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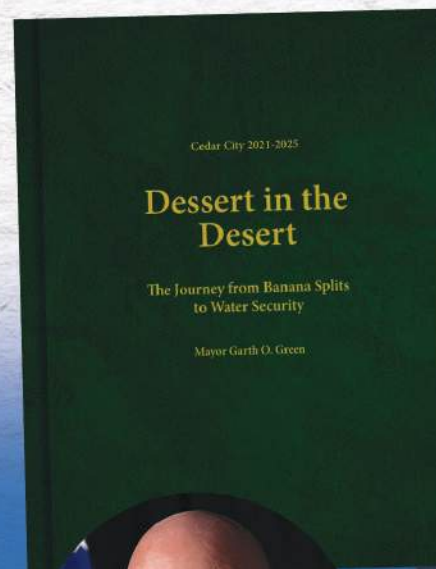


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Were Trump's national monument cuts what Utahns wanted? Here's what polls have said.

Polls conducted before the Trump administration downsized Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante show the priorities of Utah's elected leaders may not align with voters.

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by Leia Larsen

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A majority of Utahns opposed shrinking Bears Ears National Monument before President Donald Trump drastically slashed its size last week, according to multiple polls conducted over the past few years. Those findings contrast with statements from Utah leaders who argued the cuts reflected what Utahns wanted.

President Donald Trump issued executive orders last week shrinking Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments by roughly 90%. He announced the change flanked by members of Utah's congressional delegation and Gov. Spencer Cox.

The two monuments, which totaled about 3.3 million acres in southern Utah before Trump issued his orders, were created by Democratic presidents despite protests from Utah's elected Republican leaders.

At Monday's executive order signing in the Oval Office, Utah Rep. Celeste Maloy said that opposition included "the locals who are worried about losing multiple uses on these federal lands," and said that Trump was "listening to the people of Utah" in reducing the monument's size.

"It was very unfair to the people of Utah," Trump said, "and now fairness has been brought back." But separate polls conducted before Trump downsized the monuments show that most Utahns and other Western state residents favored keeping their existing designations.

"It is very contradictive of our findings," said Michaelann Nelson, a professor of environmental rhetoric at the Utah State University campus in Price. "They're kind of picking and choosing which Utahns they're paying attention to and listening to."

Researchers with Utah State University surveyed state residents in 2023, 2024 and 2025, finding 61% of Utahns either supported or strongly supported preserving Bears Ears as a national monument in 2024 and 2025, with just 19% opposed or strongly opposed. And 53% of Utahns opposed or strongly opposed reducing the size of Bears Ears, while 26% supported the idea. The remaining 21% neither supported nor opposed shrinking the monument. Nearly half — 46% — opposed Utah pursuing legal action to overturn the Bears Ears National Monument designation, which was initially created by President Barack Obama in 2016 under the Antiquities Act. It included 1.35 million acres, but has now been reduced to about 121,000 acres. Grand Staircase-Escalante wasn't included in the Utah State University study. President Bill Clinton designated that monument in 1996, and it eventually reached nearly 1.9 million acres after some adjustments by Congress. After Trump's recent order to cut the monument, it now includes just over 181,500 acres. Nelson, the lead author, said she focused her surveys on Bears Ears because it was newer and a



(Francisco Kjolseth | The Salt Lake Tribune) From left, Utah Senate Minority Leader Luz Escamilla, former co-chair of the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, author and advocate Terry Tempest Williams and Autumn Gillard of the Piute Indian Tribe of Utah, join a rally to protect public lands at the Utah Capitol on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025.



(Bethany Baker | The Salt Lake Tribune) The Indian Creek area of Bears Ears National Monument near Monticello on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024.

bigger focus of Utah politicians' ire at the time. But she expects Utahns' sentiments toward Grand Staircase-Escalante are similar. "In some ways, perhaps [Utahns would be] even more in favor of Grand Staircase," Nelson said, "just because we've existed with it for more than 20 years." Jessica Schad, a professor of sociology and director of the university's Community and Natural Resources Institute, oversaw the survey efforts. She suspects Utahns' attitudes toward monuments haven't shifted much in the months since researchers conducted their outreach. "It seems like this issue has

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become really politicized,” Schad said, “and our politicians aren’t taking into account what residents are preferring.” The poll included 468 respondents in Utah, and the university tapped sociologists based in rural parts of the state so the results didn’t overrepresent residents in the more urban Wasatch Front.

“We use high-quality, really rigorous survey methods,” Schad said. Other surveys conducted across multiple Western states showed similar sentiments about national monuments to the Utah State University poll. A total of 91% of voters in Western states wanted existing national monuments kept in place as of January, compared to 88% last year and 80% in 2017, according to the annual Conservation in the West Poll conducted by Colorado College.

Its 2026 study included interviews with voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. About 24% of respondents lived in rural areas or small towns, 24% lived in cities and the rest lived in suburbs. Politically, 36% identified as Republicans, including 35% who said they supported MAGA, another 36% were independent and 28% were Democrats.

The survey found support for existing national monuments was strong across party affiliations, with 87% of Republicans, 92% of independents and 96% of Democrats supporting them. The share of MAGA supporters who wanted to keep existing national monument designations in place grew from 81% in 2025 to 87% this year.

“We’ve asked about this many times over the years,” said Lori Weigel, a principal with New Bridge Strategies, a Republican public opinion research group that assists Colorado College with its annual poll. “What we have seen very consistently in the data is that people want additional protec-

tions for these public lands.”

A separate December 2024 survey by New Bridge Strategies found 71% of Utah voters supported keeping Bears Ears protected as a national monument, and 74% felt the same about Grand Staircase-Escalante. Another 75% of Utahns surveyed backed a president’s ability to create more national monuments.

Utah politicians, including Cox and Sen. Mike Lee, have asserted Democratic presidents went too far with the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears designations. The 1906 Antiquities Act allows presidents to protect sites of historic and scientific interest as national monuments, but directs presidents to preserve “the smallest area compatible with the proper care” of those lands.

“These multimillion-acre monuments that are bigger than the state of Delaware certainly do not fit that designation,” Cox said at Monday’s event with the president.

The monument designations have brought increased visitation to the Bears Ears and Escalante areas, a statement issued by the Utah Senate notes. That puts a strain on land management agencies and law enforcement, causing “degradation” at the sites.

Hunting, fishing, OHV riding on designated trails and other recreation were allowed in both Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante — activities that are sometimes prohibited at other national monuments. Bears Ears also had an inter-tribal commission that federal agencies consulted for management of the monument and protection of its resources. Trump’s order disbanded that body.

The Conservation in the West Poll found 90% of Native American voters said existing national monument designations should be protected, and 71% said they should “definitely” be kept in place.

Nearly 90% of Utahns support Native American tribes having a strong role in managing ancestral lands, according to the 2024 New Bridge Strategies survey, and 81% said that the incoming Trump administration should keep agreements with tribes in place for managing Bears Ears.

Emergency EQIP Funding Available for Utah Producers Impacted by Wildfires

from Sarah Welliver

NRCS UTAH STATE OFFICE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing \$500,000 in emergency funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to Utah farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners impacted by recent wildfires. Applications will be accepted from producers across the state until July 31, 2026.

“The impacts of wildfire can be a significant challenge, and our staff is ready to assist producers in implementing conservation practices to support the recovery of their agricultural operations,” said Arelys Ortiz, acting state conservationist for NRCS Utah.

NRCS staff are available to assess damage, develop conservation plans, and help determine which practices will best support recovery efforts. NRCS will be prioritizing the following conservation practices to assist eligible producers:

- Fence and Virtual Fencing
- Grazing Management
- Seeding
- Tree Planting
- Stock water
- Brush Management

Producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to apply for assistance.

More information

Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including USDA resources specifically for producers impacted by drought and wildfire. Those resources include the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, Loan Assistance Tool, and Natural Disasters and Crop Insurance fact sheet.




IRON COUNTY FORECAST

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opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



**BECKA
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COPY EDITOR

At the time of writing this, it's my three-month anniversary at *Iron County Today*. Working here has quickly become one of my favorite jobs I've ever had.

One of my favorite parts of the job has been hearing from and speaking with readers.

Not every message or interaction has been glowing, but that's alright. I'm just happy people care enough to engage.

If someone takes a few minutes out of their day to send an email, write a letter or stop me to share their thoughts, it means something I wrote, or something we published, made them think. Maybe they agreed with it. Maybe they strongly disagreed. Either way, they were paying attention.

That's something I've come to appreciate about writing for a community newspaper. It really does feel like an ongoing conversation. The conversation doesn't end when the paper lands in your mailbox or you finish reading a story online.

