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Zions Bank Cedar City marks 150-year milestone

BANK HOLDS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

from Kallee Feuz (Nielsen)

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In October 1873, at the height of one of the worst banking crises in U.S. history, a pioneer savings bank opened in the Utah Territory. Earlier that year, pioneer leader Brigham Young had become concerned about a financial crisis spreading across the nation and gathered a group of prominent citizens to organize a savings bank.

Over the next 150 years, Zion's Savings Bank and Trust Company, its name eventually shortened to Zions Bank, would go on to serve the financial needs of businesses and

Zions Bank is hosting community celebrations at each of its 121 branches in October. Earlier this month (October 2) Cedar City celebrated with the community, and this year the bank also dispatched a fleet of Zions Bank Jeeps across its tristate footprint and rolled out celebratory drone shows at sporting, music and community events in honor of the anniversary.

Over the past 150 years, Zions Bank has played a pivotal role in the economic development of the Intermountain West. In the late 19th century, financial assistance from Zions Bank helped launch railroad,



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An original photo from the 2006 grand opening of Zions Bank in Cedar City.

individuals across the Intermountain West. Zions Bank began operating in Cedar City in 1981.

"We're proud to be part of Zions Bank's 150-year legacy of local banking and celebrate this important milestone with the Cedar City community," said Josh Hunt, manager of the Cedar City branch. "It's really a celebration of our entire community working together to enhance the quality of life and strengthen our business environment."

mining, and power companies that developed the region.

In 1960, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sold majority control of Zions First National Bank to Keystone Insurance and Investment Company, which later became Zions Bancorporation. Following the sale, the bank underwent a period of rapid expansion, broadening its geographic reach across Utah and into Idaho.

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Solar eclipse captivates southern Utah viewers

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

An annular solar eclipse happened last Saturday and Utah was lucky to be in its direct path. The moon started crossing the sun just past 9 a.m. with a near total eclipse at about 10:35. It hasn't happened in the Western United States since 2012, and won't happen again in Utah until 2039.

Ready to take advantage of the moment, viewers from around Utah and the country were ready with their special telescopes, cameras, phones and filtered sunglasses in hopes of capturing the "ring of fire" only lasted about 4 minutes 40 seconds. The total eclipse lasted about three and a half hours as the moon finally finished passing in front of the sun about noon.

An annular solar eclipse is not the same as a total eclipse. During this eclipse, the moon crossed the sun's path, creating what it known as a "ring of fire" where the moon actually blocks out the center of the sun, leaving a glowing ring around the moon's silhouette. The moon diminished the sun's light by about 90% and did so with the speed of about the speed of about 3897 mph.

"The moon is on a slightly elliptical orbit, sometimes it's a little further away from us and sometimes it's a bit closer," said John Armstrong, Weber State University professor. He explained that this distance is why the coverage of the sun can vary.

He also explained that annular eclipses happen during the new moon phase, but they don't happen so you can see them. Every month when there is a new moon the sun, moon and Earth are on different orbital planes. This means their paths don't cross as often as a new moon happens. To have an eclipse coming through someplace where we can see it is actually very rare.

Eclipses happen more often than we are aware, but they are most frequently occurring over the ocean where no one can see them. Because of the tilt of the Earth and the location of the moon and sun, eclipse are only viewable along a specific path. Since that path always changes, seeing an eclipse is rare for most people.

According to astrologists, eclipses bring rapid developments and encourage us to move in the best direction—personally and collectively—as a society. If you are in the "right path," you may experience major triumphs and victories in your life.

"If the little moon can eclipse the big sun, then we too, can do great things, if we are ourselves are in the right place at the right time"

Annie Dillard



DONNIE HUNTER



JOHN TURNER



Wearing their special specs, eclectic crowds gathered to gaze at the historic ecliptic moment.



DONNIE HUNTER



JOHN TURNER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Bloom where you're planted

You've probably heard this familiar phrase of encouragement to motivate you to not give up, especially when it seems nothing is going right. Because life is full of challenges, even on the good days. But, we don't give up and keep growing (not just going) through our droughts.

Speaking of blooming, I received this picture from one of our readers, Sheila Bowler. It's one of her prized irises that has chosen to be a late bloomer during this time of year. Irises come in many amazing colors and bloom at different times. Just like your Iron County Today newspaper, it's full of stories and photos to inform and inspire the soil of your soul.



COREY BAUMGARTNER
MANAGING EDITOR

So, wherever you're planted today, even if you're going to uproot and replant, it's your time to bloom and show the world the amazing things you are capable of. And let us know about it, too!—news@ironcountytoday.com.



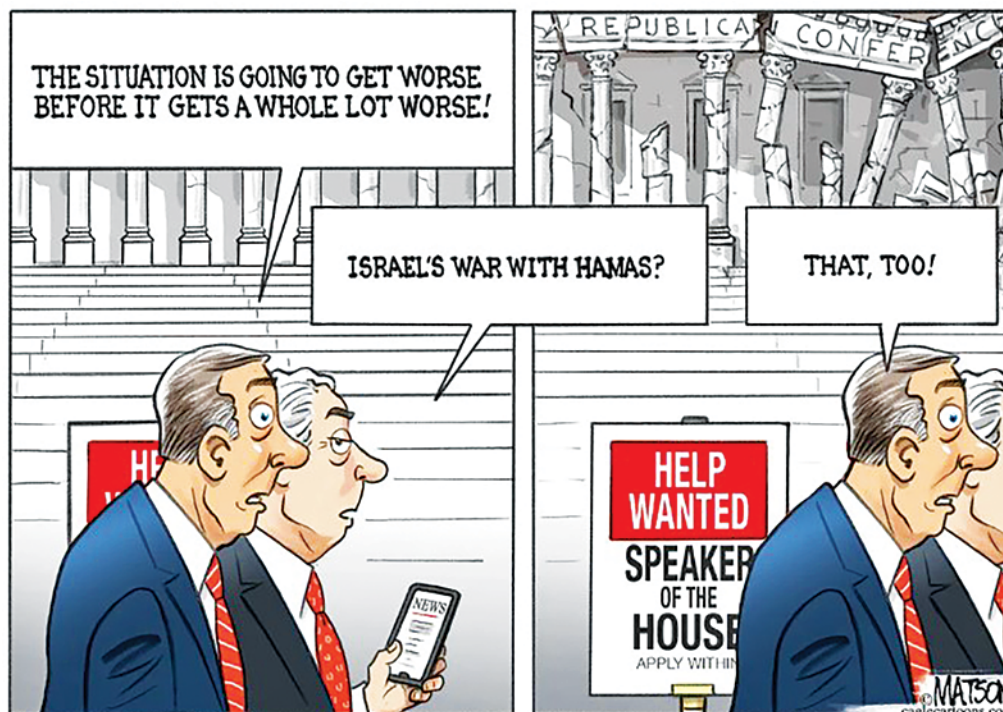
SHEILA BOWLER

WORD OF THE WEEK

BLATHERSKITE

[blath-er-skahyt] *Meaningless talk; foolish chatter.*

When someone is lathered in the blah-blah-blah of blatherskite, tell them to go fly a kite.



TO THE EDITOR

Bond...Jail Bond?

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about the new proposed jail and those promoting it. I've been to meetings and attended the public forum on October 9, 2023. After presenting for over an hour and listening to about 10 minutes of public statement, the panel filibustered for another 30-40 minutes! To be frank, the obvious conclusion is that those promulgating this endeavor, no matter how researched their position, don't give a rat's hoot about the people of Cedar City and Enoch, or how anyone who lives here feels about their proposal. I feel this has been made abundantly clear.

I'm a retired professional Engineer who lives in Cedar. During my career, I managed large commercial construction projects many similar to the new jail. The case the Sheriff makes that the current jail is overcrowded, substandard, and that it can't be upgraded cost effectively, is likely true; he makes this argument consistently and even invites those questioning his project to visit and see for themselves. But what has never been discussed or presented as an option is why not just a simple replacement jail? Why the giant

leap to a 500+ bed prison monstrosity that turns Cedar City from Festival-City, to Felon-City?

The panel first sought to force tax increases to pay for their monolith, opposed by tax payers, now they are seeking a bond, but they are already making it known that they'll go back to forced taxes if the bond fails. Bottom line: they will not stop, we the people are an impediment; they know what's best: get out of the way.

It appears that this project is pursued with the intent to avoid interaction with the public. Did you know that the land (now by the airport) for the project—which is still unfunded—has already been purchased?

The sales pitch on the compound is purely monetary. They want the jail to pay for staff and officers. The bigger the jail, the more money they make by selling beds to the county, the State, and the Feds (yes, this prison will house federal inmates). There is no thought to what the jail will do to the community or our town. There is absolutely no discussion about a direct jail replacement, nor any more modest increase in capacity. Our concerns seem to be a problem that the proponents need "deal with", rather than being a

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Ghandi

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legitimate viewpoint worthy of consideration.

I retired in Cedar City because it is Festival City, with gorgeous canyons, historic Main, a Tony Award winning theater, a wonderful college, Utah Summer Games, parades and national parks in every direction. I didn't choose to retire in Felon-City. What community do you want to live in? I'll be voting, "No" on the bond.

John Harris

Of bonds, budgets and burdens

Is now the best time for Iron County to be taking on a substantial amount of debt in the form of the proposed school bond of \$75 million dollars and the proposed jail bond of nearly \$90 million dollars? According to the 2022 US Census the poverty rate in the state of Utah is 8.2% whereas in Iron County it is 13.3%.

