirement.

After receiving the final Certified Tax Rates a few weeks ago, Hess said, the District identified a strategic opportunity to maximize state revenue for the upcoming school year without increasing the tax

burden on local property owners.

By adjusting the Board and Voted Local levy rates to the state-required .002 rate, the District can qualify for an estimated \$990,000 in additional state funding through the State Leeway Program.

To ensure local property taxpayers do not see a rate increase, the District will simultaneously decrease the Capital Local levy rate by the exact same amount. The combined local rates will remain within the County's Certified Tax Rate.

To offset the corresponding reduction in the Capital Projects fund, the District proposes a one-time transfer of approximately \$2.4 million from the General Fund to the Capital Projects fund. While this is a temporary measure that does not preclude the need for future rate adjustments, it successfully secures full state funding in the upcoming year.

Other highlights, Hess said, include funding to complete East Elementary, an addition at Canyon View High School and the transportation facility. It also includes another \$15 million to begin the new South Elementary.

General fund expenditures include the pay increases approved in the May board meeting, the addition of 4.5 new positions in special education and behavior, and the replacement of four regular ed teachers with four life skills teachers.

In other discussions, Superintendent Dr. Lance Hatch said the Utah State Board of Education approved the district's waiver request, which allows the exploration of implementing a 4-day school week.

He said the earliest school year for something like that to be implemented would be the 2027-28 school year. Even at that, he said, the board would need to begin that conversation as early as August, because implementation is a "heavy lift." The waiver expires following the 2030-31 school year.

Hatch said the state will require annual reports as well as one 90 days after implementation.

The board will discuss it more in-depth during its July workshop.

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*No-kill is defined by a 90% save rate or greater for pets entering a shelter and is a meaningful and common-sense benchmark for measuring lifesaving progress. Typically, the number of pets who are suffering from irreparable medical or behavioral issues that compromise their quality of life and prevent them from being rehomed is not more than 10% of all dogs and cats entering shelters. For any community to be no-kill, all stakeholders in that community must work together to achieve and sustain that common goal while prioritizing community safety and good quality of life for pets as guiding no-kill principles. This means cooperation among animal shelters, animal rescue groups, government agencies, community members and other stakeholders, all committed to best practices and protocols.

For additional information, visit bestfriends.org.

FLAG RESCUE

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The rescue was a proud and meaningful moment for those who watched as the American flag was respectfully removed and replaced. Senior Center staff expressed their gratitude to Captain Fails, Firefighter Maxwell, and the entire Cedar City Fire Department for their service to the Senior Center and the community.

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Cedar City Planning Commission Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Development Deferral Agreement Approved for Horse Alley Property

The first public hearing involved a development deferral agreement for property at 2411 West 580 North, known as Horse Alley. The applicant plans to rehabilitate an existing building for storage and related uses. Because the area lacks curb, gutter, and roadway improvements, and neighboring properties have similar agreements, the applicant requested a deferral rather than installing the improvements immediately.

Staff explained that the improvements would instead be required if certain trigger events occur, such as adjacent development or future city-approved road improvements along 580 North. Commissioners discussed the challenges of enforcing such agreements but noted they are legally binding.

Following a public hearing with no comments, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the deferral agreement using the

revised language presented by city staff.

Temple View Commons Amended Plat Considered

The second public hearing involved an amended plat for Temple View Commons Phase 1, affecting Lots 18 and 19 near Lund Highway and 1600 North. The proposal would change how the twin-home lots are divided, allowing the homes to face a different direction.

Staff noted that setbacks, lot width requirements, and existing utility connections would need to be reviewed before the change could move forward. Because amended plats are staff-level decisions, the commission took no formal action. Following a public hearing with no public comments, staff said they would continue working with the applicant on the remaining technical issues.

Discussion on Dark Sky Lighting Standards

Before adjourning, commissioners briefly discussed the possibility of revisiting city requirements for street lighting in new subdivisions. One commissioner asked whether there was interest in future discussions regarding dark-sky standards and the potential elimination of mandatory streetlights in some developments.

Staff noted that properly designed fixtures can significantly reduce light pollution while still providing adequate illumination and safety. No formal action was taken, and the topic may be considered at a future meeting if placed on an agenda.

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

America 250 Update

Council members reported strong attendance at recent America 250 kickoff events, including a Flag Day concert and the Summer Music Street Fest, which drew an estimated 4,000–5,000 people. The city will continue celebrations with a 13-day series of free events beginning June 26. A featured event, "Echoes of Freedom," will be held June 30 at Mayor's Square, where community members and officials will read America's founding documents for 250 continuous minutes.

Strategic Plans for City Departments

The council discussed creating strategic plans for city departments through a continuous improvement process designed to increase efficiency,

improve customer service, and support employee morale. The effort would involve assistance from Southern Utah University faculty and students, helping reduce the workload on city staff while providing expertise in strategic planning. Council members emphasized the importance of keeping the process aligned with the city's established mission and values. The council approved moving forward with developing a framework for the initiative and plans to review the proposal again as it progresses.

Speed Bump on South Mountain Drive

A resident asked the council to consider removing a speed bump on South Mountain Drive, arguing that nearby four-way stop signs now serve the same purpose. City staff confirmed the bump was installed before the stop signs and may no longer be necessary. Council members agreed the signs adequately control traffic and noted visibility concerns with the bump. The council voted to place the item on next week's action agenda after receiving a cost estimate for removal.

Magnolia Field Subdivision Deferral Agreement

The council held a public hearing on a request to delay certain road and utility improvements for Phase 2 of the Magnolia Field Subdivision. The developer argued that completing 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

work now could require costly reconstruction once storm drain plans are finalized. Council members expressed concern over unresolved drainage issues in the area and emphasized the need for a solution. The council voted 4-1 to move the request to next week's action agenda while further discussions on stormwater improvements continue.

Type 3-1 Fire Engine Purchase

The council reviewed the purchase of a new Type 3-1 fire engine, which includes a \$45,000 price increase from the original estimate. With little discussion, the item was moved to next week's consent agenda.

Out-of-Class Pay Personnel Policy

The council discussed updates to the city's out-of-class pay policy, which allows employees to temporarily perform higher-level duties and receive additional compensation. The change would provide greater flexibility in police department staffing. Council members requested clearer language regarding assignment duration and pay before

moving the item to next week's action agenda.