So, please, keep the emails coming. Tell me when something resonates with you. Tell me when you think we've gotten something wrong. Send me your ideas. Share your stories. Point out the occasional typo. I promise I already noticed it five minutes after we went to print.

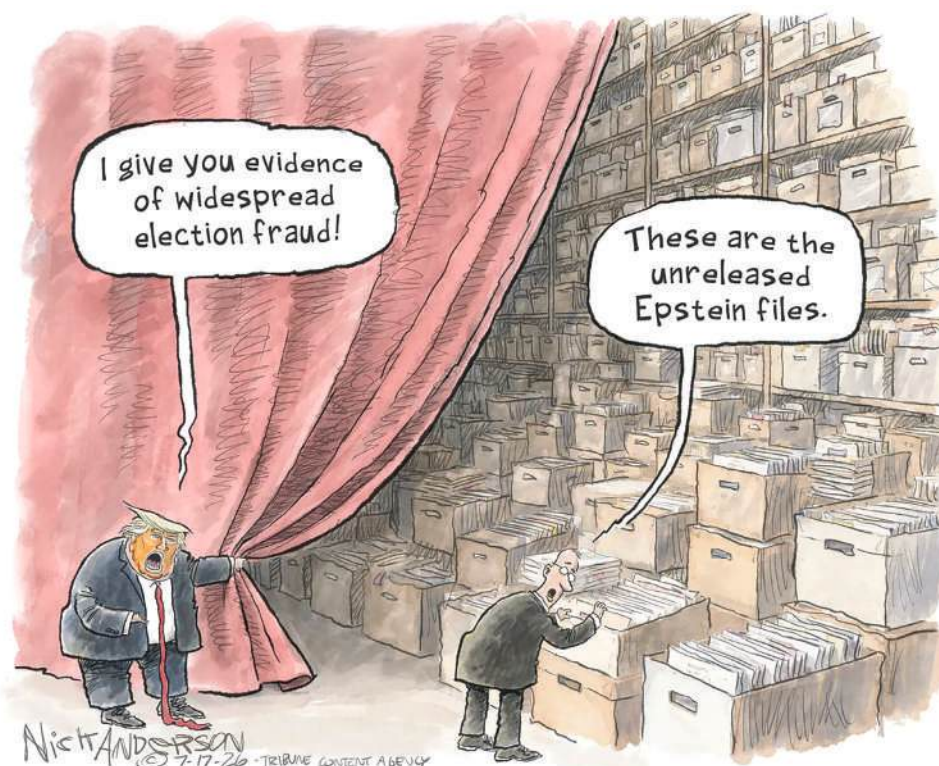
Three months in, I'm still learning what it means to be the editor of a community newspaper. But I'm increasingly convinced that the most important word in that sentence isn't "editor." It's "community."

WORD OF THE WEEK

ESCARPMENT [ES-CARP-MENT]

noun

a long cliff or steep slope separating two comparatively level or more gently sloping surfaces and resulting from erosion or faulting



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Well friends, we once again find ourselves in a fight over shrinking the boundaries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments. The fight is one with which we Utahns are familiar and repeatedly paying for with our tax dollars. The monuments, like all national monuments, were established to permanently protect and preserve areas of historic, cultural, or scientific interest. Anyone who has spent time on our monuments knows how special they are. Their beauty is unmatched and, since they are not developed to the extent of national parks, they tend to be less overrun with seasonal visitors than our Mighty Five. One of the best parts of our national monuments is their remote vastness.

We benefit from the diverse array

of land use interests our national monuments protect. They are open for grazing, hunting, and fishing, so long as proper permits are obtained. The permits allow for the land to undergo the shared uses of dispersed camping, hiking, and off road vehicle travel.

Our national monuments also protect and preserve archaeological resources, which are non-renewable. When they are gone, they are gone. Not only are archaeological resources important so we can learn about our shared past, but they maintain importance in the present. Tribal members in our local communities continue to visit archaeological sites, experiencing them as living entities. Archaeological resources, also, are not limited to sites

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway."

-John Wayne

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of Tribal importance. The Grand Staircase in particular is full of archaeology related to members of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. Hole-in-the-Rock Road and Dance Hall Rock are just two examples of such resources. In fact, we don't even know the extent of the important archaeological resources on our monuments because they have yet to be surveyed in their entirety. One of the last true mysteries we know exists, and have the tools to solve—how cool is that?!

Finally, our national monuments provide avenues for incredible scientific research. Much of our modern knowledge of dinosaurs comes from fossils found within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. And the iron concretions rolling around the pockets of sandstone? Those are proof that water once ran on Mars, evidenced by geologic studies. Who knows what we could learn in the vast areas of our monuments that have yet to be researched?

So, when Celeste Maloy, Mike Kennedy, Blake Moore, Burgess Owens, Spencer Cox, Mike Lee, John Curtis, and Mike Schultz stood behind Donald Trump on Monday, July 13, applauding and posing for photos as he decimated the boundaries of Utah's public lands, what did they put at risk? All of the above, and they did it with smiles on their faces. Trump cut our monuments by approximately 90 percent. Numerically, that's a cut of 1.7 million acres to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and 1.2 million acres to the Bears Ears National Monument.

The areas that were cut are now open to grazing at the expense of all other uses...even though they were already open to grazing in tandem with all other uses. Now, they are also open to mining and energy development operations. Have you ever tried to camp in, hunt on, or drive an off road vehicle through an active mine site? You can't. All those cultural resources that tell the stories of our past? If grazing runs amuck and permit-less, they are about to be trampled by cattle day in and day out. That is, unless mining or energy development projects destroy them first. Those fish you catch, flavored with runoff from the uranium mining operations the administration is hoping

to reboot, sure will be tasty...maybe they'll even glow in the dark!

The point is, our national monuments were established to allow for multiple uses centered on public access and scientific research. The catch? Those uses and research need to be done in ways that are balanced, responsible, and sustainable. That is exactly what designating something a national monument achieves. Our elected representatives have counted on us to be uninformed, silent, and manipulatable for far too long. It's time we speak up and fight back against their reckless federal overreach that spits in the face of the great outdoors we Utahns hold dear.

If you're looking for a first step in the fight to protect our public lands, check out Kent Udell, Celeste Maloy's challenger for congress this November. There's also Anna Graff, who is challenging Mike Schultz for state senate. The Grand Staircase Escalante Partners and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition provide great resources regarding monument protection. Lastly, the Utah Professional Archaeological Council and the Utah Cultural Site Stewardship Program are fantastic ways to learn more about the protection of our state's archaeological resources. Let's take action—the future needs us.

Sincerely,

Maisie Schwartz

Parowan man accused of pistol-whipping woman, threatening to kill her during domestic assault

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Parowan man is facing multiple felony charges after authorities say he repeatedly struck a woman in the head with a handgun, threatened to kill her and fled before being arrested hours later by a SWAT team.

Kelly Bess Stones, 55, was arrested July 12 and booked into the Iron County Correctional Facility on charges of second-degree felony aggravated assault, third-degree felony domestic violence in the presence of a child, and misdemeanor counts of threat of violence and carrying a dangerous weapon while under the influence.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in 5th District Court, officers responded to a report of an incident in Parowan.

Stones had allegedly consumed about 18 cans of beer before becoming angry, entering a room and repeatedly striking the victim in the forehead with a handgun. Authorities said the assault caused bruising, swelling and intense

pain.

Court documents allege Stones also pointed the handgun at the victim's face and later her forehead while threatening to kill her.

The victim called 911 as the suspect fled the residence on foot. Stones later returned to the home, where he tried to leave in a pickup truck that wouldn't start.

Stones reportedly blamed the victim for calling police, threatened that she would not be taken alive and left the residence again, taking a cellphone.

The Iron Metro SWAT team was deployed who located and arrested the suspect at a property in the Brian Head area. Investigators said he remained intoxicated when he was taken into custody several hours after the incident.

In requesting that Stones remain in custody, police wrote that the victim reported he had threatened to kill her and pointed a gun at her on numerous previous occasions. She told authorities she believed he would carry out those threats if he were released from jail.

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Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Call to Order and Attendance

The Cedar City Council excused Mayor Nelson, Councilman Cox and Waldo who were other commitments. The council approved the agenda order as presented.

Council and Staff Comments

A councilman used a personal privilege request to highlight recent city work, including a water vault upgrade near Wheeler's Equipment on Lund that required a temporary water shutoff, and controlled weed and wood burning along Coal Creek south of the bridge to prepare for potential flooding. Police Chief Adams introduced and swore in two new officers: Jason Miller, a code enforcement officer, and Jacob Jackson, who transferred from Southern Utah University police.