At a recent school board meeting, a representative from the Utah Food Bank stated that they had served 3385 meals to students facing hunger this summer. The rate of child hunger in Iron County is 1 in 6 children compared to the state average of 1 in 9. According to stacker.com Iron County is #6 in Utah in overall food insecurity with a rate of 14% or 28.4% higher than the national average. The child food insecurity rate is 16% which is 9.6% higher than the national average. The Utah Food Bank, having recently expanded their location in southern Utah due to the growing need of more and more people fighting hunger in southern Utah, stated that in May 2023 the average family of four spent \$285 more on groceries than in May of 2021.

In a time of high inflation, signs of a slowing economy, a potential recession and our dollars buying less than ever we must ask ourselves if it is the best time to add more spending to the school board and county budgets.

In November the voters are faced with a choice: Vote Yes on the School and Jail bonds and add an additional \$275 million dollars of debt to Iron County in the form of loans. (Principal and interest over the life of these two bonds)

Or...Vote No and send a message to the School Board and the County Commission that now is not the time to place the burden of repayment of this debt on the citizens of Iron County.

If you are not registered to vote there is still time. Go to secure.utah.gov and register today.

Carol Barker

Exploring the many benefits of our community RAP tax

by Whitney Staheli

BETTER TOGETHER IRON COUNTY

Do your kids participate in sports leagues, Children's Musical Theater, Junior Ballet, or skateboarding? Do you and your family enjoy the Greenshow? How about pickleball? If so, you can thank RAP tax. In 2007, Cedar City first established a general use tax for a Recreation, Arts, and Parks fund. The rate for this sales tax was instituted at 00.1%, or just 1/10 of a penny. After a seven-year commitment with the voters, the fund was presented for reauthorization in the general election, where citizens voted to retain the tax by more than 68%. Since then the fund has awarded more than \$6 million toward parks and recreation projects and \$3 million toward arts programs in our community.

Voters in the upcoming general election on November 21 will be asked to reauthorize the funding for another 10 years. This funding has bolstered our community and brought in money from tourists visiting our community because of the unique arts and recreation amenities found here. Because this fund is supported by a sales tax, tourists spending money on hotels, restaurants, and local businesses contribute substantially to the city's tax revenue.

Brent Davis, a local mountain biking enthusiast, believes that money put toward our recreation facilities and resources is money well invested. "The money that was put into these trail systems from RAP tax alone has undoubtedly been repaid by people coming up from Las Vegas, St. George, and California who come up to ride these trail systems."

RAP supports upgrades to parks and recreation facilities throughout town, ensuring safe and comfortable conditions for a range of sports leagues. Allocations in 2023 set aside money for a park in the Fiddlers Canyon area, as well as upgrades to Exit 59 Skatepark. Other recent parks and recreation projects funded by RAP include upgrades to playground equipment around town, improvements to Cedar Ridge Golf Course, new pickleball courts and Bicentennial Park, shade structures and bleachers at parks and facilities, and the Field at the Hills ballpark complex.

"I'm a mom to a four-year-old and a one-year-old, and we are very grateful for the Lake at the Hill and the extensive trail system near Coal Creek," resident Lexa Gillette says. "We love this area, and I'm grateful to be a part of it." Many of the arts organizations that have received funding create

tours, programs, and workshops for children with the funding. Groups like Cedar City Children's Music Theater, Cedar City Junior Ballet, and Suzuki Strings pave the way for children to develop skills in acting, dance, and music.

The largest arts organization to receive funding is the Utah Shakespeare Festival, which has been a destination in our community for 62 years. One performance that residents flock to year after year is the Greenshow, a free produc-

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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

WARM AND SUNNY WEATHER FOR IRON COUNTY HEADING INTO THE WEEKEND. CHANGES ARE MOVING IN FOR NEXT WEEK WITH SHOWER POTENTIAL INCREASING ON TUESDAY ALONG WITH COOLING TEMPERATURES.

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Sen. Romney releases statement on Utahn killed in Israel

Sen. Mitt Romney Press Office

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) released the following statement on the death of Utah's Lotan Abir, who was killed by Hamas militants in Israel:

"The horrific, inhumane, and depraved terrorist acts perpetrated

by Hamas against Israelis have touched everyone around the world. Today, news of the loss of one of our own from Utah further tears at our collective heart. I offer my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Lotan Abir—may he rest in peace.

"I continue to pray for the safe return of hostages, for the Israeli

"...news of the loss of one of our own from Utah further tears at our collective heart."

Senator Mitt Romney

soldiers and first responders in harm's way, and for the families of the victims of Hamas' brutality. I condemn these unprovoked atroci-

ties in the strongest possible terms and wholeheartedly stand with Israel, with the Jewish people, and our Jewish community in Utah."

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council

by JR Importante

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

City Government Nominees

Mayor Green introduced two nominees for important positions in the city government. The first nominee, David Johnson, was introduced as the candidate for the position of Economic Development Director. Mr. Johnson shared his personal and professional background, highlighting his experience in public relations, economic development, and city management. The second nominee, Brandon Burke, was introduced as the new Events Director. Mr. Burke expressed his excitement about taking on this role and noted his background in theater and event production.

Trash Talking

The mayor also took a moment to recognize and praise the hardworking city employees, particularly the garbage collectors such as Karen Hurdle, who diligently serve the community. He shared a story of how she went the extra mile to assist a resident in need.

Council Member R. Scott Phillips Award

Councilman Phillips was awarded the 2023 Public Leadership in the Arts Award. The nomination recognized him for his leadership in the arts and culture and making significant contributions to improve the lives of residents in the community.

Peaceful Discourse in Meetings

During the community comment portion of the meeting, a member of the public expressed gratitude for the unity and peaceful discourse within the community. They acknowledged the challenges faced by the country and the importance of maintaining civil discussions despite differing opinions.

Airport Lease Rates

Concerns continue about whether to amend the city's consolidated fee schedule to change the airport lease rates for both raw land and improved land. One of the fundamental questions raised during the discussion was whether the city had a clear understanding of the actual costs associated with maintaining and operating the airport. Council members asked for detailed information on the expenses

related to infrastructure maintenance, utilities, and other costs involved in keeping the airport operational.

The central issue under consideration was how to set appropriate lease rates that would benefit both the city and the tenants while maintaining the airport's financial stability. The rates need to be carefully analyzed and adjusted based on the actual costs of maintaining the airport's infrastructure. They also emphasized the importance of remaining competitive within the region, taking into account market conditions.

Cedar City Council meeting showcased community strength and unity. This meeting, filled with crucial decisions, reminds us that collective efforts can create a more inclusive and brighter future for our community.

Parowan City Council

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Parowan Prevention Coalition Partners with Parowan Fire Department

BreAnn Veater of the Parowan Prevention Coalition presented a status report of the group's activities throughout the year. They included family-friendly activities like, teaming with the Library for the Passport to Summer, concerts in the park, family bonding kits with movies and treats, and family mealtime kits (studies show that families that eat together five times per week have a lower risk of underage drinking and substance abuse). A highlight of the year was the Coalition's receipt of a Drug-Free Community Grant of \$125,000/year for 5 years to use on messaging, education, programming, and family events. The Coalition requests a partnership with the Parowan Fire Department to post large "wraps" or banners on doors of the firehouse on 200 S. to promote Parents Empowered, a campaign to promote family values and prevent underage drinking. The Council voted unanimously to approve this request contingent upon approval by the Historic Preservation Committee.

Winter Wonderland Coming Back to Main Street Park

Jed Sudweeks and Christine Price presented the Parowan Chamber of Commerce's plans to erect the ever-popular Winter Wonderland for the holiday season, requesting permission from the Council to do so.

This year's exhibit will be bigger than ever with new displays and additional wind mitigation measures. The Chamber reports that Winter Wonderland is a highlight of Parowan's holiday season, receiving approximately 10,000 visitors during the month of December. The Council voted to approve this request.

Council Approves Alternative Power Supply Agreement

The Firm Power Supply Project manages various energy power supplies for participating members. The project includes long-term market purchases of alternative energy from several different providers. This agreement will allow Parowan City to diversify its backup energy supply to cover load in times when existing providers can't. This agreement does not result in a financial commitment until power is purchased through this entity. The Council voted to approve this agreement.

Council Disagrees Over Committee Assignments

Parowan City is planning to adopt a human resources system that helps develop Parowan City employees. At the September 14 City Council meeting the Council agreed on a committee consisting of the Mayor, City Manager, two City employees, and Councilmembers Burton and Downey. The committee was to study the issue and bring recommendations to the Council.

Parowan City Manager Dan Jessen began the discussion with the news that the Council members selected on September 14 had been challenged by a number of Council members and citizens. Because a system like this will impact the livelihoods of employees, Mr. Jessen impressed upon the Council that this was a very important task that needs full consideration requiring objectivity and effort of the committee members. Jessen requested that the Council either create a new committee via motion and vote or simply have Mr. Jessen research a solution and present it to the Council.

Because some felt that there were conflicts of interest, a heated discussion ensued about the choices of committee members and continued for a full twenty-five minutes with accusations of dishonesty, lack of objectivity, meeting without public notice, as well as multiple interpretations of Parowan Ordinances and Roberts Rules of Order. Eventually, Attorney Scott Burns stated that the issue is an administrative issue that should not even require a Council vote. In the end, the Council voted to approve the original committee assignments. Councilmember Gale abstained.

