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Utah Ranked No. 1 State in the Nation for Fourth Year in a Row

by *Aundrea Peterson*

UTAH SENATE

America's very best, building on a record of economic strength, innovation and fiscal stability. For the fourth year in a row, Utah has been ranked as the number one best state in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. This year's top overall ranking underscores the strong foundation built by the people of Utah, sound fiscal policies, a thriving business

Utah continues to stand among

community and strong families and communities.

"Utah's strength has always come from the people of Utah and their vision to look beyond today and build for tomorrow," said Senate President J. Stuart Adams. "Being recognized as the nation's best state for a fourth consecutive year reflects our enduring values and the sound policies that have expanded opportunity, encouraged innovation and strengthened communities. We are proud of what Utahns have built together, and we

remain committed to making our state the best place to live, work and raise a family."

Utah's historic four-year run as the nation's top state reflects a strong foundation of economic growth, infrastructure, fiscal responsibility and opportunity that continues today. That foundation continues to drive Utah's success today. Utah continues to lead the nation in key indicators of long-term success, including being ranked No. 1 for economic outlook for the 19th consecutive year, No. 1 in

upward mobility for the second year in a row by the Archbridge Institute, No. 1 in protecting children's mental well-being by the Childhood Index and No. 1 in household income growth by the Urban Institute.

Utah also continues to lead the nation in GDP growth and remains a national leader in education, economic opportunity and quality of life, further demonstrating the state's long-term commitment to creating opportunity and prosperity for future generations.

Man convicted in Cedar City restaurant burglary arrested for alleged probation violations

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 69-year-old man convicted of breaking into a Cedar City restaurant last year was recently arrested on allegations that he left Nevada without permission and stopped reporting to probation authorities.

Anthony Joseph Ferrante was taken into custody July 28 on a no-bail warrant issued in April after Adult Probation and Parole reported his whereabouts were unknown.

Ferrante is scheduled to appear before 5th District Judge Matthew Bell on Aug. 5 to address the alleged probation violations.

Court documents allege Ferrante failed to report to Nevada Adult Probation and Parole on March 17 after being directed to return to the state.

Ferrante had been living in Nevada under an Interstate Compact agreement that allowed the state to supervise his Utah probation. However, when Nevada probation authorities contacted him March 11, Ferrante allegedly said he had left the state and was living in Missouri.

Authorities told Ferrante he needed to return to Nevada to complete the process required to transfer his supervision to another

state, but he allegedly failed to report as directed.

Nevada probation officers later contacted a woman Ferrante claimed he had been living with in Missouri. The woman identified herself as his cousin and said Ferrante had not been staying with her, court files state. She also reportedly expressed concern that he may have been involved in a vehicle crash in Arizona.

AP&P alleged Ferrante moved without permission, failed to maintain an approved residence and did not follow the Interstate Compact process. His possible whereabouts were listed as Missouri or Arizona when the agency requested the warrant April 3.

Bell approved the no-bail warrant April 9 after finding probable cause to believe Ferrante had violated the terms of his probation.

The probation stems from Ferrante's August 2025 arrest for breaking into Hermie's restaurant in Cedar City.

According to court documents, police were called to the restaurant shortly before 8 p.m. Aug. 10, 2025, after receiving a report that a man had smashed his way through the glass doors and was taking items from inside.

When officers arrived, they found Ferrante inside filling cups

with soda. Two glass doors had been shattered, and a cinder block was found on the restaurant floor.

Ferrante told an officer he had permission to be inside before walking toward the back of the restaurant and refusing commands to come out. Officers entered with a police dog and found him sitting in a sink near the back of the building.

Ferrante pleaded guilty Aug. 27 to one count of third-degree felony burglary. Charges of third-degree felony property damage and class B misdemeanor interfering with a peace officer were dismissed with prejudice as part of a plea agreement.

On Oct. 8, Bell sentenced Ferrante to an indeterminate prison term of up to five years but suspended the sentence. He was ordered to serve 60 days in jail, with credit for all 60 days already served, and placed on supervised probation for 36 months.

Ferrante was also ordered to pay \$1,160 in restitution, undergo mental health and substance abuse evaluations and comply with treatment recommended by evaluators or AP&P.

The court could modify or revoke Ferrante's probation if the alleged violations are proven.

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Drought Update 07/30/26

by Michael Sanchez

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Summer monsoons have brought much-needed precipitation to some parts of the state, offering relief by decreasing demand on our water supplies. This moisture has also come at a severe cost, as these intense weather events have unfortunately resulted in the destruction of property and, tragically, the loss of life. As we navigate the remainder of the summer, we urge all residents to remain vigilant and prioritize safety.

"While the rains have arrived, our reservoirs have seen a significant decline" Laura Haskell, drought coordinator for the Utah Division of Water Resources said, "The median drop between May and July is typically 1%, but this year it reached 13%. This is due to the low snowpack resulting in low runoff."

Safety Around Burn Scars

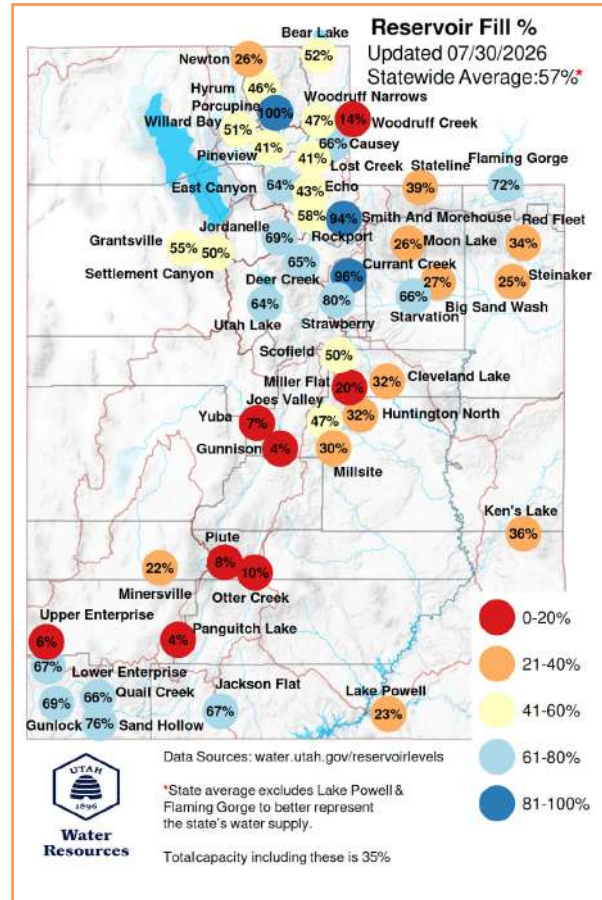
Burn scars remain highly unstable for years, significantly increasing the risk of flash flooding and debris flows, even during relatively small storms. As monsoon activity continues, the threat of flooding remains elevated in these areas. We strongly encourage all residents to stay informed by monitoring local weather forecasts, avoiding burn scar areas during rain events and strictly following the guidance of local emergency officials. If you are in or near an affected area, heed all evacuation orders and never attempt to travel through flooded roadways or drainages. Moving water can be deadly and flooding can occur with little warning. Visit the Division of Emergency Management's website for tips on how to stay safe around hazards in Utah.

Wildfire Activity

Fire activity has increased across Utah this year, with 690 wildfires reported, including 364 human-caused fires. While containment continues to improve on Utah's largest wildfires, recent lightning associated with the summer monsoon pattern has resulted in an increase in lightning-caused fire starts. Although higher humidity and scattered precipitation have moderated fire danger in some areas, conditions remain dry in others. Utahns are encouraged to continue practicing Fire Sense by preventing human-caused ignitions, staying aware of local fire conditions, and reporting any new wildfire immediately.

Reservoirs, lakes and streams

- Instead of rising until late June or July, reservoirs started to drop in early May. The median



drop between May and July is typically 1%. This year, the drop was 13%. Reservoir storage averages 57% full, which is 17% lower than the normal for this time of year, and 22% lower than this time last year.

- The boat ramp at Escalante Petrified Forest State Park is currently closed. When reservoirs reach low levels, some parks are forced to close their boat launch ramps in order to help better protect visitors and their property. Visit the Division of State Parks boat ramp conditions webpage for more information.

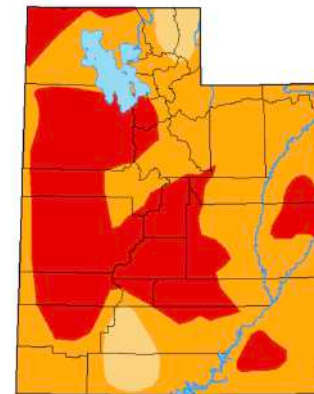
- Because Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) may be happening earlier than normal, residents are urged to learn how to identify them and find current water advisories at HABs.utah.gov

- Due to current low water levels from construction projects and ongoing drought impacts, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources issued emergency changes to increase the daily fishing limits at seven waterbodies in Utah. For more information about drought impacts on fish and fishing in Utah, visit the [DWR website](https://www.dwr.utah.gov).

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U.S. Drought Monitor Utah

July 28, 2026
(Released Thursday, Jul. 30, 2026)
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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

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WINDS: NE 10-15

FRIDAY

Mostly Sunny

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PRECIP: 10%

WINDS: S 5-15

SATURDAY

Mostly Sunny

98°/67°

PRECIP: 10%

WINDS: SW 5-15

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

96°/66°

PRECIP: 20%

WINDS: SW 10-20

MONDAY

Isolated Storms

93°/65°

PRECIP: 30%

WINDS: SW 10-20

TUESDAY

Isolated Storms

92°/62°

PRECIP: 40%

WINDS: SW 10-20

WEDNESDAY

Scattered Storms

90°/60°

PRECIP: 50%

WINDS: SW 5-15

opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



**BECKA
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COPY EDITOR

I am a naturally very curious person, and I think the inverse of curiosity is cynicism. And thus, sometimes, I actively have to check my inner cynic and tell her to chill.

She has been particularly opinionated lately, and I'm kind of over it.

I really like being curious, though. I am a Sagittarius, after all.

I like wondering why people do the things they do. I like falling down research rabbit holes. I like learning a new word and immediately looking up its etymology. I like opening new doors, metaphorically and literally. I like discovering that something I've believed forever is completely wrong.

Curiosity makes the world bigger.

Cynicism does the opposite. It gives you an answer before you've had a chance to ask the question.

People are stupid. Nobody reads anymore. Everyone is selfish. Everything is getting worse. Convenient. Case closed. We can all go home. Except I don't really believe that.

There are certainly days when I encounter another human being and briefly wonder how our species managed to put people on the moon.

But people also constantly surprise me - in wonderful, beautiful ways. I love that about us.

There is so much I don't know. There are books I haven't read, places I haven't been, people I haven't met, food I haven't tried, and questions I haven't even thought to ask yet.

I'd hate to become so certain about the world that I stopped being interested in it.

So when my inner cynic starts getting loud, I'm trying to hear her out and then keep asking questions anyway.

She can have her opinions.