Trails of Shurtz Canyon PID Board Appointment

The council reviewed a request to fill a vacancy on the Trails of Shurtz Canyon Public Infrastructure District Board of Trustees with a representative of the

landowner following a board member's resignation. With no objections, the council voted to place the appointment on the following week's action meeting agenda.

Fiddler Park Recreation Presentation

Updated plans for Fiddler Park featured a natural-themed playground with a large wood play structure, nature-play elements, climbing features, a water table, hammock posts, shade pavilions, and accessible equipment. Council members discussed maintenance, durability, tree planting, parking, and construction timelines. Site work is expected to wrap up this fall, with the playground opening by late spring or early summer after equipment installation. Future improvements north of the canal, including a possible outdoor classroom, remain unfunded. Public comments focused on the park's natural color scheme, parking, and the possibility of adding a flagpole or veterans memorial.

Heritage Center Fee and Contract Resolution

The council reviewed proposed fee increases for Festival Hall and the Heritage Theater after a legal review recommended replacing rental contracts with liability waivers. The updated fee schedule would better align rental rates with comparable venues while simplifying pricing by

eliminating separate kitchen-use fees. Council members discussed rounding rates for simplicity, increasing theater rental fees to help offset rising operating costs, and keeping rehearsal rates consistent throughout the week. They also emphasized balancing cost recovery with the Heritage Center's role as a community facility. Staff was directed to revise the fee schedule and return with updated figures for consideration at the next action meeting.

100 East Road Project Update

The City Engineer reported that the 100 East road widening project, including new curb, gutter, sidewalk, and asphalt paving, is substantially complete, with remaining punch-list items still being finalized. Some uncertainty remained regarding whether chip sealing had been completed on both sides of the roadway near the golf course.

Golf Course Items

The council received an update on planned protective netting along the driving range, with members urging staff to move the project forward quickly to prevent golf balls from reaching the roadway. The council also approved placing on the consent agenda the purchase of a new fairway mower to replace an aging unit and a five-year lease for 80 new golf carts, with delivery expected this fall.

Caretaker accused of abusing vulnerable adult faces additional charges tied to Fourth of July incident

by Tracie Sullivan
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City woman arrested on felony charges for allegedly abusing an elderly family member in her care had several additional charges filed just three days after she was taken to jail as police continued investigating the case.

Olivia Matthis, 46, was arrested July 12 and booked into the Iron County Correctional Facility on felony charges including aggravated assault and intentional aggravated abuse of a vulnerable adult. The charges stemmed from two alleged incidents on July 11 and July 12.

Three days later, Iron County Sheriff's detectives filed additional misdemeanor charges alleging Matthis assaulted the vulnerable adult and struck a child during a separate July 4 incident.

According to charging documents, investigators allege Matthis was the primary caretaker for the elderly victim and that the assaults occurred while Matthis was intoxicated.

During the July 11 incident, deputies say Matthis struck the victim

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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.



250 ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS, AND THINGS TO DO

Visit Cedar City— Brian Head Launched America 250 Digital Passport

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

To commemorate America's 250th anniversary, Visit Cedar City—Brian Head has launched the **America 250 Digital Passport**, an interactive mobile experience featuring 250 activities, attractions, events, and adventures throughout Iron County.

Available now through **December 31, 2026**, the free digital passport invites residents and visitors alike to discover new experiences across Cedar City, Brian Head, Parowan, and surrounding communities while celebrating this historic milestone.

From outdoor recreation and local festivals to family-friendly attractions, the passport showcases some of the region's most memorable experiences. Featured destinations include the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Brian Head Resort, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, seasonal events, community celebrations, and much more.

"America's 250th anniversary gives us a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the places, stories, and experiences that make Iron County so special," said Maria Twitchell, Tourism Director for Visit Cedar City—Brian Head and co-chair of

the America 250 Iron County Committee. "The America 250 Digital Passport is a fun and engaging way for both locals and visitors to join the celebration by exploring the area and discovering new adventures along the way."

As participants complete featured activities, they can earn points, unlock prizes, and enter the **America 250 Gift Card Sweepstakes** (participants must be 18-years or older to enter the sweepstakes).

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For more information or to sign up for the America 250 Digital Passport, visit visitcedar-city.com/america250.

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in the head with several objects, including an unopened can of corn, causing injuries to the head, face, shoulder and elbow. Authorities also allege Matthis verbally berated the victim during the assault.

Matthis reportedly assaulted the victim again the following day, striking the same injured shoulder with a folder before deputies arrested Matthis on the felony charges.

After being taken into custody Matthis told deputies she was highly intoxicated and admitted she had been drinking throughout the day, the affidavit states.

The additional charges stem from a Children's Justice Center interview conducted after a child reported witnessing an earlier incident on July 4.

According to court documents, the child told police Matthis repeatedly struck the elderly victim while they were riding in a vehicle and later slapped the child.

Detectives interviewed Matthis at the Iron County Jail on July 13 where she denied the July 11 and July 12 assaults and disputed the July 4 allegations, claiming the injuries were caused by the victim's clumsiness.

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Flash Flooding, Debris Flows Force Evacuations, Close I-15 in Beaver

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Heavy rain falling over the Cottonwood Fire burn scar triggered a dangerous flash flood and debris flow Sunday afternoon, sending water, mud, rocks and burned trees through Beaver Canyon and into Beaver City, forcing evacuations, contaminating the city's water system and shutting down Interstate 15.

The National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Emergency shortly after 3 p.m. Sunday for the Grove neighborhood on the east side of Beaver and the North Creek area after between one-half inch and 1.5 inches of rain fell over the burn scar left by the Cottonwood Fire. Officials warned residents to move immediately to higher ground as multiple debris flow waves moved downstream.

According to the National Weather Service, the debris flow overtopped the diversion dam in Beaver Canyon before moving down Highway 153 and into the Beaver River channel. Officials warned the flows would continue arriving in pulses as additional runoff traveled downstream.

Beaver County Emergency Management elevated residents living within one-quarter mile of the Beaver River to "GO" status under the Ready, Set, Go evacuation system. By Sunday evening, the Beaver County Sheriff's Office announced that no one, including residents, would be allowed into the Grove neighborhood while emergency crews responded to the flooding. The American Red Cross opened an emergency shelter at Beaver High School, including the Karl Truman Gym, for displaced residents.

The flooding also had a major impact on transportation throughout the area. Floodwaters and debris breached Interstate 15 near milepost 109, forcing officials to close the freeway in both directions. Heavy equipment was brought in to remove mud and debris from the roadway while southbound traffic was rerouted through Beaver. State Route 20 served as the primary alternate route for motorists. As of Monday, officials continued working to reopen



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the interstate, and the National Weather Service warned that flooding remained ongoing in Beaver City with water expected to continue moving downstream toward Minersville Reservoir.

City officials also issued a "Do Not Drink" advisory for Beaver's culinary water system because of contamination caused by the flooding. Residents were instructed not to use tap water for drinking, brushing teeth, making ice or preparing food until further notice. Water service was also interrupted in portions of the Grove neighborhood east of Canyon Ballfield.

The flooding comes just days after Beaver County announced the installation of a new early warning monitoring system featuring live

cameras in Beaver Canyon to track stream flows. The system, developed with assistance from Gov. Spencer Cox's Emergency Management team, was intended to provide advance warning of potential debris flows following the Cottonwood Fire. During Sunday's emergency, however, both publicly accessible camera feeds went offline as the flooding unfolded.

Officials have repeatedly warned that landscapes burned by wildfire are especially vulnerable to flash flooding because vegetation that normally absorbs rainfall has been removed, allowing water, mud and debris to rapidly funnel into streams and canyons.

As of Monday afternoon, a Flood Warning remained in effect for Beaver County as emergency crews continued damage assessments, road clearing and recovery efforts. The National Weather Service cautioned that flooding and debris flows could continue

while runoff worked its way through the Beaver River drainage.

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LIVE MUSIC AND ART DISPLAYS FOR JULY 31 ART WALK

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Live music and art displays combine for a pleasant summer evening on Friday, July 31, from 5 to 8 pm in Cedar City. The Final Friday Art Walk stretches from the Artisans Gallery to the Southern Utah Museum of Art on University Blvd (Center Street) and down 100 West. Both the Kolob Gallery and the Gold River Gallery at 111 South Main participate. This is a FREE community event.

A new musician for July is Eli Wrangle, violinist of 3hattrio, at the Shape Theory Ceramics Community Studio. Singer songwriter Jason Tyler Burton is also at this location. Badwater will be at the IG Winery and the Blue Ponies at the Johnson Center. The full musician schedule is below. "It is wonderful that the local musicians share their talents as part of the Art Walk. It definitely adds a crucial element to the event," said Roger Gold, CCAC President.

