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2026 Proposed Constitutional Amendments

H.J.R. 10 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Publication Amendments

2025 General Session

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution regarding the publication of a proposed constitutional amendment.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- require a proposed constitutional amendment to be published, in a manner provided by statute, for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the general election.

Other Special Clauses:

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2027 for this proposal.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

Article XXIII, Section 1,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article XXIII, Section 1 to read

Article XXIII, Section 1. [Amendments: proposal, election.]

Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in either house of the Legislature, and if two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses, shall vote in favor thereof, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on their respective journals with the yeas and nays taken thereon; and the Legislature shall cause the same to be published ~~in at least one newspaper in every county of the state, where a newspaper is published, for two months, in~~ **a manner provided by statute, for 60 calendar days** immediately preceding the next general election, at which time the said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the electors of the state for their approval or rejection, and if a majority of the electors voting thereon shall approve the same, such amendment or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.

The revision or amendment of an entire article or the addition of a new article to this Constitution may be proposed as a single amendment and may be submitted to the electors as a single question or proposition. Such amendment may relate to one subject, or any number of subjects, and may modify, or repeal provisions contained in other articles of the Constitution, if such provisions are germane to the subject matter of the article being revised, amended or being proposed as a new article.

Section 2. Submittal to voters.

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Contingent effective date.

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

H.J.R. 10 passed the House 70-0-5.

H.J.R. 10 passed the Senate 29-0-0.

S.J.R. 2 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Statewide Initiatives

2025 General Session

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Utah Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision relating to statewide initiatives.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- provide the circumstances under which a higher percentage of voters than a majority must approve a statewide initiative that proposes to impose a new tax or to increase the rate of an existing tax or the amount of revenue collected.

Other Special Clauses: This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters. This resolution provides a contingent effective date of November 23, 2026 for this proposal.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

Article VI, Section 1, Effective 11/23/26

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 1 to read

Article VI, Section 1 (Effective 11/23/26). [Power vested in Senate, House, and People.]

(1) The Legislative power of the State shall be vested in:

- (a) a Senate and House of Representatives which shall be designated the Legislature of the State of Utah; and
- (b) the people of the State of Utah as provided in Subsection (2).

(2) (a) (i) The legal voters of the State of Utah, in the numbers, under the conditions, in the manner, and within the time provided by statute, may:

- (A) initiate any desired legislation and cause

it to be submitted to the people for adoption upon a majority vote of those voting on the legislation, as provided by statute; or

(B) require any law passed by the Legislature, except those laws passed by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, to be submitted to the voters of the State, as provided by statute, before the law may take effect.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A), legislation initiated to allow, limit, or prohibit the taking of wildlife or the season for or method of taking wildlife shall be adopted upon approval of two-thirds of those voting.

(iii) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A), initiated legislation that is subject to a vote that occurs after November 1, 2026, shall be adopted upon approval of at least 60% of those voting on the legislation if the initiated legislation includes:

- (A) the imposition of a new tax;
- (B) an expansion of an existing tax to include additional items or transactions subject to the tax;
- (C) an increase in an existing tax rate; or
- (D) for a property tax, a change to the tax rate that causes the tax rate to decrease less than it would under current law.

(b) The legal voters of any county, city, or town, in the numbers, under the conditions, in the manner, and within the time provided by statute, may:

- (i) initiate any desired legislation and cause it to be submitted to the people of the county, city, or town for adoption upon a majority vote of those voting on the legislation, as provided by statute; or
- (ii) require any law or ordinance passed by the law making body of the county, city, or town to be submitted to the voters thereof, as provided by statute, before the law or ordinance may take effect.

Section 2. Submittal to voters.

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Contingent effective date.

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on November 23, 2026.

S.J.R. 2 passed the Senate 21-8-0.

S.J.R. 2 passed the House 55-17-3.

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Utah Launches Financial Crimes Intelligence Center to Combat Financial Crime

from Anna Tibbitts

OFFICE OF THE UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL

Utah now has a dedicated, statewide team to identify, investigate, and prosecute financial crime across jurisdictions and financial institutions. Attorney General Derek Brown today launched the Utah Financial Crimes Intelligence Center (FCIC). First brought to the Office by the Utah Fraud Prevention Coalition, the Utah Legislature established the FCIC in response to the rapid growth of financial crime across the state.

Since 2020, Utahns have lost nearly \$450 million to scams, fraud, and other financial crimes. In 2025 alone, reported losses reached \$108.4 million, and Utahns have already reported nearly \$60 million in losses so far this year.

“No one is too smart, too careful, or too experienced to become a victim of fraud. We have seen criminals prey on business owners, investors, even people who teach financial literacy for a living, only to lose thousands to schemes built to exploit trust. These criminals are sophisticated and organized. They’re counting on us not being either. They’re wrong,” said Attorney General Derek Brown.

The FCIC brings together investigators, prosecutors, financial analysts, and financial institutions to identify fraud patterns, connect related cases, and support investigations that span multiple jurisdictions. Rather than treating each report as an isolated incident, the FCIC helps build a statewide intelligence picture to identify larger criminal networks operating in Utah.

In addition to investigating and prosecuting financial crime, the FCIC will:

- Provide training and resources to law enforcement agencies and financial institutions.
- Support local agencies with specialized financial crime expertise.
- Coordinate investigations involving identity theft, account takeovers, romance scams, elder fraud, crypto-currency schemes, money laundering, and other financial crimes.

“Financial criminals are becoming more sophisticated, and Utah must stay ahead of the threat,” said Senate Majority Leader Kirk Cullimore. “The Legislature created the Financial Crimes Intelligence Center to give law enforcement the specialized tools, expertise and coordination needed to protect Utahns and hold criminals accountable. By bringing the right resources together, we can make Utah a much harder place for these criminals to operate and give victims a coordinated, capable team fighting on their behalf.”

The Office encourages anyone who believes they have been the victim of a financial scam to report it. Not every report will result in a conviction, but every report helps investigators and analysts identify larger patterns and criminal networks.

Utahns can report suspected financial crimes directly to the Financial Crimes Intelligence Center at fraud.ag.utah.gov.

ICSD Earns Above-Average Marks in Districtwide Accreditation

by Shauna Lund

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Iron County School District (ICSD) is proud to share the news that all of its schools have received an "Accredited" status following a comprehensive review of its educational and administrative practices.

Cognia, an independent educational organization that provides accreditation, certification, and school improvement services, reported its findings after spending several days in schools in the spring. Those visits included interviews with administrators, teachers, staff, students and parents.

ICSD was awarded an Index of Education Quality score of 302 — outperforming the network average of 297. According to the Accreditation Engagement Review Report, the district excels in creating a collaborative, supportive culture for student learning and well-being, while simultaneously navigating a near 50 percent enrollment boom.

The report highlights several major successes within the district. Topping the list is the district's culture of learning. Evaluators applauded ICSD for its implementation of the Iron Growth Cycle. The cycle introduced in the 2021-22 school year integrates collaboration into teachers' schedules by

dedicating one day per quarter for professional development alongside weekly Professional Learning Community meetings. This shared focus has resulted in instructional alignment and consistent classroom practices across schools.

Also highlighted was the comprehensive support system for student and teacher well-being. Evaluators acknowledged the district's use of a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports framework. Tier 1 supports are strengthened with the addition of wellness rooms. Additionally, the employment of full-time licensed clinical social workers across secondary schools and shared among elementary schools has fostered that supportive environment.

Positive notes were also made about student engagement, the district's dual-immersion Chinese and Spanish programs, declining chronic absenteeism rates, and students earning an impressive 2,440 career and technical education (CTE) industry credentials.

Leadership was recognized for its forward-thinking adoption of educational technology. During the 2024-2025 school year, the district piloted "TeachFX," an artificial intelligence-powered tool designed to help teachers reflect on

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One Last Flush: Utah Retires Toilet Rebate Program

by Michael Sanchez

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

After helping thousands of Utah homeowners upgrade to water-efficient toilets over the past several years, the Utah Water Savers Toilet Replacement Program will be coming to a close.

Since launching in 2019, the program has helped more than 4,500 Utah households replace nearly 6,000 older, high-water-use toilets with new EPA WaterSense®-labeled models, saving millions of gallons of water and improving water efficiency in homes across the state.

"The toilet replacement program has been a tremendous success," said Shelby Cooley, Water Conservation

Program Manager. "When the program began, many homes still had older toilets that used significantly more water than today's models. Thanks to homeowners across Utah, we've made great progress replacing those fixtures, and it's time to focus our resources where they can have the greatest impact."

The rebate program was designed for homes built before 1994, when federal efficiency standards requiring low-flow toilets took effect. More than 30 years later, most of these older fixtures have already been replaced, making the program a natural candidate for retirement.

As the program concludes, funding will shift toward

outdoor water conservation programs, where the greatest opportunities for additional water savings now exist. Outdoor irrigation accounts for the largest share of residential water use in Utah, and programs that improve landscape efficiency can provide substantial long-term water savings.

Homeowners who still have an older, high-water-use toilet may qualify for a rebate before the program ends. Eligible applicants must:

- Own a home built before 1994
- Replace an existing toilet with an EPA WaterSense labeled toilet
- Submit an application within 30 days of purchasing the new toilet

- Include a photo of the old toilet, proof of purchase, and a photo of the newly installed toilet
- Rebates are available for up to two toilets per home

Applications must be received by **October 31, 2026**. The program will close to new applications on November 1, 2026. Exceptions will not be granted.

For complete eligibility requirements and to apply, visit UtahWaterSavers.com. For further information on incentives and rebates, visit slowtheflow.org/rebates.



Photo courtesy of Utah Division of Water Resources

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instructional practices and student dialogue. Following a successful pilot, leadership purchased the tool for district-wide use, with more than 500 teachers now actively using it to refine their teaching and enhance student engagement.

The report also outlines clear opportunities for refinement. Evaluators noted discrepancies regarding school improvement goals between district personnel and other external stakeholders. The report recommends establishing a structured communication and feedback cycle to ensure parents, staff,

and community members clearly understand how the district leverages data to set and monitor goals.

Cognia also highlights a need for a formalized, centralized program evaluation process. Developing a unified data collection tool for walkthroughs would allow leaders to consistently analyze student engagement data across classrooms and more effectively measure the long-term impact of adopted resources and professional development.

The accreditation team encouraged district leaders to share findings with the community and to celebrate noteworthy successes.