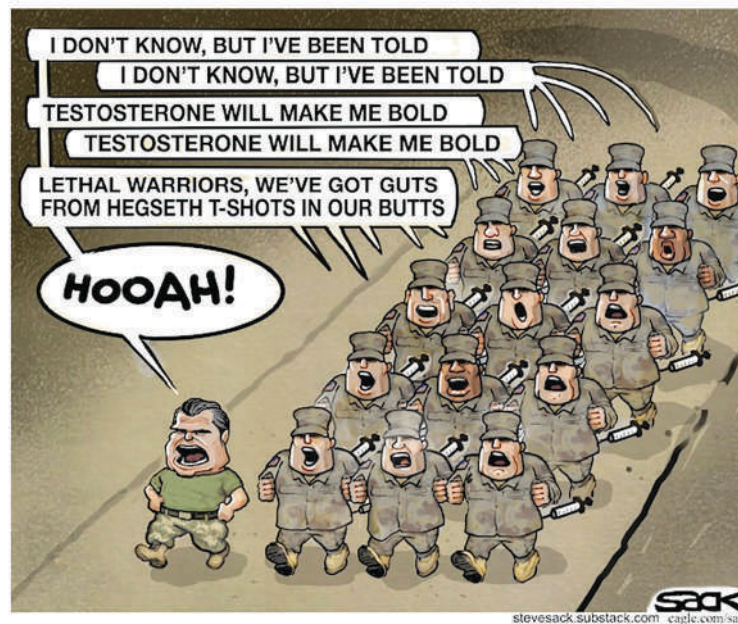
I have things to learn.

WORD OF THE WEEK

MELIORISM
[ME-LIO-RISM]

noun

the belief that the world tends to improve and that humans can aid its betterment



news

Forest Service considers winter recreation expansion for Brian Head Resort

Release of draft analysis launches 90-day project comment period

by Jennifer Plecki

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

The Dixie National Forest submitted a notice of availability for publication in the Federal Register for the draft environmental impact statement on the Brian Head Resort Expansion Project.

The publication will initiate a 90-day public comment period for the proposed project and a proposed amendment to the Dixie National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The forest will also post the draft environmental impact statement on the project website.

"The Forest Service has prepared a draft environmental impact statement for Brian Head Resort's proposed expansion on the Dixie National Forest lands," said Forest Supervisor Kevin Wright. "Public comments and stakeholder input guided this analysis from the beginning. We urge the

public to review the draft, consider the alternatives and help inform the final decision."

The Dixie National Forest will host two public meetings to review the analysis and answer questions. Details about the open houses, along with project documents, will be available on the project website.

Comments may be submitted online, by mail, by fax, or in person. In-person submissions are accepted between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Send mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered comments to: Kevin Wright, Forest Supervisor, c/o Matt Loscalzo, Project Manager, Dixie National Forest, 820 North Main Street, Cedar City, UT 84721-7769, or by facsimile to: 435-865-3791. Include "Brian Head Resort Expansion Environmental Impact Statement" in the subject line.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"All I ask is one thing, and I'm asking this particularly of young people: please don't be cynical. I hate cynicism, for the record, it's my least favorite quality and it doesn't lead anywhere. Nobody in life gets exactly what they thought they were going to get. But if you work really hard and you're kind, amazing things will happen."

-Conan O'Brien

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Cedar City man arrested following four alleged controlled drug purchases

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man was recently arrested after allegedly selling drugs to confidential informants four times before investigators found suspected drugs and a handgun in his home.

Isaias Jose Gonzalez-Marquez, 23, was taken into custody July 20 after members of the Iron/Garfield/Beaver Drug Task Force searched his home and allegedly found a large quantity of suspected drugs, a handgun and ammunition.

Court documents do not identify the types or quantities of drugs allegedly sold during the controlled purchases or specify what substances were later found in the home.

Gonzalez-Marquez is facing seven third-degree felony charges, including multiple counts of distributing a controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute, child endangerment and prohibited firearm conduct. He also faces a class B misdemeanor charge of possessing drug paraphernalia.

The investigation began months before his arrest when confidential informants working under the direction of the Task Force allegedly arranged to purchase controlled substances from Gonzalez-Marquez.

Investigators reported conducting controlled purchases April 20, May 8, June 18 and July 7. During each transaction, a confidential informant allegedly exchanged Task Force money for drugs provided by Gonzalez-Marquez, court documents state.

Agents said they watched Gonzalez-Marquez arrive at each meeting in a black Mercedes-Benz registered to him at his Cedar City address. Each alleged transaction was also recorded using audio and video equipment.

Police executed a search warrant July 20 at the home Gonzalez-Marquez shared with his fiancée and their two young children.

During the search, investigators

reported finding a large quantity of suspected drugs similar to those allegedly purchased by the confidential informants. Agents also found a handgun, ammunition and multiple items of drug paraphernalia throughout the residence, the affidavit states.

The handgun and suspected drugs were allegedly stored together on a shelf inside a closet in an unlocked bedroom. Investigators said the items were easily accessible to the children living in the home.

On July 28, defense attorney Kenneth Combs filed a motion asking the court to set bail and allow Gonzalez-Marquez to be released under house arrest with the highest available level of pretrial supervision.

Combs argued Gonzalez-Marquez is not a flight risk, noting he has lived in Cedar City since 2021 and has several relatives in the area, adding that Gonzalez-Marquez was employed as a machinist at the time of his arrest. He continues to have a job with the same company, the motion states.

The defense also noted that Gonzalez-Marquez has two young children, ages 3 years and 9 months, and has a limited adult criminal history consisting of a previous misdemeanor DUI conviction in Nevada.

Gonzalez-Marquez's fiancée, Sofia Maestes, also submitted a letter supporting his release, describing him as an involved father and the primary provider for their family. She said he has worked for the same company for five years, advancing from sanding metal to working as a CNC machinist and regularly working overtime to support the household.

Maestes acknowledged Gonzalez-Marquez has struggled with marijuana use and said he has expressed a desire to stop using it and seek professional help.

The request for release is expected to be addressed during the Aug. 5 hearing.

DROUGHT

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River Conditions Continue to Vary Across Utah as Irrigation Season Progresses

As Utah moves through the peak of the irrigation season, streamflows continue to decline across much of the state following an early runoff and below-average snowpack.

Conditions continue to vary by basin. Some river systems have benefited from stronger snowpack, reservoir releases, and recent summer storms, while others remain comparable to the drought conditions experienced in 2021. Water commissioners continue to regulate junior water rights where necessary to ensure senior water rights receive their lawful allocation.

Key observations from around the state include:

- Bear River – Conditions remain significantly stronger than many other basins and closely resemble the above-average 2019 water year. Improved snowpack, summer thunderstorms, and reservoir releases have helped maintain natural flows and support water deliveries.

- Upper Provo River – Streamflows continue to reflect drought conditions overall, though recent monsoon activity temporarily increased river flows. Those increases are expected to be short-lived as runoff continues to decline.

- Upper Duchesne River – Conditions remain similar to the 2021 drought, with reduced natural flows and priority regulation limiting water deliveries. Flows have steadily declined following the accelerated spring runoff.

- Upper Sevier River – Natural flows remain below average but continue to exceed 2021 drought conditions. Reservoir releases are helping supplement river flows and improve deliveries compared to the severe shortages experienced during the 2021 irrigation season.

The Division of Water Rights and water commissioners monitor streamflows, administer water rights, and work closely with water users throughout the irrigation season. River conditions will evolve as summer progresses, with streamflows influenced by remaining reservoir operations, localized precipitation, and ongoing irrigation demand.



ECONOMIC REVIEW BREAKFAST

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Iron County Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Department Reports

Cedar Valley Water Conservancy District: Recent rainfall helped reduce water pumping by 500,000 gallons per day over two weeks through smart irrigation controllers. The Water Festival was held at Cedar City Park. The Pine Valley water project (Basin 14) advanced after a lawsuit was dropped following a favorable court ruling. With NEPA complete, the project moves into engineering and financial planning, with water expected to reach Cedar Valley in six to ten years. Locally, a new 4-million-gallon tank is complete, new wells are being drilled, and Cedar City plans additional pressure improvements near Lund Highway and Cross Hollow.

Iron County Fair: Preparations continue for the 2026 fair, themed "Rocking the '90s" in celebration of the PRCA rodeo's 90th anniversary. Jerry and Diane Bixman will serve as grand marshals. New attractions include dirt games, breakaway roping, a family fun night, and the car show moving to the fairgrounds. Sponsorship remains strong with 66 confirmed sponsors.

Fire/CWS: Iron County has recorded 38 fires this year, burning about 3,943

acres, most from the Sawmill Fire. Human-caused fires remain the leading cause. Prevention efforts include public outreach, youth education, new signage, and multiple fuels-reduction projects across the county. Commissioners discussed the gap between prevention funding and firefighting costs.

IT: Staff reported progress on GIS support for wildfire mapping, migrating financial servers to the cloud, and transitioning the county's property tax software to Cheetah. Battery failures during recent power outages temporarily affected dispatch, jail, and county websites but have since been resolved.

Treasurer: Property tax collections remain strong, with distributions continuing to local taxing entities. Investments continue to perform well, outstanding balances have decreased from last year, and the state auditor was scheduled to visit the following day. Officials also noted ongoing uncertainty surrounding future PILT funding.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Cozzens reported on the jail beam-signing ceremony, a Council of Governments meeting on annexation, strong fireworks safety compliance, and a Washington, D.C., trip focused on forest health, wildfire funding, and meetings with Forest Service leaders and congressional staff.

Commissioner Blake highlighted Board of Health meetings, upcoming PILT advocacy at Bryce Canyon, forest thinning discussions in the Cottonwood Canyons watershed, meetings on holistic grazing practices, work on a septic and water-hauling ordinance, and continued support for long-term Forest Service timber contracts.

Commissioner Robinson reported on planning and zoning, the Coal Creek Town public meeting, abandoned vehicle and Comstock Road discussions, sewer negotiations with Cedar City, and Iron County's equipment and volunteer assistance to Beaver County following recent flooding.

Public Hearing – Equestrian Trails Ranch Development Agreement Amendment

The Commission approved an amendment allowing up to 64 twin-home units within the Equestrian Trails Ranch subdivision without increasing the overall cap of 528 homes. Supporters said the change would expand moderate-income housing, while opponents raised concerns about preserving the area's rural character, setting a precedent, and increasing road maintenance.

Other Business

The Commission approved an off-road racing event for Aug. 29–30, including temporary road closures and traffic control measures.

Auditors presented the 2025 audit, issuing a clean opinion with no material weaknesses. One state compliance finding regarding a fraud risk assessment will be addressed.

Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Presentation

County staff presented on the county's responsibilities under HB48 to establish Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) zones and review the state's wildfire risk map, which will determine future annual wildfire-risk fees for property owners. Commissioners discussed concerns about the proposed fee structure and inaccuracies in the initial state map but noted the county can appeal and refine the classifications.