You can find the Sagebrush Fabric Artisans demonstrating spinning wheels and other fabric art next to the Leavitt Building near the artist displays. Art displays range from the Southern Utah Watercolor Society to jewelry, pottery, and photography. Artists are welcome to set up on the lawn at the corner of 100 West Center from 4 to 5 p.m. No vendor fee and please save room for the acoustic musicians. Art tables can go down the street to the Johnson Art Center.

The family friendly event includes free art supplies for children at the Cedar City Arts Council table. Children's books are welcome for regifting.

Come and enjoy a summer evening of music and art. More photos from the June Art Walk are at <https://cedarcityartscouncil.blogspot.com/2026/06/june-final-friday-art-walk-2026.html> For more information on the Art Walk contact cedarcityartscouncil@gmail.com.



JUNE ARTWALK

JULY 31 MUSICIAN SCHEDULE

The Green — lawn at the corner of 100 West Center

5:00–6:00 PM — Coyote Bluegrass

6:00–7:00 PM — TBA

7:00–8:00 PM — Southern Utah Handbell Choir

Artisans — 94 West Center

5:00–6:00 PM — Peter Buis, guitar

6:00–7:00 PM — Coyote Bluegrass

Stone Path — 150 West Center

5:00–6:00 PM — TBA

6:00–7:00 PM — Lucky Fiddlers, directed by Lindsay Szczesny

Johnson Center — 59 North 100 West

5:00–7:00 PM — Blue Ponies, outside

Southern Utah Museum of Art — 300

West University Blvd (Center)

5:00–6:00 PM — Clark Leslie, vocal and guitar (inside)

6:00–7:00 PM — Cedar Jazz Project (outside, weather permitting)

7:00–8:00 PM — Peter Buis, guitar (inside)

IG Winery — 59 West Center

6:00–7:30 PM — Badwater, John Hicken

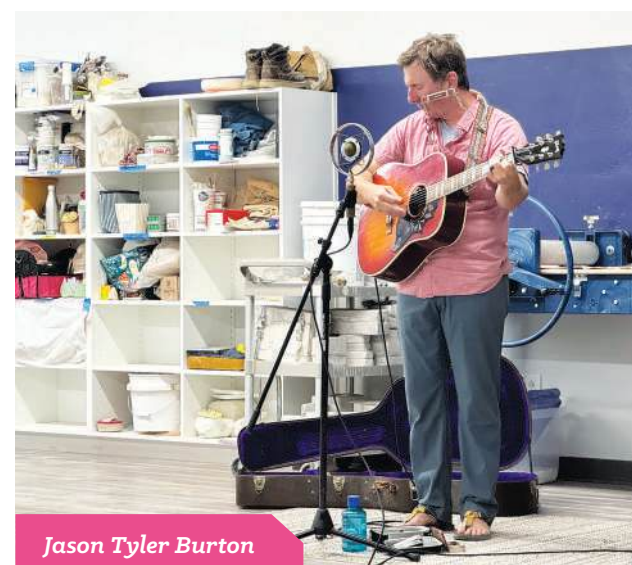
Home on the Range — 97 West Center

7:00–8:00 PM — The Lonely Cactus Band

Shape Theory Ceramics Community Studio — 173 N. 100 West

5:30–6:30 PM — Jason Tyler Burton, vocal and guitar

6:30–8:00 PM — Eli Wrangle, violinist for the *3hattrio*



Jason Tyler Burton



Kaleb Morton, June 2026

FOUR BRANCHES, ONE SPIRIT MURAL

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Born and raised in Cedar City, Josie Pete is a proud member of the Cedar Band

of Paiutes and comes from a proud lineage of warriors. Inspired by her late father, Herman Pete, a veteran of the United States Army, Josie created this mural as a heartfelt tribute.

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"Fun is the Fuel"

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

"Fun is the fuel", wrote Steve Magness when describing the Norwegian soccer player Erling Haaland. This is true in the arts as well. If you love the music you are playing the audience feels that and enjoys it a lot more. If you are having fun in any performance, that emotion transmits to everyone on stage and in the audience in an authentic way. Deeply felt emotions transmit. Art that connects is memorable.

"No matter what happens just smile and enjoy it. Just live in the moment," said Haaland. I remember when Xun Sun was directing the Orchestra of Southern Utah and when we were struggling with intonation or rhythm he would just smile bigger as an

encouragement to get us on track. I liken the advice to students that when they make a mistake they smile, and then, I know they realize the error and we don't have to stop for a correction.

As Magness writes, "Our image of elite performers is often one of stoic seriousness. We mistake being serious for being dedicated. They are not the same thing, and confusing them has consequences." I understand that art can also need serious focus, but there are lots of times when having fun and enjoying our art is more rewarding for everyone involved. My goal is more cooperation and minimizing competition. I like the students to celebrate each other's accomplishments rather than feeling diminished if someone else does well. In group classes and ensembles this idea of celebration

builds connection and longlasting accomplishments.



"Joy is an expansive emotion," adds Magness. More joy creates even more joy for those involved in the performance. I am loving the Greenshows at the Utah Shakespeare Festival this year. It is so fun seeing the children getting involved and having such a great time. We have seen some wonderful plays already this season and are looking forward to more.

Congratulations to the America 250 Iron County committee for bringing a lot of happiness to the community as we celebrate the best of America this year. One of the projects is the playlist of American music. I am still working my way through it, but the variety

is impressive. What is the essential music of America for you? The playlist is on Spotify under "Iron County's America 250." Ryan Paul and Joe Howe selected the music. Folk, pop, classical, rock, and rap are represented. Some of the vintage recordings are especially interesting. The song "Strange Fruit" by Billy Holiday is definitely not in the joyful category, but it conveys the strong emotions and challenges of our history. I first heard it in Denver when I was at a national orchestra conference. I am glad they included such a wide variety of music. It is a good reminder of the energy and exuberance of American music.

As we tackle our art projects I hope we can remember to enjoy the process and find the fun and authentic emotions whenever possible.

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Four Branches, One Spirit features

four panels representing the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Air Force, honoring Paiute veterans and active military members for their courage, sacrifice, and service.

The mural stands as a powerful tribute to the resilience, honor, and enduring legacy of the Paiute people.



Royal Academy of Dramatic Art Returns to Perform *The Winter's Tale* at Utah Shakes

by Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Next week the Utah Shakespeare Festival will host the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) from London. A group of recent graduates is performing a touring production of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* in the Anes Studio Theatre, as part of a strategic partnership between the two theatre organizations.

The condensed, ninety-minute version of the play will be presented from July 28 to August 1 at 9:30a.m., with talk backs scheduled for July 28, 30, and 31 at 11a.m.

"Festival patrons thoroughly enjoy the work presented by RADA and many schedule their visits to coincide with these performances," says Executive Managing Director Michael Bahr. "This is an excellent opportunity to see high quality work performed by one of the world premiere actor training institutions."

Festival stage this summer.

Now marking seven years of this creative collaboration, it represents a commitment to foster international artistry of Shakespeare's works. Each season the Festival hosts RADA's acclaimed touring production.

This thriving exchange was born in 2019 from a casual conversation about RADA's powerful staging of *Hamlet*. It has since evolved into a vital cultural pipeline. While the touring group spends the school year performing specially adapted Shakespeare plays for children across London, their summer trip to Cedar City introduces Festival audiences to fresh, contem-

The RADA training program has a long and illustrious history and boasts a number of exceptional alumni that have seen success as actors, including Cynthia Erivo, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Allison Janney, Tom Hiddleston, Anthony Hopkins, Alan Rickman, and Ralph Fiennes. Perhaps the next RADA "star" may just be on the

porary interpretations straight from the UK.

"The RADA collaboration brings a refreshing surge of creative energy to our season each July," says Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "We are honored to showcase the work of these exceptionally talented young artists in addition to our own exciting repertory lineup."

Bahr agrees: "We are so grateful for the relationship with RADA that we have been able to develop and share. It serves as a testament to the artistic and educational commitment of both RADA and the Festival. It is a wonderful cultural exchange between artists, audiences and organizations!"

Tickets are \$20 and are available by visiting the Ticket Office, calling 800-PLAYTIX, or purchasing online at bard.org/plays/rada-2026.



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HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A week or two ago, during that long stretch of mid-90-degree days, we finally decided we'd had enough of the air conditioner and needed a break into the great outdoors. On a whim, we headed up Parowan Canyon (Hwy 143) toward Cedar Breaks, grabbing some quick picnic food from Maverik on the way. Our plan was to catch some of the annual Wildflower Festival, so when we arrived, the temperature had dropped a pleasant 20 degrees—but the flowers, to no one's surprise, were fewer than usual. With the heat and drought we've been experiencing, this isn't their best year, though there were still pockets of color worth appreciating. We weren't ready to give up and head home, so we decided to explore other heat-beating possibilities.