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ISOLATED RAIN AND STORM CHANCES WILL RETURN TO THE AREA AS WE MOVE INTO THE WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEK. TEMPERATURES WILL WARM INTO THE 80S WITH OVERNIGHT LOWS DIPPING INTO THE 50S AND LOWER 60S.

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THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
82°/58°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 15-25

FRIDAY
Isolated Thunderstorms
83°/57°
PRECIP: 30%
WINDS: SW 20-30

SATURDAY
Isolated Thunderstorms
84°/58°
PRECIP: 30%
WINDS: SW 10-20

SUNDAY
Isolated Thunderstorms
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MONDAY
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WINDS: SW 20-30

TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny
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PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: SW 10-15

opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



**BECCA
DIMICK**
COPY EDITOR

My work schedule recently changed, and while I knew that would require some adjustment, I was mostly thinking about the obvious things. When I wake up. When I leave the house. When I get home. I was not thinking about the small stuff.

I had appointments booked well in advance, all carefully arranged around my old schedule. Suddenly, none of them work anymore. And as anyone who regularly gets their nails done knows, rescheduling an appointment can sometimes feel less like moving something on the calendar and more like securing a highly sought-after dinner reservation.

It's a silly example, but there is an entire hidden infrastructure holding our lives together.

Haircuts, dentist appointments, grocery shopping and laundry. Cooking dinner. Going to the gym. Taking the dogs to the groomer. Cleaning the house. All these little routines quietly arrange themselves around the bigger pieces of our lives, usually without us thinking much about them.

Then one of those big pieces changes, and suddenly everything else gets knocked loose.

That's more or less where I am right now. I'm rebuilding my routines around a new chapter and realizing that even positive, welcomed changes can be surprisingly disruptive to the day-to-day.

I think we expect a positive change to immediately make life feel better, easier or more organized. I am here to testify: a new chapter doesn't arrive perfectly organized. Sometimes you have to live in it awhile before everything finds its place.

Though, I really do need a new nail technician who works on weekends.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm just saying that life breaks free, it expands to new territories, and crashes through barriers, painfully, maybe even dangerously, but, uh, well, there it is. Life, uh, finds a way."

-Dr. Ian Malcolm, "Jurassic Park" (1993)



news

September 1st Utah Water Availability Update

from Jordan Clayton

NRCS-UTAH

The Utah Water Availability Update

(UWAW) is a monthly report issued by the NRCS-Utah Snow Survey office for each month outside the snowpack season. The UWAW includes summaries of Utah's statewide and basin-level precipitation, soil moisture, reservoir, and current streamflow conditions. Reservoir and streamflow data per basin are then compared with historical observations to generate Water Availability Indexes for each region.

The report is organized to reflect two distinct geographic areas being monitored: the low elevation valley sites (Soil Climate Analysis Network, aka SCAN) that are critical for agricultural production and operations; and the high elevation mountainous areas where water supply is generated (SNOW

TElemetry, aka SNOTEL).

Valley Conditions (SCAN) as of September 1st:

Statewide, Utah's valleys received 125% of normal precipitation last month (as measured at our SCAN sites), bringing the water year to date precipitation 99% of median. Soil moisture in Utah's valleys is above normal for this time of year, averaging around 38% of saturation. However, soil moisture conditions range from 2% for the St. George Region to 53% for

North Central Utah. Soil temperatures have generally decreased to cooler than normal conditions due to the influx of moisture from the recent rain events.

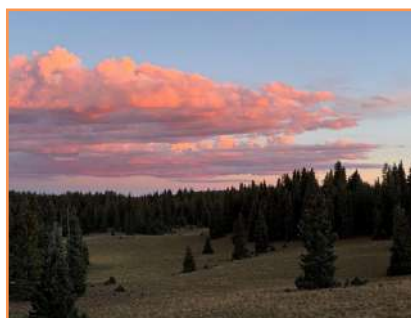


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NEAR SPECTACLE LAKE, UTAH

WORD OF THE WEEK

ACCLIMATE

[AC-CLI-MATE]

verb

to adapt (someone) to a new temperature, altitude, climate, environment, or situation

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Cedar City man accused of setting fire while woman, children were inside

by **Tracie Sullivan**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man was arrested Monday night after police say he poured gasoline onto the porch of his former girlfriend's trailer and set it on fire while the woman and her two children were inside.

Joseph Miguel Torres, 27, was booked into the Iron County Jail on suspicion of first-degree felony aggravated arson.

Cedar City Police officers responded shortly after 9:15 p.m. Sept. 1 to a report of a man attempting to set fire to a trailer near 1200 North in Cedar City, according to court documents.

When officers arrived, they reportedly smelled a strong odor of gasoline and observed fresh burn marks on the front porch.

The woman told police she had asked Torres, her former boyfriend, to leave the residence the previous day. Torres allegedly returned Monday night and began yelling for the woman and her children to come outside and speak with him.

When they remained inside, Torres allegedly threatened to set the trailer on fire unless they came out, the affidavit states.

The woman told officers she initially did not believe Torres would carry out the threat. She then looked outside and allegedly saw him pouring gasoline onto the porch before the porch caught fire.

The woman reportedly used a fire extinguisher to put out the flames and then took her children to a neighbor's home for help. All three had been inside the trailer when the fire was started, police said.

Officers later located Torres walking along Main Street. After being advised of his rights, Torres acknowledged that he had been at the trailer but denied knowing anything about a fire, the affidavit stated.

Neighbors allegedly told investigators they had seen a man matching Torres' description at the trailer and saw him ignite the porch.

The arresting officer asked that Torres remain in custody, citing the seriousness of the allegations, the evidence reportedly found at the scene and concerns that Torres posed a danger to others or might leave the area if released.

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The districtwide accreditation process follows a cycle of review every five years. The successful accreditation from Cognia means not only are the district's high schools accredited, but also its middle and elementary schools.

UPDATE

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Mountain Conditions (SNOTEL) as of September 1st:

The monsoon season has continued to deliver above normal precipitation to Utah's mountains. Our SNOTEL sites received 3.0 inches of August rainfall which was well above normal (199% of median) for most mountainous areas of the state. Like July, the August rain helped significantly increase mountain soil moisture levels and reduced fire risk. Record monthly precipitation was received at 9 of Utah's SNOTEL sites during August, and 8 sites had their second-highest accumulation on record. Unfortunately, not all of Utah's mountains had above normal precipitation last month, however; portions of southwestern and southeastern Utah largely missed out on the favorable monsoonal pattern. Still, the abundant storms in the region brought our statewide water year

to date precipitation to 95% of normal (40th percentile). Correspondingly, our mountain soil moisture levels rose to around the 80th percentile by the end of the month, though some areas (again, southwestern and southeastern Utah) have remained fairly dry.

Water Availability as of September 1st

As we have noted in several previous reports, Utah's overall water availability is continuing to feel the adverse impacts from our record-poor snowpack season last winter. Despite the recent rain, the majority of Utah's basins continue to have Water Availability Indexes (WAIs) below the 20th percentile, with only the Bear and Virgin watersheds reasonably close to normal. Utah's statewide reservoir storage is at 48% of capacity, down 14% from this time last year. Several of our large reservoirs are close to empty, such as for Sevier Bridge and Piute (both at 2% of capacity). In addition, downstream water bodies continue to feel the impact of limited water; the Great Salt Lake dropped to 4190 ft stage by

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Parowan City Council Meeting Summary

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Action Agenda

Temporary Alcohol Event Permit

The council approved a temporary alcohol event permit for Sweet Pea Farm and Orchard for an event on September 19th, 2026.

Zone Change Consideration for Parcel A-0026-0027-0000 from A1 to R2

Discussions highlighted concerns from citizens regarding road access and the density of development. Specifically, there was debate about the number of and width of access points connecting to existing roads. Concerns raised about the substandard condition of some connecting roads in neighboring subdivisions. After considerable discussion about the impact of R2 zoning on existing infrastructure and neighborhood density, the council made the decision to deny the request and retain the zoning at A1.

Cooperative Land Realignment, Road Dedication, and Property Exchange

A cooperative land realignment, road dedication, and property exchange agreement with Lance Shotwell was discussed. This property is at parcel numbers A-0491-0491-0002 and A-0492-0014-0000 and relates to completion of the Main Street Bridge Project. City Manager Dan Jessen, confirmed that the council would not be agreeing to trade the property at this stage, but rather to proceed with the process of working out the details. The council approved moving forward the agreement to consider the land exchange details, with a clear understanding that the final property trade would be a subsequent decision.

Work Agenda: Reports and Updates

Council Member Topham reported on the theater board meeting, noting a full schedule of events but a critical shortage of individuals willing to direct plays. She urged community members to step forward if they are interested in directing.

Council Member Barton provided updates on his attendance at a recent UAMPS (Utah Association of Municipal Power Systems) meeting and the groups’ strategies for energy and transmission line shortages next year.

City Manager Dan Jessen reported that Parowan staff will represent the City at a meeting in early September to discuss CIB grant funds for the Parowan Library upgrades. The Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) provides grants and low-interest loans to local communities. He expressed his frustration with ongoing delays with the Enbridge gas line project,

specifically the need to modify a stream alteration permit, which is expected to push the Main Street Bridge Project completion date further out. He shared positive news regarding the pressurized irrigation water supply, stating that the Parowan Reservoir Company (majority water share owners who own the right to turn off/on the water) turned the water on. There was discussion about potentially increasing pressurized irrigation watering days if the supply permits, though a cautious approach to conserve water for a potentially dry winter was also mentioned.

Closed Session

The council entered a closed session to discuss strategy related to pending or imminent litigation.

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>

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Constitution Week Proclamation

The Council recognized September 17-23, 2026, as Constitution Week in Cedar City,

marking the 239th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

K9 Vehicle Purchase

The Police Department requested approval to purchase a larger Ford Expedition for its K9 program to accommodate kennel equipment. The purchase exceeded the \$50,000 threshold but was already budgeted, with about \$25,000 in additional equipment upgrades expected. The item was moved to next week’s consent agenda.

City Truck Equipment

The Council moved the purchase of a utility-style truck bed with built-in storage compartments for tools and equipment to the consent agenda.

Fire Mitigation Equipment

The Council reviewed the purchase of a masticator head for the city’s John Deere tractor. The equipment will be used for fuels reduction and fire-risk mitigation on city-owned land. The item was moved to the consent agenda.