Compensatory Time Policy

The council reviewed a proposal to gradually reduce the amount of compensatory time employees can accumulate. City officials said the change would help reduce financial liabilities and staffing challenges. Several employees spoke against the proposal, citing the importance of comp time during emergencies, illnesses, and extended callouts. Council members acknowledged those concerns and agreed further discussions were needed before the item returns for a vote next week.

Impact Fee Facility Plan and Rates

The council continued discussions on updated impact fees. Most fees would remain unchanged or see minor adjustments, while proposed increases to park impact fees generated significant discussion. Concerned about housing affordability, council members settled on lower placeholder rates and plan to explore incentives for developments that include

open space. The item was moved to next week's action agenda.

Water Rate Increase and Heritage Theater Fees

The council reviewed a small water rate increase to cover a new state-mandated fee and discussed proposed increases to Heritage Theater rental rates. Members requested additional details on theater pricing before both items were moved to the action agenda.

Fixed Asset Policy, Certified Tax Rate, Budget Revisions, and Rollover Projects

The council reviewed several year-end financial items, including increasing the fixed asset capitalization threshold, budget adjustments across multiple departments, the certified tax rate, and a list of capital projects rolling into the next fiscal year. The items were moved to the appropriate action and consent agendas before the meeting adjourned.

Community continues to rally around families after fatal Parowan side-by-side crash

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A week after a side-by-side crash claimed the life of 12-year-old Dusty Dalley and left her friend, Bekah Hale, critically injured, support for both Parowan families continues to grow across the community.

Hale, who suffered severe burns in the June 12 crash near the Iron County Fairgrounds, "remains in a burn unit but is awake and continuing to improve," Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter said.

Carpenter said he recently spoke with the family's pastor, who visited Hale this week.

"He told me she's awake and doing better. He said, 'She's quite the little fighter,'" Carpenter said.

The girls were riding in a side-by-side near the Valentine Peak Sports Complex when it rolled over and caught fire. Dalley died in the crash, while Hale was flown to a burn center, where she remains hospitalized as she continues her recovery. The Iron County Sheriff's Office is still investigating the cause of the crash.

Friday, family, friends and members of the community gathered to celebrate Dusty's life and support her family. Carpenter, who attended, said

the large turnout reflected the outpouring of love the Dalley and Hale families have received in the days since the tragedy.

"It's heartbreaking to see families go through this but the support from the community has been amazing," he said.

In the days following the crash, residents, businesses and community organizations have organized fundraisers and donation drives to help the families with funeral expenses, medical costs, travel and other financial needs.

A Facebook group, Parowan Strong, has coordinated donations through its Venmo account, @Parowan-Strong, and is accepting contributions through the State Bank of Southern Utah.

Several local businesses have also stepped forward to help. Earlier this week, Wildflower Beauty Salon hosted a donation event in honor of the girls, while Dairy Freeze donated proceeds from its Monday ice cream sales to the families.

Support efforts

will continue June 29 with a community benefit dinner and silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. at the Valentine Peak Ball Fields in Parowan.

The event will feature a home run derby, baseball and softball tournament, silent auction and live music, with organizers saying 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the Dalley and Hale families.

Among those volunteering at the event will be the Iron County Sheriff, who said he has agreed to spend some time in the dunk tank to help raise money for the families.

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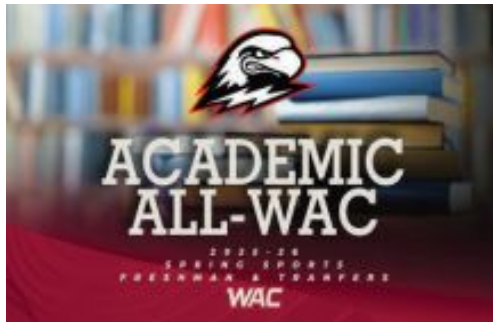
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Western Athletic Conference Announces Academic All-WAC Lists

Tom Higbee said, "This recognition speaks to the culture we've built at Southern Utah. Our student-athletes continue to prove that success isn't limited to the field, court or track; they're equally committed to their academic pursuits. Congratulations to each of these honorees, as well as our coaches and academic support staff, for making excellence in the classroom a priority."

Southern Utah recorded 64 Academic All-WAC selections in spring sports, led by the women's outdoor track & field team with 26 honorees. The men's outdoor track & field program followed with 18 selections, while softball placed 10 student-athletes on the Academic All-WAC team. The Thunderbird men's and women's golf programs each added five honorees.

The Thunderbirds also had 44 freshmen and first-year

transfers recognized for their academic success across fall and winter sports. Women's soccer, men's indoor track & field and women's indoor track & field each led Southern Utah with 10 honorees. Men's basketball added four selections, while women's basketball, football and volleyball each had three. Men's cross country rounded out the list with two honorees.

To be named Academic All-WAC, student-athletes must have completed at least one academic year, maintained a cumulative grade-point average of 3.20 or higher and participated in at least 50 percent of their team's contests. In softball, pitchers must have appeared in at least 20 percent of their team's games to qualify.

The 2025-26 academic year marked Southern Utah's final year as a member of the Western Athletic Conference before the Thunderbirds begin competition in the Big Sky Conference in 2026-27.

by *Regan Hunsaker*

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Southern Utah University student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom during the 2025-26 academic year, earning a combined 108 selections on the Western Athletic Conference's Spring Academic All-WAC teams, including Freshmen/Transfer Academic All-WAC honorees.

The WAC recognized student-athletes for their academic achievements in spring championship sports and honored outstanding freshmen and first-year transfer student-athletes from fall and winter sports. More than 750 student-athletes across the conference received academic recognition.

Interim Director of Athletics

Cedar City man sentenced to prison in park lewdness case

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man was sentenced Tuesday to the Utah State Prison after pleading guilty to a felony charge stemming from a lewd act at a city park where children were present.

Fifth District Judge Meb Anderson sentenced Bretten Harris Lowe, 41, up to five years after he pleaded guilty to one count of lewdness involving a child, a third-degree felony.

The charge stemmed from a March 26 incident at Main Street Park in Cedar City.

According to charging documents, Cedar City police responded to the scene after receiving a report of a suspicious man who was reportedly touching himself inappropriately in front of children.

When officers arrived, they found Lowe seated and facing the park's playground while performing a lewd act. He was immediately taken into custody without incident.

Following the arrest, officers searched Lowe's back-park and found multiple unused syringes.

He admitted to police he had used methamphetamine the previous day, which resulted in an additional charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Initially, police arrested Lowe on suspicion of lewdness involving a child, a Class A misdemeanor, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class B misdemeanor.

