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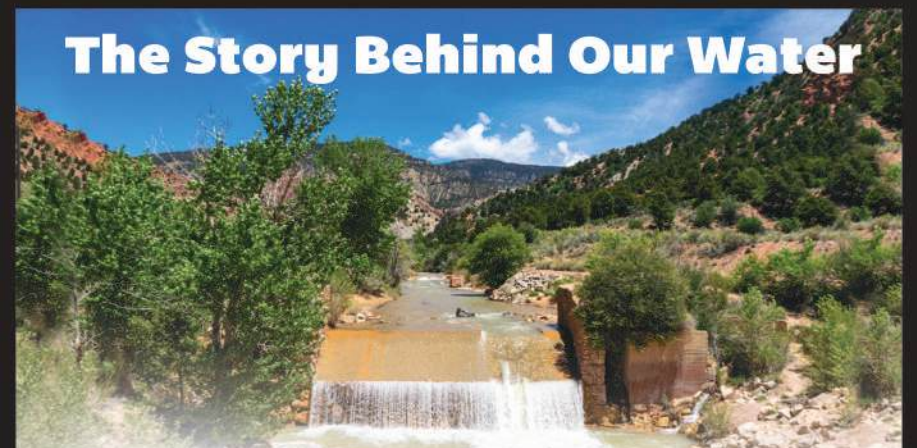
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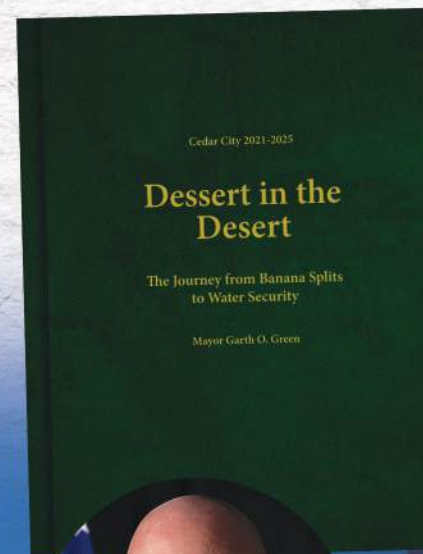


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STORY IN LIFE

Want the chance to hunt big game this fall? Remaining 2026 deer, elk permits to be sold beginning July 7

by Faith Jolley

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

If you didn't draw a buck deer or bull elk permit during the hunt drawing earlier this year — and you're still interested in hunting deer or elk this fall — your last chance to obtain a big game permit begins next week.

The permits are first come, first served, and you must have a valid hunting or combination license to purchase a permit.

"If you happened to miss the big game drawing or were unsuccessful, this is

your last opportunity for a chance to hunt big game in Utah this fall," Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Administrative Services Section Assistant Chief Lindy Varney said. "Don't forget that you can mentor a youth during these hunts, making it a great opportunity to pass on your love of the outdoors to the next generation."

The sales dates for the permits can be found on the DWR website, and are as follows:

Elk permits

- **General-season archery elk permits** will be available

beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. The general-season archery elk permits are unlimited.

- **Youth general-season elk permits** will be available beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. Youth permits allow any youth — 17 years old or younger on July 31 — to hunt all of the general-season elk hunts, including archery, muzzleloader and both of the any-legal-weapon seasons in the state's spike and any-bull hunting units. The hunter just needs to use the applicable weapon and harvest the applicable animal for that hunting unit.



These permits are not valid on limited-entry elk units. These permits are unlimited and will be available for purchase from July 7 until the last day of the last general-season elk hunt.

- One **limited-entry archery bull elk permit** will be available beginning at 8 a.m. on July 7. It is for the Cache, Meadowville hunting unit.
- **General-season any-bull elk permits** — for adults — will be available beginning at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 9. The general-season rifle bull elk hunt is split into

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BIG GAME

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two seasons:

- The early-season hunt will be held Oct. 3-9 and offers 15,000 permits. (The youth permits do not come out of that total and are unlimited.)
- The late-season hunt will be held Oct. 10-16 and has an unlimited number of permits.
- The general muzzleloader hunt will be held Oct. 28 to Nov. 5 and is part of the 15,000 permit total for the general-season any legal weapon bull elk hunt. There are no longer multiseason permits available for the any-bull elk hunts.
- **General-season spike bull elk permits** will be available beginning at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 16 for the any-legal-weapon, muzzleloader and multi-season spike bull elk hunts. There are a combined 15,000 permits available, with a cap of 4,500 on the spike bull elk multiseason permits.

Deer permits

- **The general-season buck deer permits** that remain after the big game drawing will be available beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. There are a total of 3,568 archery, muzzleloader and restricted muzzleloader and early any legal weapon permits remaining.
- **Youth general-season archery deer permits** will also become available at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. These permits are not left over from any type of drawing — they are set aside specifically for youth hunters each year. You can find the total number of permits available and the applicable units listed on the DWR website.
- **The limited-entry buck deer permits** that remain after the big game drawing will also be available beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. There are a total of 14 permits remaining.

Bison permits

- **Over-the-counter bison permits** will be available beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. These bison permits for the Nine Mile hunting unit are unlimited. (You must complete an online orientation course before you can purchase one of the bison permits.) The season runs from Aug. 1 to Jan. 31, 2027.

You can get more details about the permits (including

which hunting units they are for and how many are available for each unit) on the DWR website. While the web page isn't actively updated after the permits go on sale, you can see the total remaining number of permits prior to the start of the sales days.

How do I buy one of these permits?

People interested in buying a permit can purchase it online, at a DWR office or from any available license agent. However, because these permits go on sale beginning at 8 a.m., be sure to check the hours of your nearest available agent before traveling there. You can find all the license agents on the DWR website.

There will also be a virtual waiting room for those buying online, to better manage the pressure of the high volume of people wanting to buy permits. If a customer refreshes or navigates away from the queue page, they may lose their spot in line and have to start over.

Make sure to familiarize yourself with the 2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook and the Utah Hunt Planner before you start scouting and planning your hunt for the fall.

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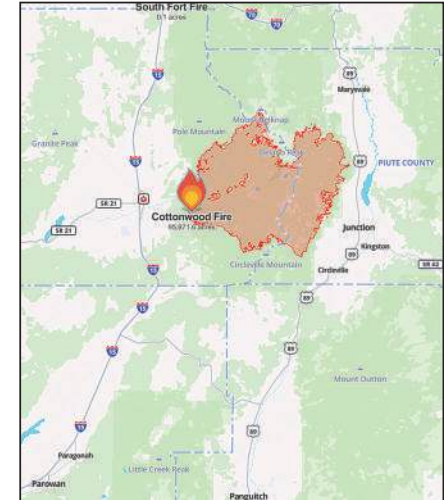
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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

A STRONG HEAT DOME WILL BUILD OVER UTAH THROUGH THE UPCOMING WEEKEND. THIS WILL BRING DAYTIME HIGH TEMPERATURES INTO THE LOWER 100S FOR MOST OF US. THE PROLONGED DAILY HEAT AND LITTLE RECOVERY OVERNIGHT WILL CREATE DANGEROUS HEALTH RISKS FOR THOSE SENSITIVE TO THE HEAT.

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opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



**BECKA
DIMICK**
COPY EDITOR

The internet has informed me that, now that the Fourth of July is over, it's officially Halloween season.

I reject that idea.

Summer isn't even close to finished. My garden hasn't produced a single thing to harvest yet, though if all goes according to plan, that first basket of vegetables is only a few weeks away. The evenings are still long enough to linger

on the patio with a glass of wine, cook dinner with the backdoor open, play one more round of Phase 10, or let the music keep playing long after the sun starts to sink.

Summer doesn't have a finish line the way other seasons do. Christmas arrives on December 25. Thanksgiving comes and goes in a single day. The Fourth of July is a clear marker on the calendar, but after that, summer is in a bit of a free fall.

Summer slips away so gradually that you almost don't notice. One evening the sun sets just a little earlier. A cool breeze shows up after dark. Before long, you're reaching for a light jacket and wondering where June and July went.

I'm looking forward to cooler temperatures. But I'm not quite ready to trade these long evenings for shorter days. There's something generous about summer light. It gives us permission to slow down a little, to stay outside a little longer, to stretch ordinary moments into memorable ones.

The stores can keep their pumpkins for now. I'll know summer is over when I look up one evening and realize the sun has already disappeared behind the mountains earlier than I expected.

Until then, I think I'll let the garden finish growing.

WORD OF THE WEEK

PHENOLOGY [PHE·NOL·O·GY]

noun

a branch of science dealing with the relations between climate and periodic biological phenomena (such as bird migration or plant flowering)



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What we are watching burn today did not happen by accident. A major part of the blame belongs to decades of federal mismanagement, environmental appeals, lawsuits, and anti-timber policies that helped shut down the sawmills and logging operations that once helped manage our forests. The old news articles prove this was happening years ago.

In 1990, the Deseret News reported that Escalante was one of 10 western towns "facing extinction." The Escalante sawmill had already laid off workers, more layoffs were coming, and most timber being offered by the Forest Service in southern Utah was under appeal by environmental groups.

In 1991, the Escalante sawmill announced a shutdown. Then 55 more workers lost their jobs, and only a skeleton crew remained. That was not just a mill closing. That was a forest-management workforce being dismantled.

Fredonia and the Kaibab mill were hit next. The Deseret News reported that the Fredonia mill had operated

for more than 50 years, had laid off workers, temporarily closed because of lack of timber, and finally sawed its last log in 1995. Another article said Kaibab Forest Products and the Forest Service tied the closure to lack of economical timber, environmental appeals, and the northern goshawk.

Panguitch was hit too. Workers were laid off because of lack of timber. Later, Kaibab Industries in Panguitch, which once employed hundreds in its sawmill and logging operation, was facing permanent closure.

These mills were not just private businesses. They were part of the forest-management system. They supported loggers, truckers, equipment operators, sawmill workers, and families who knew how to work in the woods and remove timber before it became dangerous fuel.

When lawsuits, appeals, species fights, and endless delays choked off the timber supply, the mills died. When the mills died, the logging infrastructure died with them. And when that infrastructure disappeared, we lost the very

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"O, Sunlight! The most precious gold to be found on Earth."

-Roman Payne



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people, equipment, and experience needed to thin forests, remove fuel loads, and keep these lands healthier.

One account I read described grown men coming to the unemployment office in tears, asking how they were supposed to support their loved ones. For many of them, this was their life. It was all they knew.