Fiddler’s Canyon Trail Extension

The Council moved the UDOT agreement to the consent agenda after a previous concern over gates at the Main Street culvert crossing was resolved and removed from the agreement.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Broom Sweeper Purchase

A budgeted broom sweeper was moved to the consent agenda to replace an aging unit. The old sweeper may be transferred to the airport for use on runways, taxiways, and around hangars.

Community Cleanup Committee

The Council considered a resolution to formally establish a community cleanup committee. The committee would organize volunteer weed removal and beautification projects with the Public Works Department and could provide opportunities for court-ordered community service. The resolution was placed on the action agenda.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Representative Shipp's September Legislative Update



REP. REX SHIPP
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 72

Investing in Education and Strengthening Student Success:

Supporting education means more than funding schools. It means creating an environment where students can focus on learning, teachers have the tools they need to

succeed, and parents are empowered to play the most important role in their child's education.

Over the past five years, the Legislature has increased public education funding by \$1.8 billion, with nearly half of Utah's state budget now dedicated to education. These investments have helped strengthen literacy instruction, increase parent involvement, improve school-based mental health resources, expand resources for at-risk students, provide access to full-day kindergarten, and reduce barriers to student success. We have also worked to give families greater flexibility in choosing the educational environment that best meets their child's needs through programs like the Utah Fits All Scholarship. As we begin the new school year, our Legislature remains committed to ensuring our schools have the resources, support, and tools needed to help every student reach their full potential.

Supporting Utah Teachers:

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The Legislature has worked hard to make significant investments in Utah's education workforce. We have increased teacher pay to be among the highest in the nation, expanded professional development and leadership opportunities, strengthened mentoring programs, and provided additional support for future educators entering the profession. We have also invested in the paraprofessionals, bus drivers, custodians, food service employees, and other support staff who help keep our schools running each day. By supporting the dedicated individuals who serve our students, we are helping build

stronger classrooms and create a brighter future for Utah families.

Expanding Career and Technical Education:

Utah has become a national leader in Career and Technical Education programs that equip students with valuable skills in fields that drive our economy, such as healthcare, manufacturing, construction, information technology, and skilled trades. The Legislature has worked to expand opportunities for students to earn industry-recognized credentials, explore career pathways, and gain real-world experience before they graduate high school. We have also invested in workforce development initiatives that connect education with these high-demand fields. As Utah's economy continues to grow, workforce training programs will play an increasingly important role in connecting students with high-paying, in-demand careers.

Wrapping up August Interim:

Last month, I wrapped up another round of interim meetings at the Capitol, where legislators continued studying important issues and preparing for the upcoming General Session. We had important discussions around data centers, including current permitting checklists, tax incentives, water and energy use, and economic impact. Click here to see all the topics we discussed.

If you missed August interim meetings, you can join us online or in person at our next interim session on September 15th and 16th, or you can still view agendas, presentations, recordings, and other materials from last interim at le.utah.gov.

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Utah House of Representatives Report



REP. CARL ALBRECHT
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

Investing in Education and Strengthening Student Success

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Fires and Flooding

Now that the fires are out and the weather is cooling, we've had a record monsoon season and it's probably not over. We sympathize with the counties and cities in my district, Sevier, Beaver, and Piute. We will continue to work with them to help them through a multi-year recovery.

Fall-Just Around the Corner

September marks the end of summer after Labor Day. Enjoy fall, the colors, the hunts, football, and family. We live in a beautiful area.

It's an honor to serve you.

Representative Carl Albrecht

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had decreased to 5.14 MAF (around 22% of capacity).

September 1st (just 1.5 ft higher than its record low from November, 2022), and water storage in Lake Powell

New SNOTEL sites!!

The Utah Snow Survey crew completed the installation of two new SNOTEL sites in our mountains this summer. One of these called Clarkston Mtn is in far northern Utah close to the divide between Cache and Box Elder Counties. Data from this site will fill a large geographic gap in our monitoring network and will improve our ability to generate reliable water supply forecasts for local water conservation districts. Data from the Clarkston Mtn site will also be useful for Bureau of Reclamation operations of Newton Reservoir and for U.S. Forest Service grazing management efforts in the region.

The other new site is called Spectacle Lake and is the only monitoring site atop Boulder Mountain. The Spectacle Lake site is the first SNOTEL in Utah above 11,000 ft elevation and sits at the headwaters of both the Dirty Devil and Escalante-Paria basins. The addition of this SNOTEL site increases our high elevation monitoring, provides snow water information for the local conservation district and downstream hydropower operations, and numerous other benefits.

Three sentenced in Cedar-area cabin burglary involving stolen property, drugs and firearm

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three people accused of breaking into a mountain cabin near Cedar City and fleeing with stolen property have been sentenced to jail, probation and more than \$9,500 in restitution.

Evan Robert Newmiller, 35; Andrew Phillip Rauskin, 33; and Rachel Rochell Cotton, 44, each received suspended prison sentences and were ordered to serve 270 days in the Iron County Jail after pleading guilty to charges stemming from the March burglary.

The investigation began March 21 when Iron County sheriff's deputies responded to a report of two people wearing ski masks and riding

four-wheelers on private mountain properties marked with "no trespassing" signs.

The property owner told deputies someone had used a grinder to cut a chain securing the main gate.

A deputy arriving at the property encountered Rauskin riding a four-wheeler while wearing a ski mask. Rauskin reportedly told the deputy he and Newmiller had gone to a family cabin but cut the gate's chain after Newmiller's keys did not work.

The deputy searched storage compartments on the four-wheeler with Rauskin's permission and found bolt cutters, crowbars and an inflatable wedge commonly included in vehicle lockout kits.

While the deputy spoke with Rauskin, a gray Toyota driven by Newmiller came around a corner. Newmiller allegedly stopped after seeing the deputy and backed up the road.

Newmiller later spoke to the deputy by phone and said he was afraid and did not like police. He agreed to return within five minutes but did not come back.

Deputies searching the area discovered four-wheeler tracks leading through several private properties. A large television, yellow generator and bearskin were found beside a road near another gate that had previously been secured.

The owner of a nearby cabin reported receiving motion alerts showing someone entering the residence through a back door and moving through several rooms shortly before the cabin's power went out.

Investigators later interviewed Newmiller and Cotton. Both admitted participating in the burglary and placing stolen property in the basement of Newmiller's cabin.

They also reportedly admitted fleeing after seeing law enforcement because stolen property and illegal drugs were inside their vehicle. Newmiller removed the cabin's security alarm from the wall and took out its batteries because he believed it would notify police.

Deputies also found a loaded Smith & Wesson .380-caliber handgun beneath the vehicle's front seat. Investigators said all three knew the gun was present and had brought it with them to shoot.

Newmiller pleaded guilty April 21 to two second-degree felonies for burglary of a dwelling and theft of property valued at \$5,000 or more. He also pleaded guilty to a class A misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance.

Fifth District Judge Meb Anderson sentenced Newmiller on June 2 to two suspended prison terms of one to 15 years. Anderson ordered him to serve 270 days in jail, with credit for 73 days already served, followed by 36 months of supervised probation.

Rauskin pleaded guilty June 2 to second-degree felony burglary, second-degree felony theft and third-degree felony possession of a controlled substance.

He was sentenced July 28 to suspended prison terms and 48 months of supervised probation. Anderson ordered Rauskin to serve 270 days in jail without eligibility for good-time release.

Cotton pleaded guilty June 9 to second-degree felony burglary of a dwelling, third-degree felony prohibited firearm possession and class A misdemeanor drug possession.

She was sentenced July 21 to 270 days in jail, with credit for 122 days served, and 48 months of supervised probation. The court permitted her to be released to treatment after serving 240 days or to receive credit for good behavior.

The three defendants were ordered to pay

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\$9,557.09 in restitution, plus interest, jointly and severally. That designation allows the victim to collect the total amount from any combination of the defendants but does not triple the restitution owed.

Their probation conditions include completing treatment and cognitive-behavioral programs, staying away from the victim and the victim's property and complying with continuous protective orders.

Newmiller was also prohibited from entering mountain property unless accompanied by his parents for the duration of his probation. Cotton was ordered to complete 100 hours of community service, while Rauskin must complete a theft-reform course.

Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson said the impact of burglarizing a mountain cabin extends beyond the value of the property stolen or damaged.

"Mountain cabins are more than just buildings, they represent generations of family memories, traditions, and hard work," he said. "When someone burglarizes and vandalizes one of these cabins, they are taking far more than property. They are violating a place that holds tremendous personal and sentimental value."

Dotson also thanked the Iron County Sheriff's Office for investigating the case and recovering stolen property, as well as the victims for their cooperation throughout the prosecution.

"Our office pursued additional jail time beyond the sentencing guideline recommendation because we believed the circumstances warranted a stronger consequence," Dotson said. "We hope this sentence sends a clear message that those who target mountain cabins and other rural properties in Iron County will be identified, prosecuted, and held accountable."

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SUU Interns Help Save Hiker's Life

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

On a July afternoon, beneath the relentless summer heat near Kanab, three participants in Southern Utah University's (SUU) Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative (IIC) faced a situation no classroom exercise could fully prepare them for: A 67-year-old woman at The Wave was in severe medical distress and needed immediate help.

Interns Brooklyn Bauer, Jake McDonald, and Conner Buchanan were patrolling the popular hiking destination on July 15, 2026, when they encountered the woman. The interns administered first aid, contacted Search and Rescue, and used their emergency supplies to stabilize her until emergency personnel arrived. Their preparedness, teamwork, and quick response

helped save her life.

On Aug. 19, 2026, the three interns received the Life Saver Award during the IIC's end-of-season celebration. The celebration honors the students, mentors, and partners whose work shaped the program's 19th season.

"These interns' life-saving actions represent one extraordinary moment in a season packed with many more," said Shannon Eberhard, Assistant Director of Outdoor Pathways. "Across the region, IIC interns have contributed approximately 53,000 hours (and counting!) so far in 2026. By helping educate visitors, protect wildlife, and improve public lands, they have strengthened our surrounding communities as well as their professional skills."

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Housed within SUU's Outdoor Pathways, the IIC connects students with hands-on learning experiences through partnerships with land management agencies, outdoor recreation businesses, foundations, nonprofit organizations, and Native American tribes across Utah, Arizona, and Nevada.