The new **Cedar Breaks Visitors Center** was bustling with travelers from all over, judging by the license plates. We found a shady picnic table near the campgrounds and ate lunch at the junction of several walking trails. These paths offered a few more wildflowers and plenty of walkers—and their thirsty dogs—passing by. A couple of the people I chatted with were Iron County locals who had also escaped the valley heat. Even without the miles of blooms, we've seen in past years, that 20-degree temperature drop was worth the trip.

Of course, it's not just the wildflowers and cool air that draw people up the mountain. The new visitors center is very informative, and it marks the start of a 2.3-mile walking path that winds along the

pink cliffs, hoodoos and amphitheaters, which always look a bit other-worldly to me. The trail forms a figure-eight, part paved and part dirt, weaving through trees and scattered blossoms. If you have time, continuing on to **Alpine Pond** is well worth the walk. The spring-fed pond is a popular destination and a peaceful place to linger.

If you're still looking for ways to cool off, take a short drive to Brian Head Pond. There's almost always someone fishing along the shoreline or strolling the half-mile path around the water. There's just something about being near a calm body of water that feels refreshing, even if you never dip a toe in.

If that's still not enough heat relief—even at 10,000 feet—there's one more option. A recently improved road leads to the summit of Brian Head Peak at 11,307 feet. It's a three-mile drive that takes you another thousand feet into the clouds and likely another ten degrees cooler. The 360-degree view is spectacular, and the newly restored **Brian Head Peak Overlook** is an historic and memorable stop. Originally built in the 1930s by Parowan locals: Deb Mortensen and Charles Burton, with some help from the CCC, the structure was damaged in a windstorm and restored by HistoriCorp, the folks who restore landmark buildings and who began the restoration late last Summer and finally finished their work just recently.

Summer heat will return, along with more rain and that sticky humidity, but when you need to cool off and give your A/C a break, remember this little adventure and take a short trek up Cedar or Parowan Canyon. You'll beat the heat every time.



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America's Pioneering Story

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, we reflect on the pioneers whose courage, vision, and determination shaped the nation. From the Founding Fathers who declared independence in 1776 to the trailblazers who settled the American West and the innovators who transformed industry, medicine, and technology, generations of pioneers expanded frontiers, connected communities, and strengthened the American spirit.

Across the country, and especially throughout the West, America's 250th commemorations celebrate these men and women whose perseverance helped build the nation. Their legacy reminds us that America's story has always been one of resilience, sacrifice, and opportunity.

In 1847, the first company of Utah pioneers began their journey toward the Great Basin. For more than three months they crossed rivers, plains, and mountain ranges, overcoming harsh weather, rugged terrain, disease, and uncertainty. The trails they established later carried thousands of families west during the covered wagon era. Some traveled in wagons, while others pushed handcarts across hundreds of miles, enduring tremendous hardship in pursuit of a better future.

The Utah pioneers helped open the American West, establish thriving communities, and transform an untamed landscape into productive farms, businesses, and towns. Their determination became an enduring symbol of the nation's westward expansion.

Stepping into places where history lives connects us with those who came before us. Their perseverance reminds us that every community has a story worth preserving.

Before there was Iron County or Cedar City, there was Little Salt Lake Valley. Parowan was founded on January 13, 1851, after Parley P. Pratt



and his exploring party discovered the valley and nearby iron deposits. A liberty flag was raised above Heap's Spring, today's Heritage Park, marking the beginning of southern Utah's first permanent settlement. Within days, roads, bridges, homes, and farms were taking shape.

Parowan soon became the gateway to southern Utah. From there, settlers established Cedar City to develop the region's rich iron deposits, while neighboring communities such as Enoch, Paragonah, and New Harmony grew around valuable water sources and fertile land.

In 1851, a group of English, Welsh, and Scottish miners founded Fort Cedar, later known as Cedar City. They selected the site because it offered access to iron ore, coal, timber, and water.

Families first lived in wagon boxes before constructing log cabins along Coal Creek. After repeated flooding, the settlement moved in 1855 to higher ground, where downtown Cedar City stands today. Although the original iron works closed in 1858, mining continued in the area for well over a century.

Education soon became another defining chapter of Cedar City's history. In 1897, local citizens united to establish a teacher-training school. When state officials required a permanent building, residents worked deep winter snow to Cedar Mountain. Led by 'Old Sorrel,' the community completed the building in time to secure the school's future. That institution eventually grew into Southern Utah University, which today serves

more than 15,000 students.

The pioneers did far more than establish towns. They created transportation routes, expanded agriculture, documented their experiences through journals and maps, and built communities founded on cooperation and service. Their efforts transformed both the physical and cultural landscape of the American West.

As M. Russell Ballard observed, "Our path may not be crossing an ocean...but whatever it is, it will demand faith in every footstep." Every generation has the opportunity to become pioneers in its own way.

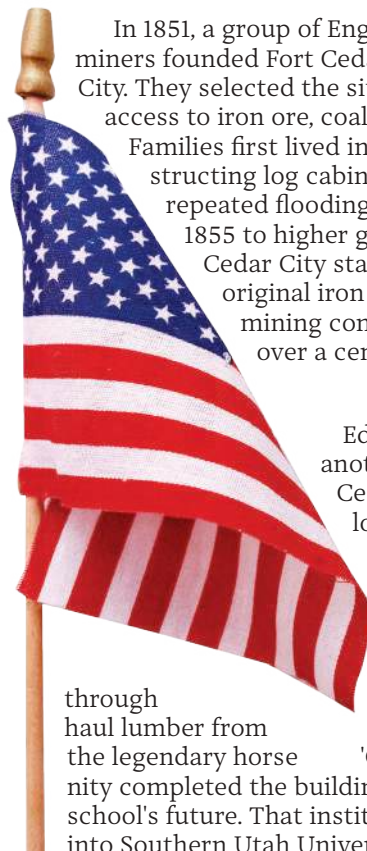
The greatest lessons pioneers leave us are faith, unity, resilience, and selfless service. They faced obstacles that seemed impossible, yet they pressed forward together, believing their sacrifices would benefit future generations. While our challenges today are different, the same qualities continue to strengthen our families, communities, and nation.

As America commemorates its 250th anniversary and Utah celebrates Pioneer Day on July 24, we honor those who laid the foundation for the communities we enjoy today. They built roads, schools, businesses, and neighborhoods with hope for a brighter future. Their legacy reminds us that history is not simply something we remember, it is something we continue to build.

They laid the foundation. Ours is the responsibility to build upon it.

What I love most about America is freedom. The freedom to worship according to my faith, to speak my mind, to pursue my dreams, and to choose the life I want to live. These liberties aren't something I take for granted—they're a gift worth protecting and passing on to future generations.

—Kathy Heer



calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

2nd & 4th Tues, 1 pm • Brian Head Town Hall, 56 N. Hwy 143

Cedar City Council

Wed (except 5th), 5:30 pm • City Hall, 10 N. Main St (435) 586-2950

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

3rd Thurs., 6:30pm. 710 S. Westview Drive

Enoch City Council

1st & 3rd Wed, 6 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

Enoch Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Tues, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

Iron County Commission

2nd & 4th Mon, 9 am • Commission Chambers, 68 S 100 E, Parowan

Iron County Democrats

3rd Sat, 10 am-11:30 am • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E

Iron County Republican Women

3rd Wed, 11:30 am. Tickets \$20, <https://www.ironcountyrepublicanwomen.com>

Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 35 E 100 N • (435) 477-3331

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Tris Colman. For information content 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

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Easy Does It • Tues, 6-7 pm • (435) 559-3333

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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

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Holding Out HELP

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Multiple Sclerosis

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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

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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@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.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@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

Zumba with Steff at Retro Fitness 929

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

calendar

WED, JULY 22

THE GREENSHOW (7:10PM): PAIUTE HERITAGE AND
Celebration held at 7:10 pm on the Ashton Family
Greenshow Commons (195 W University Blvd (Center St),
Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Everyone is invited to a
special evening of music, stories, and cultural dance by
the Paiute Tribe of Utah.

THURS, JULY 23

THE PIONEER LEGACY IS HELD IN THE SOUTHERN UTAH
University Eccles Coliseum (99 S 1100 W, Cedar City).
Admission is FREE and open to the public. Doors will
open at 7:00 pm, Pre-show Entertainment at 8:15 pm, and
The Pioneer Legacy Musical & Firework Spectacular at
9:30 pm. Sitting under a canopy of stars and fireworks,
witness a youth cast of over 100 members share the
story & journey of the southern Utah pioneers. For
information, visit thepioneerlegacy.com.