Now the Forest Service can offer timber sales, but in many areas there are few mills or logging operations left to bid on them. We helped destroy the very industry that could have helped clean up the mess.

And now we are paying for it in smoke, tragic loss of life, evacuations, dead wildlife, damaged watersheds, destroyed property, and forests loaded with fuel.

Groups that made a business model out of appeals, lawsuits, and obstruction should be held responsible for the damage they helped cause. They

claimed they were saving the forests. Instead, they helped create conditions where forests are now burning at catastrophic scale and destroying the very species they claimed to protect.

This is not conservation. This is failure.

We need active forest management again. We need thinning. We need timber sales that actually happen. We need sawmills, loggers, and truckers back in the system. And we need to stop pretending that locking up forests and suing every project into the ground is good for the land.

The sawmills helped manage the forests.

They were driven out.

Now the forests are burning.

And the people who caused this should be held accountable.

Respectfully,

Paul Cozzens

Iron County Commissioner

Man arrested after alleged assault, threats against officers in Cedar City

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man faces multiple felony and misdemeanor charges after police say he became combative during an arrest, spit on two officers, threatened to kill law enforcement and their families, and was later found smoking marijuana inside the Iron County jail.

According to charging documents, Cedar City police responded shortly after 11 p.m. June 23 to a reported assault near 160 W. 200 South. Officers found 29-year-old Christian Delaine Thomson highly intoxicated in the back seat of a vehicle and initially unable to stand without assistance.

Police said Thomson initially provided officers with different names and dates of birth, making it difficult to confirm his identity.

Everyone involved in the incident had been drinking when Thomson allegedly tried to punch another person, the affidavit stated. The other individual responded in self-defense by punching Thomson in the face, ending the altercation. No one at the home wanted to press charges over the fight.

As officers attempted to arrest Thomson for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, he allegedly resisted being handcuffed by pulling his arms away, prompting officers to take him to the ground before securing him.

Police allege Thomson then kicked one officer, spit blood onto another officer's face while claiming he had herpes, and threatened to kill an officer and the officer's family.

Thomson was then placed in a restraint wrap with a spit hood.

Investigators allege he continued attempting to spit and was able to spit on another officer

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Cedar City Council Work Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Opening and America 250 Update

Councilman Phillips reported that Cedar City's 13-day America 250 celebration had reached its halfway point. A time capsule filled with community memorabilia was placed in Main Street Park and will remain sealed for 50 years. He also reminded residents that the Fourth of July fireworks at the airport will be synchronized with music on local radio stations beginning at 10 p.m. Upcoming events include America's Potluck, the Industrial Road Trail ribbon cutting, community pool activities, and a closing symphony performance. Phillips also asked staff to address concerns about late-night lighting at the Cross Hollow Event Center. The city was also recognized as a "Just Served City."

South Mountain Drive Speed Bump

The City Engineer recommended removing the speed bump on South Mountain Drive, saying it does not meet current standards and creates maintenance issues, including damage

to snowplows. Residents urged the council to keep it, citing speeding and neighborhood safety concerns. Police Chief Adams said increased enforcement had resulted in multiple speeding citations. The council discussed possible alternatives, including a radar speed-feedback sign and additional patrols, and voted to place the issue on next week's agenda for a final decision.

Development Deferral Agreement – 2411 West 580 North

Following a public hearing, the council reviewed a proposed development deferral agreement for property at 2411 West 580 North until surrounding road improvements are completed. City officials said similar agreements have been used along the unfinished road corridor. A resident supported the proposal, citing decades of similar deferrals. The item was moved to next week's action agenda.

RAP Tax Allocations – Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended RAP tax funding for several projects, including a pool play structure, aquatic center improvements, Cross Hollow Event Center equipment, Canyon Park development, and war memorial restoration. If Rotary receives a \$200,000 federal grant, the city's

contribution would be redirected to Canyon Park parking lot repairs. The item moves to next week's action agenda.

RAP Tax Allocations – Arts

The Arts Advisory Board recommended RAP tax funding for 23 organizations within the available budget, with modest increases for most groups, limited funding for new applicants, and no funding for the Utah Symphony due to budget constraints. The recommendations were forwarded to the action agenda.

Board Appointments and Flock Safety Contract

The council approved board reappointments on the consent agenda, including replacing Brent Drew with Tyler Omrell. Members also reviewed renewing the city's Flock Safety license-plate reader contract through July 2028 after resolving a billing issue with a \$65,625 credit. Officials addressed privacy safeguards, including audit logs, case-number requirements, and 30-day data retention, and directed staff to finalize payment dates before next week's action meeting.

No-Parking Zones and Traffic Signal – 600 South/1100 West

The council discussed plans for a new traffic signal and left-turn lanes at 600

South and 1100 West. City staff said a traffic study supports the improvements, while residents raised concerns about parking, drainage, and property access. Others supported the project due to growing traffic. Staff will provide comparison diagrams before next week's vote.

Backup Generators for Water Wells

Following a recent power outage, the council discussed adding backup generators to key water wells. Officials estimated six generators would cost about \$2.4 million and reviewed possible funding sources, including bonds, reserve funds, and federal grants. No action was taken.

Parowan City Council Meeting Summary

by Jennelle Zajac
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Public Comments

During the public comments section, Martha Mitchell expressed gratitude to the public works department for their road resurfacing efforts. Jordan Hershey raised concerns about the financial responsibility for trimming trees on city property, suggesting it be added to a future agenda. Mayor

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.

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Halterman acknowledged the suggestion and the complexity of city ordinances regarding trees.

2026 Budget Amendments and Financial Adjustments

City Manager Dan Jessen presented the amendments to the fiscal year 2026 budget. He explained that these amendments are necessary for year-end true-ups and to account for expenses that fall into July and August but need to be allocated to the previous fiscal year. Key adjustments included housekeeping true-ups for depreciation expenses and employee benefit line items, adjustments for the 200 South project grant, and increased expenses in planning and zoning/engineering due to subdivision and development reviews. Significant maintenance events on three wells (300 East, Well Canyon, and Four Bay) also necessitated budget amendments, as did unexpectedly high utility bills for the 300 East Well, potentially due to a malfunctioning VFD (variable frequency drive). Other adjustments covered road repair materials, library HVAC and rental costs, a police truck purchase, and P Hill contribution catch-up. Jessen provided a summary of the amendments, categorizing them as routine year-end adjustments, adjustments for new grants and unforeseen items, and adjustments for large maintenance events.

A public hearing was opened and subsequently closed without public comment. The council then approved the amended budget.

Pool and Recreation Fee Schedule Discussion

The council discussed proposed changes to the fee schedule for the pool and city recreation programs, with input from pool manager Anna Carlson. Discussions revolved around several key areas:

Resident vs. Non-Resident Pricing: Expanding differentiated pricing for pavilion rentals and other fees.

Spectator Fees: Deciding whether to charge spectators who are in the facility but not swimming.

Family Season Passes: Reconsidering the offering of family season passes, a topic previously discussed. Anna Carlson expressed that punch passes are sufficient and a season pass is unnecessary, suggesting that proposed prices for such passes might be too low. She also noted that punch passes can be used across years, unlike previous family passes that were more prone to abuse.

Pavilion Rental Fees: Establishing fees for pavilion rentals, which were designed for private use during the day.

After-Hours Rental Rates: Reviewing whether current rates adequately cover costs for after-hours rentals.

Concession Punch Card: A proposal for a concession punch card to facilitate cashless transactions for children.

Ms. Carlson emphasized the importance of maintaining the pool's financial health to cover equipment replacement and operational costs, and that current revenue generation is robust, exceeding last year's figures. She also pointed out that implemented fees are already in place and accepted by the community, suggesting that significant changes mid-season would be disruptive. The council ultimately voted to keep the current fees status quo for the season and revisit potential adjustments for the 2027 season, specifically two months before opening.

Addressing Speeding Issues

City Manager Dan Jessen presented strategies for addressing speeding on problematic roads, particularly 300 East, which is downhill, wide, and used as a shortcut. The discussion focused on installing "smart speed signs" that provide real-time feedback to drivers.

Smart Speed Signs: These solar-powered signs with radar components have proven effective in modifying driver behavior by offering immediate feedback. The estimated cost for these signs is approximately \$3,600 to \$3,800 each, excluding installation labor.

Cost and Funding: The council acknowledged the cost of these signs and discussed potential avenues for funding, including grants and exploring direct power connections versus solar to reduce retrofitting expenses.

Concerns were also raised about speeding on 400 North and 600 West. Speed bumps were discussed but deemed potentially unsafe due to accident risks. The effectiveness of existing signs on Highway 91 was noted. The city is working with UDOT on traffic studies and potential cost-sharing for speed signs on state-maintained roads. The council agreed to continue monitoring the situation, explore funding for additional signs, and consider a phased approach to implementation.

Community Art Program Update

Steve Decker provided an update on the Parowan Art Program, highlighting its third year of operation and focusing on visual arts. The program averages

13 attendees per session, with the "Third Thursday" program attracting 17 attendees, a third of whom are from out of town. There have been 97 unique attendees and 385 total attendances across programs. The program relies on community sponsors and has received grants, including one from Utah Arts and Humanities. A return on investment of 254% was reported, indicating a strong economic benefit to the community. A variety of visual art programs have been offered, including fantasy watercolor, Christmas acrylics, ceramics, figure drawing, oil painting and abstract painting. The council expressed appreciation for the program's success and its positive impact on the community.

Member Reports

Fire Safety and Evacuation: In light of recent wildfires, particularly the Cottonwood fire, City manager Dan Jessen emphasized the importance of community members having evacuation plans and signing up for emergency notification systems like Everbridge and Yopify. He stressed that while the governor has issued an executive order banning fireworks, legal restrictions primarily focus on designated hazard areas, and cities can still allow permitted shows or designate safe zones. The council decided against a special meeting for this, opting to continue current mitigation efforts, including clearing weeds and directing fireworks to the fairgrounds. NOTE: The morning after this meeting, the Council held an emergency meeting and decided to ban ALL fireworks within Parowan City for the July 4th holiday period with no areas designated for fireworks.

Marathon Event Sale: A group has offered to purchase the city's annual Yankee half-marathon event for \$7,000, with the intention of running it professionally and potentially enhancing tourism. The council agreed to let administration handle the decision.