The program creates opportunities for students from a wide range of academic programs and career interests to work alongside experienced mentors in professional fields, including wildlife conservation, engineering, trail maintenance, visitor education, visual communications, and public land management.

For some interns, that work means welcoming visitors to iconic national parks. For others, it means surveying landscapes recovering from wildfire. For the three interns near Kanab, it meant being prepared when a stranger's life depended on it.

Building Careers While Strengthening Public Lands

Among the season's standout accomplishments was the work of Corinne Braley, an engineering intern with the U.S. Forest Service, who

received the Impact by Design Award. Braley helped document damage and support the redesign of the Pine Valley Recreation Area following the 2025 Forsyth Fire. Using GPS survey equipment and AutoCAD Civil 3D, she contributed to a recovery project ultimately approved for more than \$5 million in disaster funding.

Kaitlyn Esplin, named Intern of the Year, was recognized for three years of growth through the IIC, including an internship with the Bureau of Land Management's Kanab Field Office and two seasons as a visitor services intern at Bryce Canyon National Park. Through engaging conversations about plants, wildlife, and geology, Esplin helped visitors form closer connections with the park. Her creativity also lent itself to designing posters, signs, and visitor materials to enhance the park experience.

At Zion National Park, education intern Joseph Rodriguez received Rookie of the Year honors for a first season defined by enthusiasm, teamwork, and community participation. Rodriguez assisted with Spanish-language translations and supported activities involving SUU's Latino Alliance and Latino Conservation Week, helping more visitors and community members feel welcome on public lands.

Chaz Espinoza, an off-highway

vehicle crew leader, received Crew Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the Year for creating a team culture centered on safety, collaboration, and support. His leadership helped fellow crew members develop their skills while carrying out important work across the region.

Student Stories Earn Scholarships

The celebration also recognized three interns whose digital showcase projects captured the purpose and impact of their experiences. Each recipient received a \$1,000 scholarship, made possible through support from former Cedar Breaks superintendent and one of the IIC's original founders, Paul Roelant.

Tate Walker, a wildlife technician with the Bureau of Land Management in Kanab, received a scholarship for his video "A Summer of Epic Adventure & Learning," which explores his first internship experience studying wildlife, monitoring ecosystems, and discovering the importance of conservation.

Tomi Bundy, a range technician with the Bureau of Land Management in Kanab, received a scholarship for her video "We're Here to Help Life Thrive," showing how responsible range management supports public lands, local communities, and the ranchers who rely on those landscapes.

Ava Knudson, an IIC trail crew member, received a scholarship for her video "A Helping Hand For Public Lands," which showcases the partnerships and hands-on trail work that help keep public lands safe, accessible, and protected for future generations.

Mentors and Partners Help Make the Work Possible

Behind every successful internship is a network of people willing to teach, encourage, and invest in the next generation.

Howie Kinman-Howard, the IIC's youth and crew coordinator, received Mentor of the Year after taking on the challenge of leading two off-highway vehicle crews and a trails crew while working with multiple federal land

partners. The award is based on intern nominations and recognizes mentors who make an important influence on their interns' professional and personal growth.

Bryce Canyon Association and the Zion Forever Project each received Agency Partner of the Year recognition for sustaining internship opportunities during funding uncertainty. Bryce Canyon Association's support helped secure new youth programming and future trail maintenance and GIS internships. At the same time, the Zion Forever Project continued supporting student experiences at Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument.

The celebration also honored the season's visual storytellers. William Becker, a trail member intern at Great Basin National Park, received Photo of the Year for "Side Questing," photographed by Gretchen Baker. Alexa Plummer, a visual information intern at Zion National Park, received Scenic Photo of the Year for "Desert Jewel," featuring a hummingbird perched on a flower. Great Basin National Park received the program's traveling trophy.

Nineteen seasons in, the IIC's impact is clear: students rise to meet meaningful challenges, and communities are better because of it. Sometimes the impact can be seen in a restored trail, a rebuilt recreation area, or a visitor who feels welcomed for their first time. And sometimes, the impact can be measured in a life saved.

About SUU Outdoor Pathways

Southern Utah University's Outdoor Pathways connects students with hands-on learning and career opportunities across the region's public lands. Through programs like the Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative, students work alongside experienced professionals to develop practical skills, serve local communities, and help protect the landscapes and wildlife that make Utah and her surrounding regions extraordinary. Learn more about SUU Outdoor Pathways.

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Power in Pink

Iron County Announces 2026 Walk and 5K

by *Rachelle Hughes*

POWER IN PINK

A sea of pink will fill Cedar City's West Canyon Park on Saturday, October 3 as the community comes together for the 14th annual Power in Pink-Iron County Walk and 5K under the theme Stronger Together.

The event will be held at Cedar City's West Canyon Park located at 151 S 400 E. Onsite registration begins at 8 a.m. and the event begins at 8:30 a.m. with a short program. All participants receive an event t-shirt and medal. Early bird registration is \$30 until September 15, with registration thereafter at \$40. Breast cancer survivors participate at no cost, and student registration is \$20. Registration and information are available at powerinpinkironcounty.com where you can also make tax-deductible donations if you are unable to participate at the event.

Started in 2013 by four young breast cancer survivors, this annual event helps meet the needs of local women rather than sending proceeds to national organizations. "We are so pleased that for 14 years now we have been able to raise funds from this event and provide assistance to ladies



in our area who need help getting through the challenges of cancer treatment," said Robyn Brown, one of the organization's founders. "As October is breast cancer awareness month, we find this is an important time to recognize and cheer survivors and remember those who have lost their lives to this horrible disease."

During the walk, names and photos of those who have dealt with breast cancer line the trail. The Power in Pink Team invites all who have someone they would like to honor and remember to send names and photos of loved



ones to powerinpinkcedarcity2@gmail.com.

Ernie's Stores is again the generous lead sponsor for this year's event along with State Bank of Southern Utah. Additional sponsors confirmed at the time of release include: Jennie Hendricks-Century 21 Prestige Realty, Cedar City Rotary Club, Cache Valley Bank, Intermountain Cedar City Hospital, SUU, Mountain America Credit Union, Davis Heating and A/C Service, BZI, and Align Precision, DMK Entertainment, Westwood Law, and Cedar City Coca



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For more information, visit powerinpinkironcounty.com, email powerinpinkcedarcity2@gmail.com or follow the event on the Power in Pink-Iron County Facebook and Instagram pages.

Jaybirds Head South to Cedar City

by *Marty Warburton*

CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS

Heading south when the weather begins to cool off is a smart move. Birds of various feathers have repeated this phenomenon for eons, though not to be confused with their counterparts known as "snowbirds", who flock to warmer climes to inhabit summer homes or aboard luxurious RVs, at the first hint of

Fall.

The Jaybirds have seemingly bought into this practice. Led by their maestro, powerful mandolinist and composer John Reischman, the Jaybirds will take flight mid September and roost at the Heritage Center Theater Cedar City for a few days. Performing there on the evening of

Wednesday, September 16th, and returning at 10:AM the following morning to perform for an audience of hundreds of Iron County School District students.

The migration begins 1200 miles to the north in Vancouver,

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Protect your Imagination

by Samuel Wells

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Imagination is arguably the most important asset of successful artists; and successful artists know how to stay in tune with it. Beethoven is famously remembered for relying on his "inner ear" as he confronted deafness. Much of his greatest work came first and foremost from his imagination.

Frederick Law Olmstead, the famous designer of New York's Central Park, had the ability to look upon barren landscapes and imagine mature forests with majestic green spaces filled with gardens. He was able to creatively hide roads by placing them below ground level, and he used optical illusions to make his gardens appear endless even though they were crowded by urban developments on all sides. When he was once asked about the kinds of trees he was planting, he said that he was anticipating the different canopy heights, their layering, and even their shade many decades into the future when the park would achieve its greatest appeal.

Albert Einstein is justifiably famous in the sciences for imagining himself chasing a beam of light as he thought about the principles of relativity. J.R.R. Tolkien, in the world of literature, invented languages in order to embroider his Middle-earth with authenticity. Cedar's own Jimmie Jones was a master of creating desert landscapes that made viewers feel as if they were standing in one of our national parks.

The scholar Murray Hunter recognizes several types of imagination. Some people are good at combining images or pieces of information in new ways, others create plausible scientific experiments to solve problems. Some people create fantasy worlds while others are able to imagine the feelings and thought processes of others. Some of us even find meaning in dreams. However we imagine the world, one thing stands out to me as paramount. Not all of us are taking advantage of our potential.

It is not without reason that our contemporary world has been accused of waging war on the

imagination. Ours is the age of distractions, and distractions have never been friendly to artists. Contrast the way William Wordsworth (one of Britain's greatest poets) found his creative energy with the challenges of modern writers. Wordsworth was able to remove himself to the remote English Lake District where he took long hikes by himself in the natural world in order to remember compelling experiences and to re-imagine their meaning. Today's writers, on the other hand, have all sorts of challenges to overcome. Noise and crowds are ever present. Poor housing is a problem, as are long hours at work. More invasive still are the addictions of our many devices, of online shopping, of industrial food.

Ironically, much of our fast-paced and destructive world is a product of misused imaginations - to the point that it now takes a great deal of self awareness and self-discipline to find our creative retreats and to slow down our lives. So much depends on our ability to be creative and counter these harmful trends. Now, more than ever, we need to protect the imagination.



Festival City Ballet Launches with the World Premiere of Alice in Wonderland

by Chris Mills

FESTIVAL CITY BALLET

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Festival City Ballet, a new community-based ballet company in Cedar City, will make its debut with the world premiere of an original full-length production of *Alice in Wonderland* on September 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Theater.

Founded by Artistic Director Christine Mills, Festival City Ballet brings together dancers from studios throughout the region to create large-scale theatrical productions for Southern Utah audiences. Its inaugural production features a cast of nearly 100 local participants of all ages.

Inspired by Lewis Carroll's beloved story, *Alice in Wonderland* follows Alice through a strange and colorful world filled with familiar characters, including the White Rabbit, Cheshire Cat, Caterpillar, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Mad Hatter, and the formidable Queen of Hearts.

The production features original choreography by Christine Mills, Laura Nelson, Jennie Grimes, and Kristena Hunsaker, along with elaborate costumes, theatrical scenery, and projected environments that transform the stage as Alice travels from one extraordinary encounter to the next.