PIONEER DAY CELEBRATION (10AM - 7PM) PIONEER
Day Heritage Festival Celebration is held Thursday from
Noon to 8:00 pm and Friday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
in the Cedar City Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar
City). Admission is FREE, and everyone is invited to enjoy
food vendors, face painting, games, activities, FREE Fun
Time Inflatables, and more! For information or to become
a vendor, call Cathy (435) 233-5862 or Rick (435) 531-9368.

LIVE CONCERT IN THE PARK: MUDDY BOOTS (5-8PM)
held in the Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar City).
Everyone is invited to enjoy Muddy Boots live as part of
the Pioneer Heritage Festival. Remember to come back
on July 24th for more festivities in the park and the chili
cook-off. For information, call Rick at (435) 531-9368 or
Cathy at (435) 233-5862.

FRI, JULY 24

Pioneer Day

ENOCH: PIONEER DAY CELEBRATION PIONEER DAY
Celebration begin the day at 9:30 am with the Pioneer
Parade (Tomahawk Dr west down Midvalley ending at
Grimshaw Ln, Enoch), continues the fun from 10:00 am
to 1:00 pm with Festivities at the park (451 E Midvalley,
Enoch). Festivities will include Food, Games, Music, and
Activities. Fireworks will be provided by the City at dark
(10 pm-ish) and can be viewed best from Old Enoch Park

(1600 E 5250 N, Enoch).

BRIAN HEAD DAYS WILL BE HELD IN BRIAN HEAD
Town and feature two days of events and entertainment,
including Freestyle Motocross, Fishing Derby w/ \$250
prize, 5K Fun Run/Walk, Live Music, Line Dancing w/
Lesson, Fireworks, Paddleboard Relay, and MORE!
Everyone is invited to come and elevate your summer!
For more information, follow them @TownBrianHead.
and for the full schedule, visit brianheadtown.utah.gov.

SAT, JULY 25

BRAIN HEAD RESORT: YOUTH ENDURO SERIES HELD AT
Brian Head Resort (329 S Hwy 143, Brian Head). This
event is FREE to spectators. All riders must register. For
information, visit youthenduroseries.org.

BIG MOUNTAIN ENDURO - SOUTHVIEW TRAILHEAD
(9:30AM-6PM) Mountain Bike Race Nationals held at Iron
Hills Trail System - Southview Trailhead (S Shurtz Canyon
Dr, Cedar City). Practice Days are Thursday and Friday
with Race Days on Saturday and Sunday. To register and
for more information visit bigmountainenduro.com.

LABYRINTH WALK (12-2PM) AT 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. Come experience this powerful practice
used for centuries to unite body, mind and spirit. No
experience required; facilitators are present. Last
Saturday of each month.

PAROWAN OLD ROCK CHURCH DAYS (9AM - 5PM)
Parowan Old Rock Church Days and Pioneer Day
Celebration is held at the Old Rock Church (59 S 100
W, Parowan). Experience the Mother Town Magic with
food, vendors, tours, entertainment, children's games, a
quilt show, a silent auction, and more. Part of this year's
celebration will feature a Cinnamon Roll Bake Off. For
more information, follow them on Facebook or call (435)
477-3331 or (435) 590-6361.

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

WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SOUTHERN UTAH
LUNCHEON (11:30AM-1PM) Join us for our monthly
luncheon at the Pizza Factory at 131 S. Main. The price of
a ticket includes all you can eat pizza, salad, drinks, and
gratuities. Members - \$25 Non-members - \$30. We will
be hearing from our own Vice President Susan Merrill,
who is also the Vice Chair of the State Democratic Party.
RSVP and pay ahead online through WDCSU.org, or pay
in person at the event. Please RSVP at Info@WDCSU.
org. Credit card payment is only available through our
website.

MON, JULY 27

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM) CEDAR
City Library, East Room, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn
fun Ancient Judeo-Christian Dances and Songs. No Cost.
Info@(702)460-2317

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
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Please RSVP by replying to Jen@choicebuildersgroup.
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by **May Hunter**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

“Fishing is much more than catching fish, it’s the lure of the outdoors that draws us in.”

Fishing is a passion that is difficult to fully explain. It offers a unique blend of quiet reflection, thrilling anticipation, and a deep connection with nature. It’s a chance to escape the busyness of everyday life, unplug from distractions, focus on the rhythmic cast of a line, and create lasting memories with family and friends.

There is so much more to fishing than simply catching fish. It’s about losing yourself in a timeless place, away from the noise and chaos of the world, while enjoying something simple and elemental.

Then it happens. Your line gives a sudden tug. “Did I snag something?” you wonder. But the line pulls again, and then you know. It’s a fish!

Summer is one of the best times to fish in Utah. Warmer water temperatures make fish more active, feeding more often, and more likely to take your bait, lure, or fly.

There’s nothing quite as relaxing as spending a summer day outdoors with a fishing rod in hand. If you want to add a little excitement to your day, try fishing in one of the many local waters where your chances of catching a nice fish are even better. You

don’t need a boat or expensive equipment, just a rod and reel, hooks, weights, a float, and bait. Chances are, the gear you already own is more than enough to enjoy a successful day on the water.

Remember: Kids under 12 fish free when accompanied by a licensed adult.

Great Places to Fish

Many of these locations are regularly stocked with fish:

- Lake on the Hill – 800 S. 1950 W., Cedar City
- Woods Ranch Pond (Kids Pond) – Cedar Canyon, 10 miles east of Cedar City on Highway 14
- Brian Head Reservoir – 29 miles northeast of Brian Head
- Duck Creek Village, Aspen-Mirror Lake, and Navajo Lake – Approximately 30 miles up Cedar Canyon
- Paragonah (Red Creek) Reservoir – 21 miles northeast of Cedar City
- Yankee Meadow Reservoir – 34 miles northeast of Cedar City
- Parowan Pond – 400 W. 100 N., Parowan
- Newcastle Reservoir and Enterprise Reservoir – About 31 miles west of Cedar City

For more fishing locations, visit TakeMeFishing.org.

“Waiting for a bite, sometimes for hours, is an opportunity for kids to learn that patience and perseverance lead to success. It may take time, but eventually their persistence will be rewarded, just as it is in life.”



Fishing is about family, friends, fun, and making memories that last a lifetime.

Take Me Fishing

Take me fishing,
Because I get the giggles
When the boat bounces.

Take me fishing.
You can think about work later.

Take me fishing,
And show me that worms
Really aren’t so icky.

Take me fishing,
Because my wedding day
Will be here sooner than you think

Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation

ASK AN EXPERT

What You Need to Know About Cyclosporiasis

by Jose Brandao

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION FOOD SAFETY SPECIALIST



currently the primary suspected food linked to the current outbreak. In previous outbreaks, fresh berries and other produce have also been implicated.

- Contaminated irrigation water with human fecal material is believed to be a common source of contamination. Any produce exposed to it could become affected.

Although *Cyclospora* is difficult to remove from fresh produce, consumers can reduce their risk by practicing good food safety habits:

- Maintain proper kitchen hygiene. Wash hands and food-preparation surfaces carefully before preparing food.
- Rinse fruits and vegetables thoroughly under running water. This is typically sufficient before eating, cutting, or cooking, even if the food is labeled as pre-washed. However, it is not enough to remove *Cyclospora*.

- Scrub firm fruits and vegetables, such as melons and cucumbers, before cutting to remove possible contamination on the skin.
- Commercial produce washes are generally unnecessary for most foodborne-causing organisms and are ineffective against *Cyclospora*.
- Whenever practical, cooking to 158°F (70°C) kills *Cyclospora* and many other foodborne pathogens. Cooked foods pose a lower risk than raw produce.

Fresh fruits and vegetables remain an important part of a healthy diet. Following basic food safety practices can help protect you and your family as you continue to enjoy fresh produce. To further reduce your risk, stay informed about food recalls and public health advisories.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has additional information, as does Penn State Extension, which has released a Q&A on *Cyclospora*.

Helen-Louise Chase Hickman



Helen-Louise "Louise" Chase Hickman, 91, passed away on July 14, 2026, in Cedar City, Utah.

Louise was born on December 30, 1934, in the Los Angeles area, the only child of Rhomain Burton Chase and Ethel Mae Myers. She later lived in Texas and Arizona before marrying Robert Ernest Hickman. In 1959, they moved to the Riverside area, where they raised their family.

Louise devoted herself to her family and their interests. She was active in bowling leagues and the Women's Club, volunteered with 4-H, and became deeply involved in the P.O.A. show circuit alongside her children and grandchildren. Later, she enjoyed golfing and volunteering at a thrift store benefiting San Geronio Memorial Hospital.