Cemetery Expansion and Springs Project: Councilmember Burton reported progress on the cemetery expansion and the reclamation of the springs.

Meeks Pond Aeration: Discussions are ongoing with the DWR regarding potential funding and assistance for aerating the Meeks pond to improve water quality and fish health.

Building Inspections: Enoch City will now handle building inspections for Parowan, with permits being processed online via CityInspect software.

Attainable Housing Initiative: Information was shared on the state's attainable housing initiative (SHIP), which aims to create housing more aligned with local wages, though immediate relief for Parowan has not yet been defined.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Patchwork Parkway Update: In 1972, French composer Olivier Messiaen visited Utah. Inspired by Utah's landscapes and birdsongs, Messiaen composed the massive orchestral work "Des canyons aux étoiles." (<https://usuo.org/explore/2022/04/commentary-and-overview-olivier-messiaens-des-canyons-aux-etiles/>) The state of Utah honored Messiaen by naming a mountain after him and establishing a monument that was placed at SR-143 mile marker 11. The monument will be moved from the Lion's Park kiosk.

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

MAN ARRESTED

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through the hood, requiring a second spit hood to be placed over his head.

The suspect was transported to a hospital for medical clearance before being booked into the Iron County Correctional Facility.

Thompson was later found smoking marijuana inside his jail cell with drugs and a lighter he had concealed from police. Court documents do not provide additional information on how he was able to sneak marijuana into the jail.

He was booked on a third-degree felony assault by a prisoner and multiple misdemeanor charges including assault on a police officer and propelling bodily substance contacting face or open wound.

Officers requested Thomson be held without bail, alleging he poses a serious threat to law enforcement and the public and could flee the jurisdiction if released.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Utah House of Representatives



REP. CARL ALBRECHT

UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

America 250: Celebrate Utah's Story at the New Museum of Utah

As we celebrate Independence Day and look ahead to America's 250th Anniversary, we remember what

July 4 marks: the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the belief that our rights do not come from government, but that government exists to protect them. That idea shaped the birth of our nation and remains our responsibility to preserve today.

In Utah, Pioneer Day (July 24th) gives us another opportunity to honor the faith, resilience, and determination of those who helped build the state we proudly call home. This year, Utahns have a new place to reflect on that story. The Museum of Utah is now open at the Capitol Complex, giving families, students, and visitors a place to explore the people, events, cultures, and ideas that shaped our state. The 17,000-square-foot museum is home to 950 items from Utah's 30,000-artifact collection, 21 interactive displays and the Mormon Meteor III, the legendary race car that set land speed records on the Bonneville Salt Flats. The museum is free to the public and open seven days a week.

The Museum of Utah is located in the North Capitol Building at 450 N. State Street in Salt Lake City. I encourage you to visit this summer, bring your family, and take part in the many celebrations and local events happening throughout July as Utah and the nation prepare for America's 250th Anniversary.

Your Voice at the Capitol

Governor Cox has issued a Drought ExThe work of the General Session begins long before January, and June interim meetings gave us another opportunity to study the issues Utah families and communities are facing. Committee work during the Interim is where ideas are debated and refined before they ever become bills. This month, we reviewed agency reports, examined how state programs are performing, and asked questions about what is working, what is not, and where taxpayer dollars can be used more effectively.

Those discussions are essential to policymaking. Whether the issue is public safety, economic development, government efficiency, energy, natural resources, or long-term planning for Utah's communities, the goal is the same: make sure state government is focused, accountable, and delivering real results for the people we serve.

There are no Interim meetings in July, but we will be back at the Capitol on August 18 and 19. I hope to see you there in person, or you can follow along with all committees live at le.utah.gov

Keeping Our Communities Safe

Utah, we need your help. Our firefighters need your help. This has been one of the driest and most volatile fire seasons our state has ever seen. Nearly 400 wildfires have already burned. More acres than all of last year, and 80% have been human-caused, which means many were preventable.

We also mourn the loss of three firefighters who answered the call to protect others and made the ultimate sacrifice on the Fires near the Utah/Colorado Border.

Please follow local fire restrictions and use extreme caution. Visit the Utah Fire Sense website for up-to-date information on fire restrictions, current fire conditions, and prevention tips. Together, we can keep our communities and state safe.

Setting our Students Up for Success

As Representatives, setting our children up for success through quality education is one of our top priorities. That commitment is reflected in the historic policies we have passed over the last several years. As a Legislature, we've increased public education funding by \$1.8 billion over the past five years, raised teacher pay, and invested in key programs that help prepare our students for tomorrow's workforce. Though we've made significant investments to strengthen our education system, the work isn't done. Classroom size is a real issue in our school, especially for our youngest learners. Throughout the Interim, we're exploring ways to give students more individual attention and teachers more support. This is the beginning of a collaborative effort to ensure our students and teachers have the focus and resources they need to thrive not only in our schools, but throughout their lives.

50,000 Acres in Book Cliffs for Public Access, Hunting, and Wildlife

In a historic win for our public lands, Utah has permanently secured public access to more than 50,000 acres of wildlife-rich land in the rugged Book Cliffs roadless area of northern Grand County. This massive acquisition was made possible by a \$50 million allocation from the Legislature and the streamlined land-transfer process established through H.B. 262 (2024). Renamed the Book Cliffs Roadless Wildlife Management Area, this permanently protects world-class hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation for Utahns. By securing these lands now, we are providing a massive boost for our state while ensuring future generations can experience one of our state's most remarkable landscapes. The state also preserved mineral rights and grazing rights for our producers and possible mineral extraction.

The \$50 million used to purchase this land will be put directly into classrooms through Utah's Trust Land Administration. This is a win for recreation and a win for public schools.

Cottonwood Fire Update

This fire in Beaver and Piute Counties has been devastating. Cabins, condos, and the Eagle Point Ski Lodge, timber, cattle, and wildlife have all been lost. As I write this on July 1st at 9:00 p.m. I just came from a public meeting in Junction. Great Basin Team Five who is managing the fire, gave an update. The good news is that the fire is now 20% contained. The bad news is that approximately 150 structures were lost. Approximately 130 structures survived.

Federal forest management policies must improve. We lost 40-50 years of active timber management. This cannot go on. Significant change to the way our forests are managed must be enacted.

Enjoy July 4th and 24th celebrations with your families. Please be safe. May God bless Utah and the United States of America.

It's an honor to serve you.

Representative Carl Albrecht

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UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

As we celebrate Independence Day and look ahead to America's 250th anniversary, I find myself reflecting on the very purpose of our government: to protect the God-given rights that shape our nation. Here in Utah, Pioneer Day gives us another beautiful opportunity to honor the faith, resilience, and sheer determination of those who built the state we proudly call home.

This summer, I encourage you and your family to visit a brand-new space dedicated to that legacy. The new Museum of Utah is now open on the Capitol Complex (located in the North Capitol Building at 450 N. State Street in Salt Lake City). It is completely free to the public and open seven days a week. The 17,000-square-foot space features 950 incredible items from our state's collection, 21 interactive displays, and even the legendary Mormon Meteor III race car. It's an incredible place to experience Utah's history firsthand.

While we celebrate our past, my work representing you at the Capitol continues. In June, we wrapped up productive interim committee meetings where we debated upcoming policy, reviewed agency reports, and scrutinized how state programs are performing. My goal in these discussions is always the same: to ensure your taxpayer dollars are being used efficiently and that state government remains accountable to the people we serve. We take a break from meetings in July, but we will be back at it on August 18 and 19. I hope to see you there in person, or you can watch our committees live at le.utah.gov.

Investing in our children's future remains one of my absolute top priorities. Over the past five years, the Legislature has historic milestones to show for it—increasing public education funding by \$1.8 billion, raising teacher pay, and investing heavily in workforce preparation. But our work isn't finished. This interim, we are tackling the issue of classroom sizes, especially for our youngest learners, so we can give students more individual attention and give our teachers the support they deserve.

We also just secured a historic win for our public lands and our schools. Using a \$50 million allocation from the Legislature and the streamlined land-transfer process from



REP. REX SHIPP
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 72

H.B. 262, Utah permanently secured public access to more than 50,000 acres of wildlife-rich land in northern Grand County. Renamed the Book Cliffs Roadless Wildlife Management Area, this action guarantees world-class hunting, fishing, and

recreation for generations to come. Even better, the \$50 million used to purchase this land will go directly into Utah classrooms through the Trust Land Administration.

Finally, as we enjoy our beautiful outdoors this summer, I must ask for your help. We are currently facing one of the driest and most volatile fire seasons our state has seen in years. Nearly 400 wildfires have already burned more acres than all of last year, and roughly 80% of them were human-caused and entirely preventable.

Tragically, we recently lost three brave firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect others. Please, honor their memory by practicing extreme caution and strictly following local fire restrictions. You can find up-to-date conditions and prevention tips on the Utah Fire Sense website. Together, we can keep our neighborhoods and our state safe.

It is an honor to serve as your Representative. Please stay safe, enjoy the July festivities with your loved ones, and never hesitate to reach out with your feedback.



REPRESENTATIVE REX SHIPP
House District 71

Woman accused of trying to steal occupied vehicle at Cedar City gas station faces additional jail assault charges

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A woman accused of trying to steal a running vehicle with two people inside at a Cedar City gas station is facing additional felony charges after authorities say she later spit on three deputies.

Alexis Marie Ashley, 38, was arrested June 21 and booked into the Iron County Correctional Facility on eight counts of vehicle burglary and second-degree felony charge of theft of an operable motor vehicle.

Two days later, prosecutors filed three additional third-degree felony counts of assault by a prisoner stemming from an alleged incident inside the jail.

According to charging documents filed in 5th District Court, officers responded around 12:18 p.m. June 21 to the Sunoco gas station after receiving a report of a vehicle burglary in progress.

Police allege Ashley entered a vehicle that had been left running while two people were still inside. After getting into the driver's seat, Ashley allegedly attempted to shift the vehicle from park into reverse.

Before she could drive away, the driver, who had been walking back toward the vehicle, yelled for her to get out. Ashley immediately exited the vehicle.

After her arrest, Ashley was charged with additional felonies stemming from an incident that occurred inside the jail.

According to a second affidavit, deputies and jail medical staff responded June 23 to what appeared to be a medical emergency involving Ashley.

As deputies attempted to provide assistance, Ashley allegedly yelled at them to leave her alone before intentionally spitting on three deputies, striking them in the chest and arm areas.