"This company has grown out of a love for storytelling, dance, and the remarkable talent within our community," Mills said. "For our first production, we wanted to create something imaginative, ambitious, and completely our own. *Alice in Wonderland* is the beginning of what we hope will become a lasting artistic tradition in Cedar City."

Festival City Ballet was established to give local performers additional opportunities to participate in original, professionally presented productions while making classical and theatrical dance accessible to the wider community.

Performances will be held September 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Theater in Cedar City. Advance tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from participating cast members. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15.

For more information about Festival City Ballet and its inaugural production, visit festivalcityballet.org or contact festivalcityballetoffice@gmail.com.

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British Columbia, where John and friends, a.k.a. Jaybirds, have been keeping each other busy with each other's music for decades. The Pacific Northwest is an eclectic hotbed of like minded musicians, with a preference for their own ideas and compositions. John Reischman has been called "one of the world's undisputed masters" of the mandolin, famed for outstanding tone and taste. Many of his dozens of original instrumentals have become popular favorites for sessions and covers. He has three critically-acclaimed solo instrumental albums and has recorded on many other projects, including the Grammy-winning True Life Blues: The Songs of Bill Monroe.

The Jaybirds fashion a stylish take on acoustic Americana that seamlessly blends original songs and instrumentals with Appalachian old-time music for a truly unique band sound. Now in their 20th year, with seven acclaimed albums and two Juno nominations, the Jaybirds are simultaneously innovative and unadorned, sophisticated and stripped-down, happily old-fashioned and 21st-century contemporary.

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the opportunity to actually witness the rendering of their music. Pulled from thin air, on the spot, no sheet music, no prompter, no cheat sheets. Hearing live music is one thing, but actually feeling that same music in the very instant it is created, forms a bond between the artist, the listener, and all else in attendance. Let's flock together at 7:30PM on Wednesday, September 16th at the Heritage Center Theater. Tickets at the box office or CedarCityMusicArts.org



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My approach to therapy will always start with connecting with you and everyone else in the therapy room. This means I want to understand who you are as a person, not just as a client, but what makes you, you. My most important goal in therapy is for you to first feel like therapy is truly a safe space where you can feel and be secure and understood enough to be honest with how you're feeling.

I believe change is going to be a process that looks different for everyone, but can be achieved by everyone. With this, while therapy helps us change, change is ultimately going to come from within each person themselves. This change can sometimes be hard or uncomfortable to go through. I want to help people understand, process, and tap into their own strengths and qualities needed for this change.

Sometimes we do not know our own strengths, qualities, values, and unique aspects of ourselves that make us who we are. We also, at times, aren't aware of our behaviors, how they affect those around us, where these behaviors come from, or why we even do them. If we do not know these things, change will be a lot harder. I believe my role as a therapist is to simply "move things out of the way" or to "point things out", while the client actually does what is needed to create the change.

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LIFE IS LIKE A COUNTY FAIR



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The theme of the 2026 Iron County Fair in Parowan, Utah, was Rockin' the '90s. The fair ran September 4–7 and was well attended. This year's Fair Board went above and beyond, featuring special events that celebrated America's 250th birthday alongside the 90th anniversary of the PRCA Rodeo.

- **Family Fun Night:** Held Thursday, September 3, from 4–10 p.m., featuring a baby contest, 4-D barrel racing, and a magic show.
- **Main fair dates:** September 4–7, 2026.
- **Featured events:** PRCA Rodeo nights, demolition derby, lawn mower races, carnival,

exhibits, live music, and the traditional Labor Day parade.

• **Admission:** General admission to the fair was free, although tickets were required for certain grandstand events and the carnival.

Preserving the Past, Celebrating the Future

The Iron County Fair takes place every Labor Day weekend. It is a tradition that continues to live on.

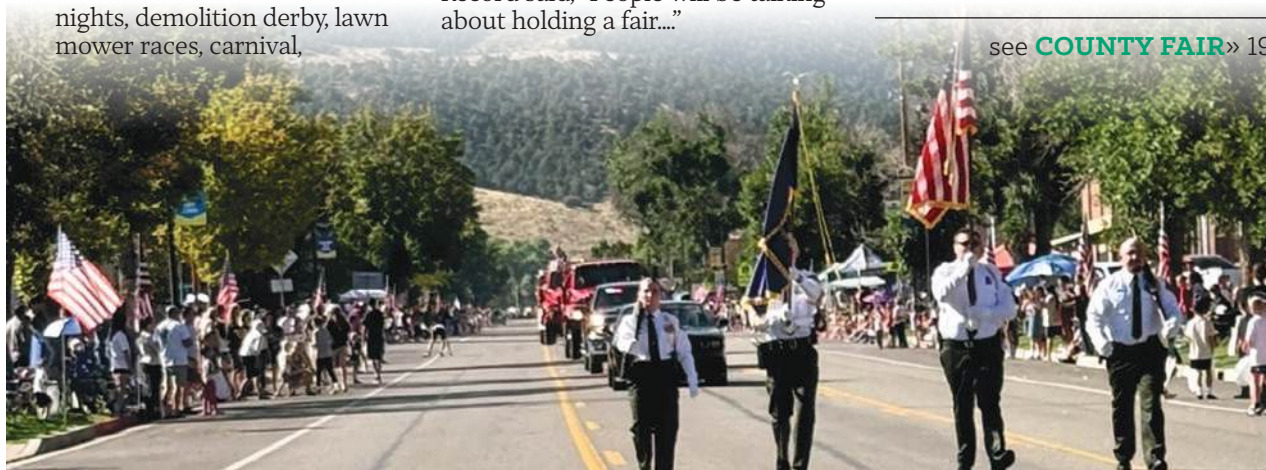
"Can anybody tell us what, if any, steps have been taken for the holding of a county fair?" That was the question posed by the Iron County Record on April 17, 1903. During the coming months of July and August, a time that would be too late to do seasonal work, the Record said, "People will be talking about holding a fair..."

According to available records, the first Iron County Fair was held in 1903. Unlike today, the fair rotated between Parowan and Cedar City. At the time, Iron County's population was only 3,536. Cedar City, with a population of 1,425, was not much larger than Parowan, which had 1,039 residents.

"The mayor, at that time, had given his consent for the Parowan people to go ahead with the county fair."

Consider the transportation of the day: These were the horse-and- buggy years, a decade before Henry Ford perfected the Model T production line in 1913. Five years later, Utah had only 873 cars statewide.

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BRADSHAW CHEVROLET CONTINUES A LEGACY OF HOPE AND HELP



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

united in support.

Cool August Nite Car Show supports the "Brower Bunch" – a local family, a real fight, and a community

The 20th annual event was held August 29, 2026.

Bradshaw Chevrolet hosts this car show fundraiser each year to raise money for a charity or an individual in need. "We have a committee that brings forward ideas about who should receive the money raised," Mark Bradshaw said. But the event is much more than an amazing car show.

This year, organizers chose Kathryn "Lew" Brower, a lifelong Cedar City resident, wife, and mother of five who is courageously battling a rare and aggressive form of papillary thyroid cancer that has spread to her lymph nodes. She also lives with chronic, complex neurological migraines that forced her into medical retirement.

Following surgery, radioactive iodine treatment, and countless appointments, recent testing at MD Anderson Cancer Center revealed that her cancer is still growing. Kathryn now faces another surgery and a long road ahead.

Through it all, Kathryn and her husband, Brodie, continue to lean on their faith, family, and the incredible support of their community. Kathryn was presented with a check for more than \$5,000 to help with expenses, along with heartfelt wishes for the journey ahead.

Donating is a selfless act and a simple expression of kindness. Helping

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Cedar City Toastmasters Set to Fire Up the Community with Daylong Motivation-a-thon

by Terri Hayes

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City Toastmasters is throwing open the doors of the Cedar City Public Library for a full day of speeches, stories, and inspiration on Wednesday, September 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the whole community is invited, free of charge.

Dubbed the "Motivation-a-thon," the event promises a lineup of local speakers tackling everything from business and money to relationships and resilience. Attendees can expect talks like "The Crazy Person's Guide to Starting a Business," "Unstoppable: Climbing Up When Life Knocks You Down," "The Motivation of Music,"

and "A Better Relationship with Your Money, Your Body & The Person Who Drives You Crazy," alongside personal stories from members of the community. A full agenda and speaker list is posted at claritybusinesssolutions.com/motivationathon-2026.

Organizers say attendees don't need to commit to the whole day. Drop in for an hour, catch a favorite topic, or stay from open to close for the full experience. Either way, the promise is the same: learning, laughter, and a room full of good energy.

"The Motivation-a-thon brings that same spirit to a full day of inspiration, open to members and the community," club organizers say of the event, which

grew out of the group's usual mission of building confidence in public speaking and leadership.

For those inspired to take the next step, Cedar City Toastmasters welcomes visitors to its regular meetings every Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main. The group draws a wide mix of members, from seasoned professional speakers to newcomers who just want to get through a presentation without breaking a sweat, and organizers say there's a place for every skill level and every level of nerve.

The club's track record speaks for itself: member DebraLee Terry recently took 1st place in the District

Toastmasters Tall Tales contest, while Adam Wilcock won 1st place in the Districts International Speech contest, both of whom will be speaking at the Motivation-a-thon. And for anyone worried that means competition is required, organizers are quick to note it's entirely optional. Members are welcome to grow at their own pace, with no pressure to ever step into a contest.

The Motivation-a-thon takes place at the Cedar City Public Library, 303 North 100 East. For questions, contact Debby Adair at debby@debbyadair.com.

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NEWS FROM THE NEST

by **Madison Meredith**
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

This week there's a lot of good things happening for the Falcons coming off this holiday weekend. First up, Homecoming is next week! There are so many fun events happening all week leading up to the dance that all the students are encouraged to participate in. Some of the activities include, the Powderpuff football game, the Mr. CV pageant, and so many fun school dress-ups to participate in. On Friday, there will be a tailgate before the Homecoming football game against Emery in the parking lot outside the stadium. Everyone in the community is invited to come out and enjoy all the booths that are being put together by clubs at Canyon View, and then cheer on the Falcons at the game. And of course, ending off the week is the dance on Saturday! Everyone is looking forward to this exciting week and can't wait to celebrate.

Our Student Government also had the opportunity to give back to the community last week. Members of Canyon View and Cedar's student councils came together to visit the senior living center. They handed out cookies and spent time with the residents. This was a great opportunity for both schools to come together and help out around the community which reminded the students how important kindness really is!