Additional Agreements and Personnel

The Commission approved an agreement with the Cedar Highlands HOA for a seasonal wildland fire truck staging area, a temporary five-year access agreement across county fairgrounds, personnel actions in several departments, and updates to the county's employee evaluation policy, including a new five-point rating scale.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Parowan City Council Meeting Summary

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Water Revenue Bond Approval

Following a period for general public comment, the meeting moved into a public hearing regarding the authorization of revenue bonds for drinking water system improvements. A representative from the finance company explained the bonding process and the favorable terms of the loan, which includes a grant of over a million dollars. The proposed projects include rehabilitating an underperforming city spring, Six Mile Spring, which has been offline for many years due to water quality issues, and constructing a treatment plant to address turbidity and dissolved solids. Additionally, the bond will finance the replacement of an old water transmission line from the Main Canyon Spring.

During the public hearing, Douglas Fox, a member of the Water Board, emphasized the importance of prioritizing water. Steve Thayer, a well driller and former city council and water board member, voiced his support for developing the spring, noting the significant cost increase from initial estimates. He also inquired about plans to enhance the spring's production. The city's representatives confirmed that structural repairs to the spring's collection system are planned and that efforts are underway to re-permit the spring development with the Forest Service. Concerns were also raised by Doug Fox about maintaining adequate pipeline sizes for fire flow, referencing past issues in Cedar City. After the public hearing, the council voted to approve the resolution authorizing the water revenue bonds.

City Fee Schedule Updates and Policy Discussions

Several changes to the fee schedule were proposed, specifically:

1. Copy Fees: Eliminating fees for copies at the library and front office, with a limit of ten black and white and five color copies per day as a courtesy.
2. GRAMA Requests: Revising the language to reflect the "wage of the lowest qualified employee" rather than a specific individual, due to privacy concerns.
3. Building Permit Fees: Adjusting fees for off-hour inspections to zero, as the provider does not intend to charge for them, and clarifying the additional plan review fee to ensure accurate accounting for significant plan revisions.
4. Business Licensing: Rewording general business licenses to clarify they are annual, and adjusting late fees for short-term rentals to a tiered system, with a clear May 1st deadline.
5. Recreation Fees: Increasing fees for recreation jerseys, sports participation, and seasonal pickleball

to better align with costs, while still aiming to keep programs accessible. Lane rental fees for the pool were also introduced.

6. Adult Softball: Adjusting the fee from \$60 to \$50, eliminating group discounts.

7. Utility Fees: Culinary connection meter fees were increased to reflect the rising cost of materials.

Sidewalk Policy Discussions

A significant discussion point was the Sidewalk Policy, proposed for adoption by resolution. The policy aims to provide transparency and clarity regarding sidewalk maintenance and repairs, acknowledging budget limitations and potential litigation risks. The council decided to bring the sidewalk policy back for a vote at the next meeting.

Permits for Re-roofing a House

The Planning Commission's recommendation to update PCMC 11.01.020 regarding re-roofing of houses was discussed. The council debated the exception for re-roofing a house, with some arguing for a permit requirement to ensure quality and safety, while others advocated for less regulation on simple home maintenance. Ultimately the council will address this again to further discuss options and potentially revise fees for certain inspections.

Other Updates and Reports

Parowan Police Chief Adams presented a proposal to increase the hourly pay for reserve police officers from \$20 to \$32, noting that current part-time pay is insufficient to attract officers, and overtime costs for full-time officers are higher than the proposed reserve rate. The council acknowledged the need to recruit and retain reserve officers and took no action.

Council members provided updates on various city activities:

- The city is now on a "yellow" water conservation status due to decreased supply. Residents are urged to be conservative with water use.
- Progress on the water system diversion project was noted.
- The Parowan Prevention Coalition has welcomed a new specialist, Tiffany Johnson.
- A new water tender truck for the fire department has been acquired (for free, compliments of the Bureau of Land Management!), a much-needed piece of equipment.

Mayor Halterman expressed gratitude for the council's presence and dedication, emphasizing the importance of community building projects and collaboration. She also announced upcoming theater performances and Pioneer Day events.

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>

Utah is a finalist to build a massive federal nuclear hub. What's next?

Among its roles, a potential Tooele County campus would store nuclear waste from power plants the Trump administration expects to build over the next 25 years.

by Emily Anderson Stern and Leia Larsen

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

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Utah is among a handful of states that are finalists for a massive federal campus that would take on a range of nuclear work — from creating fuel to later recycling it and storing radioactive waste, the U.S. Department of Energy announced Tuesday.

The Utah Office of Energy Development signed a memorandum of understanding with the federal government Tuesday, it said, which is “one of several next steps” in the federal agency’s selection process.

The public will have opportunities to comment



(Francisco Kjolseth | The Salt Lake Tribune) Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson and Gov. Spencer Cox are joined by other state leaders in north central Tooele County to announce plans to advance nuclear energy development in the county, on Friday, March 27, 2026.

on the project as the federal review continues, the state energy office added.

Gov. Spencer Cox said in March that if Utah is chosen, the development would bring tens of thousands of jobs, rivaling the economic boost brought by Hill Air Force Base. “America’s future depends on affordable, abundant energy,” Cox said in a news release Tuesday.

A spokesperson for the state energy development office was not immediately able to provide a copy of the new agreement. The memorandum does not guarantee Utah will be selected as a nuclear campus, the office noted.

Utah joined the competition to host a “nuclear lifecycle innovation campus” in April at the direction of Cox and Utah’s GOP Legislature. More than two dozen states responded to the call for applications over the spring, and Utah is one of five states — including Idaho, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Tennessee — that have risen to the top.

According to DOE’s announcement, “States that choose to pursue hosting an innovation campus will sign hosting agreements with the Department at a later date.”

Before the federal government potentially moves forward with building a campus in Utah, the energy office said, there must be “additional analysis, stakeholder engagement and future agreements.”

The new campus approach aims to build facilities for the full nuclear fuel cycle in one place, co-locating fuel fabrication and enrichment with reprocessing used nuclear fuel and disposition of waste, DOE said.

Sites may also host nuclear reactors and data centers, according to the agency.

The agency believes the “proposed innovation campuses have the potential to attract up to \$50 billion in capital investment, generate as much as \$10 billion in state and local tax revenue, and create nearly 25,000 jobs,” it said in a news release.

The state’s 150-page proposal envisioned a campus in Tooele County’s remote West Desert, but also pitched a “nuclear energy ecosystem” spanning the state.

It would include a planned nuclear training center in Box Elder County, Valar Atomix’s experimental Ward 250 TRISO-fueled microreactor in the central part of the state and the White Mesa uranium mill in San Juan County.

The governor’s “Operation Gigawatt” has become a key part of his platform of his second term. It seeks to more than double the state’s electricity generation — with a heavy focus on nuclear energy development — over the next decade. The rise of artificial intelligence, data centers and electrification of transportation are spiking demand.

“We’re doing it through responsible stewardship of the land and resources we’ve been entrusted with,” Cox said in Tuesday’s statement.

The White House has largely abandoned incentives for renewable energy projects, but has embraced a “golden era” of nuclear development.

“The innovative concept is a direct result of President Trump’s leadership and ambitious directives to restore the domestic nuclear fuel cycle,” U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright said in a news release, “and get America’s nuclear industry growing again.”

The Trump administration is also pushing federal lawmakers to abandon plans to store nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada, according to Politico.

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ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

Utah Shakespeare Festival's Words Cubed Program Announces Two New Plays

by Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

CEDAR CITY—The Utah Shakespeare Festival announces the selection of two new plays and welcomes their playwrights for the annual Words Cubed new play program. *Morphology* by Jillian Blevins and *The Forgeries of Jealousy* by Grant Goodman will be presented on select dates August 7 through 22 in the Anes Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$20.

Words Cubed is the Festival's new play program and seeks to nurture and develop openly submitted and selected plays. It provides a professionally supported platform to provide readings and workshops during which playwrights spend a week at the Festival in rehearsals with directors, actors, and stage managers as they refine and rework their plays. At the end of the week, the revised plays are presented as staged readings, followed by a lively, interactive discussion between the playwright, actors, and audience.

"The selection process begins about a year in advance," says Festival Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "Our dedicated team of twenty play readers thoughtfully reviewed over 200 play submissions to narrow them down to the final two selections."

"While the Festival often focuses on the classics, it's worth remembering that every play was once a world premiere," DiAntonio continues. "They were tested in front of early audiences, characters and scenes were cut and changed, and adjustments made in order to become the versions that are eventually premiered to the world. We honor that same spirit of theatrical discovery and evolution."

Join us this August for these two new works, and play a part by contributing to their development. In general, the plays in this series are written for contemporary adult audiences, and may contain themes and language not appropriate for children and that some may find offensive.



Grant Goodman

MORPHOLOGY

by Jillian Blevins
August 7, 8, 19, and 21, 2026
9:30am
Anes Studio Theatre

Nico, a nonverbal Autistic teenager, longs to be understood by his mother Claudia, a former academic who longs most for him to speak. When Claudia's own mother Arlene intervenes and tries to convince Claudia to place Nico in a group home, their attempts to reach each other grow more desperate. Nico reaches out to one creature he thinks might understand him, and their carefully balanced world starts coming undone. Written in a mix of verse and prose, *Morphology* explores the power and inadequacy of language, what it means to know one another, and what we can learn from deep sea biology.

Playwright Jillian Blevins is an award-winning New England-based playwright whose work engages with literature, myth, and history, exploring



Jillian Blevins

how the stories we think we know resonate in our present. Other plays include *Mere Waters* (Winner 'Best Script' SheNYC Festival 2024); *Romeo & Her Sister*; *The Polycule: A Comedy of Manners*; *Space Laser, in Space!* (Semi-finalist Samuel French Off-Off-Broadway New Play Festival 2023); and *Pilloried* (Winner, Samuel French Off-Off-Broadway New Play Festival 2024, Concord Theatricals 2025). Jillian's plays have been featured on audio drama podcasts *Gather By The Ghostlight* and *The Ugly Radio*. She is a proud member of the Dramatists Guild.

The cast for this reading includes Kathryn Tkel as Claudia, Jacob Rosengren as Nico, Evelyn Carol Case as Arlene, and Chloe McLeod with stage directions. It will be directed by Patrick Vest.

THE FORGERIES OF JEALOUSY

by Grant Goodman
August 14, 15, 20, and 22, 2026
9:30am
Anes Studio Theatre

It's 1795, and Bardolatry is at its height. Georgian theatre audiences are ravenous for Shakespeare, while literary London longs to uncover any forgotten work by the "Sweet Swan of Avon." *The Forgeries of Jealousy* tells the astonishing true story of William Henry Ireland, the teenager who so convincingly forged Shakespearean letters, manuscripts and even an entire "lost play" that he deceived much of eighteenth-century England. Beneath the sensational literary fraud, however, lies the deeply personal story of a son desperate to win the love and admiration of a father incapable of giving it. Exploring authorship, authenticity, ambition and identity, *The Forgeries of Jealousy* asks not only what makes a masterpiece, but whether the truth matters as much as the story we yearn to believe.