Cedar City Animal Adoption Shelter awarded for achieving 'No-Kill' status

by Gabrielle Costello

CEDAR CITY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

CEDAR CITY — The Cedar City Animal Adoption Center is excited to announce its recent significant achievement as a “No-Kill Shelter,” presented by the esteemed Best Friends Animal Society. This recognition is a testament to the

reunited with their owners.

The statistics from 2022 provide a snapshot of the shelter’s efforts to become a No-Kill Shelter:

- » The shelter accommodated a grand total of 1,071 animals.
- » 359 animals found loving homes through adoption.

able animals as possible, while also addressing the animal control needs of the community. The shelter’s manager, Brittany McCabe, commended her staff at the award ceremony in the presence of many police officers and elected officials, “It’s been a tough year, but when you have a dedicated staff, anything is possible,” she expressed.

Community members can visit the Cedar



Above, CEO Julie Castle (L) with Shelter Manager Brittany McCabe and Mayor Garth Green along with City Council Members, R. Scott Phillips, Terri Hartley and W. Tyler Melling. (Below) Cedar City Police Officers and Chief Darin Adams with Julie Castle and Brittany McCabe.

Animal Adoption Center staff’s outstanding dedication, the community’s and elected officials’ unwavering support, and the collaboration with Best Friends Animal Society.

Best Friends Animal Society, a Utah-based non-profit organization with a mission to make every animal shelter and community no-kill by the year 2025, recognized the outstanding efforts of the staff in a special recognition ceremony in Cedar City on Wednesday, October 4th at the shelter.

Julie Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society, personally commended the team for surpassing a remarkable 90% save rate for both cats and dogs last year in 2022.

“When I think about [the Cedar City shelter staff] and everything they’re doing, it is an incredibly tough job but so rewarding,” stated CEO Julie Castle. “Cedar City Animal Adoption Center is part of an elite 57% of shelters [in the country] that have reached above a 90% no-kill rate.”

Last year provided many challenges to the shelter, with 100 more animals received in 2022 than the previous year, oftentimes reaching full capacity. In addition, animals are spending more time in the shelter before being adopted or



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- » 301 animals were successfully placed with rescue organizations.
- » 286 animals were happily reunited with their owners.

The Cedar City Animal Adoption Center is managed by the Cedar City Police Department, with a mission to find homes for as many adopt-

City Animal Adoption Center located at 1303 W. Kittyhawk Dr. in Cedar City. Current hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be extended to Saturdays soon.

To donate to the Shelter, please visit www.cedar-city.org/animalshelter for more information. If you’re not able to adopt an animal at this time, consider participating in their foster-a-pet program!

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Three Peaks Recreation Closed for mountain bike championship race October 19-22

from Maria Twitchell

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Iron County Parks and Recreation is notifying the public that their recreation facilities, including the county campground, group pavilions and Iron Sides disc golf course, will be closed to the public October 19th-22nd, 2023 to provide a safe and traffic-controlled area for the Utah NICA High School Mountain Bike Championship Race.

Over 1,800 student athletes will be competing throughout the Three Peaks recreation site and organizers anticipate nearly 4,000 parents and support team members will be in attendance cheering these athletes on. "The Utah High School Cycling League is excited to host over 60 teams from all across the state of Utah at our state championship race at Three Peaks Recreation Area, a Utah League fan favorite venue," said Race Director Ginger Hall.

Due to size of this event, the public is asked to be aware of and respect the race closures and to maintain a slow speed at all times if choosing to be in the greater Three Peaks area. There will be sections of Three Peaks operated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that will also be closed for the race, however the Shooting Range, Model

Port and Shooting Range Road will remain open.

According to Maria Twitchell, Iron County Tourism, Parks and Recreation Director, "We are thrilled to be hosting the NICA High School Cycling League for their Utah Championship Mountain bike race. This event will have a significant economic impact on Cedar City and surrounding area. We hope the public will be patient as we support this large influx of students and parents to our community and respect our decision to close Iron County facilities at Three Peaks so we can provide a safe environment for the kids who are participating." The County Park will reopen to the public on Monday, October 23rd.

For questions regarding the closure of the County portion of Three Peaks Recreation Area, contact the Iron County Parks and Recreation office at 435-586-5124 or email mtwitchell@ironcounty.net. Contact for NICA High School Cycling League is Ginger Hall, (806) 473-7915 or ginger@utahmtb.org.

Informational meeting regarding ballot proposition for special bond election

from Iron County Tax Watch

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Festival Hall (105 N

100 E, Cedar), in the large meeting room on the 2nd floor, there will be an informational meeting to discuss the proposed bond for the new Iron County Jail. A local attorney and financial advisor will give a presentation and provide a question-and-answer discussion.

This event is being sponsored by the Iron County Tax Watch group. In the event you have any questions prior to the meeting or need additional information, please send those requests to ironcountytaxwatch@gmail.com. The purpose of this meeting is to educate the electorate/property owners in the County so they understand the details of the proposed bond initiative.

Cedar City Hospital receives national award for clinical quality and patient care excellence

from Glen Beeby

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Seven Intermountain Health hospitals in Utah have received the Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Award, which is presented annually by Vizient Inc. to recognize top performing health systems and hospitals in the United States for excellence in clinical quality and patient care. Intermountain is one of only two health systems in the nation to have seven hospitals honored with the award in 2023.

In the category of top performing community hospitals Vizient also recognized Intermountain Cedar City Hospital, Intermountain Layton Hospital, and Intermountain Logan Regional Hospital.

Intermountain St. George Regional Hospital, Intermountain McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, and Intermountain Utah Valley Hospital in Provo received awards in the category of large specialized complex medical care. While Intermountain Medical Center in Murray was recognized as a top performer in the category of comprehensive academic medical centers.

"To see so many of our hospitals being recognized on this list is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our caregivers towards patient care," said Mitchell Cloward, MHA, region president at Intermountain Health. "It also shows whether a hospital be in a large city or smaller community, patients are going to receive the best care possible."

Each year Vizient conducts a study of hospital performance based on six categories used to measure the quality of care. These include safety, mortality, effectiveness, efficiency, patient centeredness, and equity.

"Top performers demonstrate qualities of leadership and adaptability, and they leverage advanced analytics to enable their organizations to improve performance across the care continuum and in their communities," said Byron Jobe, chief executive officer for Vizient. "These organizations set a high standard in patient care, and we're proud to recognize their achievements."

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(L to R) Brandon Wiggins, Todd Peterson, Jon Anderson, Julie McCown, and Parker Grimes civilly discuss A.I. and all the parameters that go along with it.

JOSEPH ROBERTS

SUU staff members civilly discuss A.I.

by Christina Schweiss

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The APEX lecture on October 12 was called 'Civil Dialogue: Should the government regulate A.I.?' This event was a panel moderated by Provost Jon Anderson, and it was made up of SUU staff, each different backgrounds and specialties.

The people on the panel were English and filmmaking professor Todd Peterson, English professor Julie McCown, director of administrative systems Parker Grimes, and physics professor Brandon Wiggins.

The point of this panel was to bring people with differing viewpoints together and to civilly discuss Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) and its use both in and out of the classroom.

At the start of the panel, Anderson played a video of Governor Spencer Cox, who said, "When we engage in healthy, honest dialogue, we avoid demonizing others and we're more likely to find solutions."

Therefore, this meeting together was to speak civilly while also having differing opinions – especially in regard to A.I.

When given the opportunity to

share his thoughts, Grimes explained that he has been working with A.I. for almost 15 years. "A.I. is not new," Grimes said, "What brings us here today is the explosion of it."

Then, after a bit of entertainment, showing how A.I. can creatively mimic something similar to what Jon Anderson would say, Wiggins expressed that, "It is a great tool. Not a great toy."

Everyone on the panel agreed that in regard to using A.I. on assignments, it is a great starting point. However, Wiggins added, "Don't use A.I. for something you can do yourself. It is a great tool after mastery." Agreeing, Peterson added, "You need to know the rules of your game."

IN the closing remarks, and leaving the audience with some hope, Parker said "A.I. will not replace human creativity."

The next APEX event will take place on October 19. The guest speaker will be Sarah Ford and her lecture is called 'The Process of Making a Movie Poster.' If you can't view the APEX events in person, you can watch them online live or stream them afterwards on YouTube at SUULive1.

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ZIONS BANK

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In 2014, Zions opened its branch in Jackson, Wyo.

Among Zions Bank's enduring operating principles has been a focus on building strong ties to the communities within its geographically diverse footprint. Each year, the bank contributes to hundreds of individual organizations through donations and sponsorships. Employees also take part in company-wide giving and service initiatives. Over the past three decades, Zions Bank employees have painted and fixed up 1,287 homes for older adults, people with disabilities, and veterans during the annual Paint-a-Thon service project. And since 2002, employees have volunteered in



During the event, branch manager Josh Hunt announced eight local winners of the bank's \$150 cash giveaway contest.

schools to teach more than 230,000 K-12 students their financial ABCs.

While continuing its legacy of local decision-making and community investment, Zions Bank is also pioneering technological advancements in the banking industry. The company recently completed a 10-year project to overhaul all its core processing systems — the largest technology transformation in its history.

Today, Zions Bank operates 121 full-service branches and nearly 200 ATMs throughout Utah, Idaho and in Jackson, Wyoming. It reported \$14.3 billion in average loans and \$19.2 billion in average deposits, as of June 30, 2023. The bank provides jobs for more than 1,500 employees. Additional information is available at www.zionsbank.com.