Ashley later admitted to medical staff, without being questioned, that the seizure had been deliberate and acknowledged it had been "uncalled for and unnecessary," court documents state.

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Invitation to the Parowan Fishing Derby

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Parowan offers something to enjoy nearly every week of the year—from parades and car shows to the huge swap meet and the County Fair. This summer, the city added a brand-new tradition at Meeks Pond on the west end of town: the First Annual Parowan Fishing Derby.

Earlier this year I wrote about the volunteer work revitalizing the Meeks Farmstead, which hosted our Arbor Day celebration and now features a thriving Community Garden. Just north of the farmstead, at 100 North and 400 West, sits Meeks Pond, fed by Parowan Creek and dammed at the northwest corner. The pond was dredged after the 2017 Brian Head fire and recently filled to the brim thanks to the Caballo family, who donated several hours of

their agricultural water. Volunteers continue to breathe new life into the farmstead, helping to restore the park to its former beauty.

On most days you'll find kids, families, and seasoned anglers lining the shore, hoping to hook one of the rainbow trout regularly stocked there. This year, Amber and Aldo Biasi—both employees of Parowan City—decided to give residents one more reason to slow down and enjoy a summer evening. On June 30th, they kicked off the first annual Fishing Derby, which runs through the entire month of July. It's a chance for anyone to cast a line, enjoy the outdoors, and maybe even catch a catfish dinner. Children under 12 generally don't need a permit, but older participants should check with the city regarding requirements for this event.

Thanks to the Division of Wildlife Resources

(DWR), the pond received a fresh load of catfish, about 50 of which were tagged. Anyone who catches a tagged fish during July becomes eligible for a prize. Amber at the City Office reminds participants of one important rule: remove the tag and bring only the tag to City Hall. She made it clear she does not want any stinky fish brought inside.

Aldo Biasi previously organized a successful derby at the Brian Head Pond, and now Parowan gets to enjoy the same fun. I've been driving by Meeks Pond almost daily, chatting with local kids practicing their casting along the shoreline, and they were all eager for the Derby to begin.

The Derby officially started at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30th, with about 60 folks picking their spots along the shoreline. After the opening bell, a DWR ranger

demonstrated fishing basics to the kids in attendance. It's the perfect opportunity for parents to pass along their fishing know-how throughout July. As the old bumper sticker says, "The worst day of fishing is better than any day at work." Early morning and late afternoon may be the best times to fish, but everyone is welcome anytime.

Most of the dozens of prizes will be awarded throughout July, but Amber chose to present two awards on opening day: one for the first fish caught and another for the biggest fish of the day. Check out the photos of those happy recipients.

The city extends its thanks to Ace Hardware, The Gym on Main, and Southern Country Chevron and Bakery for sponsoring prizes and supporting this new community event. And be sure to save the date for next year's Derby.



July Jamboree week back for 29th year

by Rob OBrien

CEDAR CITY ROTARY CLUB

The Cedar City Rotary Club will be holding the 29th annual July Jamboree Car and Street Festival on July 10th and 11th in downtown Cedar City. This will be the largest Jamboree festival in history, with over 20,000 attendees expected. This year will feature many new activities and events including major expansion and further improvements in The Main Street Park. This is due to the ever-increasing popularity of this event with over 75 sponsors, 180 vendors, 350+ collector cars, motorcycles, and trucks. This, along with new entertainers and food and refreshment booths, is allowing us to expand to include two customer convenience locations. These will be in the Park and on Main Street near the crosswalk.

This exciting, family friendly, automotive oriented, street festival event kicks off Friday night July 10th at Tink's NAPA Auto Parts parking lot on 200 North from 5:00-9:30 PM for early registration of the car exhibitors and will include food, music, beer garden, and entertainment, and is open to the public.

Saturday's July 11th events start at 8:00 AM with a kickoff breakfast for the car exhibitors held at Southwest Tech, followed by a "Rod Run" touring these exotic vehicles around our beautiful community for all to see and cheer on. Saturday's main event takes place on Main Street from Center Street, North to 400 North, beginning at 4:00 pm and running until 10:00 pm.

The objective of the Rotary Club and the July Jamboree is to create an excellent, family friendly, community centered event that raises money which is distributed back into the community supporting charitable and humanitarian projects. Some of the benefactors include Canyon Creek Services, Iron County Care and Share, The Happy Factory, Rotary Centennial Veterans Memorial Park, support for local First Responders, Scholarship programs at Southwest Tech and SUU, Main Street

Park electrical system enhancement, and the exciting new water park and ADA playground equipment in Canyon Park West.

All of the funds raised are from the very generous support of our community sponsors and vendors which includes: Tink's Superior Auto Parts, Rally Stop, Cedar City Motor Company, Faith Noel, The Clique, Center & Main, The Budget Cuts bands, Ensign Engineering, Dixie Leavitt Insurance, SUU, Choice Builders, Les Schwab Tire, Iron Mountain Plumbing, Best Western Plus, Amber Kays, Café Sabor, Rock Island Armory, The Lobby Events, Summit Valley Plumbing, Mountain America Credit Union, BZI, Bradshaw Electric, Triple S Polaris, Cacique Foods, The Iron County Today, D & P Performance, Cedar City Police Dept., Warehouse Bar and Kitchen, Gold Cross Ambulance, Wasatch and Squatters, Rocky Ridge Landscape Material, Cedar Band Travel Plaza, Cedar City Corp., Iron Springs Resort, Southwest Tech, Tri State Motors, State Bank of Southern Utah, Prime Power Sports, Cedar Valley Water Conservancy District, Rainbow Sign and Design, Bunker Septic, Grifols Plasma Center, TekShine, Century Equipment, Town Square Media (KSUB and Cat Country), Discount Tire, Cache Valley Bank, Blvd Home, Chef Alfredo's Ristorante, Watson Engineering, Mike's Tool and Nail, Maverik Cedar City, America First Credit Union, Coca Cola of Southern Utah, KJ's Ice Barn, Tuckers Classic Auto Parts, Rocky Mountain Power, The Pub Spirits + Craft Kitchen, Centro Pizza, Chartway Credit Union, Zion State Storage, Ala Chelle Catering, Groundstone Vault, Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism, and many more.

Please visit our website at www.julyjamboree.com for a complete list of 2026 Sponsors.

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For more information on becoming a member of the Cedar City Rotary Club, email Karen Thelin at cedarcityrotary-club@gmail.com.



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Attorney General Brown Secures More Than 50 Million Eggs and \$3.3 Million After Uncovering Illegal Scheme

from Anna Tibbitts

UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — Three major egg producers who illegally coordinated to drive up egg prices will be held accountable under a settlement announced today [June 30]. Utah joins a bipartisan coalition of states and the U.S. Department of Justice in filing a complaint and proposed final

judgment against Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., Versova Holdings, and Hickman's Family Farms, following a joint federal and state investigation into the scheme.

The complaint alleges that the companies colluded to raise egg prices by submitting coordinated bids to Urner Barry, a market price index, and by sharing competitively sensitive

information.

"Utah families were already stretched thin, and inflated egg prices stretched them further. Now our settlement changes how these companies do business and sends eggs straight to Utah food banks. That's accountability that stops powerful companies that try to cheat the market," said Attorney General Derek Brown.

According to the complaint, the producers submitted bids with the sole intention of artificially raising market prices, while regularly sharing pricing plans and bidding strategies with competitors. This conduct constitutes price fixing and is a per se violation of the Sherman Act.

Under the Proposed Final Judgments, the defendants are prohibited for five years from communicating with competitors about bids, agreeing on prices or supply, or influencing

competitors' bidding, and must submit annual compliance certifications under penalty of perjury. The companies will collectively provide over 53 million eggs and \$3.3 million in monetary recovery to the participating states. Utah consumers will receive approximately 125,000 cartons of eggs and \$93,000 will be paid to the state for antitrust enforcement. Eggs will be distributed through nonprofit organizations in each participating state. The settlement does not affect any ongoing class action lawsuits brought on behalf of egg consumers.

Joining Attorney General Brown and DOJ in securing this settlement are the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.



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Cottonwood Fire Update – July 6, 2026

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cottonwood Fire near Beaver has grown to 95,807 acres and is now 47% contained, according to the latest update from Utah Fire Info. The fire started June 22, and its cause remains under investigation.

More than 1,280 firefighters continue strengthening containment lines and extinguishing hot spots, using aircraft and infrared technology to locate fires in remote terrain. However, dry conditions and the threat of lightning and strong winds could increase fire activity in the coming days.

The fire has destroyed more than 150 structures, prompted evacuations in Eagle Point, Merchant Valley, and nearby areas, and has cost more than \$20 million to fight. The cause remains under investigation.

State Route 153 and parts of the Fishlake National Forest remain closed, and Stage 2 fire restrictions are still in effect. Fire officials will host a community update meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Beaver High School.



by *Regan Hunsaker*

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

On any given game day at Southern Utah University, long before kickoff, tipoff, or the first routine begins, you'll find familiar faces making their way through the gates.

They've watched championship teams celebrate on the biggest stages. They've endured heartbreaking losses. They've welcomed generations of student-athletes, coaches, and administrators to Cedar City, only to cheer

ticket holders Joe and Jean Lopour, Ricky and Shauna Mendini, and June Sewing, supporting the Thunderbirds has never been about wins and losses alone.

It's about people.

It's about community.

And it's about believing in what college athletics can do for young men and women.

As Southern Utah begins a new era with its return to the Big Sky Conference, and gymnastics embarks

the next generation just as loudly.

For longtime season

More Than a Ticket: The Fans Who Help Build Thunderbirds Athletics

on its own journey in the Pac-12, it also celebrates the fans who have been there through every chapter.

Decades of Dedication

Joe Lopour's Thunderbird story began in 1972 when he arrived on campus as an assistant football coach and head wrestling coach. Along the way, he wore countless hats, helping wherever he was needed during the early days of Southern Utah athletics.

"We didn't have a trainer," Joe recalled with a laugh. "I did the training, drove the bus, announced gymnastics. I was kind of a jack-of-all-trades and a master of none."

Jean joined the university in 1990 as a professor in Health and Physical Education, and together they've spent

decades investing in students both inside and outside the classroom.