Prosecutors later filed formal charges alleging lewdness involving a child and lewdness, both third-degree felonies. He was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class B misdemeanor.

Under a plea agreement filed in May, Lowe pleaded guilty to the lewdness involving a child charge, while the remaining charges were dismissed.

Court records show no fines or fees were imposed, no restitution was requested and Lowe was advised of his right to appeal.



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Cedar City & Iron County Celebrate **America 250**

from Mary Nelson

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER CEDAR CITY

Cedar City and Visit Cedar City Brain Head are thrilled to promote an exciting calendar of events to continue celebrating America 250 throughout June and July.

"America 250 is about celebrating the freedom and independence that have shaped our nation, and our city, and we've created a lineup of events that do just that. There's really something for everyone," said Cedar City Councilman & America 250 Committee Co-Chair, Scott Phillips. "We're excited to welcome residents and visitors alike as we commemorate America's 250th anniversary the Cedar City way."

Visit Cedar City Brian Head Tourism Bureau has partnered with Cedar City, along with several other well-known and well-loved organizations, to create a month-long community celebration to commemorate 250 years of freedom and independence in the US. These events are the centerpiece of a year of America 250 celebrations, capping off months of programs, partnerships, and community activities throughout the past year to commemorate this historic milestone.

Below is an overview of the planned America 250 celebrations for June and July 2026. Full event details and calendar are available at <https://visitcedarcity.com/america250/>

- America 250 Concert, From Iron County, with Pride - June 12th
- Parowan Concert in the Park Ft. "Muddy Boots"- June 12th
- Summer Street Fest – June 13th
- Parowan Fun Run Car Show- June 13th
- Beverley Center Anniversary Celebration – June 26th
- Summer Jam with Uncle Sam – June 27th
- Let Freedom Shine– June 28th
- Spirit of America Concert – June 28th

- Freedom Found: America 250 Challenge – June 29th
- Echoes of Freedom Speakers Corner – June 30th
- America 250 Playlist Lecture Part One – June 30th
- Legacy of Liberty Time Capsule – July 1st
- America 250 Playlist Lecture Part Two – July 1st
- Red, White and Reel Fun Family Movie Night – July 2nd
- A Sacred Celebration of America 250 – July 3rd
- Enoch City Independence Program – July 3rd
- Americas Birthday Extravaganza – July 4th
- America's 250 Potluck: Backyard Birthday Bash – July 5th
- Let Freedom Roll: Trail Dedication 250 – July 6th
- Making Waves for America – July 7th
- Utah Symphony Under the Stars – July 8th

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Visit Cedar City Brian Head is the official tourism development and marketing office for Iron County. Utilizing revenues generated by tourism-related taxes (TRT lodging and TRCCA restaurant taxes), Visit Cedar City Brian Head supports strategic development and marketing initiatives that strengthen Iron County's visitor economy. Learn more about Visit Cedar City Brian Head at <https://visitcedarcity.com>.

Cedar City encompasses nearly 35 square miles north of St. George, and is home to vibrant arts, culture, tourism, recreation and a dedication to enhancing quality of life through high-quality public services, responsible stewardship, and support of economic opportunity. Cedar City creates a safe, connected and thriving environment for residents and visitors alike while honoring its historic roots and unique character. Learn more at <https://www.cedarcityut.gov>.

Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art Wins 2026 AASLH Award of Excellence for Repainting the I: The Intermountain Intertribal Indian School Murals

by Aja Bain

AASLH

NASHVILLE, TN—June 2026—The American Association for State and Local

History (AASLH) proudly announces that the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art at Utah State University is the recipient of an Award of Excellence for Repainting the I: The Intermountain Intertribal Indian School Murals. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards are the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

Repainting the I: The Intermountain Intertribal Indian School Murals explored the history and legacy of the Intermountain Intertribal Indian School in Brigham City, Utah. The exhibition featured eleven student-created murals that once adorned the school's halls and dormitories and underwent an extensive four-year conservation and restoration process after being rediscovered in a garage in 2013, following the demolition of the former campus buildings. The murals, which required significant stabilization, cleaning, repair, and conservation work to ensure their long-term preservation, were created by students who were encouraged by teachers to use art to express cultural identity and connection to home within an assimilationist boarding school system and reflect the students' resilience, creativity, and survival. Developed in close collaboration with Intermountain alumni, scholars, conservators, and tribal leaders, the exhibition marked the first time these restored works were publicly displayed, honoring the voices and experiences of the thousands of Native youth who attended the school.

Katie Lee-Koven, Executive Director and curator, shared, "This project has been the most rewarding experience in my museum career, and I know my entire team feels the same way. As "curator," I really worked as a facilitator to ensure that the goals of the alumni who attended Intermountain were also our goals. They told us they wanted to be sure that the Intermountain Indian School was not forgotten because it played such a significant role in their lives, so that's what we focused on - sharing the history and sharing it through their lens. We didn't



write the interpretive text for the murals; they did. Every decision involved multiple

former students and teachers who attended the school along with our staff and scholars. We are very grateful to AASLH for this recognition."

This year, AASLH confers 42 national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, and publications. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history.

The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honor significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also bring public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions, and programs to make contributions in this arena. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, contact AASLH at 615-320-3203 or go to www.aaslh.org.

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The Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art at Utah State University fosters engagement with American Art from the 20th and 21st centuries, with an emphasis on art in the Western United States, to facilitate learning and promote dialogue about ideas important to the people of Utah and the mission of Utah State University. Admission is free and open to all. Free museum parking is available in the Red surface lot west of the museum and additional parking is available in the Gateway Terrace. For more information, visit our website at artmuseum.usu.edu or contact Chiara Elwood Sorensen, 435-797-1564.

The American Association for State and Local

History (AASLH), a national nonprofit association, provides leadership and resources to help the history community thrive and make the past more meaningful for all people. AASLH serves the tens of thousands of history organizations, professionals, and volunteers around the country who help people of all ages develop critical thinking skills and understand how learning history helps society make progress toward justice. Through research, advocacy, and our field-leading professional development program, AASLH advances public history practice and connects history practitioners to critical issues in the field and to one another. For more information about AASLH visit www.aaslh.org.