There are also some exciting things happening in sports! Football is headed to North Sanpete tomorrow for yet another great game. The girls volleyball team is headed up north this weekend for the UVU Invite and couldn't be more excited and ready to compete! Girls soccer plays at home against the Juab Wasps today at 4 p.m., so make sure to come and show your support! Tennis and cross country are in full swing and are continuing to compete and represent Canyon View. Go Falcons!

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by **Colby Leavitt**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar Middle School

Cedar Middle School students got a little messy this week at our annual Warrior Chalk Party! A huge thank-you to our PTA for putting together such a fun event. Cedar E-Sports is also gearing up for another season. Students



interested in joining should submit their applications to Mr. Ivie by **Friday, September 11.**

Iron Springs Elementary

Iron Springs Elementary has welcomed many new faces this year. We knew the most important lesson on the first day of school wasn't found in a textbook. It was belonging. We kicked off this year with an assembly focused on helping every student know they have a place here. We want everyone to feel safe, valued, respected, and connected. Our mantra is simple, but meaningful: "You belong here. You're part of something bigger than yourself. You are a Miner."

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary is excited to kick off the year with a new reading program! We are introducing Ken Garff for Good, a program designed to encourage children to enjoy reading and build strong reading habits. Watch for more information coming soon about how the program works and how your child(ren) can participate!

Canyon View Middle School

Eighth-grade students at Canyon View Middle School are learning about publishing through social media, newspapers, and vlogging as they create their first newspaper of the year. One feature explores the new Capturing Kids' Hearts social contracts created in every classroom. Students are gathering positive data and observations to show how these agreements are influencing classroom relationships, behavior, and the overall school community.

South Elementary

We'd like to send a shout out to some of our special teachers: Kristin Briggs- Music, Ashley Coates- Science, Athena Green- P.E., Deanne Pierce- Computer Science, Courtney Stucki- Librarian. Our students benefit each day from the planning, creativity, and positivity that they put into exploring their subject. These ladies take the time to get to know each child by name and to provide meaningful lessons for their respective classes. Thank you for all you do!

Enoch Elementary

Enoch Elementary 5th graders enjoyed a visit from the Give Me Liberty program this week. Students toured the bus for an interactive look at the American Revolution and were visited by historical figures. The visit also launched our new Patriot Award program for all 5th graders. Students will work throughout the school year to complete the requirements and earn this special award while continuing to learn about American history, citizenship, and patriotism. Patriotism is alive and flourishing at Enoch Elementary.

COUNTY FAIR

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The Iron County Event Center and the Iron County Fair PRCA regular season featured several "last-chance" rodeos, where cowboys made their final push to break into the top 15 and qualify for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas this December. It was an intense time of year for everyone involved in the sport of rodeo.

The Parowan Labor Day Parade

Officially part of the Iron County Fair, the Parowan Labor Day Parade began promptly at 10 a.m. on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026. Parades bring a sense of community to small towns, allowing neighbors and strangers alike to come together in celebration.

The 2026 Iron County Fair once again brought families, neighbors, and friends together to reminisce about old times and create new memories. This year's fair added another chapter to a longstanding Iron County tradition and gave those who attended a chance to make a few more memories of their own.

THE PAST IS MADE UP OF MOMENTS LOVED!

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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

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

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Tris Colman. For information content Scotty, Post Adjutant, at (435) 590-3072 or hidesertdog@gmail.com

Bikers Against Child Abuse

2nd Thurs 7 pm • Courtyard Marriott, 1294 S Interstate Dr (Cedar Breaks Conference Rm)

Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance (CAIFA)

3rd Tues 10:30am @ Cedar Library, West room. Help us plan and organize fundraising projects and quarterly community events. (No meet Jul, Nov, Dec)

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

3rd Tues, 11:30 AM @ the Cedar City Brian Head Visitors Center.

Elks Lodge #1556

111 E Freedom Blvd. Cedar City, (435) 586-8332

Kiwanis Club of Iron County

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

Lion's Club

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

Marine Corps League

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

Rotary Club

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John

(702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829 KKCBC 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

KKCBC 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 • KKCBC 203 Cobble Creek Dr. Ste. 201 (North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

OARS - Open Authentic Relevant Spiritual:

Are you between the ages of 18-36? Are you hungry for some FREE dinner? Are you looking for a spiritual community where you will be totally accepted just like you are? Are you looking for a Safe Space where you can work out issues of faith and life? Would you like to be with a group where ALL questions are more than welcome? Where all perspectives are respected? Are you interested in Christian faith and spirituality, but not thrilled about rules or doctrine or being judged? If you have answered yes, join us on Tuesdays 6 pm at the Cedar City Library (by Main Street Park) beginning September 15, 2026. Questions? Contact pastorschuyler@gmail.com or pastorrobbyn@cedarpres.org.

Workshops for Adults with Disabilities.

Every other Tuesday 1-2. Call Jill for more info. 702-917-2151

Porn Addiction Recovery

Men Only • Thurs, 7:30pm • Canyon View semi-

nary 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=NSMWBVT

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 @ Sonrise 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. cedarchestquiltersguild.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.cedarcitycommunityband.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 V Cove View Dr, Cedar City. Join a growing number of women throughout the nation to strengthen and preserve liberty. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

Iron County Democrats

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

Labyrinth Walk

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

Local Cub Scout Pack (K–5th).

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

Parowan Pickleball

Mon, 6–8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9–12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and sign-up: 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/SmGytgCfvQ1t52pB7

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: thewellnessplaceccc.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

Workshops for Adults with Disabilities

Every other Tuesday 1-2. Call Jill for more info. 702-917-2151

Youth Group

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • Ages 12-18. Meal, games & Bible Study. @ Sonrise 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, SEPT 9

SOUTHWEST LIVESTOCK SHOW

September 9 through 12. Held at the Cross Hollow Event Center (11 N Cross Hollow Rd, Cedar City). This annual Utah/Nevada-based event for youth fosters agricultural skills and community. Focuses on youth in 4-H and FFA who have selected, raised, trained, and exhibited livestock to develop life skills, including responsibility and marketing.

LIVING HOPE MATCHING

FUNDRAISER Living Hope Educational Enterprises, a Cedar City-based nonprofit, is holding a matching fundraiser to support approximately 200 children attending the School of Living Hope in Pakistan. Funds will help provide clean drinking water, school building improvements, backup power, computers, desks and other essential school supplies. Qualifying donations may be matched through the doTERRA Healing Hands Foundation. The fundraiser ends Sept. 15. To learn more or donate, visit LivingHopeEdu.org.

THURS, SEPT 10

EXHIBITION & CELEBRATION OF

THE ART OF JOHN SWATSLEY AWS (4 - 7:30PM) Thursday Sep 10th & Friday Sep 11th. At Festival Hall 96 N. Main St., Suite 100. Impressionist, Realism, Wildlife, and Landscape.

CEDAR CITY COMEDY

UNDERGROUND presents Casey Skinner and David Uhlfelder, doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show begins at 7:00 pm at Blackbird Bar (90 W Hoover Ave, Cedar City). Tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the door.

FRI, SEPT 11

JOHNSON ARTS CENTER SUMMER

CONCERT SERIES (6PM) Black Cat Parade and Corbino. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy some free entertainment at our outdoor stage. Second Friday of every month. 59N 100W Cedar City, Utah.

SAT, SEPT 12

CEDAR CITY HALF MARATHON THE

17th Annual Cedar City Half Marathon & Adventure 5K race begins at 7:00 am at Woods Ranch Recreation Area and will continue down Cedar Canyon. On race day, Cedar Canyon is closed to all vehicles, and at the mouth of Cedar Canyon, all runners will transition onto Cedar's magnificent trail system all the way to the finish line at Bicentennial Park. For information and registration visit raceroster.com.

MON, SEPT 14

THE AMERICAN LEGION BBQ PICNIC

PARTY (6PM) American Legion Post 74 Department of Utah Annual BBQ Picnic Party 2026. Open to veterans, families and friends! At 1945 W. 265 S. Cedar City. Hamburgers, Hot dogs & Chicken is provided. Please bring either a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. RSVP text to (435) 704-6654.

FESTIVAL CITY BALLET (7:30PM)

Dates September 14 & 15. At the Heritage Theater. A new community-based ballet company in Cedar City, will make its debut with the world premiere of an original full-length production of Alice in Wonderland. Advance tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from participating cast members. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15. For more information about Festival City Ballet and its inaugural production, visit festivalcityballet.org or contact festivalcityballetoffice@gmail.com.

TUES, SEPT 15

FREE! "ARTSPOSURE" -- EXPOSURE

to the ARTS, including Fine Arts, Music, Dance, & Outdoor Art Experiences. 1 - 2 p.m. Lighthouse Art & Learning Center (between Sweet Basil & Subway). Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151

WED, SEPT 16

RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL THE

annual Red Rock Film Festival is held from Wednesday to Saturday from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm each day location TBA (Cedar City). Passes are available at redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org/passes/buy.

CEDAR CITY TOASTMASTERS - THE

MOTIVATION-A-THON (10AM - 6PM) at the Cedar City Library (303 North 100 East, Cedar City, UT). Get ready to be inspired! It's a full day packed with speeches, stories, and skill-building from local speakers and community members. We'll also be running a silent auction throughout the event. See the full schedule and event details here: claritybusinesssolutions.com/motivationathon-2026. Free and open to the public. Bring a friend!

JOHN REISCHMAN & THE JAYBIRDS

(7:30PM) Live at the Heritage Center Theater. Enjoy an evening of acoustic Americana and Appalachian old-time music! Tickets available at the box office or CedarCityMusicArts.org

THURS, SEPT 17

16 RED ROCK IMPROV FESTIVAL

shows begin at 8:00 pm in the Off the Cuff Comedy Club (913 S Main St, Cedar City). Tickets are available online at otccomedy.com. Experience improv from all over the country coming to Cedar City, you don't want to miss the magic of improvised theatre in all its many forms.

WED, SEPT 23

IRON COUNTY CARE & SHARE'S

Lucky 14 Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Cedar Ridge Golf Course-Cedar City
Registration 12:00 p.m.
Shot Gun Time: 1:00 p.m.
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Suzanne Green Watson



Suzanne Green Watson peacefully slipped through the veil and returned to her Savior, Jesus Christ, and her departed family on September 2, 2026.