In 1998, Louise moved to Cedar City to be near her daughter, April. In her later years, she became an accomplished crocheter, often making blankets for the next family member to arrive. She also remained active with her graduating class, the Zoeyes, for more than 70 years.

Louise was kindhearted and generous, always looking for ways to show her love. She was known for her beautiful smile, her impeccable sense of style, and her deep love for her horses, cats, and dogs.

Louise was preceded in death by her son Arthur James in 1985, her husband Robert Ernest Hickman in 1993, and her son Robert Burton Hickman in 2021.

She is survived by her children, Debi Ashton (Larry), Alan Hickman (Michelle), April Yeomans (Bruce), Amanda Hickman, and Aurora Crane; her former exchange student and beloved daughter, Keiko Takahashi of Japan; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, all of whom knew and loved her as "Gram."

Louise will be deeply missed by her family and the many friends who cherished her laughter, kindness, and beautiful smile.

The family will hold a private ceremony on the mountain in Cedar City. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Louise's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, an organization close to her heart because of her lifelong passion for helping children with cancer.

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BIG SKY CONFERENCE		
2026 BIG SKY FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLLS		
COACHES POLL		
1. MONTANA STATE (11)	143	
2. MONTANA	130	
3. UC DAVIS (2)	121	
4. NORTHERN ARIZONA	108	
5. IDAHO STATE	99	
6. SOUTHERN UTAH	82	
7. IDAHO	77	
8. EASTERN WASHINGTON	70	
9. WEBER STATE	48	
10. NORTHERN COLORADO	47	
11. CAL POLY	46	
12. PORTLAND STATE	24	
13. UTAH TECH	19	
MEDIA POLL		
1. MONTANA STATE (35)	490	
2. MONTANA (1)	448	
3. UC DAVIS (2)	421	
4. IDAHO STATE	349	
5. NORTHERN ARIZONA	339	
6. IDAHO	283	
7. SOUTHERN UTAH	273	
8. EASTERN WASHINGTON	246	
9. CAL POLY	168	
10. WEBER STATE	155	
11. NORTHERN COLORADO	153	
12. PORTLAND STATE	68	
13. UTAH TECH	65	

COACHES COULD NOT VOTE FOR THEIR OWN TEAM // PARENTHESES DENOTES FIRST-PLACE VOTE
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Big Sky Releases Preseason Football Polls

conferences in the nation.

Head Coach DeLane Fitzgerald said, "When we arrived at Southern

Conference, where the Thunderbirds established themselves as one of the league's premier programs under Head Coach DeLane Fitzgerald.

Since taking over the program in 2022, Fitzgerald has engineered one of the most impressive turn-arounds in the FCS. The Thunderbirds have steadily climbed the standings with four straight seasons of improvement, posting back-to-back 7-5 campaigns in 2024 and 2025.

Southern Utah recorded consecutive top-three finishes in the United Athletic Conference, narrowly missing the FCS Playoffs in each of the last two seasons. Along the way, the Thunderbirds earned the program's first victory over an FBS opponent in more than a decade with a 27-24 road win at UTEP.

The Thunderbirds have also built a reputation for developing elite talent and playing an exciting

brand of football. Southern Utah has produced an All-American in each of Fitzgerald's four seasons at the helm while developing the nation's leading FCS rusher in consecutive years. Joshua Dye highlighted that success in 2025 by rushing for 1,831 yards and 28 touchdowns, earning national recognition alongside teammates who became finalists for both the Walter Payton Award and the Buck Buchanan Award.

Reigning National Champion Montana State was selected as the preseason favorite in both polls, followed by Montana and UC Davis.

Southern Utah opens the 2026 season on Aug. 29 with a road matchup against Montana before returning to Eccles Coliseum for its home opener against Weber State on Sept. 5 in the first Big Sky home game for the Thunderbirds since 2022.

by **Regan Hunsaker**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Southern Utah football re-enters the Big Sky Conference looking to exceed expectations, as the Thunderbirds were selected sixth in the Big Sky Football Preseason Coaches Poll and seventh in the league's Preseason Media Poll, the conference office announced Monday.

The coaches projected Southern Utah to finish sixth with 82 points, while the media placed the Thunderbirds seventh with 273 points in one of the deepest Football Championship Subdivision

Utah, our goal was to build a program that could consistently compete for championships. Every season we've taken another step forward, and I think these polls reflect a modest amount of respect our players and staff have earned. At the same time, giving our football program the opportunity to earn a lot more respect moving forward. Returning to the Big Sky is an exciting challenge, and our team is ready to embrace it."

The preseason recognition comes as Southern Utah returns to the Big Sky from the United Athletic



WINS HORSESHOE PITCHING WORLD TITLE

by **ICT Staff; Seth Ohms**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Adilaide Ohms, 18, of Cedar City went

undefeated 7-0 to capture first place in the Junior Girls Division in the 2026

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A summer smorgasbord of stuff

With the first high-school games in girls soccer still two weeks away, it gave me a chance to look deep into the sports news crystal ball for the good, the weird, and the crazy from the events of the week that was. Here are some highlights.

As of this writing, three different golfers added their names to the record book for lowest round in a major at the 154th Open Championship played at Royal Birkdale. First, Lucas Herbert and Sam Burns carded 62s in the second round. As if that weren't enough, Ryan Fox added his name to the book with a 62 of his own in Round 3.

Herbert had a chance to stand alone with a 61, but ran into trouble at 18 and finished his second round with a bogey, which was still good for the lead by two over three others at 8-under par. Burns' round left him at 5-under 135, three shots off the pace.

In Round 3, Fox clearly proved what a good score can do for you on moving day. His 62 moved him up 50 spots and into a tie for second with Si Woo Kim at 8-under, but Burns followed

up his 62 with a 65 and moved to the top of the leaderboard at 10-under 200 through 54 holes. Herbert slipped to a 71 and fell to a tie for fourth with

Cup will finally be over by the time these words reach your hands, and there's one player who has clearly emerged as an absolute legend whether his team won or lost the final against Spain on July 19.

Lionel Messi will always be remembered for the magical come-backs Argentina pulled off to get them to the brink

of becoming the first repeat World Cup champion since Brazil did the trick in 1958 and 1962.

Hopefully the final was safely played at New York-New Jersey Stadium (which will thankfully revert back to MetLife once this World Cup is done). The god-awful wildfire smoke has been a major issue, and there were thunderstorms in the forecast for the New York area.

The All-Star break is in the rear-view mirror, so thoughts are turning toward the push for the playoffs in Major League Baseball. In the National League, the Los Angeles Dodgers may have a legitimate challenger to the World Series throne in the Milwaukee Brewers. As play

Ryan Gerard at 7-under.

In total, seven players now share the all-time record for low-round in a major. Branden Grace of South Africa did it first in the third round of the 2017 Open at Royal Birkdale, then Xander Schauffele and Rickie Fowler followed up in the first round of the 2023 US Open at Los Angeles Country Club.

Schauffele did it again in the first round of the 2024 PGA Championship and Shane Lowry matched the 62 in Round 3 at Valhalla Country Club outside of Louisville.

Having breakfast and waking up to good golf stuff like what happened at this Open Championship is definitely satisfying.

The 2026 FIFA World

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. True or False: When Rory McIlroy won the Open Championship in 2014, he led after all four rounds played at Royal Liverpool.
2. One year after McIlroy's victory, Zach Johnson won the 2015 Open Championship in a four-hole aggregate playoff over Louis Oosthuizen and Marc Leishman at St. Andrews. What was Johnson's final margin of victory?
3. Jack Nicklaus won three Open Championships in his legendary career, but how many times did he finish as the runner-up?
4. In this year's MLB All-Star Game that was played July 14, the American League shut out the National League, 4-0, at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia and allowed only three hits. In 1990, how many hits did the NL finish with in a 2-0 loss to the AL at Wrigley Field?
5. With its latest effort, the American League has added to its lead over the National League in the all-time head-to-head series at the All-Star Game. How many wins does the AL have through 2026?
6. What Chicago White Sox third baseman hit the only home run – an 8th-inning shot that landed in the second deck in left field – at the 2026 MLB All-Star Game?
7. What current "Saturday Night Live" cast member hosted the ESPY Awards that were presented July 15?
8. What Detroit Red Wings legend was fired as the team's general manager on July 15 after it failed to make the Stanley Cup Playoffs for a 10th consecutive season?
9. How many times did National League hitters strike out in the 2026 All-Star Game, beating the previous record of 12 last done in 1999?