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Summer Art Projects

by Sara Penny

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Summer is a great time to deal with

the reality of the stages of life:

Acquisition, Maintenance and Dispersal. On the *Acquisition*

front, we hope you are creating art. Whatever your medium, we like to encourage your art. Research consistently shows that making music, dancing, painting, and going to museums can enhance

your brain and contribute to your longevity. Museums are neutral places for observation and contemplation which can help relieve anxiety and offer fresh insights. There are new exhibits at the Southern Utah Museum of Art, the city offices, and the library. Local galleries have continual changes in their displays as well.

Encourage the students in your life to create their entries for our Art and Photography Contest in conjunction with the Cedar Livestock and Heritage

Festival. This year, twelve selected pieces will be exhibited at the Cedar City Library, and cash prizes will also be awarded.



We will have free art supplies at the Final Friday Art Walks for students, beginning June 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the corner of 100 West University Blvd. If you have children's books you would like to recycle we would be happy to gift them. Art Walks are the last Friday of the month through September.

CCAC Board Member Jason Moodie distributed art kits to students through Iron Kids this spring. Donations are welcome so we can give even more art kits. More information is available at cedarcityartscouncil.blogspot.com. An adult told me that getting their own set of colored pencils in high school made a difference in their pursuit of visual art.

In the *Maintenance* category I always

have stacks of music to file and other files to clear out. The summer gardening tasks and house maintenance take a chunk of summer time. I do love the June flowers as we move into the rose and lily phase of the blooms. The gardens at SUU are particularly lovely and the roses are ready to greet patrons for the Utah Shakespeare Festival. I was getting some tickets last week and the Greenshow cast was rehearsing. It was delightful and I'm looking forward to the season.

Dispersal is hard. What do we keep and what do we give away? Do my grandchildren really want all of the treasures that have accumulated at our house? Probably not, so then I have to figure out the best uses for them. I took a photo inventory for insurance purposes and asked them what they do want, so at least I have that list to save. When my Dad passed away, I found someone who liked to tie flies for fishing for those supplies. The fishing flies were little works of art with bits of feathers and colored thread. When I was a child I liked to

watch him create his own version of nature.

There are several thrift stores in town that take donations, as well as some of the service organizations. My problem is that if I go into any of these places I find new treasures and the cycle continues. It gets a little comical.

The Utah Shakespeare Guild has a group of volunteers who make masks, bags, garlands and other items for the gift shop, with proceeds benefitting the Festival. Material is useful for the quilters and theater companies. Vintage clothing, shoes, and props are also useful.

We hope you enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing what our local artists create. Tolstoy's definition of the artist's calling is, "to transmit that feeling that others may experience the same feeling". We can think of art as another way to share. Thanks to everyone building our arts community.



JUNETEENTH



A Celebration of Freedom and Its Significance in Utah

by ICT Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Juneteenth, observed annually on June 19, commemorates one of the most important milestones in American history; the abolishment of slavery in the United States. While President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring enslaved people in Confederate states to be free, enforcement depended upon Union military presence. As a result, many enslaved individuals remained unaware of their freedom for years.

On June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced General Order No. 3, officially informing more than 250,000 enslaved African Americans in Texas that they were free. This date became known as “Juneteenth,” combining the words “June” and “nineteenth.” The celebration quickly spread across the nation as a day of remembrance, reflection, and recognition of freedom and equality.

In 2021, Juneteenth became a federal holiday in the United States, recognizing its national significance and the enduring contributions of African Americans to the nation’s history and culture. Today, communities across the country celebrate Juneteenth through educational programs, cultural events, music, service projects, and discussions about civil rights and unity.

In Cedar City and throughout Southern Utah, Juneteenth is increasingly recognized as an important opportunity to reflect on freedom, equality, and the continuing pursuit of civil rights. Local government agencies observe the holiday, and community organizations have worked to increase awareness through educational and cultural events. Although Cedar City does not host a large-scale Juneteenth festival comparable to those in Ogden or Salt Lake City, the community’s growing recognition of the holiday reflects Utah’s broader commitment to honoring this important chapter in American history.



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CEDAR BREAKS

National Monument & Wildflowers

by *May Hunter*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Nestled in the heart of Southern Utah's national parks, Cedar Breaks National Monument sits high atop the Markagunt Plateau, just east of Cedar City. This breathtaking natural wonder features a massive amphitheater more than 2,500 feet deep and over three miles across. Each summer, the monument comes alive with vibrant wildflowers, creating one of the most spectacular displays in the region.

While the annual Wildflower Festival reaches its peak in July, the blooms are already beginning to appear and will continue to increase throughout June. One of the most remarkable aspects of Cedar Breaks is how the landscape changes daily.

Different flowers bloom at different times, creating an ever-changing tapestry of color. Park Ranger Shannon Eberhard describes it best: "It's like watching clouds move across the sky, except it's the landscape that changes. It really enlightens you to the diversity that's out there."

Home to more than 250 species of wildflowers, Cedar Breaks offers a stunning array of colors that blanket the meadows, line the trails, and brighten the roadsides each summer. As temperatures rise and snow melts, pollinators such as bees and butterflies play a vital role in helping these flowers thrive. Their partnership with the wildflowers ensures the continuation of this incredible annual display.

Life for these flowers is not easy. For much of the year, they lie dormant beneath snow that can exceed 20 feet in depth. Although the harsh conditions may seem challenging, the snowpack provides the moisture necessary for survival in this dry, high-elevation environment.

Visitors can look for a variety of beautiful wildflowers, including Colorado Columbine, Aspen Bluebells, Indian Paintbrush, Silvery Lupine, Sego Lily, Yellow Evening Primrose, and Cushion Phlox. Keep an eye out for the rare Cedar Breaks

Gilia and Panguitch Buckwheat—delicate white flowers found nowhere else in the world. Because the blooming calendar changes from week to week, every visit offers a unique experience.

For some of the best views, stop at Chessman Ridge Overlook, where colorful meadows spread across the landscape like a living rainbow. Be sure to visit the newly renovated visitor center for maps, trail information, and the latest updates on blooming conditions.

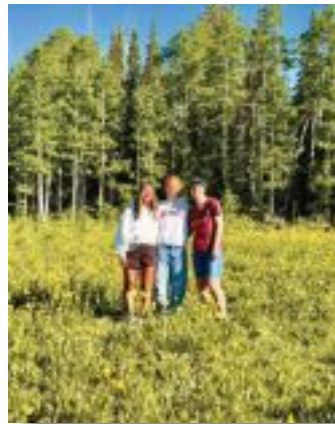
The 2026 Wildflower Festival will take place from July 3 through July 11, but the flowers are already beginning to bloom. The drive up the mountain is well worth the trip, as the scenery transforms with each passing day.