RAP TAX

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tion hosted June through September by the Festival.

Michael Bahr, Executive Managing Director at the Utah Shakespeare Festival, helps us understand how the money awarded to the festival benefits our community. "A lot of people don't know that just because [the Greenshow] is free, doesn't mean it's free to us. There's about \$350,000 worth of actors salaries, designers, and directors to make that event happen all the way through the season. And a portion of that is paid for by the amazing RAP tax."

RAP support for the Festival also enables discounts on tickets for Iron County residents and members of the military. Much of the support received by organizations from RAP is poured right back into the community.

Director of New Play Development Derek Charles Livingston adds, "This is a reauthorization of something that has already existed for over a decade and has an impact not only on the Utah Shakespeare Festival, but in our parks, in our museums, at the soccer field, at the aquatic center. This is absolutely part of what makes Iron County one of the best places in Utah to live."

To learn more about RAP, please visit bettertogetherironcounty.org or email bettertogetherironco@gmail.com.

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SCARECROW FEST

Community creations return to Parowan's Main Street

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It's October and in Parowan that means it's time for the Scarecrow Fest! As you drive north on Main Street in Parowan, watch out for cars slowing down and jaywalkers crisscrossing the street because people are wandering and posing for pictures with each spooky or cute scarecrow decorating either side of Main.

According to Jet Smith, Parowan City's Events Coordinator, one hundred hay bales were put out on Main Street from 300 South to 500 North with directions to participants to "pick a hay bale and have fun!" Residents were anxious to get started with decorating. Enthusiasm grows as every day more and more hay bale scarecrows are completed.

Local families, clubs and businesses have each "adopted" a hay bale to decorate with witches, ghosts, scarecrows, spiders, as well as fall and Halloween decorations. Some include business advertisements, some are simply cute, some really scary, but the best thing about it is the festive and happy Halloween-y atmosphere it provides in our little town!

Feedback from residents and visitors is phenomenal. Organizer Jet Smith said that a visitor from Chicago came into the Visitor's Center one morning to tell her that "This is the cutest Main Street I've ever seen! I've walked up and down your street twice!"

So, put on your walking shoes and come check out Parowan's Main Street through the month of October to enjoy our festive and spooky spirit!



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Suzuki Strings celebrates 40th anniversary at annual fall workshop

by Leah Brown

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The celebration of the Cedar City Suzuki Strings will take place during their fall workshop on November 3 and 4 with a special concert held on Saturday, November 4 at 5:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E).

The fall workshop is a two-day musical and educational event for string students. Renowned clinicians from Utah and Nashville Tennessee will be featured at the event. Classes are dynamic, engaging and fun for students of all levels. For more information and to register for the workshop go to

at SUU, Sara Penny started the Music Festivals in Cedar City and had Suzuki Strings put under the auspices of the SUU Music Department. Marin Colby now directs the Southern Utah String Festival and Brittne Larsen directs the Piano Festival, both previous Suzuki Strings participants.

Ramona Stirling, Janet Andersen, and Doralee Madsen first brought a Salt Lake group to Cedar City in 1989 for a joint concert. Jack Ashton has also brought his Young Artist Chamber Players many times and we've hosted two performance groups from New Mexico. Sarah Sun was involved in Suzuki Strings as a child and is currently serving as Miss Utah. Several of the current



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For decades, the musical contributions of the Suzuki Strings have been instrumental in many lives.



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Guest clinicians working with Suzuki String students include: Dr. Meghan Perdue, an Internationally acclaimed violinist. Dr. Ka Wai Yu is Associate Professor of Music at Utah Tech University. Nicole Macias is a graduate of University of Utah and is a certified Suzuki Violin Instructor.

Suzuki Strings Cedar City began 40 years ago with a small number of families studying with Shannon Pointer. She had studied violin teacher training in Japan with Dr. Suzuki. Other teachers took the training offered by the Suzuki Association of the Americas, mostly at the Intermountain Suzuki Strings Institute, directed by Ramona Stirling. Then an adjunct professor



teachers are previous Suzuki Strings students. School orchestra programs in both Beaver and Kanab developed from families participating in this Suzuki Strings program.

In 1989, Orien Dalley donated his student instrument collection to the SUU Music Dept., which added cello and viola to the program and developed a student orchestra. When Chelsea Thompson Gardner returned to Cedar City she organized Suzuki Strings Cedar City as a non-profit.

The program has benefited from many devoted teachers, pianists, and families over the years. We are excited to see new students joining our musical family. Some of those instrumental in the success of the program are Patty Walser, Marin Colby, Ling Yu, Carol Fife, Sunny Chen, and Julie Beck. Please join us for the Cedar City Suzuki Strings concert where they will celebrate their 40 year anniversary, including a slice of birthday cake afterwards.

Shakespeare in the park...our park

by Mary Anne Andersen

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

The weather was beautiful, picture-perfect October weather—gentle sun, gentle breeze, and trees in their golds and reds all around. We were sitting at a picnic table in Discovery Park with a high school teacher and her chaperones. Her students were scattered throughout the park or sitting on the ground nearby, discussing the events of the morning. The events were competitive exercises that were part of the annual Shakespeare Competition held at SUU, and everyone was coming down off a performance high. The morning had consisted of short monologues and dialogues chosen from among Shakespeare's plays, and the kids were still discussing their performances around campus in front of other students from other schools.

One presentation seemed to be a favorite topic: the monologue by Queen Margaret from Richard III. And then someone suggested that the girl perform it again right there, for our benefit. Now you might think that she would be too shy

or too awkward, but remember that these were thespians; being in the spotlight is their food and drink. A beautiful sophomore girl agreed and then she was suddenly transformed into a powerful, angry queen, ranting over the usurpation of the throne by Richard. Her eyes flashed, her fists clenched, and her voice rose and fell with her indignation. It was mesmerizing, and all around applauded when she finished.

"Othello", cried someone and a young Black man willingly took her place. His monologue consisted of lines artfully strung together to depict his journey from adoring suitor to jealous husband to vengeful murderer, and the last anguished cries as he realized the horror of his mistake.

After just a little coaxing, a trio stood up and did a very clever presentation of the opening scene of Hamlet, wherein the conversation was not with a ghost but with a shy seer, who pretended to consult his crystal ball about the identity of the mysterious ghost. It flashed different colors

as he milked Hamlet's friends for more and more money to learn about the ghost that had been seen walking the battlements of the castle. We laughed and laughed at how they spoke the exact familiar lines that somehow worked in an entirely new concept.

By this time, families had wandered over to see what was going on, sitting on benches nearby to watch with fascination these finely prepared and presented dramatic scenes. Cleopatra appeared next, the ancient Egyptian queen in her own moments of anger, and then Hamlet stood in front of us in the moment when he appears to have lapsed into madness.

He yelled and railed at poor Ophelia to "get thee to a nunnery", rather than marry and bring more souls into a corrupt world. We were fascinated as he shook his fist and yelled at the invisible young woman, finally ending up on the ground in a fit of maniacal rage. Later the young man walked me to my car, saying he hoped to perform in community theaters the rest of his life. It had been a real afternoon of Shakespeare in the park.



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All eyes on the road, sky at Parowan's annual FALL FESTIVAL

by John Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Every year, in mid-October, Parowan celebrates Fall by closing down Main Street and throwing a Fall Fest which always includes craft vendors, games, food trucks, the Scarecrows on Main and the Coolest Car Show in the County.

This year there was a bonus event they didn't advertise on their posters - the long awaited and much ballyhooed Annular Eclipse decided to drop in at this year's Fall Fest, held last Saturday. Many of the spectators were well prepared for the eclipse with their tinted glasses, picnics and

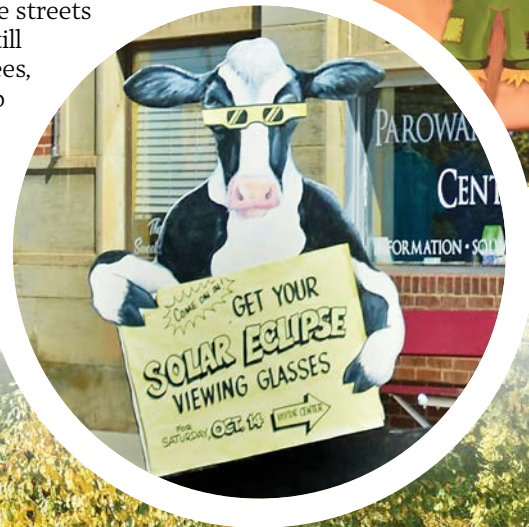
lawn chairs, and soon took a break from browsing the cars and kiosks to position themselves for a good view of the moon passing directly in front of the sun, blocking 90% of its light for a few minutes and casting some eerie lighting on the grounds.

A little after 10:00 AM, almost everyone's attention was on the sky, and at 10:36, when full annularity was reached, a loud cheer echoed around the park along with someone's boombox blasting "The Age of Aquarius" for all to hear. A few minutes later the sun was back to normal and the crowds were back browsing the displays.

The "Scarecrows on Main Street" have been on display all month long,

and will continue to be perched on their hay bales through Halloween. If you missed all the other Fall Fest activities, there's still time to see some really creative Scarecrows, decorated by local businesses, clubs and members of the community. It's an enjoyable walk or drive and photo-op.