Playwright Grant Goodman is an actor,

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Sharing Our Art

by Sara Penny

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Part of the challenge of any art form is the moment you share it. I try to get my violin students to share their music for the joy of it, not just as a performance. Playing for a family party or a neighbor who is homebound can be more meaningful than in front of a big audience.

Probably my most important performance was for a friend's sister who had been violently assaulted. We were living in Beaumont, Texas at the time. My friend had taken time from work to help her sister, but needed to get back to work. Her sister's face was swollen, bruised, and unrecognizable. I just played my violin so she could relax and feel safe enough to be able to sleep. The music soothed her so she could start to recover. I saw her several months later, and fortunately, she was healing. Music can help calm trauma.

How do you use music and art in daily life? Do you have certain music you play when you need to relax or energize? Are there certain colors that help spark mood adjustments? Sometimes wearing a bright color can help me have a more productive day if I start

out a bit sad. Going to the art museum or one of the galleries helps brighten my mood. Taking time for a play, dance, or music performance is helpful.

When you have worked for months to prepare an exhibit or a performance, it is helpful to have friends and family come and do a little cheerleading. Every artist and musician I have ever known has some self doubt. Some are unable to share their work because they are afraid of judgement. At a certain point, most love the art so much they can't keep it a secret any more. If they get even a little positive feedback, it helps build confidence. Just being present is support, even if you don't know how to respond to the art.

The families I work with are the best morale boosters for the young musicians. Recently a small boy, aged two and a half, showed up with his brothers holding a toy violin and a real bow. I normally wait until at least three years old, but this child has four older brothers who are all playing violin or

cello, so he is asking to play. We are learning the rhythms, posture, and bow hold for a few minutes each week.

He is determined, which is helpful, and his mother is consistent in helping, so I expect he will do well.



It takes a long time to learn an instrument and we have to balance feedback for improvement with support for the process.

Repeating a tricky phrase a few times to improve is much better than just allowing the mistakes to perpetuate. Regular practice is certainly more effective than an occasional marathon.

One of the things I love about Cedar City is the supportive nature of the artists in helping each other. Go to an art opening at the Kolob Gallery or Frontier Homestead and you will feel the camaraderie. This is also evident in the theater and music

organizations. People are rooting for each other's success. As with most aspects of life, when we share we get something intangible, but valuable, in return. Encourage the artists in your life. Share your art, and thanks to everyone building our arts community.

NEW PLAYS

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director and playwright who recently became a member of the Acting and Directing Studio at Shakespeare's Globe in London. Grant's play *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, an adaptation with music of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's epic poem, was a finalist for the *Frank Moffett Mosier Fellowship* in Heightened Language. Other plays include *American Cyclone*, which dramatizes the story of Marshall "Major" Taylor, the first Black American sports superstar; and *These Gilded Monuments*, which tells the story of brothers Edwin, John Wilkes, and Junius

Brutus Booth during their only theatrical performance together in Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* in 1864. Grant's radio play adaptations of *The Waxwork* by A.M. Burrage, *The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe and *The Vengeful Corpse* by Ed Adamson and Robert Sloane have been commissioned and produced at the IU Auditorium. Currently in development is *A Crew of Patches*, a comedy loosely based on the Royal Shakespeare Company's collaboration with amateur actors on their 2016 touring production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Festival patrons may remember Grant as a member of the 2008, 2010, and 2014 performing companies, during which he

performed Petruchio in *The Taming of the Shrew*; the title role of *Macbeth*; Bernard in *Boeing, Boeing*; Duke Orsino in *Twelfth Night*; and Colonel Brandon in *Sense and Sensibility*, among others.

The cast for this reading includes Nick Case, John Harrell, Jackson Poulin, Heidi Carann Snider, Blake Henri, Emily Fury Daly, Thom Rivera, and Mat Hostetler. It will be directed by Rodney Lizcano.

For more information or to purchase tickets for Words Cubed or for the 2026 season at the Festival, please visit the Festival Ticket Office, bard.org, or call 800-PLAYTIX.



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Parowan Celebrates Two Holidays on the Same Day

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Those of us in Parowan got a double dose of holiday fun this year. July was packed with patriotism and pioneer-themed celebrations, beginning with the Fourth of July and ending with Pioneer Day on the 24th. This year, Pioneer Day was combined with Old Rock Church Days, which is about as close-to-home of a holiday as we celebrate here.

Another name for Pioneer Day is the Days of 47, marking July 24, 1847, when Brigham Young arrived in the Salt Lake Valley with the first wave of Mormon settlers and declared, “This is the right place.” That moment, at the foot of the Wasatch Range near Emigration Canyon, began the settlement of Utah and parts of the West. Today, the site is known as This Is the Place Park, and from that spot, thousands more settlers spread throughout the region, leaving behind stories of struggle, grit and accomplishment. The days of wagon trains and rugged travel eventually diminished once the trans-continental railway was connected in 1869, up at Promontory Point, Utah.

Across the generations, descendants of those early pioneers have carried their memories forward so that their heritage would not be forgotten. Old Rock Church Days has long been part of that effort. For four years, the event raised funds for restoring the historic church-turned-museum. Much of that restoration is now complete, and this year the

church reopened after months of work—becoming the centerpiece of the Pioneer Day festivities.

The fun began at Library Park on the eve of the 24th with a concert by local folk-rock band The Moonrockers. Saturday’s events opened with local children, some dressed in pioneer clothing and singing patriotic songs and then forming a small parade around the park. Afternoon entertainment came from the Robinson Sisters and the Ukulele Ladies, while several booths demonstrated pioneer life. Kids pulled a replica handcart for a taste of the old days, and a quilting show in the church basement offered an authentic glimpse into the past. The Cinnamon Roll Contest added a sweet touch of the present.

Throughout the day, visitors made their way to the Old Rock Church Museum, which volunteers had polished and rearranged to perfection. Fresh interior paint and newly installed, antique chandeliers brought the displays to life. Last year I wrote that the new roof reminded me of a pioneer woman with a new bonnet—this year’s interior makeover feels like she now has a whole new wardrobe. The church is the pride of Parowan, is nearly finished with its transformation, and it was certainly the Belle of the Ball for the Days of ’47.

As the day wound down, attendees gathered in the auditorium of the newer church for a scrumptious dinner of pulled pork, Dutch oven potatoes, and refreshing watermelon slices. Mayor Mollie Halterman expressed gratitude to the volunteers whose work brought this milestone chapter of the

restoration to completion. She held up an original wood shingle and an old square nail from the first church roof, reminding everyone that the fingerprints of Parowan’s pioneers are still on this part of our history.

Once again, our community spirit was on full display. Plan a visit and experience it for yourself—Labor Day weekend and the County Fair are fast approaching, and they’re perfect opportunities to enjoy our hometown pride.



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Bill of Rights and America 250 Anniversary

Adventure Across America

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The most important and well-known freedoms protected by the U.S. Bill of Rights include freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to bear arms, protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, and the right to due process. While all ten amendments are essential, these protections are often viewed by legal scholars and citizens as some of the most fundamental rights that safeguard individual liberty and ensure fair treatment under the law.

Key Freedoms Protected by the Bill of Rights

- Freedom of Speech and the Press: Protects the right of individuals to express their ideas, voice their opinions, and publish information without government censorship.
- Freedom of Religion: Guarantees the right to practice any religion, or no religion at all, and prevents the government from establishing an official religion.
- Right to Bear Arms: Protects the right of citizens to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes, including self-defense, as provided by the Second Amendment.
- Protection from Unreasonable Searches and Seizures: Safeguards individuals from unreasonable government intrusion into their persons, homes,

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INFOWEST

Hosts Annual Backpack Giveaway

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

InfoWest (The Internet People) invited the Cedar City community to its annual Backpack Giveaway on July 31.

This year, each backpack was filled with everything students need to start the school year off right, including a pencil case, writing utensils, erasers, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, folders, and, of course, a brand-new backpack. The event was open to the entire community. Whether a family was in need or simply had not yet had time to shop for school supplies, every child was welcomed and treated to donuts.

"We hope every child received a backpack. We packed 200

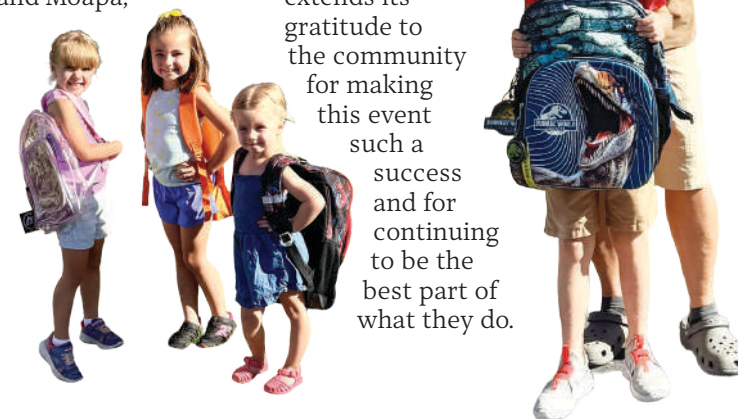
backpacks this year and wanted to give every one of them away," said Laiza Moreno, Marketing Manager at Infowest.

Since 2017, InfoWest has distributed thousands of backpacks to students across Southern Utah and Nevada. What began in Moapa Valley has grown to include annual giveaway events in Cedar City, Richfield, and Moapa, Utah.

Founded in 1994 as a college science project, InfoWest has proudly served Southern

Utah for more than 30 years. The company remains committed to giving back to the communities it serves through events like the annual Backpack Giveaway.

InfoWest extends its gratitude to the community for making this event such a success and for continuing to be the best part of what they do.



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The ruins of Old Iron Town are located on Iron Town Road, just off Utah State Route 56. A historical marker is mounted on one of the charcoal kilns that once produced the fuel needed to operate the community's blast furnace.

Old Iron Town, originally known as Iron City, is an unincorporated near-ghost town in Iron County, Utah. Located within Dixie National Forest, approximately 22 miles west of Cedar City, the settlement was founded in 1868 by Ebenezer Hanks and other investors who organized the Great Western Iron Manufacturing Company.

The ironworks operated around the clock, producing approximately 800 pounds of high-quality pig iron every eight hours. Ownership later trans-

Monuments and Makers

— Old Iron Town

ferred to the Iron Manufacturing Company of Utah. A railroad relocated from Nevada transported coal from Cedar Canyon to the community, then known as "Little Pinto."

According to the 1870 U.S. Census, Old Iron Town was home to 97 residents in 19 families. By 1875, the population had grown to nearly 200. However, after the ironworks closed in 1876, most families left, and by 1880 only 15 residents remained.

Old Iron Town represented the second major attempt to develop Iron Mountain's rich iron ore deposits after the earlier furnace in Cedar City produced disappointing results. The communities of Parowan and Cedar City, both founded in 1851, had originally been established to support iron production for early settlers. Because



the first furnace yielded only about 25 tons of pig iron over three years, a second furnace was constructed at Little Pinto in 1868. By 1874, production had reached approximately 400 pounds of pig iron before operations ceased. Financial hardships, including the Panic of 1873 and pressures associated with the Edmunds-Tucker Act, ultimately contributed to the settlement's decline and abandonment.