For Ricky and Shauna Mendini, Southern Utah has never simply been a place to watch games. It's been a place to serve. Ricky, who was inducted into the Southern Utah Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018 for his contributions to Thunderbirds Athletics as a trainer, has spent more than three decades championing the university. Shauna has likewise devoted years of service to Southern Utah, including time as the university's interim provost. Together, their relationship with Thunderbirds Athletics stretches back more than 30 years.

"After 33 years of following the Thunderbirds," Ricky said, "we just

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enjoy the Thunderbirds regardless of wins or losses and hope our support is contributing in some way."

June Sewing's journey dates back to the late 1980s. Since retiring, attending Thunderbirds games has become a much bigger part of her life.

"It's just what I do," she said. "I look forward to it. Since I've retired, it's really given me something to do that I really enjoy."

More Than the Scoreboard

Ask each of them why college athletics matters, and none of them starts with championships.

Instead, they talk about growth.

They talk about education.

They talk about preparing students for life.

"I think it helps them in so many ways," Jean said. "They learn to win and lose. They have to be incredibly self-disciplined. They learn teamwork, how to follow directions, how to multitask. It's a wonderful training ground for the rest of their lives."

The Mendinis echoed those same thoughts.

"There's a lot you learn through athletics," Ricky

said. "Competition, teamwork, learning to pick yourself back up when things don't go right. Those are life skills."

Shauna, who recently served as the Interim Provost for Southern Utah, pointed to another statistic that often goes unnoticed.

"Our student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than our regular student body," she said. "The commitment they have academically while balancing travel and competition is inspiring."

For these longtime supporters, success isn't measured solely by conference championships.

It's measured by the graduates who leave Cedar City prepared for whatever comes next.

Memories That Last Forever

After decades in the stands, choosing one favorite memory isn't easy.

For Shauna Mendini, one moment immediately came to mind.

Southern Utah's historic gymnastics victory over UCLA.

While the upset itself was unforgettable, what stayed with her most wasn't the final score.

It was the words from UCLA's legendary head coach afterward.

Rather than focusing on the loss, the visiting coach praised the atmosphere inside the America First Event Center, calling it everything that makes college athletics special, a community rallying around its student-athletes.

"It was pretty thrilling," Shauna said.

Ricky's list of memories could have filled an afternoon.

The women's cross country team capturing a Big Sky Championship over nationally respected Northern Arizona.

Softball winning in the NCAA Tournament.

Football championships.

Basketball postseason runs.

"They deserved it," he said. "That's what makes those moments stand out."

Joe's memories stretch even farther back, having watched the athletic department evolve from a much smaller operation into one competing on some of

the biggest stages in collegiate athletics.

The Heart of Thunderbirds Athletics

For all three families, what keeps them returning year after year isn't simply the competition.

It's the relationships.

Jean spoke passionately about supporting coaches like Scott Bauman and watching student-athletes develop both on the competition floor and in the classroom.

She remembers hearing Bauman describe the type of athlete he wanted to recruit, not necessarily the most naturally gifted, but those willing to out-work everyone else while succeeding academically.

Those are the kinds of stories she continues to come back for.

The Mendinis see athletics as something that strengthens the entire Cedar City community.

"The friends you make through athletics carry over into the community," Ricky said. "You get to know people who support the university and support Cedar City. It becomes much bigger than just the games."

For June, the answer is much simpler.

It's the people.

"The people," she said. "Both the fans and the players."

Sometimes the simplest answer says the most.

Looking Forward Together

With Southern Utah officially returning to the Big Sky Conference this week, each fan sees exciting days ahead.

For Joe and Jean, the move means familiar opponents, stronger rivalries, and opportunities to see outstanding competition across every sport.

"It will be well worth their money," Jean said of prospective season ticket holders. "They'll have an amazing time watching the athletes, the coaches, the enthusiasm from the students, and seeing alumni come back. It's heartwarming."

The Mendinis believe the regional rivalries will help reignite the excitement surrounding Thunderbirds Athletics.

"People are drawn to familiarity," Shauna said. "Now we're playing teams people know."



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A Poetry Soulstice

by Danielle Beazer Dubrasky

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Tragedies
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when the arts
struggle for
validation,
advocacy, and
funding, why would

anyone devote decades to reading, writing, or teaching poetry? The medium poets use is words—those intangible lenses that shape our perceptions. When we tell frustrated toddlers, “Use your words,” we are actually training them to become poets. Because that is what poets do—we use our words from our inner worlds to create a linguistic work of art, often inspired by the exterior world.

I teach poetry, and the first assignment I give is a “Cyclical Haiku.” Students write a series of haikus, one each day at set times: dawn, mid-morning, noon, afternoon, twilight. I did have one student protest, “But I’ve never seen the dawn.” To dispel any ideas that haikus are trite or limited to only a 5-7-5 syllable count, we study *The Essential Haiku: Versions of Basho, Buson, and Issa*, translations of ancient Japanese haiku by Robert Hass. The haiku distills observations of the natural

world to only three lines that describe an image, with a “turn” in the third line. This technique shows up in these examples from the poet Issa: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/50983/selected-haiku-by-issa>.

Two of my favorites:

*The snow is melting
and the village is flooded
with children.*

*Mosquito at my ear—
does he think
I’m deaf?*

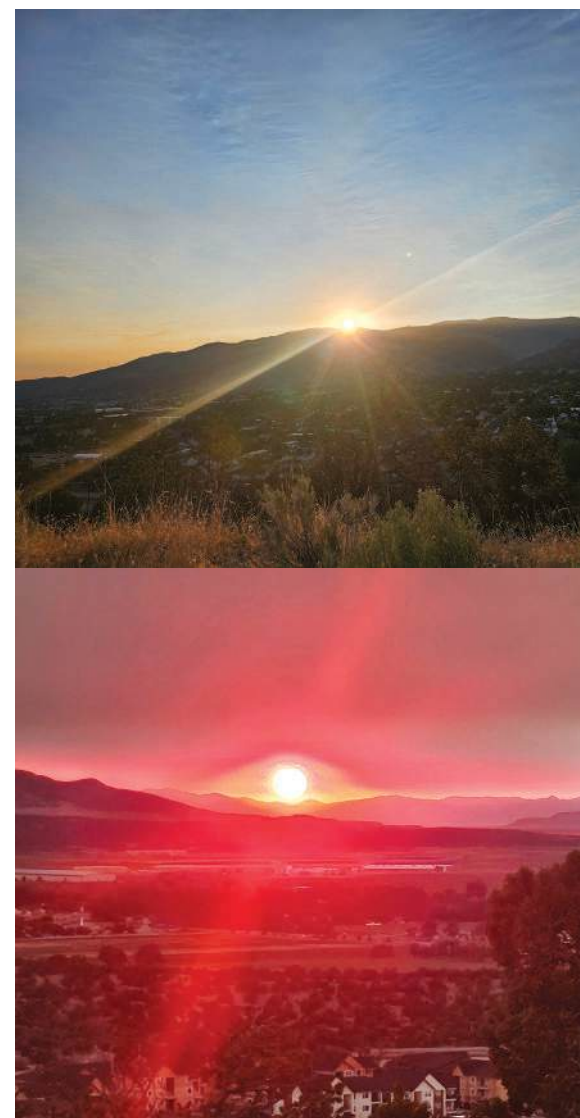
Full confession: I have written many poems, but not my own assignment in a long time. I struggle with insomnia and, like my student, I rarely see the dawn. But last week of summer solstice was different. On June 21 I awoke at 5:30 and drove up to Leigh Hill to watch the sun emerge from behind Cedar Mountain. Its glow rose in a crevice between two peaks—my own Stonehenge—and gradually spread over the neatly platted roads, leafy trees, church steeples and sleeping houses of Cedar City. I took amateur photos on my phone at intervals. One image captured two rays balanced across the town, just as the day and night are balanced at the solstice moment. I didn’t write a poem but found one by poet Tess

Taylor, called “Solstice” with the line: “Our grove slips past the sun’s long kiss.” <https://poets.org/poem/solstice-0>

Next evening, the sun radiated as a deep red sphere in the western mountain range through smoke from the first days of the Cottonwood Fire. I again took a picture. The sun burned, a molten eye beneath a clouded lid with three forged lashes—its own haiku.

Both pictures remind me to pay attention to stunning natural phenomena, though I didn’t know the smoke dramatizing the sunset would portend such a catastrophic fire. Spending an hour each day watching the emergence or recession of sunlight wasn’t very efficient. But poets are used to different perspectives of time. When words show up to describe resonant moments, we stop, listen, write them down, read them, change them, listen again, and write—again, and read—again. Then listen—again. It may take years for the poem to be finished. When you read a poem, you are reading the diamond of the poet’s imagination—and that is priceless.

Danielle Beazer Dubrasky is the author of *Drift Migration* and teaches poetry writing at Southern Utah University



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Ricky added that rivalries create an energy that benefits everyone.

“They get the athletes fired up, the coaches fired up, the fans fired up,” he said.

June sees the move as another step forward.

“It’s easier to go to games,” she said. “It just seems to be a step up.”

A Legacy That Can’t Be Measured

Season tickets are often viewed as reserved seats inside a stadium or arena.

For Southern Utah’s longtime supporters, they’ve become something much more.

They’ve become friendships.

Traditions.

Shared memories between generations.

They’ve been there through conference championships, NCAA Tournament appearances, national rankings, coaching changes, and now another new chapter in Thunderbirds history.

As Southern Utah begins its return to the Big Sky Conference, the Thunderbirds won’t be making the journey alone.

They’ll do it with generations of loyal fans still cheering from the same seats they’ve occupied for decades, proving that while players graduate and coaches change, the heartbeat of Thunderbirds Athletics has always been the people who proudly wear red every season.

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Cedar City Mayor Steve Nelson



Tyler Allred

ceremony at Cedar Main Street Park in Cedar City, Utah. Held at noon, the event marked a meaningful moment in the county's semiquincentennial celebration as local artifacts and mementos were carefully placed into a time capsule that will remain sealed until July 2076, when it will be opened to commemorate the nation's tricentennial.

The ceremony was one of many highlights during Iron County's 13-day Stars and Stripes Forever Festival, held from June 26 through July 9. The countywide celebration brought residents and visitors together through lectures, historical presentations, patriotic film nights, family activities, and a memorable evening performance by the Utah Symphony under the stars.

For organizers, the time capsule represented far more than a collection of objects. It became a lasting gift to future generations—a snapshot of life in Iron County during America's 250th

LEGACY OF FREEDOM TIME CAPSULE

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

birthday celebration.