The color is waning on the mountain, but the streets of Parowan are still full of colorful trees, so take a drive up there for one last blast of Autumn before we are all shoveling snow again!



PHOTOS BY JOHN TURNER

Family Culture Night

My children love to hear other languages. They're always asking me how to say common phrases "like people in other countries do." I rarely have an answer for them without utilizing Google, so we decided to take our learning experience to the next level with some serious family cultural studies. Over the last several weeks we have dedicated Monday evenings to foreign countries. So far we have covered Mexico, Japan, France and Brazil. Our kids have enjoyed gaining an understanding about the world around them including languages, topography, traditions and foods. We have had so much fun studying as a family that I decided to share our recipe for Family Culture Night!

Ingredients:

- » Music
- » Authentic cuisine
- » Key relatable differences
- » Language
- » Traditions
- » Authentic dessert

Directions:

As soon as the kids get home from school on Monday afternoon they are welcomed by the music of another nationality playing throughout our home.

They take time to listen and discuss how it is similar to or different from the music we typically listen to! They try out different dance moves to see what works (or doesn't). Sometimes they decide early on that they don't care for this style of music, but it remains playing in the background for the duration of our evening.

I take time planning our meals about a week in advance with online research. I try to find dishes that are as close to authentic as possible, but still edible for our youngest kids who aren't very adventurous eaters!

The kids have fun guessing what I'm making for dinner as they listen to the music, and then everyone gathers around the dinner table as I place dishes filled with various entrees and sides. Some items are easily recognizable and some require a leap of faith to test out!

Over dinner we discuss key differences about the country we have chosen to study compared to where we live. We have narrowed it down to three specific topics that I research and present to them over dinner: Immediately recognizable (differences you see with the naked eye), dif-



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ferent religions and differences in the way Christmas is celebrated.

By narrowing down these key points the

kids are able to remember and compare each country to the previous ones we have learned about.

Before dinner is complete we learn how to say "hello" and "goodbye" in the language of that country and then we gather around the TV for a short presentation on the countryside and traditions of the people who live there (easily found by searching "all about _____ for kids" on YouTube).

At the end of our cultural evening the kids each take a turn sharing something new they learned about the country we have studied. Then we enjoy an authentic dessert as we discuss if we would ever want to take a family trip to this location, and the reasons for or against it!

This activity is quickly becoming a family tradition that the kids look forward to all week long. They tell their classmates about it and everyone knows that it's France Night at the Stratton home.

My kindergartener skips her way to the car after school, hardly able to contain her excitement because, "It's Brazil Night!"

Go ahead and spend some time choosing a few countries to study with your kids and watch their excitement grow as they learn to love new foods and cultures!

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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

from *Braylie Tullis*

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

East Elementary

Friday, October 13th, wasn't a scary day at all at East Elementary. That's because we celebrated World Smile Day with others in our global community! Students were challenged to give away as many smiles as possible throughout the day. We were thrilled to be a part of World Smile Day and add some positivity to the world alongside people from across the globe! It's the time of year when many families are planning Halloween costumes. Students are welcome to wear their costumes to school on Halloween, as long as they meet the following: No full-face masks, no gore, and no weapons. In addition, the costume needs to allow for free movement of the student, and cannot obstruct other students' ability to see. If an oversize costume is a must, the student can change into it just before the Halloween parade. Regular clothing can be worn for the rest of the day. Look for more information about the time and route for our annual Halloween Costume Parade! A quick reminder that there is no school this Friday, October 20th, or on Monday, October 23rd. We hope you enjoy a safe and happy Fall Break!



Escalante Valley Elementary

Electrical co-ops across the state of Utah held a service day on Tuesday, October 10th. Being located near our school and having good relations, Dixie Power reached out and asked how they could serve Escalante Valley School. With

Superintendent Hatch's reading challenge in mind, it was suggested for them to visit classrooms to read to students or assist with Read Naturally. Some Dixie Power employees also assisted during P.E. and lunch recesses. The day was enjoyed by all, and talk of continuing this idea was discussed. We are grateful to Dixie Power and their willingness to serve our community.

Enoch Elementary

Enoch Elementary's 5th graders became engineers as they designed earthquake-proof structures and houses that could survive floods. Students used ingenuity and resourcefulness as they created their designs with limited time and resources, just like some of the challenges faced in real life. They used the scientific skills of research, observation, analysis, and testing hypotheses. They also discussed how they could use what they have learned to prevent damage to their own homes and neighborhoods during real natural disasters.



South Elementary

This week has been an active one at South Elementary. Students are finishing the first quarter of school. The PTA sponsored a Bike Safety Day which included an assembly about safety and a Bike Rodeo. The Orchestra of Southern Utah came to share the joy of music with all of the

students. Another highlight was SUU's Men's Basketball team coming to interact with students and giving them some basketball tips during lunch recess. Thank you to all in the community who help enrich our students' learning.



Fiddlers Elementary

Remember there will be no school October 20-23 for Fall Break. We hope you have a great time and will see you back at school on Tuesday, October 24. Our school is commemorating 40 years on Thursday, October 26! We can't wait to celebrate with you. Keep an eye on the Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA Facebook page for details and updates. If your child's school pictures didn't turn out the way you'd hoped, or if your child was absent the first time around, picture retake day is Thursday, November 2. Red Ribbon Week is October 30-November 3. Watch for more information coming home in homework folders and on the PTA Facebook page. It's sure to be a fun week!

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary welcomed the Provo High Ballroom Dance team on October 12. The Provo High School Ballroom dance team started in 1997 with two classes, which has now grown to five classes. There are 51 students on the team with their biggest tryout consisting of 150 students. They have been state champions 15 times and have won several national championships. The dance team performed fun, elegant, and entertaining dances. The choreography was wonderful, the music rocked, and the costumes were fantastic. Thank you to the new dance team director, Colin Bliss, for setting up this wonderful opportunity for our students. Our awesome librarian, Crystal Hopkins, received a grant from Crayola to help with Crayola Creativity Week and was also awarded a donation check from Walmart to help with supplies. Representatives from Crayola visited Three Peaks Elementary to interview Mrs. Hopkins and to award her with the supplies. The student leadership team made signs to welcome the Crayola

representatives. Please remember that there will not be school on October 20 due to teacher professional development and October 23 because of Fall Break.



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COURTESY GATEWAY ACADEMY

Gateway students show up to show off their Shakespearean skills during the competition.

Gateway students thrive at Shakespeare competition

by Hannah Ferree

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Gateway Academy Middle School had the great opportunity to compete in the Utah Shakespeare competition at SUU in the choir, dance ensemble, duo-trio, monologues, acting ensemble, and tech-olympics.

The Shakespeare competition is a fantastic experience, and we are very lucky to be part of it. It's so amazing to be in the same place with hundreds of people around your age who share your interests that you forget it's a competition in the first place. There are hundreds of people that come from all around. The adjudicators all had experience in the areas they judged, so they definitely knew what they were doing while giving us feedback.

We have been working really hard on a lot of things for the competition since the beginning of the year, whether it be costumes or memorizing lines, and we finally made it. We ended up winning three awards in the tech division for construction, lighting, and stage management.

Cedar's last regional football game makes fellow students proud

NEWS FROM THE DEN

by Tsadakah Wilberg

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It was a disheartening game for Cedar this week against Desert Hills. On the cold night of October 11th, Cedar finished their last game in the region with a loss. Despite the team's best efforts, Desert Hills High finished with 42 points vs. Cedar High's 19. Throughout the game, Cedar stayed close on their heels, scoring just behind them until the fourth quarter, where Desert Hills scored two touchdowns.

This game was also Cedar's Senior Night where the senior football players were recognized for their progress and everything they have accomplished in their high school career. Many students came to support and cheer them on.

This year's seniors are Aiden Pouha, Malachi Melton, Isaiah Robins, Braxtyn Hascal, Noah

Vega, Jourden Raftery, Justin Anderson, Devin Crenshaw, Jacob Ellis, Cooper Jolley, Ammon York, Jake Storie, Logen Wesolowski, Spencer Bell, Koden Lunt, Kailan Gowen, Dontay McGarvey, Bladen Werner, Simon Heiner, and Tredyn Elliot.

Unfortunately in the first quarter, Devin Crenshaw sustained a serious ankle injury. This prompted the respectful kneeling of his teammates and also the Desert Hills players. The audience respectfully sat and watched as an ambulance arrived. Crenshaw was stabilized on the field and loaded into the ambulance. His coaches, teammates and many friends among his classmates wish him a speedy recovery.

Although the Reds lost the game, Cedar High students are proud of their team and what they have accomplished this year, from winning against the Juab Wasps to also winning the Homecoming game against Pineview. The players have worked hard to represent their school and they have done it well. They show true sportsmanship and integrity that any school would be proud of. Excellent job this year in football!



Cedar Reds take the field in front of their family, friends and fans during their last regular season home game.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

calendar

THURS, OCT 19

EVALUATE LIFE DAY

ROBINSON FAMILY PUMPKIN PATCH (M-F 3-8pm, Sat 9am-8pm) @ Robinson Family Pumpkin Patch (1450 W Industrial Rd, Cedar). \$1 per person, FREE Hay Rides & Petting Zoo, \$3 pumpkin launching, \$2 corn pit, \$1 maze, \$3 horse rides. Until October 29. INFO: 435-691-5014.