At its peak, the community included a schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, charcoal furnaces,

and a foundry. Today, visitors can still see one of the best-preserved beehive-style charcoal ovens, the furnace known as an arrastra, portions of the original foundry, and the remaining chimney. The area continues to contain some of the richest iron ore deposits in the United States.

Visitors can also enjoy the Old Iron Town Historic Village and Nature Loop, an easy 0.8-mile trail that is open year-round. Although a few modern homes now occupy the area, the site remains an important reminder of Utah's early iron industry. Old Iron Town was added to the National Register of Historic Places on May 14, 1971. Additional information and artifacts can be found at the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum in Cedar City.

Walking among the ruins offers a unique opportunity to connect with the people who once lived and worked there. By exploring the site and learning its history, visitors gain a deeper appreciation for the determination, innovation, and perseverance that helped shape Iron County and the American West.



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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

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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.

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Kiwanis Club of Iron County

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

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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

Holding Out HELP provides those from a polygamous culture the care, support, and resources to become independent and self-sufficient (Cedar City and surrounding areas). Please call: 801.548.3492.

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&mibextid=NSMWB>

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, AUGUST 5

USA WEST - SQUARE DANCE

CONVENTION USA West Circle Eight in the Beehive State - Square Dance Convention will be held in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City) and The Venue (33 N Main St, Cedar City). Square Dancers from across the west will join in Cedar City to learn, dance, and perform. The public is invited to enjoy the performances; a full schedule will be available as the event gets closer. Visit usawestutah.com for information and schedule.

THURS, AUGUST 6

USA WEST - SQUARE DANCE

CONVENTION USA, through August 8. West Circle Eight in the Beehive State - Square Dance Convention will be held in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City) and The Venue (33 N Main St, Cedar City). Square Dancers from across the west will join in Cedar City to learn, dance, and perform. The public is invited to enjoy the performances; a full schedule will be available as the event gets closer. Visit usawestutah.com for information and schedule.

FRI, AUGUST 7

CREATIVE FOCUS STUDIO GRAND

OPENING (1 - 6PM) Located at 5 N Main St #305. Come check out our upcoming Art Classes, do a free art project for kids (while supplies last), enter our giveaway prize, and view our Opening Art Exhibition.

USF: WORDS CUBED - A PLAY (9AM)

held in the Anes Studio Theatre (152 W Center St, Cedar City). Featuring "A" Play: title TBA For tickets and information, visit bard.org/plays/words-cubed/. Words

Cubed is part of the Festival's new play program that seeks to nurture and develop openly submitted, solicited, and commissioned plays by providing a professionally supported platform for readings, workshops, and fully realized productions as part of an ongoing commitment to create a diverse body of work.

CEDAR BREAKS: NIGHT SKY TOUR

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

SAT, AUGUST 8

RANCH RODEO SERIES (5PM) BEGINS

at 5:00 pm in the Iron County Fair Ground Arena (550 E Clinic Way, Parowan). For information, call the Iron County Fair at (435) 477-8380, or visit ironcountyfair.net/fair/events/ranch-rodeo.

RED ACRE: BURGERS, BICKES, & BAND

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

ESCAPE THE HEAT MUSIC SERIES AT

BRIAN HEAD RESORT Brian Head Resort

invites guests to escape the valley heat during its Escape the Heat Music Series, held from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Brian Head Resort - Giant Steps Base Area (329 S Hwy 143, Brian Head) and will be featuring live music, a beer garden with selections from Utah breweries and cool mountain air. The series will take place on select summer dates, including July 11, August 8, August 15, August 22, Sunday, August 23, and August 29. Event hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with live music planned throughout the afternoon. Band lineups may vary by date. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 day-of. Kids 12 and under are free.

SWEET PEA: FARM BREAKFAST (8AM-NOON) held every Saturday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Sweet Pea Farm & Orchard (136 S 600 W, Parowan) all summer long. A fun way to eat wonderful food and meet others in the community. For information call (435) 531-6461 or visit sweetpeafarmandorchard.com.

MON, AUGUST 10

CARS & CUSTARD (6 -8PM) CAR SHOW

is held on the second Monday (June - Oct) from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Culver's (1093 S Main St, Cedar City). Admission is free. Enjoy a night with classics (1981 or older), customs, hot rods, and exotics. Followed by a cruise down Main St at 8:00 pm. *weather permitting. Classic Cars & Trucks (1982 or older), Customs, Muscle Cars, and Supercars.

TUES, AUGUST 11

COOL JAZZ FOR HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

(7PM) Join us at Off the Cuff for our season opener as we perform a vibrant selection of Latin jazz tunes, perfect for those warm summer nights. Be part of our live studio audience and experience the energy, creativity, and excitement of live jazz up close. It's an unforgettable evening of music, rhythm, and fun! Free Admission. Free Desserts.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

JOHNSON ARTS CENTER: SUMMER

CONCERT SERIES (6PM) at the Johnson Center for Arts outdoor stage (59 N 100 W, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a free live performance on the outdoor stage. Remember to bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy some free entertainment on the outdoor stage. All ages welcome! (and four-legged friends). *second Friday of each month June to September.

SAT, AUGUST 15

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET

- YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR DAYS (9AM -1PM) Youth Entrepreneur Day is held on the 3rd Saturday of the Month from June to September from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Cedar City Design and Flooring (2232 N Main St, Cedar City). Youth, age 17 or younger, can sign up for a FREE Booth space to sell their handmade items or baked goods. Everyone is invited to come out and support our local youth. For information and to sign up, visit the Cedar City Farmers Market Facebook page.

RED ACRE: FARMER TO FORK DINNER (6

- 9PM) at Red Acre Farm (2322 W 4375 N, Cedar City), tickets are available at redacrefarmcsa.org. Inspired over a decade ago by Outstanding In The Field to set one long table. This "Farmer to Fork" is different because the chef is also the farmer. Small bites will be passed, and of course, a farm tour will be given. Discussion and questions from the guests will be encouraged.

Want your event on our calendar?

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

obituaries

Steven Benson



Steven Terry Benson, 76, passed away on July 29, 2026, in Cedar City, Utah, surrounded by his loving family.

Steven was born on November 21, 1949, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He graduated from Skyline High School in 1968. Following graduation, he proudly served his country in both the United States Army and the United States Air Force. While serving in the Army, he was deployed to Vietnam in 1969. His military service reflected the courage, dedication, and willingness to serve others that would remain defining qualities throughout his life.

Steven married the love of his life, Nyra Taylor Benson, on November 23, 1971. Together, they built a life filled with love, family, adventure, and countless cherished memories. Steven and Nyra especially enjoyed traveling together and going on cruises, creating memories that they treasured throughout their many years of marriage.

Steven was a hardworking man who dedicated much of his life to serving his family and community. He worked for the Natural Gas Company for more than 20 years and served as a volunteer firefighter for Cedar City for 20 years. He also owned and operated his own business, Steve's Service, and worked at the Air Tanker Base. No matter what role he held, Steven took pride in his work and found great purpose in helping and serving those around him.

A faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Steven lived a life grounded in faith, service, and love for others. He will be remembered for his generosity, his dependable nature, and his willingness to step in whenever someone needed help.

Steven loved being outdoors and enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, and four-wheeling. Some of his happiest moments were spent surrounded by nature and sharing outdoor adventures with the people he loved. However, nothing brought him greater happiness than spending time with his family. He loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren more than life itself, and they were his greatest pride and joy.

Steven also held a special place in the hearts of the children in his neighborhood, who affectionately knew him as the "Otter Pop King." He loved having them stop by to visit. This simple tradition reflected the warmth, kindness, and joy he brought to the lives of those around him. He had a way of making people feel welcome, cared for, and important.

Steven leaves behind a legacy that cannot be measured only by the years he lived, but by the lives he touched. His life was defined by service—to his country, his community, his faith, and, most importantly, his family. His love will continue through the stories his family shares, the traditions they carry forward, and the many lessons he taught through the way he lived.

Steven is survived by his beloved wife, Nyra Taylor Benson; his children, Michael Terry Benson (Heather), Jennifer Bracken (Gary), Sonia Brunson (Russel), and Jared Vern Benson (Rodney); his six grandchildren; and his two great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his siblings, Marty Benson (Melva), Jerry Benson, Jeff Benson (Troylinn), and Jolene Sullivan.

Steven was preceded in death by his parents, Martin Joseph Benson III (Arlene) and Delores Bates; his sister, Linda Thompson; and his brothers, James Benson and Jon Benson.

Although Steven's passing leaves an immeasurable emptiness in the lives of those who loved him, his family finds comfort in the remarkable life he lived. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father, a proud grandfather and great-grandfather, a loyal brother, a courageous veteran, and a friend to many.

Steven's life was filled with love, faith, hard work, laughter, adventure, and service. Those who were fortunate enough to know him will carry his memory with them always. His family is deeply grateful for every moment, every lesson, every adventure, and every Otter Pop shared with their beloved Steven.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Cedar Health and Rehab and its dedicated staff for the kindness, compassion, and exceptional care they provided to Steven and family.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar West Stake Center (725 S. 1100 W., Cedar City, UT). Viewings will be held at the church on Wednesday, August 5, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday prior to the service from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.

To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Rebecca Mae Bentley



Rebecca Mae Bentley was born in Rochester, Pennsylvania on August 9, 1957. She passed away peacefully in her home on July 28, 2026.

The story of her life is one of love, service, resilience, and quiet devotion. She lived with compassion, worked with integrity, and found her greatest joy in caring for family and those around her.

After moving across the country as a child, she grew up in California where she met and married her high school sweetheart. Together they made their home in Utah and raised three children, whom she loved with all her heart. Her family remained the center of her life, and she cherished every opportunity to spend time with her children and grandchildren.

She later joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she found faith, friendship, and a caring community. Although caring has always been a part of who she was, she earned her nursing degree later in life and devoted her career to caring for others with compassion, kindness, and integrity.

She was talented with crochet and sewing and enjoyed creating things with her hands. She loved country living, country music, and looking forward to rodeos, especially watching her son ride bulls. She took pride in working hard, planning ahead, and taking care of the people and responsibilities entrusted to her. She approached life with quiet strength, honesty, and compassion. She had a tender heart for those who were vulnerable or in need.

She loved her children and grandchildren dearly. Her family was her greatest joy and, and she treasured every moment they spent together. She shared a particularly close bond with her youngest son, and his passing brought a profound sorrow that she carried with her. Her family and friends' comfort in the hope that they are reunited in the loving presence of the savior.