Reflecting on the significance of the project, America 250 Celebration Chair Scott Phillips shared:

"The Legacy of Freedom Time Capsule was a very special part of Iron County's America 250 celebration. It gave our residents the opportunity to preserve a glimpse of life in 2026 for future generations. When the capsule is opened in July 2076, fifty years from now, I hope the people of our great county will not only see what we left behind but also feel the enduring spirit of freedom, democracy, and self-government that we cherish today."

Phillips also expressed his gratitude for the remarkable community support that made the project possible.

"I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the many businesses, organizations, and nonprofit groups throughout Iron County that contributed to our time capsule. It truly became a community effort. To the young people who may one day read this, I hope you'll be there in 2076 to discover the legacy we preserved for you."

The Legacy of Freedom Time Capsule stands as a reminder that history is not only remembered through books and monuments, but also through the everyday lives, hopes, and contributions of ordinary citizens. Fifty years from now, future generations will have the unique opportunity to look back at the people, values, and traditions that helped commemorate America's 250th birthday in Iron County.

Happy 250th Birthday,
America!



Scott Phillips



86 Years of Tradition

Independence Day Parade & Festival

by May Hunter & Burton Nichols

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Lions Club proudly presented the 86th Annual Independence Day Parade and Festival in Cedar City's Main Street Park. This year's inspiring theme, "America 250: 1776 to Today," celebrated our nation's upcoming 250th anniversary while honoring the enduring values of freedom, service, and unity.

Since 1940, this cherished tradition has brought the community together in a vibrant display of patriotism and civic pride. The parade began with an exciting flyover by the SUU Helicopter School, followed by the Civil Air Patrol carrying the colors and the Army National Guard proudly leading the procession.

For 86 years, the Cedar City Independence Day Parade has recognized the brave men and women, as well as the defining moments, that have shaped our nation. This year's theme highlighted the many ways Americans continue to pre-serve and protect liberty, through military service, community leadership, acts of kindness, innovation, and volunteerism.

Being part of the parade is an experience unlike any other. Months of brainstorming, planning, learning from the past, and working together all culminate in one unforgettable event. As with any large undertaking, there are always a few unexpected challenges along the way. Yet,

once the first float crosses the starting line, everything seems to fall beautifully into place. The excitement is contagious as marching bands, sports teams, beautifully decorated floats, and smiling children handing out candy create an atmosphere that can truly be felt by everyone in attendance.

As the parade progressed, the Spirit of '76 entries brought a more reverent and reflective tone, reenacting pivotal moments from America's founding 250 years ago.

Among the many outstanding entries, three consecutive displays created an especially powerful and memorable tribute. First came the enormous American flag, carried by members of the Cedar City Council along with numerous volunteers. Spectators instinctively paused to salute as it passed, creating a moving display of respect and patriotism. Following closely behind, Heartlight Funeral Services presented a solemn tribute featuring a draped casket—a poignant reminder that freedom has come at a tremendous cost and has been secured through the sacrifices of countless Americans. Completing this meaningful sequence were Taylynn Lozano and Amira Carver, riding spirited horses that symbolized strength, hope, and a bright future for our nation.

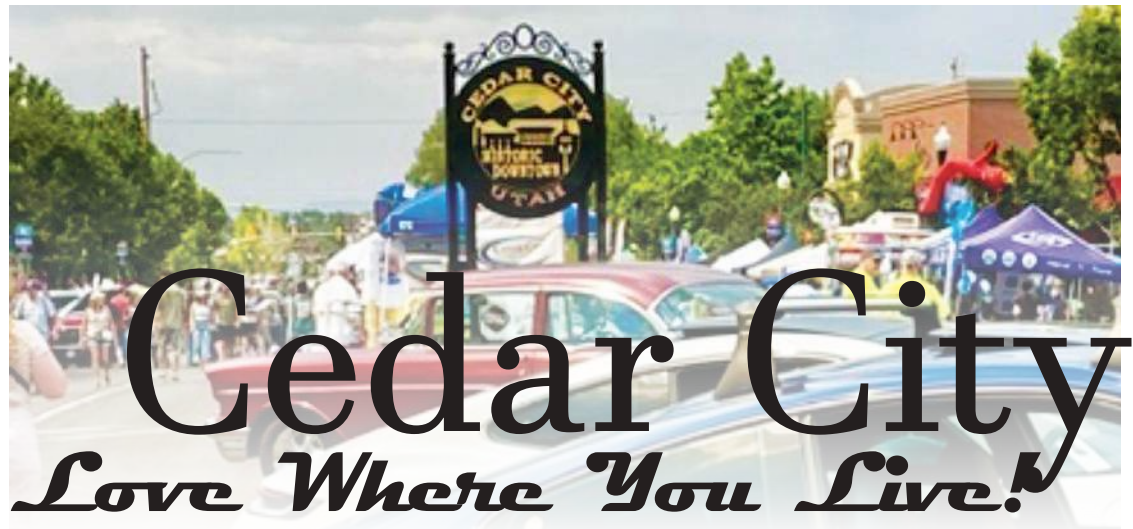
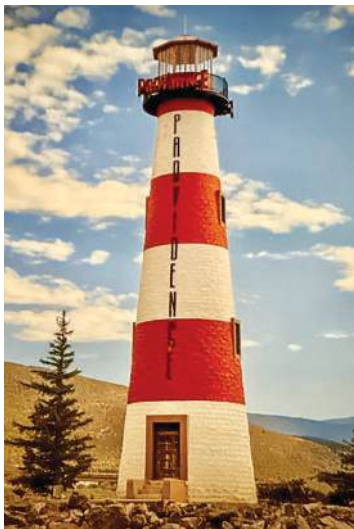
Every parade entry contributed something unique, making this year's celebration both meaningful and memorable.

Following the parade, the festivities continued at Main Street Park with hours of family-friendly fun. Children and adults enjoyed basketball games, fishing for prizes, dart throws, and one of the festival's most popular attractions, the dunk tank. As always, the Cedar City Lions Club served their famous hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings, while local vendors offered a wonderful variety of food, crafts, and activities throughout the park.

The Cedar City Lions Club extends its sincere gratitude to everyone who participated, volunteered, sponsored, and attended this year's celebration. As the club marks 86 years of this beloved tradition, it proudly continues to honor the ideals reflected in this year's theme, "America 250: 1776 to Today," celebrating the past while strengthening the bonds that unite our community today and for generations to come.

"Let's honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future."

— Cedar City Lions Club



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Nestled at 5,850 feet above sea level, Cedar City is the largest city in Iron County and a community rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. Founded in 1851 during the region's iron mining boom, Cedar City earned its name from the abundant juniper trees that early settlers mistakenly called cedars. Since its founding, the city's residents have

demonstrated resilience, determination, and a strong sense of community, creating the close-knit hometown atmosphere that still defines Cedar City today.

One of the city's most treasured historic landmarks is the Cedar City Railroad Depot. Built in 1923 by the Union Pacific Railroad and closed in 1959, the depot remains the only structure that documents much of Cedar City's early growth. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and continues to serve as a reminder of the city's rich heritage.

Known as "Festival City, USA," Cedar City offers an impressive blend of world-class arts and outdoor recreation. Located near several of southern Utah's most breathtaking landscapes, including the Mighty Five national parks, the city hosts year-round festivals, concerts, parades, sporting events, and community celebrations. From free live music and bike races to the beloved annual Sheep Parade, there is always something happening in Cedar City.

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy miles of paved walking and biking trails, mountain biking routes, and off-highway vehicle adventures that connect

residents and visitors to the area's stunning scenery. History lovers can step back in time at Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, where the pioneer and industrial history of southern Utah comes alive.

Historic Downtown Cedar City offers charming local shops, unique dining experiences, and Southern Utah's only winery. Nearly every building tells a story, preserving the character and heritage of the community. Nearby, the Rotary Centennial Veterans Memorial Park honors local veterans with impressive monuments dedicated to those who served in World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Art and culture thrive throughout the city. The Southern Utah Museum of Art showcases rotating regional and national exhibits alongside its permanent collection, while the Utah Shakespeare Festival, a Tony Award-winning theater experience, attracts visitors from around the world each summer and fall. Since its first season in 1962, the festival has celebrated the timeless works of Shakespeare while offering musicals, dramas, and the popular free nightly Green Show.

Sports and recreation also play a major

role in Cedar City's identity. Cedar Ridge Golf Course offers challenging play and spectacular views, while the Utah Summer Games brings thousands of athletes, volunteers, and spectators to Southern Utah University each year. Founded in 1897, Southern Utah University remains a cornerstone of the community, providing educational opportunities, athletic events, concerts, and cultural enrichment.

One of Cedar City's most recognizable landmarks is the Providence Center Lighthouse. Standing 88 feet tall, it became a local icon when it was constructed in 2000. While many stories and legends surround its origins, the lighthouse has become a beloved symbol of the community. As plans move forward for freeway improvements, efforts have been made to preserve its legacy, including a recent repainting project completed by local businesses before its anticipated relocation or demolition.

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WED, JULY 8

JOHNSON ARTS CENTER: SUMMER CONCERT

SERIES (7PM) Carvin Jones "The King of Strings" is held at 7:00 pm at the Johnson Center for the Arts outdoor stage (59 N 100 W, Cedar City). Tickets are \$35 and are available ONLINE.

THURS, JULY 9

IMPAC: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (7PM)

Dates 7/9, 7/10, 7/11, 7/12 Adult Cast Performance: Little Shop of Horrors evening performance at 7:00 pm and a special matinee on Saturday at 1 pm in the IMPAC Studio (389 N 100 W, Ste 7, Cedar City). Tickets are \$20 and are available on im-pac.com. Based on the Film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith.

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.

PAROWAN: JULY CONCERT SERIES (8PM) IN

the Parowan City Park (Main St & Center, Parowan), admission is FREE and open to everyone. Bring a chair or blanket, and don't forget your family and friends for a free concert in the park every Friday in July. For more information, call (435) 559-4504.

JULY JAMBOREE A SPECIAL KICK-OFF PARTY

will take place at T Tink's NAPA Auto Parts parking lot on 200 North from 5:00-9:30 PM for early registration of the car exhibitors and will include food, music, beer garden, and entertainment, and is open to the public.