Living near our national parks is a true gift. These treasured places offer breathtaking beauty, opportunities for adventure, and a chance to escape the stresses of everyday life. Research continues to show that spending time in nature can reduce stress, improve mental well-being, and support overall physical health.

As President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said,

“There is nothing so American as our national parks. The scenery and the wildlife are native. The fundamental idea behind the parks is that the country belongs to the people.”

Cedar Breaks is a perfect reminder of that enduring legacy and a beautiful destination waiting to be explored.





Pursuit of Happiness Ideals

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The principles of liberty, justice, and self-governance continue to resonate today because they are timeless ideals. Although America's history is not without imperfections, the nation's strength lies in its ongoing commitment to strive toward these principles, even in the face of adversity. The American experiment is founded on the belief that the pursuit of a more perfect union is never complete and that each generation has a responsibility to protect and expand the freedoms and rights established at our nation's founding.

As Americans navigate modern challenges, these founding principles provide a framework for preserving freedom, promoting justice, and ensuring that government remains accountable to the people.

The United States was built upon a set of ideals that were revolutionary in their time and remain just as relevant today. Liberty, justice, and self-governance are not merely words from the past; they are living principles that continue to shape our nation's identity and future. By understanding and embracing these foundational ideals, we help ensure that the American experiment in democracy continues to thrive, safeguarding the freedoms and opportunities of future generations.

The United States' 250th anniversary commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This milestone celebrates the nation's founding principles of liberty and self-government while also offering an opportunity to reflect on more than two centuries of growth, progress, and the continuing pursuit of a more perfect union.

In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson famously wrote:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The pursuit of happiness is a fundamental right that allows individuals to seek personal fulfillment, self-improvement, and well-being. It reflects the freedom to choose one's own path in life, including career, lifestyle, goals, and aspirations, without unnecessary government interference, while respecting the rights of others.

Individual Liberty

The government's role is to protect the freedoms, property, and safety of its citizens, allowing individuals the opportunity to make their own choices and direct their own lives.

Personal Responsibility

Alongside these freedoms comes responsibility. Individuals are free to pursue success, learn from failure, and determine their own futures while respecting the law and the rights of others.

Modern Meaning

Today, the pursuit of happiness is highly personal and can mean different things to different people. For many, it includes:

- Career Independence: The freedom to choose a profession or start a business.
- Personal Development: The opportunity to pursue education, hobbies, and lifelong learning.
- Lifestyle Choices: The ability

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THURS, JUNE 25

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- 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!

FRI, JUNE 26

MOVIE IN THE PARK (8:30PM) THE

Iron County Board of Realtors presents Movie in the Park, featuring "The LEGO Movie," at Cedar City Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar City). The fun begins at 8:30 PM, the movie starts at dusk, and we'll have FREE popcorn for everyone to enjoy.

NEXT STOP COMEDY - STAND UP

COMEDY (8PM) featuring Stoner Rob, Mike Charette, and Evan Connolly at 8:00 pm at DC Pub & Grill (650 S Main St, Cedar City). Tickets are \$27 and can be purchased online at mextopcomedy.com/events/dc-pub-girl-2026-06-26. Seating begins at 7:30 pm.

FINAL FRIDAY ART WALK (5 -8PM)

FREE and open to everyone and is held the last Friday of the month, June - September, at various locations along Center St / University Blvd and 100 W (from about Main St to 300 W along University Blvd). Visit with artists, see beautiful art pieces made using a variety of mediums. For more information, visit them on Facebook: /CedarCityWalks or /CedarCityArts.

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.

GUNSLINGER R US: COMEDY SHOW

AND SHOOTOUT (2PM) at the Frontier Homestead State Park (35 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is \$4 per person. Join for a family-friendly Wild West Comedy Show and Shootout. Fun for the entire family. Join Gunslingers R Us for thrilling shootouts and laughter in our educational reenactment shows! This short performance is lots of fun!

RED ACRE FARM: BREAKFAST ON THE

FARM (8:30AM) held from 8:30 am to 11 ish or until the food's all gone; at Red Acre Farms (2322 W 4375 N, Cedar City). Come enjoy the farm, hear the roosters crow, feed the animals, and eat a real farm breakfast! Fresh and hot off the grill! For information call (435) 865-6792 or visit them on Facebook / RedAcreFarmCSA.

PUBLIC LABYRINTH WALK (12PM -2PM)

held the last Saturday of each month from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Saint Jude's Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, Cedar City). No experience required and facilitators are present. Come for peaceful, prayerful walking meditation.

AMERICA 250 - AMERICANA

GREENSHOW (7:10PM) Celebrating America 250 held at 7:10 pm 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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

TAGGED FISHING DERBY! (5PM -8PM)

1st Annual Tagged Fishing Derby held at the Parowan Priddy Meeks Pond (500 W 100 N, Parowan). The pond will be stocked with catfish. Catch one with a tag, bring it in, and win a prize. Free Hotdogs will be available from 5 to 7 pm. For information, call Amber at (435) 600-1597.

THE GREENSHOW: PAIUTE HERITAGE &

CELEBRATION GREENSHOW (7:10PM) held at 7:10 pm on the Ashton Family Greenshow Commons (195 W University

Blvd (Center St), Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Everyone is invited to a special evening of music, stories, and cultural dance by the Paiute Tribe of Utah.

WED, JULY 1

CCAC BOOK CLUB (7PM) @ MAIN

Street Books in Cedar City. This month's book is *Two Years Before the Mast*, by Richard Henry Dana. We alternate between fiction and non-fiction titles. We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.

FRI, JULY 3

FAITH IN FREEDOM PROGRAM (7PM)

dedicated to the faith of the Founding Fathers, 451 E. Midvalley Rd in the Cultural Hall. Voices of 1776 Patriots, Musical Section by the Enoch Orchestra, 50th anniversary of the bicentennial building, patriotic contest results.

SAT, JULY 4

ENOCHS INDEPENDENCE DAY

CELEBRATION: 5K Freedom Run 7am at Old Enoch Park. Enoch's 4th of July Parade starts at 5:30 PM along Midvalley Rd. It ends at the Church Park with Hot Dogs and contests: Wings of Death, the Children's Eating Contest, Memorization of the Declaration of Independence and Colonial Costumes. In addition there will be the annual Friends of the Library Book and Back Sale, vendors, and fun activities: bounce houses, a dunk tank, foam machine and games. Vendors and food trucks are welcome. More information and signups are at www.enochcityut.gov

FRI, JULY 10

JOHNSON ARTS CENTER SUMMER

CONCERT SERIES (6PM) The Last Light and Frozen Desserts. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy some free entertainment at our outdoor stage. Second Friday of every month. 59N 100W Cedar City, Utah.