JUDD PUMPKIN PATCH (M-F 5-7PM), SAT 9am-7pm) @ Judd Pumpkin Patch (314 E 270 N, Paragonah). Open until October 29. NO entrance fee. Free farm Animal Zoo. Wagon Rides \$3 per person, Barrel Train Rides \$2 per person. (3yrs. And younger free). INFO: 435-477-9783.

OSU: OPENING CONCERT (7:30PM) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). \$12 adults. \$6 students. The conductors are Carylee Zwang and David Jordan. The Canyon View Choir will join the orchestra. INFO/ Tickets @ www.myosu.org.

UT HS MOUNTAIN BIKE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Thurs-Sun) @ Three Peaks Recreation Area (10 miles west of Cedar City off Midvalley Rd). INFO: utahmtb.org.

FRI, OCT 20

WRITING DAY

CEDAR STREET FEST (EVERY FRI 3-10PM) @ Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar). Local businesses, farmers markets, artisans, musicians, comedians, drive-in movies, etc. for a weekly celebration of Cedar City's unique culture. INFO: www.cedarstreetfest.com.

CCCMT: CALLING ALL THE MONSTERS (OCT 20-21 6:30pm, Show Only 21st 1pm). @ 150 E Altamira Ave, Cedar). Tickets: \$35 per person. Includes dinner. 10th Anniv. of this fun musical comedy performed by adults to raise money for Cedar City Children's Musical Theatre. Great night out for couples, families. INFO: Visit www.cccmt.org.



CEDAR BREAKS STAR PARTIES (6:30PM-11PM, Fri, Sat, Sun). @ Cedar Breaks National Monument North View Overlook (Hwy 143). Park admission fee \$10 per person or National Parks Pass. INFO: 435-986-7120, www.nps.gov/cebr.

HAUNTED WOODS (19-21, 25-28, 30-31, 6-11pm) @ Rising K Ranch (2937 W 3800 S, Shurtz Canyon). \$5 Kids, \$8 Adults. 1st annual family friendly haunted trail and hay ride, games, face painting, much more. Headless Horseman rides every half hour. Instagram: [hauntedwoodatsrisingk](https://www.instagram.com/hauntedwoodatsrisingk)

SAT, OCT 21

BACK TO THE FUTURE DAY

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET (9AM-1PM) @ IFA (905 S Main St, Cedar). FREE. Farmers, food, artisans. Drawings, bingo, more! INFO: Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or Nancy 435-463-3735.



FESTIVAL CITY MARKET (9AM-1PM) @ (Center St. & 100 W) By Bristlecone Coffee. FREE. Handmade treasures and a bounty of local farmers, backyard gardeners, fresh fruits, veggies, with local artisans for jewelry, art, wood, pottery.

MIDVALLEY FARMERS MARKET & ARTISAN FAIRE (5-8pm) @ (780 Midvalley Rd. Enoch). Live music, jump house, face painting, and more. Beautiful, unique items. Have dinner, listen to music, let the kids play in the jump house. INFO: Text: 435-704-6916.

POWER IN PINK 5K FUN RUN/WALK (8:30am) @ West Canyon Park (151 S 400 E, Cedar). Reg. \$15 for SUU Students w/ID, \$35 for general reg. FREE for all breast cancer survivors. Funds raised benefit, local women, men receiving treatment for breast cancer. One-mile walk includes remembrance walk where past breast cancer warriors and survivors are remembered, honored.

OSU: CHILDREN'S JUBILEE (NOON - DOORS open for family activities. (2pm - Music begins) @ Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar). Tickets \$5 per person (babies free). One free admission with three cans of food for Iron County Care and Share. Arts and sciences come together at OSU's Children's Jubilee. A season full of exploration, creation, celebration. Tickets @ www.myosu.org.

SUN, OCT 22

RESPIRATORY CARE DAY

"THE MOON HAS AWOKEN WITH THE SLEEP of the sun, the light has been broken; the spell has begun." — Midgard Morningstar

MON, OCT 23

IPOD DAY

SO. UTAH WATERCOLOR SOCIETY EXHIBIT (M-F 8-5pm, thru Nov 17th) @ Cedar City Offices, 10 N Main. A variety of styles, mediums and prices.

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP, (4-5:30PM) @ Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Come learn easy, fun Ancient Judeo-Christian dances. INFO: 702-460-2317

TUES, OCT 24

NATIONAL FOOD DAY

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME (TUES, 10-11AM) @ Frontier Homestead State Park Museum (635 N Main, Cedar). Admission FREE. A fun frontier-themed story along with a corresponding take-home activity. Recommended for preschool-aged children.

MEET THE CANDIDATES (7-8PM, DOORS open 6:30) @ Enoch Elementary School Auditorium. Listen to the City Council Candidates present their views on city government and ask questions.

WED, OCT 25

ARTIST DAY

MIDVALLEY FARMERS MARKET & ARTISAN FAIRE (4-7pm) @ (780 Midvalley Rd. Enoch). Live music, jump house, face painting, and more. Beautiful, unique items. Have dinner, listen to music, let the kids play in the jump house. INFO: Text: 435-704-6916.

FREDDY'S FRIGHT NIGHT (5-8PM) @ Boebert Park (15 E Midvalley Rd, Enoch). Candy, treats, games, spooky movie, family-friendly spook alley. Free of charge, but any donation made will be graciously accepted for So. Utah Independent HS Hockey.

UT BOOK FESTIVAL (6PM) @ FRONTIER Homestead Museum (635 N Main, Cedar). Readings, Discussions with CMarie Fuhrman and Jennifer Sinor with writing prompts, book table, and discussion.



CHARACTER SKETCHES (WEDS, 6:30-8:30PM) @ Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Weekly drawing/painting sessions using live models as characters from art, literature, books, movies, TV, video games. INFO: 435-586-6661.

THURS, OCT 26

NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY

GRAND OPENING - HIGH DESERT Counseling (1pm) @ (195 W 820 S, Cedar). Ribbon Cutting, Sandwiches/Lemonade, Custom Hats, Recovery community support.

BIBLE STUDY (1-3PM) @ CEDAR PUBLIC Library (303 N 100 E). 8wk study of Romans 12-16. Wayne Barber leads attendees to live righteously and discover truth through observation, interpretation, application. Workbooks \$18. INFO/ Reg 435-267-2234, 435-238-3078, www.precept.org.

IRON COUNTY HOMELESS COUNCIL (3PM) @ Libertad Community (Building A) 1044 N. Hovi Hills Drive, Cedar. A collaboration of homeless providers, public agencies, private entities committed to reduce causes of homelessness in Iron, Beaver, Garfield, Kane counties.

HOCUS POCUS NIGHT (4-6PM) @ YUMMY Tummy Sweets Bakery (491 S Main, Suite 6). Join the Sanderson Sisters for a family show, treats, costume contests, activities, delicious treats and goodies, vendors, and more. \$15 per child. INFO/RSVP @ 951-595-0616.

TRAIL N TREAT GLOW SLOW ROLL (5:30-7:30pm). Ghost Tours (7pm) @ Cedar City Cemetery (685 N Main). All forms of active transportation welcome! FREE event for everyone! INFO: Facebook /CedarCitySlowRolls.

FRI, OCT 27

CEDAR LIVESTOCK AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL (10am) Sheep Parade. Followed by many other events at the Cross Hollow Event Center (11 N Cross Hollow Dr). Full list of events @ www.cedarlivestockfest.com.

OPEN MIC NIGHT (2ND/4TH FRI, 7PM) @ Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W, Cedar). Each artist will have a 7-minute set. First come, first served signups at the door. \$5 donation is required for entry. INFO/Q's email info@johnsonartscenter.org.

SAT, OCT 28

LABYRINTH WALK (NOON-2PM, 40-MIN sessions) @ St. Jude's Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, Cedar City). Walk the largest indoor labyrinth in Utah! Replica of the Chartres Cathedral's labyrinth in France. Join us regardless of faith, or experience. Facilitators present. Open rain or shine. INFO/Reservations please call Anne 702-539-3400.



TRUNK OR TREAT (12-2PM). PRESENTED BY Local Law Enforcement @ Veteran's Park Baseball Fields (407 E 275 N). Local businesses can join for this fun holiday event featuring a helicopter candy drop! Organizations interested in participating call 435-867-7500 or email jmeyer@ironcounty.net.

OPEN MIC (4TH SAT, 7-9PM) @ FRONTIER Homestead (635 N Main, Cedar) FREE Family friendly event to showcase your talents, music, poetry, comedy, magic, etc.

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

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, 6 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 Darrin Duncan (435) 704-1466.

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

2nd Sat, 10 am • Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E

Elks Lodge #1556

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

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 Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E)

Rotary Club

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829 KCCB 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

Women's Meeting • Sat, 10:30 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

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

Al-Anon • 1st, 3rd Tues, 7-8 pm • 435-704-8984

Easy Does It • Tues, 7-8 pm • (435) 559-3333

Hope for Today (Family Groups)

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

Alzheimer's/Dementia

Tues, 5:30-6:30 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Learn about/access resources, connect with others for support. 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

Caregivers

3rd Thurs, 5:45-7 pm • Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W, Cedar). All levels of the caregiver's journey from pre-caregiving to bereavement and rebuilding welcome. INFO: Kat at 702-292-9911.

Celebrate Recovery

Fri, 6:30 pm, starting July 7, 2023 • Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

Embrace Grace

Tues, 5:30pm • Unmarried, pregnant? Don't be alone. Safe, non-judgmental. Free baby stuff at baby shower for you! Childcare available with heads up. 407-719-8595 or Threshing-FloorLife>Resources>Embrace Grace.