Suzanne was born in Cedar City, Utah, to Lynn B. Green and Madge S. Green on August 15, 1943. She was raised in Cedar City and graduated from Cedar High School in the Class of 1961. She married Ralph Evans Watson of Parowan, Utah on September 14, 1963 in the St. George LDS Temple. They lived

in Salt Lake City while Ralph attended the University of Utah. They later moved back to Cedar City to raise their family of five children: Greg Watson, Brad Watson, J.R. Watson, Tim Watson, and Lyndsey Watson Grimm.

She was the best wife and mother we could have ever hoped for. We look forward with faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ, to a joyful reunion.

Mom was active in her religious duties and served as Primary President three times in the Cedar City 1st Ward and once as Stake Primary President. She served in every Relief Society position at the ward and stake levels at least once. She served as Ward Young Women President, was active in the Scouting programs, served as PTA President at East Elementary, and volunteered at the concession stands at the baseball fields.

She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hawaii. She worked as a temple worker in both the St. George LDS Temple and the Cedar City LDS Temple. She served a second mission at the Bishop's Storehouse in Cedar City.

Her hobbies included being the biggest fan of her children at their sporting, dance, and cheerleading events. She was an expert quilter and won awards for her bottled peaches. She had an infectious, welcoming laugh and a quick wit with the funniest sense of humor. She will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Lynn Green and Madge Green; and her siblings, Donald Green, Ellen Blackner, Jerry Green, and Sharon Nelson.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Watson; her children, Greg (Nichole) Watson, Brad (Meg) Watson, J.R. (Emile) Watson, Tim (Shauna) Watson, and Lyndsey (Matt) Grimm; 22 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her sister, Lynette Waldren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 11:00 am at the Cedar City Rock Church (75 E Center St, Cedar City, Utah 84720). Viewings will be held Thursday, September 10, 2026, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, Utah 84720), and on Friday prior to the funeral from 9:00 - 10:15 am at Southern Utah Mortuary. Interment will follow at the Parowan Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Special thanks to the wonderful, caring staff of All Seasons Senior Living Center and the Mission Home Health and Hospice team. To the Pioneer Park Branch: your Christlike love and service have made such a difference to our family.

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Kensley Denise Holmes



Kensley Denise Holmes, 17, passed away August 28, 2026. She was born July 27, 2009, in Layton, Utah to Samuel Paul Holmes and Ashley Dawn Serrano. She grew up in Enoch, Utah, going to school at Canyon View High School where she touched the hearts of so

many of her peers and teachers.

She was a bright, fiery, sweet, and silly girl. Everyone that knew her loved her. She knew exactly how to cheer anyone up with her big smile and contagious laugh. She always wanted to help others in any way that she could. She always had this way of lighting up the room when she came in. She enjoyed the outdoors where she could go fishing and camping with her family, and with her vivacious spirit she earned that fiery red hair without a doubt. She was an amazing daughter, sister, granddaughter, and friend. She will be severely missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

She is survived by her parents, Samuel and Ashley; her grandparents, Paul, Kathy, Tony, and Carrie; and her siblings, Kayden, Kayson, Kamden, Jaxon, Kambri, and Remington.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 11:00 am at The Barn at Cedar Meadows (1419 West 3000 North, Cedar City, Utah 84721). Viewings will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, UT 84720) and on Thursday prior to the funeral from 10:00 – 10:45 am. Interment will be in the Enoch Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

The family would like to express gratitude to those who have shown love and support during this trying time.

She will be forever remembered and deeply missed, her love and light living on in our hearts until we are with her again.

Russell Roy Gartrell



Long-time Cedar City resident Russell Roy Gartrell, 77, died during the early hours of Tuesday, September 1, 2026, in his room at Cedar Health and Rehab, where he had been living since 2022. Known to his friends as “Russ,” or “Gartrell,” he loved the red hills and juniper wilderness of southern Utah, and felt at home with his SUU college friends, and many friends in the community of Cedar City, UT, where he had lived since the early 1970s.

Born in 1948 in the Territory of Hawaii, Russ’s family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1951. His family relocated to the mainland in 1954 to Hawthorne, Nevada, where he graduated from high school in 1966. He attended BYU, Snow College, Dixie College, and ultimately graduated from SUU. Russ joined the Utah National Guard during the Vietnam era, and served active duty in Manhattan, Kansas and West Germany. After a life of many adventures Russ returned to LDS activity and has enjoyed participation in wards housed in Cedar City’s Historic LDS Rock Church.

Russ was preceded in death by both his parents: Roy Gartrell (1967) and Martina Gartrell (1985). He is survived by his wife of 1972 (divorced 1974), Debby Valentine Privette, his sister Mary (Koscinski) and husband Mark, their four children Holly Koscinski, Meagan Kemp-Simmons, Matthew Koscinski, Denise McCabe and Mary and Mark’s nine grandchildren, and sister Joan (Wright) and husband Michael.

Russ worked for many years at Milt’s Stage Stop Restaurant developing his lifelong friendship with Rusty and Kim Aiken and their children. He moved in the 1980s to Alaska, working for Schlumberger in the oil fields of Prudhoe Bay. During his weeks off he moved between his home in Anchorage, AK and his home in Cedar City, UT.

In 1983, home in Cedar City on vacation, Russ suffered a traumatic brain injury in a motorcycle and car accident that left him with the physical and mental limitations he struggled with for the rest of his life. His friends in Cedar City made his life bearable, and possible. He received uncountable gifts of kindness and support. Besides Rusty and Kim Aiken, and Scott Burns, friends Brad Marquardson, Mort Hartley, and Scott Fletcher, helped Russell through the last forty-one years with home care, companionship, and moving through the changes and decline of age and his injury. Other consistent help and support over the years came from Nancy Harrison Williams (Nano) and Patty Allen. We can never express our personal and family gratitude for those who gave greatly of themselves for our brother.

Thank you also, to the bishops and home teachers from his home Canyon Ridge Ward, and the Kolob Branch that serves Cedar Health and Rehab. Thanks to the bishoprics, the branch presidency, the Taylors and Sam and Debi Bauer; all those who served Russ and worked to bring him friendship, service in daily living, and human companionship in the gospel. And for those who are not named here, we apologize. It is clear to us that many more people than we know looked in on and gifted Russ with friendship through the years. Thank you. Cedar City provided Russ with a life when it seemed living with any normalcy was a thing of the past.

The staff, the whole staff of Cedar Health and Rehab, surpassed all hopes and expectations of care. Because of their interactions, friendships, kindness, and maintenance of his health Russ enjoyed an everyday life. Our gratitude is immense.

We must mention Russ’s beloved Labrador retriever Omar Slick (12 years), and three animals gifted to Russ by Nano, their affection surprised and pleased him greatly: the gorgeous Maine Coon cats Morningstar, boss of the neighborhood for 19 years, followed by Mr. Milo, and Miss Milo who survives Russ.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 11:00 am at the Southern Utah Mortuary. A viewing will be held the same day from 9:00 – 10:30 am. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the music program at SUU in Russ’ name.

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Falcons finish off Dinos early



Canyon View football coach **Burke Miller** speaks with his team after the Falcons beat the Carbon Dinos, 52-7, on Sept. 4.

(Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)



Canyon View

52

Carbon

7

Carbon	7	0	0	0	-	7
Canyon View	7	20	19	7	-	52

FIRST QUARTER
C – Mower 10 fumble return (Timothy kick), 5:16
CV – Williams 59 run (Beckstrom kick), 3:55

SECOND QUARTER
CV – Sheridan 26 run (Beckstrom kick), 9:30
CV – Higgins 33 pass from Williams (kick blocked), 4:17
CV – Sheridan 21 run (Beckstrom kick), 2:35

THIRD QUARTER
CV – Sheridan 24 run (pass failed), 8:11
CV – Sheridan 5 run (kick failed), 4:53
CV – Urie 27 pass from Williams (Beckstrom kick), 1:24

FOURTH QUARTER
CV – Higgins 27 pass from Williams, 6:37



A sign displays rooting interest for Canyon View as they beat the Carbon Dinos on Sept. 4.

(Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Canyon View offense didn't get off to the best of starts against the Carbon Dinos. An interception on the game's opening drive and a fumble return put the

team in an early hole. Once junior quarterback Owen Williams got started, the Falcons flew past the Dinos and set the new mercy rule into effect.

Williams threw three touchdown passes and ran for a score along with four touchdown runs by Cam

Sheridan, and Canyon View rolled over Carbon, 52-7, on Sept. 4 at the home field. CV won their opener in 3A South play and stayed unbeaten on the season at 4-0.

"I don't know why, but that seems to be a theme on Carbon week," Falcons head coach Burke Miller said.

"They were firing off the ball a little harder than we were, but we made some player adjustments and got that fixed."

Daxtyn Mower put the visiting Dinos on the board first when he scooped up a fumble and returned it 10 yards for the 7-0 lead with 5:16 left in the opening quarter. Less than 90 seconds later, Williams faked a handoff, found a hole up the middle and won the race to the end zone for a 59-yard touchdown that pulled CV into a 7-7 tie and they took off from there.

Sheridan went to work in the second quarter, scoring two of the team's three touchdowns in the period. After Canyon View recovered a fumble deep in Carbon territory,

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the senior found the end zone on a 21-yard score to stretch the lead to 27-7 with 2:35 to play in the first half.

Despite having eight sophomores in starting roles, Sheridan ended up fitting into the mix well for Miller and the Falcons.

"We were really banged up," Miller said. "With Camden, we were going to see how it goes. When you can get turnovers and flip the field like we did, you get a lot of momentum and energy."

Sheridan added two more touchdowns for Canyon View on runs of 24 and 5 yards in the third quarter, and Williams hit Crue Urie on a 27-yard scoring pass with 1:24 to play in the period that pushed the lead to 46-7.

When Williams hit Preston Higgins on another 27-yard touchdown with 6:37 to play in the fourth, it ended the game at that point due to CV holding a 45-point lead.

Next week, the Falcons will travel to face the North Sanpete Hawks on Sept. 11 for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Hawks suffered their first loss of the season last week, 36-7 to the Richfield Wildcats.

Flyers score late, stun Reds in OT

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Sophomore quarterback Riker Muhlestein threw three touchdown passes, including the game-tying score with 7 seconds left in regulation and the winning score on a 20-yard pass to Brygunn Soderquist to lift the Dixie Flyers to a 35-34 overtime win over the Cedar Reds on Sept. 4 at Legacy Field. Dixie earned its first win of the season (1-3) while Cedar fell to 2-2.