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version of the American Dream.

The American Dream has long shaped our nation's character. Although historian James Truslow Adams first popularized the term in 1931, the underlying belief, that life should be better, richer, and fuller for everyone, has inspired Americans since the nation's earliest days.

This timeline traces the evolution of that powerful idea, from colonial aspirations to modern innovations. Through every era of American history, the promise remains the same: in America, opportunity awaits those willing to pursue it.

A Personal Reflection

One of the things I love most about America is that we have the freedom to pursue happiness. We have the opportunity to dream, to work hard, and to strive for a better future.

"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" are more than words, they are enduring ideals that continue to inspire generations of Americans. God Bless Our Great Nation!

— Ben Batty



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Friday
JUNE 26

BEVERLEY CENTER CELEBRATION

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

Saturday
JUNE 27

SUMMER JAM WITH UNCLE SAM

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

Sunday
JUNE 28

LET FREEDOM SHINE

Red, White and Blue lights & decor illuminate municipal, county, businesses & private homes. Enter your home in decor contest at visitcedarcity.com/america250

SPIRIT OF AMERICA CONCERT

Cedar City Rock Church 75 E. Center Street, Cedar City, 7pm.

Monday
JUNE 29

FREEDOM FOUND: AMERICA 250 CHALLENGE

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

Tuesday
JUNE 30

ECHOES OF FREEDOM SPEAKERS CORNER

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

AMERICA 250 PLAYLIST LECTURE- PART ONE.

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

Wednesday
JULY 1

LEGACY OF LIBERTY TIME CAPSULE

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

AMERICA 250 PLAYLIST LECTURE- PART TWO.

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

Thursday
JULY 2

RED, WHITE & REEL FUN FAMILY MOVIE IN BRIAN HEAD

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

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



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JULY 4TH ACTIVITIES

BRIAN HEAD TOWN

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

CEDAR CITY

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

ENOCH CITY

Freedom 3K Race at 7am. Parade at 9:30am from 1,390 E. Mid Valley to 451 Mid Valley, followed by hot dogs, games, music, the Enoch City Orchestra and the Wings of Death wing racing competition. No fireworks.

KANARRAVILLE

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

PAROWAN

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

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

AMERICA 250 SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Friday
JULY 3

A SACRED CELEBRATION OF AMERICA 250

Patriotic Program & Ice Cream Social presented by the Cedar Inter Faith Alliance (CIFA). Held at the Cedar City Christ the King Catholic Church, 600 Cove Drive at 7pm.
ENOCH CITY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
Held at 7pm at 451 E Midvalley Road

Saturday
JULY 4

AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY!

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



Sunday
JULY 5

AMERICA'S 250 POTLUCK: BACKYARD BASH

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

Monday
JULY 6

LET FREEDOM ROLL: TRAIL DEDICATION 250

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

Tuesday
JULY 7

MAKING WAVES FOR AMERICA

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

Wednesday
JULY 8

UTAH SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS

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

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



LEARN MORE AT
VISITCEDARCITY.COM/AMERICA250



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 4:35-7:04-4979 • <https://keytoharmony.org/>

Alzheimer's/Dementia

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

1st Thurs, 7:00 pm • Share Families of So. Utah • 565 N Main Street, Ste. 6, Cedar • www.southernutahshare.com

Reel Mental Health

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

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

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

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

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

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

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

Widows Ministry

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

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar City Farmers Market

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

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

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

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

Cedar City ESL

Wed, 6:30 - 7:30 pm • Free ESL lessons offered at Cedar Library, Rare Book Room (303 N 100 E). No pre-registration required.

Cedar City parkrun

Saturday 8 am • West Canyon Park, (133 S 400 E) • Free 5K for runners, joggers & walkers. Volunteers welcome. Info: Bruce @ 435-301-5480 or coalcreektrail@parkrun.com

Cedar City Toastmasters

Thurs, 7 am • Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main. Find your voice, shape your future. Be the leader & speaker you want to be. (603) 731-0116

Cedar City Unitarian Universal-**ists**

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

Cedar Professionals

Tues, 7:30 am • Springhill Suites, 1477 S Highway 91, Cedar City. Organization of business people. Stimulate business through exchange of ideas, information, referrals. visit www.cedarprofessionals.org

Cedar Radio Control Club

4th Thurs, 7 pm • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E.

Cedar City Community Band

We offer a wealth of opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels to get involved and experience the joy of ensemble music-making. Contact us at www.cedarcity-communityband.org or by calling 435-590-2513.

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

Iron County Moms For America

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

Labyrinth Walk

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

Local Cub Scout Pack (K-5th).

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

Parowan Pickleball

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

PB&J Therapy Groups

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

College: forms.gle/SmGytGfVq1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

Zumba with Steff at**Retro Fitness 929**

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



by **May Hunter**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Warm sunshine and longer days have finally arrived, giving us more time to enjoy the outdoors. This easygoing season is full of fun ways to explore, relax, and take in the beauty around us.

Those of us who live in this area know that our wide variety of landscapes makes it an outdoor enthusiast's playground. Cedar City is connected by a network of paved walking trails that wind through neighborhoods, link local parks, and offer beautiful views of the surrounding scenery. Along the way, you'll find red rock landscapes, public art, and peaceful places to enjoy nature.

One scenic route begins at Bicentennial Park and follows Coal Creek past Veterans Memorial Park, through Canyon Park, and into a short stretch of Cedar Canyon, where hikers can enjoy incredible red rock views.

Iron County offers breathtaking hikes for all ages and skill levels. Whether you are looking for a relaxing walk, a family-friendly outing, a dog-friendly trail, or a more challenging adventure, there is something for everyone.

Getting out on the trail offers a chance to experience peace, fresh air, and natural beauty like nowhere else. So lace up your shoes, grab your water, and go take a hike.

obituaries

Jackie Challman



Jacqueline Leona Lillian Sawtell Challman, 'Jackie', passed away peacefully on June 15, 2026, in Draper, Utah at the age of 94. She was born on May 3, 1932, in E-Plane, Wyoming, to James and Alice (Montgomery) Sawtell. She was the fifth of six children. Born and raised in a small mining camp, before moving into the "big town" of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

She attended Rock Springs High School and graduated in the spring of 1950. On July 4, 1950 she met the love of her life, Bruce Challman, at a Rodeo Dance. Two months later she moved to Salt Lake City for nursing school and two short months later they were married, on November 25, 1950 in Rawlins, Wyoming. She later said the best advice she ever received was from her Dad on the day she was married. He told her to go pack her things and follow her husband and be happy. She took that advice to heart, and what a magnificent life they built. They were later sealed for Time and all Eternity in the Los Angeles Temple on May 22, 1965.