She would have welcomed more time with those she loved, but her legacy of faith, compassion, integrity, and unconditional love will continue to guide those who knew her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for those former things have passed away."—Revelation 21:4

She is survived by her children, Jennifer Jensen, of Cedar City, Richie (Carrie) Jeffries of Paragonah; grandchildren, Sophia Jensen, Willie Jensen, Damon (Shelby) Jeffries of Cedar City, Brent (Kelsee) Jeffries, Ryan Jeffries, and Braylie Barton-Jeffries of Paragonah; great-grandchildren, Ellie Jeffries of Cedar City, Paislee Jeffries, and Ryder Jeffries of Paragonah; siblings, Deborah (Ryan) Jacobs of Hurricane, David Sowers of Hunting Beach California; nieces and nephew, Sarah Sowers of Hunting Beach, California, and Amanda and Ryan (Amber) Jacobs of Hurricane, Utah.

She is preceded in death by her parents Calvin and Mildred Sowers; brother Calvin Sowers; and beloved son Philip Jeffries and his daughter Kaylie Barton-Jeffries.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 11:00 am at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, Utah). A viewing will be held prior to the service from 9:30-10:30 am. Interment will be in the Paragonah Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the services and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

obituaries

Donald DeLoy Harris



In Loving Memory of Donald DeLoy Harris

Donald DeLoy Harris, age 77, passed away peacefully on August 1, 2026. He was born on October 31, 1948, and lived a life devoted to faith, family and service.

Donald graduated from Beaver High School before enlisting in the United States Navy, where he proudly served for eight years. During his military service, he married his sweetheart in the

St. George Temple. Following his service in the Navy, he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for 27 years, where he was known for his outstanding dedication and work ethic. Together, he and his wife began building a family that became the center of his world. His dedication to his country was matched only by his devotion to his family.

A faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Donald lived his beliefs through quiet service, kindness, and unwavering faith. He was especially passionate about mentoring young people and spent many years serving as a dedicated Scout leader with the Boy Scouts of America. He was also an Eagle Scout himself, a distinction he carried with pride throughout his life. He found great joy in helping young men develop character, confidence, and a love for the outdoors.

Those who knew Donald will remember his steady example, generous heart, and willingness to help others. His love for his family, his country, and his faith left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Donald is survived by his children: Jeffrey Harris and his wife, Tinna Harris, and their children, Gunner, Jacob, and Chrystal; Jenny Dawn Parker and her husband, Brian Parker, and their children, McCoy and Wyatt, and McCoy's children, Brantler and Remi Jean; and Bryan Harris and his wife, Kendra Harris, and their children, Parker and Hunter. He is also survived by many other family members and friends who will cherish his memory.

Donald was welcomed into heaven by his eternal companion, Karla Jean Harris, the love of his life, along with many other beloved family members and friends who preceded him in death.

Though he will be deeply missed, his family finds comfort in knowing that his legacy of faith, service, love, and integrity will continue to live on through the lives he touched.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Milford Memorial Long-Term Care for the exceptional care, compassion, and kindness they provided to Donald throughout his time there. Your dedication and support brought comfort not only to Donald but also to his entire family.

The family would also like to extend their sincere appreciation to Southern Utah Mortuary for their compassionate guidance, professionalism, and assistance during this difficult time.

A viewing will be held Friday, August 7, 2026 from 9:00 - 11:00 am at Southern Utah Mortuary (195 N 200 W, Beaver, UT). A graveside funeral service will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Beaver, Utah (600 N 650 E, Beaver, UT). Online condolences may be shared by visiting www.mortuary.org.

Cade Parke



Cade Mecham Parke, 45, of Oklahoma City, passed away on Sunday, July 19th, 2026. Born on October 21, 1980, in Cedar City, he was the beloved youngest child of Jan and Keith Parke, cherished by his three older brothers and three older sisters.

Cade graduated from Canyon View High School in 1999. He loved sports and lettered in Basketball and Football. After graduating from high school, he accepted a call to serve a two-year mission in New York for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Following his mission, Cade visited his sister, Kristi, in Alaska, where he met Ashley, the love of his life. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple for time and all eternity. After years of dedicated study, Cade fulfilled his dream of becoming an infectious disease physician. He and Ashley moved to Oklahoma City with their daughter, Ryan Hazel, and sons Davin, and Cade, to begin practicing medicine at Mercy Hospital.

Cade will be remembered for his dry and sarcastic sense of humor, passion for caring for his patients, the love he had for his family and movie nights with his kids. Cade found immense joy in his family, his career, and sports, in which he excelled. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered for the kindness he extended to everyone he met and his unwavering devotion to his family.

Cade is survived by his mother Jan Parke-Tawzer, wife Ashley, his daughter Ryan Hazel, and his sons Davin and Cade, his brothers Mike, David, and Blake. His sisters Rachel, Kristi, and Laura. Many cousins, nephews, and nieces. He is preceded in death by his father, Keith Arthur Parke.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1985 N. Main Street, Cedar City, UT. A viewing will be held prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. A graveside service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Cedar City Cemetery, 685 N. Main Street, Cedar City, UT, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. A luncheon will be held back at the church at 1:30 p.m.

To share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the GoFundMe page set up for the family using the QR code below.

Robert Overson



Robert LeRoy Overson, 67, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 26, 2026, at his home in Cedar City, Utah. He was born July 12, 1959, in Cedar City to Robert Jay and Cathryn Mae Overson. Robert spent his entire life in the community he loved. He grew up playing Little League as a catcher, played football, and graduated from Cedar High School in 1977. He attended Utah State University for a year before returning home to help his father run the family business. On December 2, 1978, he married the love of his life, Kim Matheson, in Yerington, Nevada.

Robert devoted his life to raising his three children with Kim and working alongside his father at Oversons Farm Center. There, he helped build a business that served the community and fostered many lifelong friendships. After the business was sold, Robert cherished the time he spent with his dad—taking morning walks together every day except Sunday.

In 2015, Robert decided it was time to return to work and joined IFA Agronomy, where he enjoyed reconnecting with many of his former customers and friends. He retired for the second time in December 2025.

When Robert wasn't working, his greatest joy was being with his family. He adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved watching them grow. His happiest moments were spent at home with Kim, enjoying the peace of their life together and watching any sport on TV.

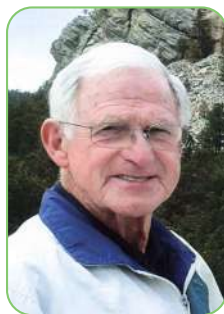
He is survived by his wife, Kim Overson; his children, Kevin (Amy) Overson, Sarah (JC) Riddle, and Shawn Overson; and his siblings Larry (Rae) Overson, Sharon (Ron) Bigelow, Margo (Kim) Matheson, and Cathy (Rich) Cortez. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Mary Matheson; six grandchildren; and three and a half great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Jay and Cathryn Overson, and his father-in-law, Bob Matheson.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the LDS Church located at 1650 West Center Street, Cedar City, Utah 84720. Viewings will be held on Friday, July 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and again on Saturday, August 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., also at the LDS Church on 1650 West Center Street in Cedar City. Interment will take place in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences may be sent at www.mortuary.org.

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Duane Edward Wilke



Our hearts are filled with extreme sorrow as we announce the passing of Duane Edward Wilke, 93. Duane was a loving son, husband, father, brother, uncle, grandpa, great grandpa, and friend. Duane passed away peacefully in Cedar City, Utah on July 23, 2026 surrounded by family.

Duane was born in the small town of Alexander, North Dakota on May 19, 1933 to Adam and Alice (Rhoades) Wilke. "Shorty", as he was known by family and friends, was the ninth of thirteen children born into a large and loving family. Duane's family moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho in 1936 where his family lived in Paradise Valley on the outskirts of town. He spent his early school years in a one room school house with many of his siblings. Duane attended Bonners Ferry High School where he graduated in 1951. Following his brother's lead, he enlisted with the United States Army. Duane was sent to paratrooper school to train with the 187th Airborne in Fort Benning, Georgia. He was deployed to Japan from Fort Lee, Virginia during the Korean War where he served for three years with courage, dedication and an unwavering love of his country. After returning to civilian life, Duane enrolled at the University of Idaho in Moscow, where he was an active member of Delta Chi Fraternity. While he was working on his degree in

Biology, he met Irene Bratton. Duane and Irene married several years later, on August 17, 1957 in Wallace Idaho.

After graduating from the U of I, he accepted a teaching job in Aberdeen, Washington in 1960. Once again, following his brother's lead, he moved his growing family to Henderson, Nevada in 1961. Duane taught Science at Henderson Jr. High and then moved to Burkholder Middle School where he taught Science and Physical Education. During his teaching career, Duane coached varsity baseball at Basic HS, girls' softball at Burkholder MS, and Little League baseball. Duane also was an advisor for many clubs and ran a tax business during tax season. He obtained his Masters in Education with a minor in School Administration in June 1967. After Irene's passing in 1980, Duane married Marie Davis Huntsman in October of 1984. After teaching for over 30 years, Duane retired from Brown Middle School and Duane and Marie moved to Hayden Lake, Idaho where they lived for many years before moving to Cedar City, Utah.

Duane was a phenomenal athlete and enjoyed, participated in, and watched all types of sports. He was an amazing golfer, hit a hole-in-one, golfed his age at 75, had never been beaten in an arm-wrestling match and even sunk a half-court shot in basketball while a cheering crowd erupted in amazement. A coaching friend once called him "The Greatest Athlete" he had ever known. Duane's utmost joy was spending as much time as he could with Marie, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He loved gardening, and spending time outdoors; hunting, fishing, boating, camping, and travelling with Marie. Duane was an avid reader with a particular love of westerns. He kept his mind top notch by working on daily crosswords and puzzles. A lifelong Dodgers fan, he listened to Vin Scully on a transistor radio while watching the game on the TV at the same time in the early days. He spent many hours in his "Man Cave" watching the Dodgers, golf, and college basketball, while always keeping up on current events.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Alice Wilke, his wife of 23 years, Irene (Bratton) Wilke, sisters: Janice, Shirley, Sharon, Joyce, Lois, Carol and Janet, brothers; Dale and Dean, granddaughter, Stephanie Huntsman, and great grandson, Jacob Reuben.

Duane is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marie (Davis Huntsman) Wilke of Cedar City, Utah, brothers; Ray Wilke, Henderson, Nevada, Roger Wilke, Wilmington, Delaware, sister Joanne Kuchery, Coeur d'Alene, daughters; Rhonda (Derek) Lamboo, Las Vegas, Nevada, Darcy (Jeff) Serrano, Henderson, Nevada, and son; Reid (Courtney) Wilke, Henderson, sons; Richard (Alice) Huntsman, Las Vegas, Nevada, Gregory (Lisa) Huntsman, Las Vegas, Nevada, Michael (Kelli) Huntsman, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Mark (Jane) Huntsman, Henderson, Nevada. Duane is also survived by 25 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Duane was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched. His kindness, wisdom, gentle spirit, and unwavering love of family left a lasting impression on all that knew him. Though he is no longer with us, his legacy will live on in the hearts who were blessed to know him.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 11:00 am at the Kanarrville Cemetery (695 Center Street, Kanarrville, Utah 84742), under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. A viewing will be held on Friday, July 31, 2026, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 North 300 West, Cedar City, 84720). A gathering will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (80 South Main Street, Kanarrville, Utah) immediately following the graveside services. Online condolences may be sent at www.mortuary.org.