SAT, JULY 11

JULY JAMBOREE CAR SHOW IS HELD FROM

4:00 pm - 10:00 pm in Historic Downtown Cedar City (University Blvd to 400 N, Cedar City), admission is FREE. Featuring vendors from the community, a beer garden, great food, a bouncy house, and beautiful classic cars. It's an unforgettable event for the whole family, with activities for all ages, and it's free to the public. For information, visit www.julyjamboree.com.

MON, JULY 13

ALICE IN WONDERLAND TEA PARTY

(6-8PM) Festival City Ballet: Alice in Wonderland Tea Party - Fundraiser held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Park Discovery - Large Pavilion (2077 W Royal Hunter Dr, Cedar City). Space is limited, register and get tickets online. Tickets are \$25. Enjoy treats, dancing, and a wonderland costume contest!

WED, JULY 15

UTAH MIDSUMMER RENAISSANCE FAIRE

(11AM - 9PM) July 44th Annual Utah

Midsummer Renaissance Faire is held from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm Wednesday to Friday and 10:00 am - 8:00 pm on Saturday in the Cedar City Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is Free. Come and enjoy some fun in the sun and watch some great entertainment, enjoy great food, vendors, and rides. Come and enjoy 4 fun-filled days at this year's Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire. For more information, visit umrf.net or call Rick at 435-531-9368, Cathy at 435-233-5862, or Ralph at 435-559-5676.

SUMA: HOT DOG DAY (11AM - 4PM) AT

Southern Utah Museum of Art - SUMA (13 S 300 W, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Join us at Southern Utah Museum of Art for Hot Dog Day 2026, a playful celebration of art, community, and everyone's favorite summer snack! Hands-on art activities for all ages, plus delicious hot dogs for the first 150 people. Explore hot dog-themed art and take part in the festivities. Bring your friends, family, and a sense of fun for a day filled with art-making, laughter, and community celebrations at SUMA

THURS, JULY 16

TOTAL ARCHERY CHALLENGE (7AM) JOIN

Brian Head Resort as they host this nationally recognized 3D archery event from Thursday to Sunday. Join for the greatest outdoor 3D archery experience in the nation! Jack Links Total Archery Challenge (TAC) is coming to Brian Head for four days of family-friendly mountain fun. Featuring six mountain courses and more than 100 3D wildlife targets designed for archers of all skill levels. The weekend also includes a vendor village, food and drinks, family-friendly activities, evening

FRI, JULY 31

NATIVE GOODS MARKETPLACE (10AM-2PM)

where you can buy goods, food and handmade items, at the Utah Paiute Tribal Housing Authority Parking lot located at 565 N 100 E.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE COURTYARDS AT

SHURTZ CANYON (3-7PM) Choice Builders and The Courtyards at Shurtz Canyon, celebrate the completion of our new Community Clubhouse and Model Home, The Promenade. We're excited to share these beautiful new spaces with the people who have helped make this community possible. We hope you'll join us for a tour, refreshments, and the opportunity to celebrate together. Families and children are welcome! Please RSVP by replying to Jen@choicebuildersgroup.com or by calling 435-773-8996.

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on our calendar?*

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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 • Wednesday July 22nd at the Pavilion at Ridge Park in Cedar City. ironcountykiwanis-club@gmail.com

Lion's Club

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

Marine Corps League

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

Rotary Club

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon**Steps and Traditions** • M – Su, 7 am**Red Road to Sobriety** • Mon, 6 pm Paiute Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307**Misfits** • M – F, 6 pm**Cedar Group** • Tues, 8 pm**The Great Fact** • T, F, Noon. True Life Center 2111 N. Main. (702) 802-1332 or (702) 533-7856**Red Creek Group** • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925**Uncommon Sense** • Sat, 10:00 am**My Story** • Sat, 8 pm**Thank God Sunday Spiritual** • Sun, 11 am**What a Way to Start the Day** • Su, W, F 7-8 am • All are welcome**Al-Anon**

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

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

Thurs, 6 pm • (925) 508-9058

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

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

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

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Holding Out HELP

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/925451652789177/?ref=share&mbextid=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 Universalists

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

Cedar Professionals

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

Cedar Radio Control Club

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

Cedar City Community Band

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

Explorer Bible Club

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

International Folk Dancing

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

Iron County Moms For America

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

Labyrinth Walk

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

Local Cub Scout Pack (K–5th).

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

Parowan Pickleball

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

PB&J Therapy Groups

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

College: forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7

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) 327-2091 (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.

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Community spirit shines brightly through organizations such as the Happy Factory, an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to bringing joy to children around the world by crafting and distributing handmade wooden toys. Since its founding in 1998, the organization has impacted countless lives through its mission of service and generosity.

Throughout the year, Cedar City celebrates its heritage with events such as the July Jamboree Car Show, the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival, and numerous parades, including the Fourth of July Parade, Pioneer Parade, Labor Day Parade, and Christmas Light Parade. These events bring residents and visitors together while showcasing the welcoming spirit that makes Cedar City special.

Surrounded by red rock landscapes, alpine mountains, and clear blue skies, Cedar City offers breathtaking views in every direction. With a population of just over 41,000 residents, it maintains the warmth and friendliness of a small town while providing the amenities and opportunities of a growing community.

The combination of stunning outdoor recreation, vibrant arts and culture, rich history, and strong community values makes Cedar City more than just a place to visit—it is truly a wonderful place to call home.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

In Cedar City, there is always something to explore, experience, and enjoy. It's easy to see why so many people proudly say they love where they live.

obituaries

Nelda Nadean Everroad



Nelda Nadean Everroad passed away peacefully on June 26th, 2026 to be reunited with our Lord and Savior, and family members who passed before her. Nadean was born March 6th, 1937 to Grace and Alexander Thomas in Phoenix, Arizona.

She was their 8th child of 9. Having such a large family during tough times, our mom witnessed her parents who didn't have much, but was always willing to give to anyone in need. Mom never spoke ill of her mom or dad and upheld such a loving respect for them. All growing up, all Nadean wanted in life was to be married and have a family of her own. Nadean dated and later married our father Claude Belcher Markham at the age of 16. When our father asked grandpa Alex for her hand in marriage, our grandpa Alex said, “NO.” So our father went hunting. Two weeks later when our grandmother saw our father, she asked, “Where have you been, don't we have a wedding to plan for?” Dad said, “Well, Alex said ‘NO,’” to which our grandma replied, “Well, Alex is not the only one who can make decisions around here.” Within 2 weeks, wedding invitations were made and delivered with the help of mom's sister Sylvia. Grandma Grace made our mother's dress, wedding cake and the wedding took place in our grandma & grandpa's backyard on November 21, 1953.

Four years later their first born arrived; Claude Belcher Jr. (Butch), to be followed by Steven Ray, followed by Sharon Diann and the last child was Linda Renee. Their marriage ended after 19 years.

A few years later, our grandpa Alex was in the hospital and shared a room with Oliver Richard Everroad Sr. When our mom would visit her dad Alex, Richard Sr's son Richard Jr. (Dick) would visit his dad. Mom & Dick dated and later married on March 14, 1975, even after grandpa Alex told mom - do not marry him!! With this marriage, our family grew with a little brother Oliver R. Everroad III (Rick). A couple years later our family grew once more with our baby sister Catherine Dawn.

Mom was widowed after 19 years when Dick lost his battle to cancer. Mom was having some health issues and was told to move out of Arizona. This is when she moved to Utah for better health. After 1 year in Utah she was able to buy her home in Enoch. She was so proud of this huge accomplishment to purchase a home on her own.

Mom worked outside of the home when we were school age. When single, she worked 3 jobs to support us, 4 kids. While married to Dick, her favorite job was childcare. She LOVED kids and they LOVED her.

Nadean was the last surviving of her generation on both sides of our family. She was reunited with both Alex and Grace, her parents, 1st husband Claude, 2nd husband Dick, all her siblings and our brother Claude Jr.

She is survived by Steven (Wendy), Sharon (Joe), Linda (Tom), Rick (Ashley) Connie and Cathy. She was blessed to have 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren.

Mom, we will miss you dearly, but we will never forget your love, strength, values and courage. The light you shared for 89+ years will stay lit in our hearts. God truly blessed us having you as our mother, grandmother and aunt.

Our faith in the Lord confirms that you are safely in Jesus' arms, and what a reunion you are having with those who passed before you. A graveside service will be held July 9th at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

My family wishes to thank Cornerstone Caregiving & Mission Hospice for the care they gave to our mother.

Heather Jean Kelsey



Heather Jean Kelsey passed away, with her parents by her side, on June 28, 2026 in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Heather was born on March 31, 1988, in Glendale, California, to Jeri Lynn Dickinson Kelsey, and Leonard Gerald Kelsey Jr. She spent her first five years living in Sunland, California before moving to Utah. She lived first in Parowan and then moved to their new house in Cedar City where she attended East Elementary and Cedar Middle School. On her first day of school at East, her father's friends sat on the curb outside the school to watch her walk in, getting the police called about “a strange group of men outside the school.”

In December 2018, Heather and her parents moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, where she enjoyed the Colorado River close to her house, going to the park, and watching former California band mates of her father, The Boys of Summer, play a gig, or just visiting with them.

Heather made, and remained, friends with people easily. She loved playing soccer when she was young, especially while her mother was her coach. She would join in watching her father play guitar in several local bands. She was able to go on a Mexican cruise with her

mother where her sensitive and empathetic nature showed through as she viewed the homeless, and blind, and gave what she could.

She loved drawing, painting, and any kind of craft projects, her animals, and her family. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her but are comforted by the knowledge that she was welcomed by her grandparents.

Heather is survived by her mother, Jeri Kelsey and father, Gerry Kelsey, Grand Junction, Uncle Jeff Kelsey, Aunt, Kathy Brenholt, and Uncle, Richard Dickinson, Cedar City, and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Stanley and Dona Dickinson, and Leonard and Jean Kelsey.

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SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

A day that many T-Birds fans have been waiting for has finally come. July 1, 2026, marks the start of a new academic year. It also marks the beginning of a new era for Thunderbirds Athletics.

Today, the Thunderbirds officially return home to the Big Sky Conference, while the nationally recognized Flippin' Birds officially begin their membership in the Pac-12 Conference. Together, the moves usher in an exciting future for Thunderbirds Athletics, one built on tradition, competitive excellence, regional rivalries, and opportunities to compete on some of the biggest stages in collegiate athletics.

For 14 Southern Utah athletic programs, today represents a return to familiar territory. After spending 10 seasons in the Big Sky Conference from 2012-22, the Thunderbirds once again call one of the nation's premier Division I FCS conferences home.