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

Helproom

Fri, 2-3 pm • Free online support group for survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault. Safe to communicate, share perspectives on healing, recovery. Join: affiliate. rainn.org/helproom/canyoncreekservices.

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603 KCCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

Hope Without Dope • Thurs, 8 pm

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

Candle Light Mtg • Sat, 9:30 pm (Sm rm)

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

Dopeless Hope Fiends • Sun, 8 pm • Mtg Hall, 1067 S Main, Cedar (877) 865-5890

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

1st Thurs, 7:30 pm • Share Families of So. Utah • 565 N Main Street, Ste. 6, Cedar • www.southernutahshare.com

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.

Boy Scout Troop 1848

5th-17 yrs • Thurs 6:30 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west door, next to Enoch City Business office. Text Sheila Shaw 805-208-4545

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 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 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.

Color Country Winds

Wed • Come brush up on your band skills to share with the community. Call Debbie at (435) 559-9609 for time and location.

Cub Scout Pack 1848

K-5th • Thurs, 5 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west side door, next to Enoch City Business office. Text LaRee Kurtz 435-559-211.

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. All ages welcome. For livelier dances come on (Sat 12-1:30pm @ Cedar Library 303 N 100 E). FREE. No Partner needed, Teaching. INFO 626-808-6129

Iron County Moms For America

2nd Thurs, 7pm Help heal our nation, keep liberty alive in your heart & home. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

O.A.R.S. Young Adult Group

Tues 6-8 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Open, Authentic, Relevant, and Spiritual. Dinner group, ages 18-30. Conversations about spirituality, mutual support, curious questioning, community service. INFO: text 541-579-1554, pastorschuyler@gmail.com or Insta: oars_young_adults

Parowan Pickleball

Mon, 6-8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9-12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and signup: Parowan Visitors Center 435-477-8190.

PB&J Therapy Groups

These two groups teach skills for different areas of life by utilizing recreational activities and engaging in other forms of expressing emotions. INFO: 435-267-4212. College: forms.gle/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7 Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tae Kwon Do Class

Wed, 7-8:30 pm • Cedar City Aquatic Center, 2090 W Royal Hunte Dr. \$25/mo., ages 5+, any experience level (435) 865-9223. Helps benefit Canyon Creek Crisis Center.

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. Space limited.

Take Action for Freedom

Wed, 7 pm • Stahl West 600 N. Airport Road, Cedar • Preserve Constitution, Republic, voting laws, medical freedom, education, 1st & 2nd Amendment Rights, ed. on CRT & boarder illegal immigration, local/county/state Legislature

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

1st Tues, 7 pm • Cedar City Library 303 N 100 E. (435) 586-6661

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

Tues, Thurs, 9 am • SUU pool, 2-56 N 600 W., Fun, up-tempo workout to music. Intensive cardio, full body muscle toning. Any fitness level. All ages. \$3/class, including pool admission. (435) 327-2091 (no text)

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

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.

To add your ongoing opportunity to our calendar, call 435-701-9982 or email news@ironcountytoday.com

Hope, a leader's loyal ally

When you think of the word hope, do you think of halos and olive branches? One dictionary defines hope as “Desire accompanied by expectation or belief in fulfillment.” Sure, it’s easy to define (and disregard) hope, but it’s even harder to implement. No matter how one defines (or denounces) hope, it’s much more than a mantra or catchy

plished anything without hope? Regardless of what one chooses to call it, hope was and is at the foundation of every business, team, religion, plan and family (relationship). Hope helps everyone, whether it’s praying in pews or puking in the potty, and from the janitor to the C.E.O., waterboy to the head coach, and from the writer to the editor.

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catchphrase. It’s a call to action.

Because when one truly hopes for something, expectation is not enough. One must also put labor behind the belief. Without hope (and accompanying action), freedom becomes a fable. Happiness and success become just fabricated bedtime stories without hope. It’s even been proven by science (not just religion) that hope helps improve health, also.

Winston Churchill (a great leader in his own right) stated, “All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.” Yet these words become only glorified goals if they aren’t built (and fueled) on a foundation of hope.

However, hope is not just optimistic thinking, it’s opportunistic doing. Yes, it can be an emotion, but without motion consisting or proactive choices and progressive actions (not just activity) then hope won’t live up to hype and we toss it aside thinking it won’t make a difference. However, when one takes charge of their choices, great things happen. On the other hand, no matter how great the obligation, imagination, or inspiration, without the ignition of hope, everything eventually fails and falls.

The truth is hope can make all the difference. Who has accom-

No, hope doesn’t always look confident, or appear happy. Perhaps this is why many take it for granted because they don’t see or have forgotten its value. This is why more often than not its power is produced most prominently in the penitent.



To stifle hope is to suffocate the very air success needs to breathe. Sometimes hope helps inspire one to keep climbing, speaking, creating. Other times it’s a guide rail (or guardrail) to help direct (and protect) the leaders and followers through dark times.

Also, to validate hope’s heralding naysayers...it’s true, hope doesn’t always float, but it’s also not a disposable pair of rose-colored glasses. Because sometimes you gotta swim out to (or hit) rock bottom to not only find it, but reclaim it. And even though hope seems harder to hold onto (let alone find) in the dark, that’s exactly when and where it’s needed the most.

Today, whether you’re seeking what Churchill’s “great things”—freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy... or joy, love or peace—always take hope with you.

history

Not the end but continuing struggles for triumphant equality (Part 11)

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

For those of you who have followed this report of 11 parts chronicling the historical struggle of African Americans for equality in Utah and the U.S., thank you so much. Since it is an historical report, history (and this series) has reported on history’s ups and downs although primarily upon the successful overcoming of racism’s sad history. Recently NBC news reported on an incident that happened at Brigham Young University where a “Black Mormon at BYU who having grown up in the LDS church” felt isolated at a university where there is a Black population of less than 1 per cent.

He and other members of his student group named their organization the Black Menaces, and they took to TikTok to document their experiences. The group’s videos were seen all over the United States with a following of more than 670,000 as the group asked BYU students questions, such as, does reverse racism exist and how many Black friends they have at BYU. The president of the Black Student Union has met with school administrators about the experiences of people of color, and BYU administrators established the Committee on Race, Equity & Belonging following the May 25, 2020, killing of George Floyd. The committee recommended changes to curriculum to educate students about race, increase graduation rates for students of color, and provide faculty members of color with opportunities to serve in senior leadership positions.

One major goal of the Black Menaces is to let others know that a lot of prejudice and discrimination goes on that is hidden from sight but still exists as shown by his being followed by a BYU administrator who

told him that he must stop filming, or she would report him to “the authorities”, even though he assured her that he was a student at BYU and was not breaking any campus rules. This incident has gone countrywide and is even reported on the website of Best Colleges.

The struggle for equality continues in the minds and actions of many people, not just in Utah but throughout the United States and the world. LDS authorities recently updated the “Missionary Standards” to reject prejudice of any kind. There is a report of good news as the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economics Supplement (9CPS ASEC) showing that the Black population of the United States was the only major group to experience an historic low of the official poverty rate in 2022 in the United States, with poverty falling below pre-pandemic levels.

We end this series by remembering the gospel song, “We Shall Overcome” which became a protest song and a key anthem of the American civil rights movement with the following lyrics: “The world is one great battlefield with forces all arrayed. If in my heart I do not yield, I’ll overcome some day.”

Thank you for reading Part 1 through Part 11 of this history series. Of special note is that the United States National Cathedral just corrected an historical error by finally installing four newly created stained-glass windows on September 23, 2023, which depict racial justice protests by African Americans, replacing the stained-glass panes which honored Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. It was a long time coming. The new panels titled “Now and Forever” were designed by artist Kerry James Marshall (born October 17, 1955), an African American artist and professor, known for his paintings of Black figures.

history

The Dominguez-Escalante Expedition of 1776

by Jay M. Jones

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On 11 October 1776, an expedition of fourteen men paused on a small, remote knoll overlooking what is now called the Escalante Valley in Southern Utah to settle a controversy that had the potential to destroy them. Their leaders decided to abandon the original purpose of their journey: finding an overland route to the Spanish Mission at Monterey, California, which had been established in 1770. Most of the men favored continuing westward instead of returning to Santa Fe, New Mexico. This three-part series remembers this historic saga as we approach its 250th anniversary.