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deprived of life, liberty, or property without appropriate legal procedures.

The Bill of Rights consists of the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. These amendments define the rights of Americans in relation to their government by guaranteeing essential civil rights and liberties, including freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of religion. They establish protections for due process of law, reserve powers not delegated to the federal government for the states or the people, and affirm that the listing of specific rights in the Constitution does not deny or diminish other rights retained by the people.

Writing the Bill of Rights

James Madison proposed a series of amendments to gain support from both Congress and the states. His focus was on protecting individual rights rather than making major structural changes to the federal government.

The first three amendments continue to influence our daily lives by protecting personal freedoms, individual security, and private property. They include the First, Second, and Third Amendments. As our nation celebrates the America 250 milestone, these foundational principles continue to shape civic life and remind us of the enduring importance of constitutional rights.

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America 250 commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, marking the nation's Semiquincentennial. Its mission is to inspire Americans to reflect on our history, strengthen our love of country, renew our commitment to the ideals of democracy, and celebrate the resilience and unity of the United States. Through shared experiences, America 250 encourages service, honors our nation's enduring strength, and showcases the rich tapestry of American stories.

Personal Reflection

I love the United States of America because it provides the fundamental rights and freedoms that have profoundly shaped my life, especially the free exercise of religion. I am forever grateful to the men and women who have sacrificed so much, even their own lives, to secure and preserve these freedoms for future generations.

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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

CV wrestler Killian signs with Big Bend

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View boys wrestling coach Dallas Lowry related a story from the summer about a time when Tate Killian was tasked to “bring a bigger log” for a project he was working on the mountains outside of town.

“He brought trees. I don’t even know how they loaded,” Lowry recalled. “I couldn’t pick the tree up. He’s always gone above and beyond what we’ve asked him to do.”

The work ethic that Killian has carried through his high-school life paid off July 27 when the 2026 3A state champion at heavyweight signed on to wrestle with Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Washington.

Killian, who wants to become a commercial pilot, seized on the opportunity to sign not only for wrestling, but because the school has an aviation program.

“I just needed the

eye-opener to realize that there are levels to wrestling. If I wanted to be the best, I had to do more than what I was doing before,” Killian said. “I was waiting to find the right college that would give me the best chance to do wrestling and for my future career.”

Killian earned his 2026 state title in impressive fashion with three falls, and he did the last over Carbon’s Jared Simmons in just 37 seconds. It may have been a big deal to his teammates, coaches and parents to see him at the top of the medals podium, but it was just another achievement for Killian in the end.

“It felt good to win the state championship, but at the end of the day, it’s just a medal I get. I still have to wake up and put my pants on like everyone else,” Killian said.

Before Killian heads to Washington, he will serve a two-year LDS Church mission in Ghana. When he returns, the heavyweight standout will have his tuition paid for the two years he studies at Big Bend.



Canyon View wrestler **Tate Killian** poses with his teammates and coaches after signing his letter of intent to join Big Bend Community College in Washington state on July 27. (Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)

Day 1: Thunderbirds Open Fall Camp for 2026 Campaign

by Regan Hunsaker

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

A new season officially began Friday morning as the Southern Utah football team opened fall camp in preparation for its first season back in the Big Sky Conference.

The Thunderbirds enter 2026 riding the momentum of one of the most successful stretches in recent program history. Under fifth-year head coach DeLane Fitzgerald, Southern Utah has posted four consecutive

seasons of improvement, compiled a 25-21 record over the past four years, earned back-to-back seven-win seasons in 2024 and 2025, and returns to the Big Sky after concluding its four-year stint in the United Athletic Conference.

With the first practice



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complete, Fitzgerald said the opening day accomplished exactly what it needed to.

“Not real good, not real bad. We’re somewhere in the middle,” Fitzgerald said. “We looked like a Division I football team on its first day of camp. Today was a start, and it lets us know exactly where we’re at. Now we build off of this.”

While there were the expected first-day mistakes, including several offensive turnovers, Fitzgerald was encouraged by the team’s overall speed throughout the

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The struggles of a baseball fan

As these words were written, Major League Baseball's trade deadline was still two days off – Aug. 3 at 4 p.m. Among the prime trade candidates, Detroit Tigers pitcher Tarik Skubal had not been moved, but teammate Casey Mize was scratched from his scheduled start against the homeless Athletics in Sacramento on July 31. Like Skubal, Mize was still waiting to hear his fate for the rest of the 2026 season and beyond.

And the moments from last week that involved these two pitchers made me at least try to send a telepathy message. I know team management is doing things to try and get a deal or two done, but what's the holdup? We've heard everything from "the Tigers won't trade Skubal" to the MLB.com website ranking the seven best potential suitors for the left-hander.

There were two games from last week that leave so much room for interpretation and speculation, it borders on the totally ridiculous.

On July 29, Skubal worked his normal turn in the rotation when the Tigers faced the Baltimore Orioles in the finale of a three-game series. With two out in the top of the 7th inning, Skubal was pulled with a 7-1 lead, but there were two runners on base when manager A.J. Hinch came out of the dugout to take the baseball.



Skubal received a standing ovation from the 34,406 fans gathered at Comerica Park, which was richly deserved. When Kyle Finnegan came out of the bullpen, disaster struck. By the time the inning was over, the Orioles had cut the lead to 7-5.

One inning later, the Tigers' lead had fully disappeared. In the end, the Orioles would go on to win, 10-9 in 12 innings.

After an off day and with Mize watching from the dugout, the Tigers bullpen pitchers came through in a big way, holding the Athletics to just three hits in a 13-1 rout. The offense put the foot down on the gas pedal over the final two innings, scoring seven runs in the 8th highlighted by a Dillon Dingler grand slam,

For good measure, rookie Ben Malgeri added a two-run homer that finished off a four-run 9th. Rookie center fielder Max Clark made his big-league debut and left his mark on the offense, going 3-for-4 with a single, two doubles and a walk. For the game, Clark's OPS was 2.050.

I could spend a whole additional column talking about every bit of rumor, speculation, trade scenario gossip, and what Tigers general manager Scott Harris had waiting for him on speed dial, but it doesn't change a thing.

As play began Aug. 1, the Tigers were 3.5 games behind the third wild card in the American League with 52 games remaining.

They are behind the Mariners, Orioles, and Rangers. Proving how truly insane the mediocre American League is right now, the Astros, Twins and Guardians are all tied at 56-55. Two of those three teams would earn the final wild card spots for the postseason.

The Tigers traveled to Seattle to face the Mariners in a three-game series that wrapped up today. Once they return home, they'll face the Guardians and the Chicago White Sox over a six-game stretch that starts Aug. 11.

It's always been impressive to me seeing how ballplayers at the big-league level handle the grind. Scoreboard watching isn't in their vocabulary, just the opponent for the next game sitting in the opposite dugout.

All the other stuff is just noise. Nothing more.

That's advice the fans should take to heart, too. It's healthier that way.

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DAY 1

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morning workout.

"If there was one thing that stood out, it was how fast we were able to play on day one," Fitzgerald said. "The ability to play at game speed was a positive."

The Thunderbird defense capitalized on those early mistakes by forcing multiple turnovers, giving the coaching staff an early look at a unit expected to be one of the team's strengths heading into the season.

Although Southern Utah welcomed three new full-time assistant coaches during the offseason, Fitzgerald pointed to the continuity

of the rest of the staff as a major advantage entering camp.

"We've got nine of our 12 full-time coaches back, so there's a lot of continuity," Fitzgerald said. "Our new offensive line and running backs coaches showed during spring ball that they're great additions, and Josh Runda has done an outstanding job with our defensive ends both on the field and in recruiting."

As camp continues over the coming weeks, the focus will shift from installing schemes to sharpening execution as the Thunderbirds prepare for their return to one of the nation's premier FCS conferences.

"It's a start," Fitzgerald said. "We'll build off everything we did this morning."



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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!

- On July 27 at Detroit's Comerica Park, an animal made its way onto the field during the game between the Detroit Tigers and Baltimore Orioles. This fast-moving animal toured the field for a couple of innings before multiple members of the grounds crew managed to guide it safely outside. What was this animal?
- The next day (July 28), the Tigers pulled off a rarity, scoring runs in all of its eight innings as it beat the Orioles. How many runs did the Orioles score in the game?
- Proving that even former Cy Young winners can have an off day, how many walks did Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Shane Bieber issue in the first inning of his July 28 start against the Washington Nationals?
- As play started on July 29, the Arizona Diamondbacks held down the third wild card spot in the National League, but how many teams are separated by 2.5 games in the chase for what would be the last postseason berth?
- With SUU and Utah Tech officially in the Big Sky Conference, both schools are entering a league that has a history of making deep runs in the FCS football playoffs. Which Big Sky school is the defending national champion?
- True or False: Thanks mainly to his hot early-season start, Tyler Reddick has the most wins in the 2026 NASCAR Cup Series season with five through 22 races.
- All four of the PGA Tour majors have been played for 2026. Who was the only American to break through and win when he earned his second U.S. Open trophy in the last four seasons?
- He was still waiting on his fate before the Aug. 3 trade deadline, but what Detroit Tigers pitcher and two-time Cy Young winner reached 1,000 strikeouts in his career July 29?

- Who was the last American to reach the men's singles final at the US Open? (It happened in 2024.)
- A new bridge connecting Detroit with Windsor, Ontario finally opened to traffic July 27. What NHL legend who played 25 seasons with the Red Wings and scored 801 goals in his career is the bridge named after?
- What two Americans are tied with Roger Federer for the most men's singles titles won at the US Open (5)?
- As of the start of play July 29, who holds the best record in the American League?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- The Red Sox saw its winning streak end at 15 straight games.
- George Brett. Perez hit No. 318 to stand alone as the team home run king when he went deep against the Detroit Tigers on July 25.
- One. Through July 27, Houston Astros first baseman Yordan Alvarez has an OPS of 1.074.
- Steph Curry.
- Yaxel Lendeborg.
- Spain won its first World Cup trophy in 2010.
- Kelce and Swift were married at Madison Square Garden.
- The winner of the 2026 Main Event at the WSOP will receive \$10 million.
- The Carolina Panthers will face the Arizona Cardinals in the Hall of Fame game.
- False.
- Gavin Smith.
- Chicago.

2026 SUU SOCCER: A SEASON OF UPGRADES



by Parker Haynie

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

As the Southern Utah University soccer program prepares to kick off a new season, Thunderbirds fans will notice more than just new faces on the sidelines. A series of significant facility enhancements, combined with the elevation of first-year head coach Steven Lindquist, signal an exciting new chapter for the program.

Head Coach Steven Lindquist said, "We are extremely excited for the facility upgrades this year. Not only does it elevate the student-athlete experience, but it also enhances the fan and viewer experience as well. The new facilities will positively impact our training, our matchday experience, and our ability to recruit outstanding players to Southern Utah. It's an exciting time to be a Thunderbird."

Throughout the offseason, the women's soccer facilities have undergone several upgrades designed to enhance both the student-athlete experience and the game-day atmosphere at The Thunderbird Soccer Field.