Together they welcomed five children, who blessed her with 23 grandchildren, and 46 great-grandchildren. Because she packed up and followed her heart, she became the anchor for generations. She was the undisputed matriarch of our family. She was always her happiest when surrounded by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 74 years, Bruce Challman; her parents James and Alice (Montgomery) Sawtell; siblings Catherine, Marvel, Jimmy, Alyss and Carl; and grandson Benjamin.

Jackie is survived by her five children, Gregg (Karen) Challman, Rob (Heather) Challman, Brad (Michele) Challman, Bill (Kim) Challman, and Alicia (Greg) Jordan; and Sister In-Law Shirley Roum; her 22 grandchildren plus spouses; her 46 great grandchildren; and many more family and friends who were blessed to have Jackie in their lives.

While our hearts are heavy, we rejoice knowing she is exactly where she wanted to be; reunited with her eternal companion, Bruce, and surrounded by the family who went before her. We comfort ourselves with the fact she is gone before us, not from us, and her stories live on in the hearts of the generations she left behind.

Dusty Rose Dalley



In Loving Memory of Dusty Rose Dalley August 9, 2013 - June 12, 2026

With profound sadness and hearts full of love, we announce the passing of our beautiful daughter, Dusty Rose Dalley, who left this world far too soon on June 12, 2026, at the age of 12.

Dusty was the beloved daughter of Justin and Kim Dalley and a cherished sister to Stetson, Hunter, and Haddie. She filled every room with her bright smile, infectious laughter, and loving spirit. Her kindness, determination, and joy touched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Dusty lived life to the fullest and found happiness in the things she loved most. Whether she was on the softball field, basketball court, or dance floor, she gave everything her heart had to offer. She loved spending time outdoors camping, fishing, and being around horses. She found joy in baking treats for family and friends and treasured every moment spent with those she loved.

More than anything, Dusty loved her family and her friends. She had a special way of making people feel seen, included, and loved. Her beautiful spirit, caring heart, and adventurous nature will forever remain in the memories of those whose lives she touched.

Though our hearts are broken by her absence, we are grateful for the twelve precious years we were blessed to share with her. The love, laughter, and memories she gave us will live on forever.

Dusty is survived by her loving parents, Justin and Kim Dalley; her siblings, Stetson, Hunter, and Haddie; along with her grandparents Michelle Harris, Rob and Tonya Dalley, extended family, teammates, classmates, friends, and all who loved her dearly. She is welcomed to heaven by her Paki, Scott Harris, and her Aunt Ber Ber, and all of her family.

(Funeral details once we get it set, so please refer to Cedar Valley Funerals website for updates on dates and times.)

Our sweet Dusty Rose will be forever loved, forever missed, and forever carried in our hearts. We want to thank the community for all the love and support for our baby girl. It really does take an army. We would like to ask for continued prayers for our Bekah Girl so she can continue to heal.



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Isaac Wood

Named Head Coach of Southern Utah Track & Field and Cross Country

by *Regan Hunsaker*

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Southern Utah University

Athletics has announced the hiring of Isaac Wood as the next head coach of the Thunderbirds men's and women's track & field and cross country programs. Wood succeeds longtime coach Eric Houle, who retired following the 2026 season after more than two decades leading one of the most successful programs in Big Sky Conference history.

Wood arrives in Cedar City after helping to guide the men's and women's track and field and cross country programs at the University of the Pacific, bringing a proven track record of building championship-caliber programs, developing student-athletes, and fostering a culture of excellence.

Interim Athletics Director Tom Higbee said, "We are excited to welcome Isaac Wood to Southern Utah University," said Interim Athletics Director Tom Higbee. "Isaac has an exceptional ability to build winning programs, develop student-athletes at the highest levels, and create a culture centered on excellence. His vision

for the future of our track & field and cross country programs aligns perfectly with the tradition established here at Southern Utah."

Wood spent three seasons at Salt Lake Community College from 2022-24, where he transformed the Bruins into a national powerhouse. During his tenure, SLCC captured five NJCAA national championships, including two women's cross-country titles, two women's half-marathon titles, and a men's cross-country title.



Under Wood's leadership, the Bruins produced nine individual national champions, highlighted by JaQuavious Harris, a two-time national champion who set NJCAA records in the 5,000

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TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. What theatrical street in New York was renamed "Champions Way" on June 18 to honor the New York Knicks for the team's first NBA title in 53 years?
2. Lionel Messi was the story in Argentina's opening match at the 2026 World Cup on June 17, scoring a hat trick in a 3-0 win that moved him into a tie for most career World Cup goals scored all-time with 16. What country did Messi and Argentina beat in that match?
3. True or False: Only two years removed from losing 121 games, the Chicago White Sox are tied for first place in the AL Central as of June 18.
4. In one of the surprising matches in the World Cup group stage, Spain played to a scoreless 0-0 draw June 15 against what small country making its debut at the 2026 tournament?
5. What country has a group of World Cup supporters called the Tartan Army?
6. Only two American League players have batting averages above .300 as of June 18. One is Tampa Bay's Yandy Diaz (.317), but what Houston Astros outfielder leads the league with a .325 average?
7. On the National League side, six different players are hitting over .300, and only one of the six plays for a current division leader. What Atlanta Braves outfielder ranks sixth with a .306 batting average?
8. One is more of a basketball powerhouse from the ACC, the other a legendary football school from the SEC, but both played for the baseball national title in a best-of-3 series that started June 20 at the Men's College World Series in Omaha. Name the teams – one who advanced by eliminating West Virginia, 12-7, the other with a home-run happy 11-4 win over Georgia.