Things were looking good for the Reds when they took a 28-21 lead with 1:33 to play in the fourth quarter on a 6-yard touchdown run by Braxton DeMille, the second of three scores he had on the night. Muhlestein and Dixie didn't quit marching 80 yards, getting help from a pass interference penalty on the Reds, and tying the game for the fourth time when Muhlestein found

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Dixie

35



Cedar

34
(OT)

Dixie	14	0	0	14	7- 35
Cedar	7	7	0	14	6- 34

FIRST QUARTER

C – Mann 30 run (Stevenson kick), 7:23
D – Bennett 59 run (Santos kick), 6:33
D – Rupert 51 pass from Muhlestein (Santos kick), 2:44

SECOND QUARTER

C – DeMille 8 run (Stevenson kick), 9:03

FOURTH QUARTER

C – Brinkerhoff 32 pass from Mann (Stevenson kick), 10:14
D – Doeblor 53 run (Santos kick), 8:11
C – DeMille 6 run (Stevenson kick), 1:33
D – Bennett 3 pass from Muhlestein (Santos kick), :07

OVERTIME

C – DeMille 3 run (run failed)
D – Soderquist 20 pass from Muhlestein (Santos kick)

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!

- The Los Angeles Clippers were basically hammered by the NBA on Sept. 2. The team was fined \$30 million, had to forfeit the next five first-round draft picks starting in 2029, and saw team owner Steve Ballmer suspended for the next year, along with other team personnel for violating league rules on salary cap circumvention involving what player when he signed an extension with the team in 2021?
- In the craziness that is the race for the MLB playoffs in 2026, the Miami Marlins have crept back in it and are only 2.5 games behind the Arizona Diamondbacks, owners of the third NL wild card spot. How many games in a row did the Marlins lose from July 10 to July 26?
- From the NBA, which of the Thompson brothers – Amen or Ausar – agreed to a 5-year, \$208 million contract extension last week to stay with the Houston Rockets?
- Alex Ovechkin is still not done with his NHL career. The league's all-time leading goal scorer signed a one-year deal for \$4.25 million to return to the Washington Capitals for a 22nd season. How many goals has Ovechkin scored in his career (Hint: It's more than 900)?
- True or False: Savannah Bananas infielder Jackson Olson will be part of the new season of "Dancing with the Stars" when Season 35 premieres Sept. 15.
- Which NFC team will be the opponent when the Buffalo Bills play its first regular-season game at the new Highmark Stadium on Sept. 17?
- Which NFL team was the most recent to fail to qualify for the playoffs the year after reaching the Super Bowl?
- The Toronto Raptors announced the team will be retiring the number of Kyle Lowry to the rafters at Scotiabank Arena later this season. Lowry played nine of his 20 seasons in Toronto, including a

championship year in 2019, but what number did he wear as a Raptor?

- Luis Arraez leads the National League in batting average with .315, and he's played with two teams this season. Name either team, including one from the NL East that's in contention for the playoffs.
- Two pitchers in MLB are tied for the most wins in the 2026 season with 16. One is Christopher Sanchez of the Philadelphia Phillies. What Boston Red Sox pitcher has the same win total?
- Houston's Yordan Alvarez still leads the American League with 37 home runs. What Tampa Bay Rays third baseman is tied with Alvarez for the league lead in the category?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- True. Whoever emerges from the Chase with the most points, regardless of wins, wins the Cup.
- Medinah CC is located near Chicago.
- Melbourne.
- The only year the Brewers reached the World Series was 1982. They lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games.
- The Cincinnati Reds beat the Giants with the 9th-inning rally.
- Ryan Howard.
- Ireland.
- Idaho.
- Utah Tech.
- Miguel Cabrera.
- True. Henderson beat Hamilton, Ohio to win the US Championship, then lost to Curacao in the World Championship game.
- Cleveland Guardians.



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Reflections on 9/11, 25 years later



It seems hard to believe, but it's been a full 25 years since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 changed all of our lives forever. During the past week, I watched a wonderful documentary from ABC News titled "9/11: United We Stand," which did a tremendous job showing how personalities from all over – sports, entertainment, first responders – came together and showed all of us how we could come together in the face of unspeakable, god-awful tragedy.

And for a few days, at least, it was a beautiful sight to behold. I heard a lot of stories from people about where they were in the moment of Sept. 11, 2001, mostly from the perspective of those who lived a lot closer to the epicenter of the attacks.

Here's a small story of my perspective as a sports writer living in Northern California. I was working for the Vallejo Times-Herald and commuted 20 minutes to work from my apartment in Fairfield.

As was my habit each morning, I woke up around 7:30 am and turned on my TV, looking forward to watching "Good Day Sacramento" on local TV station KMAX and finding news stories that provided information mixed with a side dose of laughter. Instead, my TV showed the first tower on fire. I couldn't look away.

When I went to work that afternoon (a Tuesday), I wasn't looking forward to taking on story assignments. We were trying to figure out what was being played on a national level, and only minor sports such as soccer were in focus at the local level.

I headed out to cover one of the

said boys soccer matches at Vallejo High, but had a hard time keeping focus on the details. Don't remember much about who won or who lost, but I got necessary reactions and returned to the office to write.

Later in the week, I had an off day and went to a Catholic church building to pray. I couldn't get inside the building, but stood outside and just cried for everything – those who died at the towers and everyone else doing the simple act of trying to cope with it all.

Gradually and eventually, the universe became normal again. Sports came back at the national level, I could travel safely without fear or worry and covered NASCAR for the first time nine months after 9/11.

I started covering the NHL and the San Jose Sharks on a half-time basis at the paper, a fact that left my editor more than a little bothered. Didn't matter one bit to me because I was growing in the sports journalism world.

Sometimes you can learn a lot from grief and tragedy. The stories get told a little better because they're real and come with a lot more heart and soul – the kind that jump off the page or TV screen and show us how much humanity we really have.

May these words drive you forward and help you be kind a little more often. I've been blessed to do this for 29 years and I'll keep sharing the stories that matter with you as long as time will allow.

Contact Tom Zulewski at tominator19@yahoo.com.

PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

Football

3A South

9/4 Dixie 35, Cedar 34, OT
Canyon View 52, Carbon 7
Juab 58, Manti 29
Richfield 36, North Sanpete 7

1A South

9/4 North Summit 45, Parowan 0
Enterprise 59, North Sevier 14
Kanab 42, Millard 6
Duchesne 24, Beaver 15

Girls Soccer

3A South

9/1 Snow Canyon 3, Cedar 1
Desert Hills 2, Dixie 1
Hurricane 3, Pine View 0

9/3 Cedar 6, Pine View 0
Crimson Cliffs 1, Dixie 0, OT
Snow Canyon 2, Desert Hills 0

Region 14

9/1 Juab 1, Delta 0

9/3 Canyon View 9, Providence Hall 1
Richfield 3, Delta 0

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Football

3A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View	1-0	4-0
Juab	1-0	3-1
Richfield	1-0	3-1
Cedar	0-0	2-2

N. Sanpete	0-1	3-1
Manti	0-1	1-3
Carbon	0-1	1-3

1A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	0-0	3-1
Enterprise	0-0	3-1
Beaver	0-0	1-3
Parowan	0-0	0-4

Girls Soccer

3A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (2)	4-0	8-1
Snow Canyon (4)	4-0	6-2
Dixie (12)	4-1	6-2
Desert Hills (11)	3-1	6-3
Cedar (19)	1-3	2-5
Hurricane (24)	1-3	1-7
Pine View (23)	0-4	3-7

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (3)	1-0	8-2
Canyon View (7)	1-0	6-4
Juab (10)	1-0	4-6
Providence Hall (14)	0-1	1-3
Delta (11)	0-2	3-6

FLYERS

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Robbie Bennett on a 3-yard touch-down pass.

Cedar took the ball for the first possession of overtime and scored on a 3-yard run by DeMille. The point-after try was missed after a bad snap, and Dixie didn't miss on its overtime possession as Muhlestein came through

with the tying TD pass. When kicker Daecen Santos hit the PAT, the Flyers celebrated a huge non-region victory.

The Reds will open 3A South play on the road this week when they face the 1-3 Manti Templars on Sept. 11 in a rematch of last year's 3A state title game won by Cedar. The Templars lost its region opener 58-29 to Juab last week and have given up 50 points per game in its three losses.

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- 53 Not naked
- 54 Darjeeling, e.g.
- 55 "— to differ!"
- 56 Earth tones
- 57 Buddhist sect
- 58 Metal boxes
- 8 Inferior
- 9 Follower of Sigmund's methods
- 10 Jr.-year exam
- 11 Challenge
- 19 Rejection
- 21 CEO's degree, maybe
- 24 Trendy
- 25 Visual communication syst.
- 26 Protector
- 28 "Rugrats" dad
- 29 Late-night host, usually
- 30 Poetic tribute
- 31 AAA job
- 36 Three-note chords
- 37 British verb ending
- 38 "Consider this a gift"
- 41 Old pronoun
- 42 Diplomacy
- 43 "La — Bonita"
- 44 Cracker name
- 46 Mazar of "Younger"
- 47 Idyllic place
- 48 Uses a shovel
- 51 Bee follower

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- 1 Golf props
- 2 Golden State sch.
- 3 Dorm alternative
- 4 Dutch exports
- 5 Actor
- 6 Long, crosser
- 7 Spiced drink

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which author published his only novel in 1890, "The Picture of Dorian Gray"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What well-known scenic destination includes Horseshoe Falls and Goat Island?
3. MOVIES: Which animated movie features 10,297 balloons?
4. TELEVISION: What is Eleven's favorite food in "Stranger Things"?
5. LANGUAGE: What is a stannary?
6. ANATOMY: What is a pyrogen?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the fastest flying insect?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?
9. SCIENCE: What is the warmest ocean in the world?
10. CHEMISTRY: What is a common name for sodium bicarbonate?

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. Oscar Wilde; 2. Niagara Falls, New York; 3. "Up"; 4. Eggo waffles; 5. Tin mining district; 6. A fever-inducing agent; 7. Horsefly; 8. Seasoned slices of raw beef or fish; 9. Indian Ocean; 10. Baking soda



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