Among the improvements is the installation of brand-new Olympic-style soccer goals, giving the program a premier competition setup that meets the highest standards of the game. Fans will also be welcomed by a new scoreboard, providing

an upgraded viewing experience throughout the season.

The field itself has received several aesthetic and functional improvements as well. A new windscreen now lines the perimeter fencing, creating a cleaner look while helping reduce wind interference around the pitch. New covered team benches provide players and coaches with increased comfort and protection throughout training and matches. The players and coaches will also now be seated on the south sideline for all matches.

Behind the scenes, the program has also invested in player development with the addition of a permanent high-definition camera system. The new setup will allow coaches to film every practice and match from an elevated angle, providing valuable video for tactical analysis, player evaluation, scouting, and recruiting.

The facility improvements coincide with the beginning of a new era under Lindquist, who takes over as head coach after serving on the Thunderbird coaching staff in previous seasons. His familiarity with the program, combined with the upgraded facilities, provides a strong foundation as Southern Utah begins its return to the Big Sky Conference.




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2026 SUU Soccer Preview: The Midfielders

by Parker Haynie

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

With an experienced core returning and several impactful newcomers joining the mix, Southern Utah's midfield is poised to be the heartbeat of the Thunderbirds' lineup in 2026.

First-year head coach Steven Lindquist sees the midfield as the engine that will drive his team's style of play, controlling possession, dictating tempo and connecting the defensive and attacking thirds.

"Our midfield is going to be the heartbeat of the team," Lindquist said. "They're going to dictate the pace of play. When we go forward, when we keep the ball. Defensively, they're the engine, driving forward, getting back and managing those transition moments."

Southern Utah returns two familiar faces in Dakota Hansen and Sicily Clark, both of whom earned All-WAC Freshman Team honors last season. Their experience and versatility provide a strong foundation for a midfield group that blends technical ability, tactical awareness and relentless work rate.

Dakota enters her sophomore campaign after an impressive freshman season and is expected to once again play a key role in controlling the center of the pitch. Sicily, another talented returner, brings composure on the ball and the ability to impact the game in multiple ways as she continues to develop.

The Thunderbirds also welcome LMU transfer Emma Depailler, who Lindquist believes will make an immediate impact. Equipped with a powerful left foot, high soccer IQ and crafty ability on the ball, she adds another dynamic option to the midfield rotation.

"Emma has a hammer of a left foot," Lindquist said. "She's crafty on the ball and has a really high

soccer IQ. She's someone we're excited to see make an impact right away."

Another player to watch is Sophia Memory, who returns after battling through injury a season ago. Lindquist is eager to see what she can bring back to the lineup, particularly in the attacking half.

"Getting Mems back is huge," Lindquist said. "The quality she has in the final third, her ability to play entry balls and create scoring chances for herself and for others is something we've really missed."

Freshman Madeline Buczyna also enters the program with the tools to contribute early. Lindquist praised her nonstop motor, dangerous left foot and willingness to cover ground all over the field.

"She's an engine," Lindquist said. "She buzzes around the field, works nonstop and strikes the ball really well with her left foot."

The depth throughout the midfield gives Southern Utah the flexibility to adapt throughout matches while maintaining its identity. Whether controlling possession, winning second balls or creating opportunities in the attacking third, Lindquist believes the group has the balance needed to impact every phase of the game.

With proven returners, an exciting transfer addition and talented young players ready to make their mark, the Thunderbirds' midfield has the potential to be one of the team's biggest strengths in 2026.

Midfielders: Madeline Buczyna - 5'3, Fr., Suika Shibutani - 5'2, So., Sicily Clark - 5'5, So., Dakota Hansen - 5'7, So., Sofia Alcorn - 5'4, Fr., Emma Depailler - 5'2, Jr., Sophia Memory - 5'1, R-Jr., Stella Luts - 5'1, So., Maddie Moss - 5'6, So., Halle Cowan - 5'3, So.

2026 SUU Soccer Preview: Goalies and Defenders

by Parker Haynie

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

The 2026 Women's Soccer season is set to get underway in less than two weeks, and the Southern Utah soccer team is prepared to make a splash in the first year back in the Big Sky Conference.

As Southern Utah Women's Soccer prepares for the 2026 season, one of the team's greatest strengths lies with the backline. With an experienced defensive unit returning and competition developing in goal, head coach Steven Lindquist believes the Thunderbirds have the pieces to build from the back and control matches.

Goalkeeper will be one of the most competitive position battles entering the season, with a talented group competing for the starting role. The room features experienced returners alongside promising newcomers, giving the Thunderbirds quality depth between the posts.

Freshman goalkeeper Tatum Trout arrives from Southern California and has already impressed with her athleticism and natural shot-stopping ability. Combined

with the experience of the returning goalkeepers and a talented transfer addition, Lindquist believes the position is in good hands.

"The competition in goal has been really good," Lindquist said. "We have talented returners, a talented transfer, and a

talented freshman. They all bring different strengths, whether that's shot stopping or distribution, and they've pushed each other every day."

Goalkeepers: Kaitlin Bustos - 5'9, R-Jr., Madi Ejgird - 5'5, R-So., Phoebe Knisley - 5'6, Jr., and Tatum Trout - 5'7, Fr.

In front of them, Southern Utah returns the core of its back line, giving the Thunderbirds valuable continuity heading

into the new campaign.

Leading the group are returning defenders Rylan Tebbs, Brooklyn Bradley and Nao Yasuda, who will be joined by freshman Ashlyn Woodbury. Lindquist expects the experienced unit to do far more than simply defend.

"Our center backs are really the quarterbacks," Lindquist said. "They're organizing everything, communicating, and they're going to be comfortable on the ball. We don't want defenders that are just clearing it every time. They're going to help us keep possession and start our attack."

That philosophy represents a key piece of Lindquist's vision for the program. Rather than simply absorbing pressure, the Thunderbirds want their backline to dictate the tempo, patiently building possession and initiating the offense from the back.

The returning group has the technical ability to execute that style, with defenders capable of distributing under pressure while remaining disciplined defensively. Their composure on the ball will allow

Southern Utah to maintain possession and create attacking opportunities through its buildup play.

With experience, technical quality and depth throughout the defensive unit, Southern Utah enters the season with a strong foundation. The goalkeeping competition will continue to elevate the group, and the returning back line is

performing as expected; Thunderbirds fans will have an exciting team to support.

Defenders: Rylan Tebbs - 5'7, Jr., Nao Yasuda - 5'3, Sr., Brooklyn Bradley - 5'6, Jr., Karolina Jasaityte - 6'0, Jr., Ashlyn Woodbury - 5'11, Fr., Keira Barker - 5'7, Fr., Amelie Lemieux - 5'8, Fr., Sophie Clark - 5'7, Jr., Izzie Donaghey - 5'8, Fr., Reese Peterson - 5'10, Fr.



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In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN ROBERT ZAKER, Deceased
Estate Case No: 263500069

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as the Personal Administrator of the Estate of JOHN ROBERT ZAKER, Deceased. Creditors must present their claims within 3 months of the first publication date, or be forever barred.

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Published July 30, August 6, & 13 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IRON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Estate of
LELAND FREEBORN, Deceased
Probate Case No. 26250008

Notice is hereby given that Anne Valae Fillmore has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Leland Freeborn, deceased.

All creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or such claims will be forever barred.

Claims shall be presented to the Personal Representative at:

Anne Valae Fillmore
Personal Representative
971 North 320 East
Richfield, Utah 84721

Claims may also be filed with the Clerk of the Fifth Judicial District Court, Iron County, State of Utah, or otherwise presented as provided by law.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2026.

Anne Valae Fillmore
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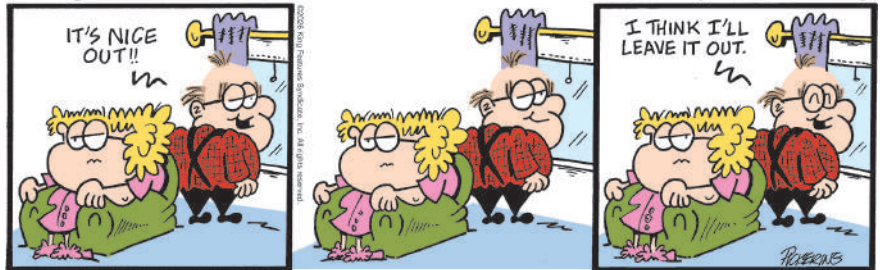
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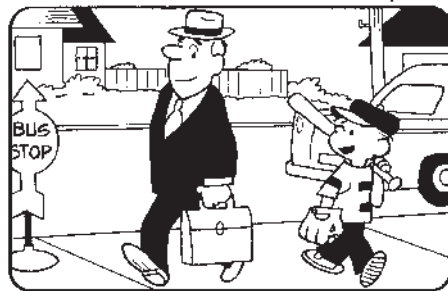
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Line in sidewalk is moved. 2. Window is missing. 3. Bear ear window is smaller. 4. House window is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Briefcase is larger.

Trivia Test Answers
1. Five: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil. 2. 300. 3. Ernie, the giant chicken. 4. Alfred Pennyworth. 5. Anise. 6. Bess and George. 7. Calvin Klein. 8. An imaginary line at 0-degree longitude. 9. New Mexico. 10. Titan.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 URL ending
- 4 "Now I get it!"
- 7 Shimmering fabrics
- 12 Texter's "I think"
- 13 Young bloke
- 14 Mover's rental
- 15 H.S. proficiency test
- 16 Held in trust
- 18 Census stat
- 19 Wonderland visitor
- 20 Hindu deity
- 22 Moray, for one
- 23 Ski lift type
- 27 TV screen choice
- 29 Beekeeper's place
- 31 Blood line?
- 34 Sweetie
- 35 Monastery
- 37 Play part
- 38 Romanov ruler
- 39 College URL ender
- 41 Appear
- 45 Chopin piece
- 47 Roman 56
- 48 Branch of government
- 52 Puzzle
- 53 " — Called Wanda"

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- 54 Actress Ruby
- 55 Before
- 56 Give up amateur status
- 57 Pink Floyd's Barrett
- 58 Rds.
- 7 "Time"
- 8 Sushi fish
- 9 Goat's plaint
- 10 Where Lux. is
- 11 Devious
- 17 Bruins' sch.
- 21 Wedding setting
- 23 Leans
- 24 Sheepish "Hello!"
- 25 Branch
- 26 Bagel variety
- 28 One for the road?
- 30 Cpl.'s subordinate
- 31 Sternward
- 32 Hosp. areas
- 33 Estuary
- 36 Bigfoot's kin
- 37 Hollywood's Hepburn
- 40 Couples
- 42 Santa's crew
- 43 Tennis great
- 44 Blends
- 45 Repeat
- 46 Sized up
- 48 Binge
- 49 "Avatar" craft
- 50 Chips go-with
- 51 Leb. neighbor

DOWN

- 1 Humidor item
- 2 Alpha's opposite
- 3 Cable company device
- 4 — Romeo
- 5 Saluted
- 6 "Paper Moon"

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

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