9. What two members of the New York Knicks – both Villanova grads, one named Most Valuable Player – tossed out first pitches at Yankee Stadium before the Yankees faced the Chicago White Sox on June 17?
10. What former member of the Utah Jazz joined the New York Knicks this season and earned his first NBA championship?
11. At what stadium is this year's final match of the World Cup being played July 19?
12. What National League team held the largest division lead – nine games – in all of Major League Baseball as of June 18?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Winged Foot.
2. False. Woods has won three US Opens – 2000, 2002 and 2008.
3. Matt Fitzpatrick of England won the 2022 US Open.
4. McIlroy and Koepka won their respective titles with a score of 16-under par.
5. Xander Schauffele and Rickie Fowler both shot opening rounds of 8-under par 62.
6. Phil Mickelson.
7. Hale Irwin.
8. There have been 19 states that hosted a US Open. Wisconsin was the most recent in 2017.
9. Nicklaus made 44 starts at the US Open from 1957 to 2000.
10. Snead was 61 when he made the cut at the 1971 US Open. He would finished tied for 29th.
11. North Carolina.
12. Robert McIntyre.

This viewing choice was easy

On the night of

June 14, I had a viewing choice that ended up being pretty

easy to make. The first selection was the UFC Freedom 250 fight card at the White House, also known as Flag Day and the 80th birthday of President Trump.

A second choice had a little more bite with a better storyline. Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final between the Vegas Golden Knights and Carolina Hurricanes was happening at T-Mobile Arena, and the home team was fighting to stay alive and maybe force a Game 7 back in Raleigh.

Given the choice of great hockey and the chance to see a pretty cool 35-pound trophy get carried around the ice or guys with several lost brain cells beating the crap out of each other for the amusement of celebrities and the president, it was a no-brainer to turn to the Stanley Cup Final and not look back.

Biggest reason why: you could only watch UFC if you subscribed to Paramount Plus. The game between the Golden Knights and Hurricanes was available on ABC, actual broadcast TV. Knowing this, I hung out at one spot through the first period, but had to shift locations due to demand for the toxic masculinity that was on display with full sound from the UFC announcers.

Once I settled in at my new happy place, the final two periods of Game 6 played out with sound and a lot less grief. The UFC card was still on display, but without announcer sound. I could safely exhale and gain greater appreciation for what unfolded in Las Vegas.

A 27-year-old rookie goaltender for Carolina named Brandon Bussi asserted himself, stopped 22 shots,

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



and shut out Vegas at the Fortress, 3-0, giving the Hurricanes their first Stanley Cup in 20 years.

Head coach Rod Brind'amour joined a pretty exclusive group, becoming the ninth to win the Cup as a player (2006) and head coach.

And the beauty of Bussi's achievement came as he replaced struggling original starter Frederik Andersen early in Game 3. The Canes were able to rally from down 4-0 before falling 5-4 in double OT, but things would get much better after that.

Bussi stopped 18 of 21 shots in Game 4 as Carolina evened the series with a 5-3 victory, then followed up with 23 saves in a 4-2 home win that put the Hurricanes on the edge of history. When the Game 6 shutout was complete, the emotion was flowing.

After leading Western Michigan to the 2025 NCAA hockey title, Bussi's career in the NHL didn't get off to the best of starts. He was signed as a free agent by the Florida Panthers in July, but didn't last there. When Carolina picked him up off waivers in early October, the rest became history.

Bussi finished the regular season with a 31-6-2 record and 2.47 goals-against average. You can judge why he wasn't used in the playoffs until Game 4 of the Final vs. Vegas, but it's all speculation and useless chatter now. Bussi's name is going on the Stanley Cup, he's going to spend a day with the trophy this summer, and it's all a source of happiness to be remembered for a lifetime.

Contact Tom Zulewski at tominator19@yahoo.com.

ISAAC WOOD

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one of the few coaches to be recognized as both the Men's and Women's NJCAA National Coach of the Year in 2024. He was also honored with the Governor of Utah's State of Sport Coach of the Year Award.

Following his success at SLCC, Wood joined Pacific University, where he continued to elevate programs on both the conference and national stages. The Pacific women's cross country team was recognized by the Cross Country Rating Index (XCRI) as the most improved program in the NCAA, while Wood built the university's men's cross country program from its inception, guiding the squad to a fourth-place finish at the prestigious Bronco Invitational. He also coached Jack Weber to the 2026 MPSF Indoor Mile Championship, further demonstrating his ability to develop championship-caliber student-athletes at every level.

Head Coach Isaac Wood said, "I am honored to join Southern Utah University and build upon the incredible legacy that Coach Houle established," Wood said. "Southern Utah has long been recognized as one of the premier distance-running and track & field programs in the West. The tradition of excellence, the support for student-athletes, and the passion of the T-Bird Nation make this a truly special opportunity. My family and I are excited to become part of the SUU family."

Before his success at SLCC, Wood gained valuable experience with nationally prominent NCAA programs. He served as Director of Operations for BYU Track & Field from 2016-20, helping support a program that included the 2019 NCAA Men's Cross Country National Championship team. During his tenure, both the men's and women's programs consistently ranked among the nation's elite, including a runner-up finish by the women's cross country team in 2019.

Wood also held coaching roles at Weber State, where he helped develop All-American distance runners Jamie Stokes and Mike Hardy, and Florida State, where he served as a graduate assistant. His collegiate coaching career began at BYU as a team

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Beyond collegiate athletics, Wood is widely respected throughout the running community as Executive Director of the Run Elite Program, Utah's first professional running organization. In that role, he has continued to mentor and coach elite post-collegiate athletes while helping grow the sport throughout the region. Among the professional athletes he has coached is Ethan Shuley, who recorded the seventh-fastest marathon in American history with a 2:07:14 at the Osaka Marathon. Wood's success at the professional level further reflects his ability to develop athletes from the collegiate ranks through the highest levels of competition.

Wood's commitment to service has also extended beyond athletics. He has volunteered as a coach within the Utah State Prison system, using running and mentorship to positively impact inmates. His efforts have been featured in national media, including The Washington Post and Sports Illustrated.

A native of North Salt Lake, Utah, Wood earned his bachelor's degree in history from BYU in 2013. He speaks six languages—English, Cambodian, Hmong, Lao, Thai, and Spanish—and comes from a family deeply rooted in track and field. His father, Bob Wood, was a prominent figure in the track and field community and worked extensively with USA Track & Field, while his brother, Sam, spent two decades as the head coach at Woods Cross High School, leading the Wildcats to back-to-back Utah state championships.

Wood and his wife, Elise, have a son, Beckert, and a daughter, Charlotte.

As head coach, Wood will oversee all aspects of Southern Utah's men's and women's track & field and cross country programs as the Thunderbirds continue their proud tradition of conference championships, national qualifiers, and academic excellence.

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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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