10. The hype is building for the Washington Wizards after the team drafted A.J. Dybantsa with the No. 1 pick in the 2026 NBA Draft. In what season did the Wizards last qualify for the NBA Playoffs?
11. The Milwaukee Brewers have a 1-2 punch at the top of its pitching rotation. While Jacob Misiorowski has 10 wins, what teammate leads all of MLB with 12 heading to the second half of the season?
12. Only two American League players are hitting over .300 through the All-Star break. Houston's Yordan Alvarez is second at .318, but what Tampa Bay Rays infielder leads the AL with a .322 batting average?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Egypt.
2. Brazil repeated as World Cup champions in 1958 and 1962.
3. The Yankees struck out 17 times in consecutive games against the Tampa Bay Rays.
4. Kyle Schwarber.
5. Cal Raleigh. Raleigh did not participate in the Home Run Derby on July 14.
6. Peterson scored 24 points against Dybantsa and the Wizards.
7. Smith is from Australia.
8. Kylian Mbappe of France and Lionel Messi of Argentina had eight goals each.
9. Riggins wore No. 44 for Washington.
10. True. Sinner defeated Alexander Zverev in four sets to repeat as champion.
11. Jacob Misiorowski.
12. Scheffler had a streak of 78 made cuts that came to an end.





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RANDOM THOUGHTS

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began July 18, the Dodgers (62-36) led by only 1.5 games in the race for the best record and home-field advantage.

Shohei Ohtani may be the player of all trades, but Milwaukee has a young man named Jacob Misiorowski, who has an other-worldly fastball that's touched 105 mph on the radar gun.

He'll be at Dodger Stadium along with the Brewers to face LA for four games Aug. 13 through Aug. 16.

Before that, the MLB trade deadline Aug. 3 could add more chaos to the mix. Stay tuned.

In the American League, the Tampa Bay Rays (56-40) own the best record, but they've come back to the rest of the pack. They lead the New York

Yankees by 2.5 games while everyone else is fighting to claim the other four playoff spots.

Thanks to an 11-game winning streak that was still active on July 18, the Boston Red Sox pulled even with the Minnesota Twins for the last wild card spot. Behind them, five teams – the Mariners, Orioles, Astros, Tigers and Blue Jays – are within 3.5 games.

Embrace the challenge and feel

the optimism while you still can. The 2027 schedules may be out, but negotiations on a new labor contract have stalled.

We don't know yet if this will be 1994 all over again, but it's something to keep an eye on with a big "Believe" cue card above your dugout door.

Contact Tom Zulewski at tominator19@yahoo.com.

The Big Sky Announces the Men's and Women's Basketball Championship Tournament Will Expand to 11 Teams

by Parker Haynie

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

The Big Sky Conference has officially announced that the Men's and Women's Championship Basketball Tournaments will expand to 11 teams for each gender, with the No. 10 and No. 11 seeds facing off for the right to play the No. 9 seed.

Head Women's Basketball Coach Tracy Mason said, "I'm excited to see the

conference expand the championship and provide every team the opportunity to compete in Boise. Our student-athletes invest so much into their seasons, and having every program represented in the tournament is a great way to celebrate the continued growth of women's basketball in the Big Sky. It's another opportunity to put our league on display and create a great championship atmosphere."

With the Big Sky Conference's transition to 11 full-time members, the 2027 Men's and Women's Basketball Championships will expand to six days and 20 total games with all 22 basketball programs participating.

The event -- to be held in March 2027 for the ninth consecutive year at Idaho Central Arena in downtown Boise, Idaho -- will now begin

each year on Friday night with one game per gender featuring the No. 10 and No. 11 seeds playing for the right to face the No. 9 seed on Saturday. Tip-off times and broadcast clearances for all 20 contests will be announced at a later date.

Aside from the additional game for each gender, the brackets will remain the same as it's been for the past four years, concluding with both championship games on Wednesday.

Head Men's Basketball Coach Rob Jeter said, "Anytime you have the opportunity to play postseason basketball, it is a good thing. The grind of the college basketball season takes a toll on these student-athletes, and knowing that they will be competing in the postseason is a good goal to look forward to. We are all excited to be back in the Big Sky and to compete against a lot of quality opponents."

WORLD TITLE

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National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) World Horseshoe Tournament held in Wausau Wisconsin on July 18th. She averaged an impressive 55% ringers for the tournament and had a stellar high-game of 62% ringers.

This is the first time a Utah girl has won the World Horseshoe Pitching Championship.

Adilaide is a 4th-generation horseshoe pitcher; her grandfather and great-grandfather are Utah and NHPA Hall of Fame members. Her siblings and parents also play competitive horseshoes, as well as several of her friends.

Adilaide was part of the Canyon View High School Horseshoe team that won its 9th Utah High School Horseshoe State championship this last May where she was awarded State MVP and All-State honors.

Also competing at the World Championship were her teammates Lindy Anderson (Cedar City), finishing fourth in Junior Girls, and Tolson Hall (Cedar City) who placed sixth in Junior Boys.

What's next for Adilaide? Adilaide will be serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Albuquerque, New Mexico beginning July 29th. She plans to attend the University of Utah after her missionary service.

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Case No. 262500007

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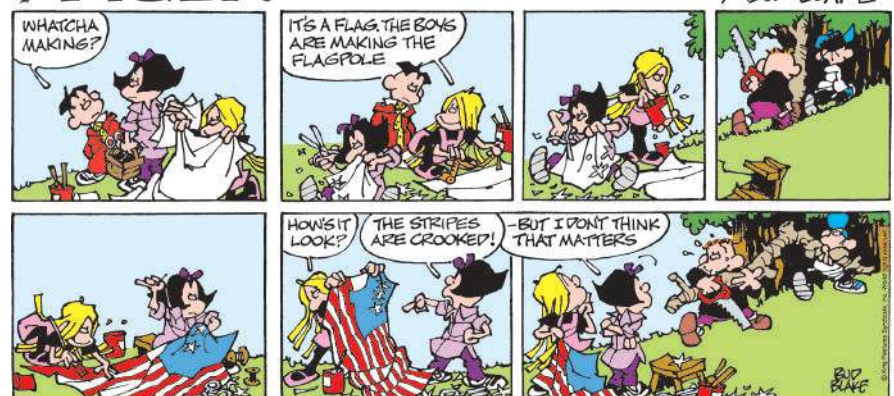
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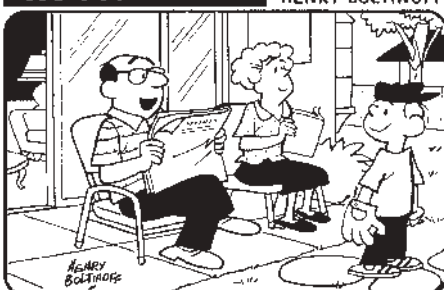
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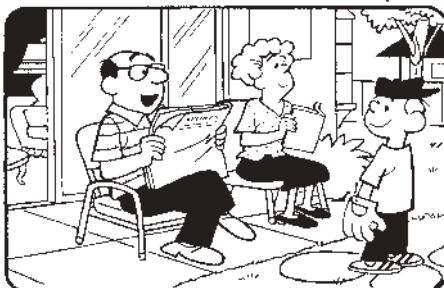
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Collar is missing. 3. Arm is not showing. 4. Lamp is larger. 5. Window is added to house. 6. Back of chair is smaller.

July 20, 2026 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Efron of "Parkland"
4 "For — the Bell Tolls"
8 Maui's — Highway
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13 Continental coin
14 Petri dish gel
15 Scrape (out)
16 Shakable paperweight
18 Egypt's Anwar
20 Quibble
21 Composer Bartok
24 Informative
28 Hall & Oates ballad of 1976
32 Scarce
33 Galley item
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36 Plant seeds
37 Radar dot
39 "Gems" found on a beach
41 "Bye!"
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57 Nest egg
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11 Common verb
17 Tonic's mixer
19 Six-pack muscles
22 Novelist Anita
23 Poker pot starters
25 "That — close one!"
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40 Run after K
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54 Vichy water

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?
2. U.S. CITIES: Which city is home to the Gateway Arch, known as the tallest arch in the world?
3. TELEVISION: Which 1970s sitcom introduced a neighbor named Phyllis Lindstrom?
4. HISTORY: When was the first heart transplant performed?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Cape Verde islands located?
6. MOVIES: Which 1991 film featured a villain named Max Cady?
7. MUSIC: When did Taylor Swift's second studio album ("Fearless") win the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award?
8. SCIENCE: What is nephology?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What instrument is used to measure the depth of oceans?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby deer called?

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Trivia Test Answers
1. 33; 2. St. Louis, Missouri; 3. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"; 4. 1967; 5. Off the west coast of Africa; 6. "Cape Fear"; 7. 2009; 8. The scientific study of clouds; 9. An echo sounder or fathometer; 10. A fawn or calf



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