During its previous membership, Southern Utah established itself as a competitive force, capturing nine Big Sky Conference championships across multiple sports. The football program claimed the 2015 and 2017 Big Sky Championship and earned an NCAA FCS Playoff berth, softball

A New Era Begins: Southern Utah Athletics Enters a New Chapter

captured the 2014 Big Sky Tournament title and advanced to NCAA Regionals, men's basketball won the 2021 regular season championship, men's outdoor track and field claimed its first conference title in 2019, and women's cross country, women's basketball, and other programs consistently competed among the league's best.

Now, those traditions continue.

Beginning with the 2026-27 athletic season, Southern Utah will compete for Big Sky championships in football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track & field, soccer, softball, and volleyball.

The return also renews regional rivalries that have become part of the university's athletic identity. Matchups with Weber State, Northern Arizona, Idaho State, Montana, Montana State, and new conference member Utah Tech once again become annual fixtures on the schedule, creating exciting opportunities for student-athletes and fans alike.

The move also provides meaningful benefits beyond competition. Reduced travel for many sports creates more balance for student-athletes, allowing them to spend more time on campus while continuing to compete at a championship level. The conference's geographic footprint also strengthens recruiting opportunities throughout the western United States while reconnecting Southern Utah with

longtime conference opponents and alumni across the region.

While much of Thunderbirds Athletics begins its Big Sky journey today, one program is embarking on an equally exciting path.

Southern Utah Gymnastics officially joins the Pac-12 Conference, becoming one of just four member institutions competing in one of collegiate gymnastics' most prestigious conferences.

The move comes after one of the most successful stretches in program history.

Over the past several seasons, the Flippin' Birds have established themselves as a national power, winning four consecutive conference championships, capturing the final Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference title in 2023 before claiming three straight Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championships from 2024 through 2026. Southern Utah has also qualified for 14 consecutive NCAA Regional Championships, earned multiple Top 25 national finishes, and continues to rank among the nation's elite academic programs.

"This move validates everything we've been working toward," Interim Director of Athletics Tom Higbee said following the announcement. "Joining the Pac-12 aligns with our goals for national competitiveness and provides our student-athletes the stage they deserve."

Head coach Scotty Bauman echoed

that excitement.

"We've built something special here in Cedar City," Bauman said. "Our athletes, staff, and supporters have put in the work to earn national respect, and now we have the opportunity to compete at the highest level in one of the most storied conferences in collegiate gymnastics."

The Pac-12 has long been regarded as one of the premier conferences in collegiate gymnastics, producing Olympic athletes, NCAA champions, and nationally ranked programs year after year. Southern Utah's inclusion is a testament to decades of sustained success and positions the Flippin' Birds to continue competing among the nation's elite.

Although today's conference memberships become official, the excitement is only beginning.

Fans will soon witness the return of classic Big Sky rivalries across football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, cross country, golf, and track & field, while gymnastics enters the national spotlight like never before in program history.

For Thunderbirds student-athletes, coaches, alumni, and supporters, July 1 represents more than a date on the calendar.

It is the start of a new chapter rooted in Southern Utah's proud history while embracing an even brighter future.

The Big Sky logo once again belongs beside Thunderbirds Athletics.

The Pac-12 welcomes one of the nation's top gymnastics programs.

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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. In the opening game of the group stage at the World Cup, Team USA handled Paraguay with a 4-1 win. Paraguay advanced to the knockout round of 32 as the third seed from Group D, but stunned everyone when it beat what nation – past winner of four World Cups – on penalty kicks after playing to a 1-1 tie June 29.
2. True or False: In her return to singles play at Wimbledon, Serena Williams won her first-round match played June 30.
3. Who was the last American man to play in a men's singles final at Wimbledon?
4. Who has won the most men's singles titles (8) at Wimbledon? This player from Switzerland last held the championship trophy in 2017.
5. Amanda Anisimova became the first US woman to reach a ladies singles final at Wimbledon last year, but lost in a 6-0, 6-0 sweep to what player from Poland, who was No. 1 in the world rankings at the time?
6. Serena Williams has won seven singles titles at Wimbledon, but it only ranks tied for third on the all-time list. Born in the former Czechoslovakia before defecting to the US, who is No. 1 with nine championships won, the last coming in 1990?
7. On July 4, 1983, Dave Righetti of the New York Yankees threw a no-hitter at Yankee Stadium. What hated rival did the Yankees beat to make the holiday a little more special?
8. What Utah Jazz center was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers on July 1 for draft picks?
9. Two MLB managers reached 1,000 career wins in games played last week. Detroit's A.J. Hinch did it first, but what Los Angeles Dodgers manager earned his milestone win June 30 after his team beat

the Athletics on the road in Sacramento, Calif.?

10. In the middle of a six-game losing streak, the New York Yankees offense has basically disappeared. How many games in a row did the Yankees finish with three hits or less before finishing with four in a 9-3 loss to the Detroit Tigers on June 30?
11. Which MLB team has the largest division lead – 12 games – as of the start of play July 1?
12. Scottie Scheffler is the leader in the FedEx Cup standings on the PGA Tour heading into the John Deere Classic that started July 2. Who is second on the list after a fourth-place finish at the Travelers Championship?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Darryn Peterson
2. Dallas Mavericks
3. Morez Johnson Jr.
4. Wyndham Clark.
5. Lendeborg went to the Golden State Warriors with the No. 11 pick and Mara was taken by the Oklahoma City Thunder with the 12th pick.
6. Giannis was traded from the Bucks to the Miami Heat.
7. Scottie Scheffler.
8. Eleven of the 15 National League teams had winning records as of June 24.
9. Horseshoe and Paris. Both are near Flamingo off Las Vegas Blvd.
10. False. Clark's teammate, Aliyah Boston, had the most votes.
11. The USMNT lost to Turkiye, 3-2, in the final game of group play on June 25.
12. Ronaldo has scored at least one goal in six consecutive World Cups.

Favorite things: World Cup edition

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



As these words are being written, the Round of 16 is about to begin at the 2026 World Cup. There were many remarkable things that happened in the first round of knockouts and produced emotions that ran all over the map. In no particular order, here are some of my favorites.

This makes almost no sense, but Team USA played its first-round match on July 1 – Canada Day – and beat Bosnia-Herzegovina, 2-0. On July 4, the 250th anniversary of our Independence Day, Team Canada played its Round of 16 match against Morocco.

Hockey may be the big thing north of the border, but the Canadians won a knockout match at the World Cup for the first time ever, beating South Africa, 1-0, to advance. They're in soccer's biggest tournament for just the third time ever (1986, 2022), and Morocco made it all the way to the third-place match in 2022 before a 2-1 loss to Croatia.

With the knockout stage expanded to 32 teams for this World Cup, some of the matches have been nothing short of remarkable. The biggest one of them all was the tiny African nation of Cape Verde. Not only did Cape Verde make it to the Round of 32, they gave defending champion Argentina the scare of its life.

Lionel Messi – who else would you expect? – scored in the first half for Argentina, but Cape Verde tied it with a goal in the 59th minute. The score held all the way to the end of the 90 minutes of regulation.

As we discussed here last week, a full 30 minutes of extra time is played. Score first, the opponent can match the effort as long as

there's time left on the clock.

Cape Verde did it once and almost did it twice.

Argentina wasted no time breaking the tie, scoring two minutes into the session. Cape Verde found a way and pulled even with less than two minutes left in the first half of extra time.

Sadly, an unlucky deflection off a Cape Verde player found the back of the net and gave Argentina the lead for good with less than nine minutes remaining in the final 30. Despite some furious, awkward, amazing moments, the defending champs were able to hold on and advance.

But wait...there's more.

Two more matches needed penalty kicks to decide a winner after 120 minutes couldn't solve anything. Morocco advanced by beating the Netherlands 3-2 in the shootout and Paraguay – the same team that lost to Team USA in the opening group stage match – beat four-time World Cup winner Germany by a 4-3 count. Both matches finished 1-1 after 90 minutes.

And finally, let's review what happened to Belgium, who faced Team USA in the Round of 16 on July 6. Belgium should have never made it to this point, but it didn't care about perception or optics.

Belgium trailed Senegal 2-0, but scored twice inside the final four minutes and netted the winner on a penalty kick with extra time winding down for a 3-2 win.

We may all go back into our other sports when this World Cup is over, but the matches that are being played right now have been sublime, dramatic, and utterly ridiculous at times.

It's why soccer is known as the beautiful game. When everything works, you stay entertained from the start.

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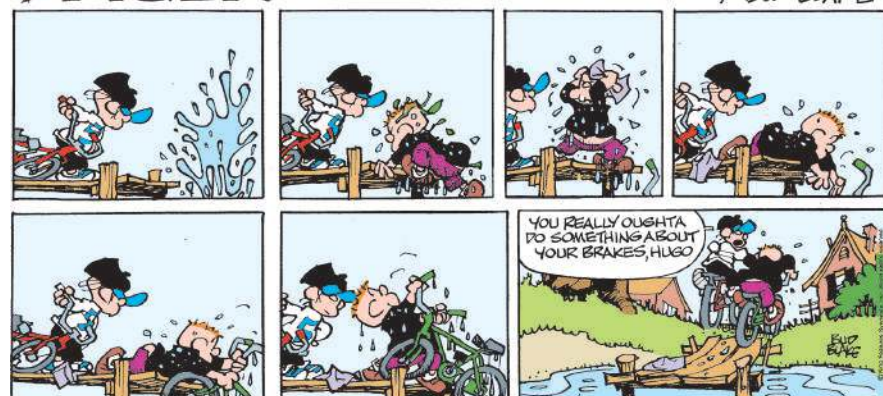
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Trivia

test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is Walter White's code-name in the drama "Breaking Bad"?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the fewest letters in its name?
3. U.S. STATES: Which state is known as the Prairie State?
4. LANGUAGE: What is the British term for a bike's training wheels?
5. ASTRONOMY: What is the Earth's only natural satellite?
6. FOOD & DRINK: What is a more common name for the fruit sometimes called "alligator pear"?
7. MOVIES: What kind of creature is Thumper in the animated movie "Bambi"?
8. LITERATURE: What is the name of the python in "The Jungle Book"?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Which countries and islands make up the geographic area known as Oceania?
10. ANATOMY: What is a more common name for cerumen?

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ANSWERS

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