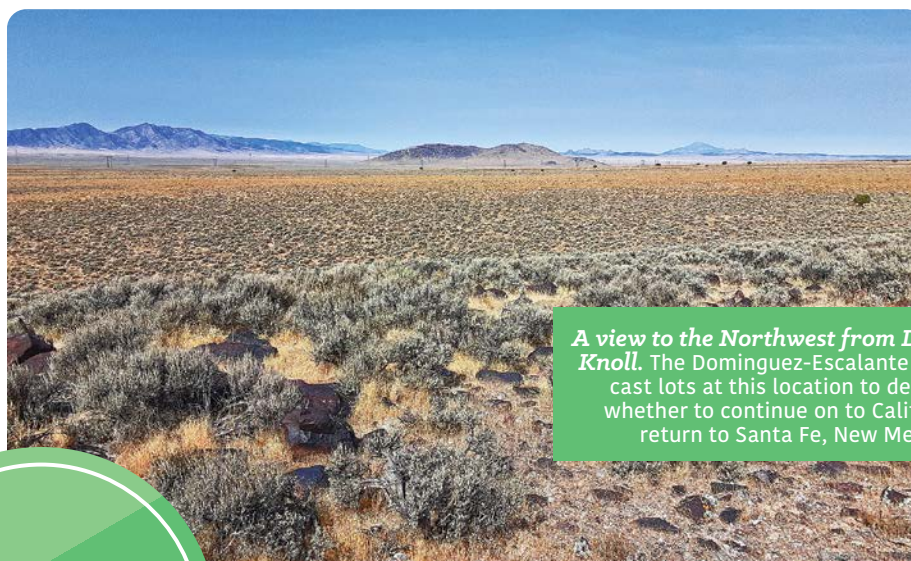
The Dominguez-Escalante expedition left Santa Fe, New Mexico in late July 1776, expecting to arrive in California before winter. After traveling northwest through Colorado and visiting with friendly Indians in Utah Valley, they pursued a southwesterly course. Not finding a route to the west with good water and feed for their horses, they proceeded south.

After experiencing a heavy snow storm in the vicinity of Milford, Dominguez and Escalante realized that with winter starting to set in, they may be unable to cross mountain passes to arrive safely at their intended destination. Their supplies were running low. They told the men that they would return to Santa Fe.

The navigator and mapmaker of the expedition, Don Bernardo Miera, had convinced most of the men that the opportunities for wealth and glory in California would exceed anything they could dream of in New Mexico. Most of the men wanted to continue to California, becoming very grumpy at the idea of returning home before reaching that goal.

After camping the night of 10 October 1776 at a site they named San Eleuterio in present day northern

PART 2 – THE CASTING OF THE LOTS



A view to the Northwest from Dominguez Knoll. The Dominguez-Escalante expedition cast lots at this location to determine whether to continue on to California or return to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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PHOTOS BY JAY M. JONES

An informational sign at the Casting of the Lots site at Dominguez Knoll in the Escalante Valley northwest of Cedar City.

Iron County near Brown Knoll, most of the men resumed their journey southward while Dominguez and Escalante discussed their options.

Sensing that a mutiny was a distinct possibility, Dominguez and Escalante caught up with the group and had them dismount. A small knoll, now called Dominguez Knoll, overlooking the Escalante Valley

became the location of a major decision.

Escalante records: "In order that God's cause stood better justified, and to make them understand more clearly that we had changed our mind neither out of fear nor by our own despotic will, we decided to lay aside altogether the great weight of the arguments mentioned and, after

imploing the divine mercy and the intercession of our holy patron saints, to search anew God's will by casting lots – putting Monterey on one and Cosnina on the other – and to follow the route which came out."

Father Dominguez told the group that if the lot fell on California, Miera would be responsible to guide them there and to answer for the safety of the men.

Escalante continues: "We cast lots, and the one of Cosnina came out. This we all heartily accepted now, thanks be to God, mollified and pleased."

Cosnina was the name that the Spaniards had given to a Havasupai Indian village near the Colorado River that was believed to be on the way back to Santa Fe. No one in the expedition had ever been there, and as it turned out, it was not on the return route taken.

With this major decision behind them, the explorers adjusted their direction from the southwest to the southeast and entered Cedar Valley. Escalante called it a "beautiful valley . . . most abundant in pasturage." They named it the Valley of Señor San José.

The following day they encountered several Indians "who had been gathering wild plant seeds on the plain." Noticing the fear that the natives had of men mounted on horses, Escalante wrote that "we sent them away, telling them to notify their people that we came in peace, that we harmed no one, that we loved everybody – and so, for the men who were able, to come without misgivings to the place where we were going to spend the night."

That night, 12 October, they camped west of present day Kanarraville. They convinced one of the native men to accompany them as a guide. The next day they continued south, over the Black Ridge and camped along Ash Creek. The local guide disappeared into the hills.

Next week, the conclusion of the Dominguez-Escalante expedition.

finances

ASK RUSTY: How will my wife's Social Security be affected by her teacher's pension?

Dear Rusty: My wife, born in 1960, was a Texas school teacher for about 10 years and receives a \$1,000 per month pension from that work. She didn't pay into Social Security while teaching, but she paid into it for about 23 years while working elsewhere. I paid into Social Security my entire life, the maximum in most years, so my SS benefit will be much greater than hers. I understand there are some sort of penalties or restrictions on my wife's Social Security benefits and also for spousal benefits due to her school pension. Please share the process I can use to estimate my wife's Social Security and tell me if she can file for spousal benefits.

Signed: Planning for the Future

Dear Planning: Because your wife has a Texas school teacher pension earned without contributing to Social Security, any SS benefits she is entitled to will be affected by two rules – first, by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which will reduce her personally earned Social Security retirement benefit and, second, by the Government Pension Offset (GPO) which will reduce any spousal boost (if she is entitled to one) to her own benefit.

The amount of the WEP reduction to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit will be computed using a special formula which considers the number of years she has contributed to Social Security through other (non-state) work. Since your wife became eligible for Social Security benefits in 2022 the maximum WEP reduction with 23 years contributing to SS will be \$358.

If your wife has already obtained an estimate of her Social Security retirement benefit, deduct \$358 from that estimate and that will be pretty close to her actual SS retirement benefit when she claims. Social Security will figure out the exact amount of her WEP reduction when your wife applies, but you can also use Social Security's "WEP Calculator" for an estimate, which you can find at this link: www.ssa.gov/benefits/calculators/.

Whether your wife will be entitled to a "spousal boost" to her own Social Security retirement benefit depends on how your respective FRA entitlements compare, and the GPO. The base amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her pre-WEP FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement. If your wife's normal FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, the difference is a "spousal boost" added to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit.

However, that base spousal boost will be reduced if taken before your wife reaches her FRA, and even further reduced by the GPO (the GPO reduction will be 2/3rds your wife's State of Texas pension, e.g., about \$667). Any remainder left after these reductions to your wife's spousal boost will be added to her own WEP-reduced SS retirement amount, but if the remainder is \$0 then no spousal boost will be given, and your wife will get only her WEP-reduced Social Security retirement amount.



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obituaries

George Albert Fruhling



George Albert Fruhling, 74, died unexpectedly on Monday, October 2, 2023, in the Three Peaks Recreation Area near Cedar City, Utah. The son of Rev. Arthur F. Fruhling and Velma Viola (Johnson) Fruhling, George was born in Oakland, California on February 7, 1949, and was raised in his hometown of

Vacaville, California.

From an early age, George was interested in and enjoyed music, mountains, and electronics. Growing up, he and his immediate family would spend a month each summer camping and hiking in Tuolumne Meadows in the high country of Yosemite National Park. He played the organ and sang in the choir of the Community Presbyterian Church of Vacaville as a teenager, and was a member of the "Fruhling Harmonies," a choral group led by his mother Velma.

George was also a licensed amateur radio operator, call sign WA6SOP, having earned his FCC amateur radio license around 1962. He later continued his training in electronics by serving for four years in the United States Air Force after high school (Vacaville High School, class of 1967) and earning his FCC General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL), which led to a lifelong career in electronics—first as a technician for Sierra Microwave in Vacaville, California, where he loved traveling into the mountains, often in the winter snow, to maintain microwave communications towers and equipment; as an electrical technician for the Ball Metal beverage can factory in Fairfield, California; as an electrical technician for Orrick Electric in Dixon, California; as an electrical engineer for Reynolds Metals in Rocklin, California; and ultimately as a special project engineer, once again for Ball Corporation at their corporate office in Broomfield, Colorado, from which he retired in 2014 after more than 25 years of service to the company. After his time in the Air Force, George was also briefly a manager at the Sandwich Garden at the Nut Tree in Vacaville, California.

In January of 1971, George married his first wife, Suzanne Arlene Forssell, with whom he had two children—a son, Zachary Ryan Fruhling, in 1978 and a daughter, Amber Nicole Fruhling, in 1981. George and Suzanne divorced in 1985, after which he met and subsequently married his beloved second wife, Lucretia Ann (Dore) Fruhling. George and Lucretia were married on June 28, 1986, and remained married for 37 years, having renewed their vows for their 25th wedding anniversary in 2011. George was a beloved father to his two children, Zachary Ryan Fruhling and Amber Nicole Fruhling, and a beloved stepfather to his three stepchildren, Eric Joseph Maxam, Shane Tyler Russell, and Desirae Dawn Russell-Noble.

Later in life, George had the opportunity to pursue other lifelong interests, such as fishing, working on a compilation of poetry together with his brother, Arthur Gene Fruhling, and a

lifelong passion for yard work. He was known for having an immaculately kept and manicured property, complete with home-built additions and structures, from gazebos to sheds to guest houses. Never one to leave a project incomplete, he saw every project, both professional and personal, through to 100 percent.

George Albert Fruhling was preceded in death by his father and mother, Rev. Arthur F. Fruhling and Velma Viola (Johnson) Fruhling; his two half-sisters, Marion Bertha Fruhling and Dorothy Ceceilia Fruhling; his grandparents Wilhelm (William) F. Fruhling, Bertha (Wayland) Fruhling, Harrill Dean Johnson, Sr., and Ethel Mary (King) Johnson; his uncles William A. Fruhling, Jr., Charles A. Fruhling, Julius Frederick Fruhling, Albert Gustave Fruhling, Edward Charles Fruhling, George Henry Fruhling, and Harrill Dean Johnson, Jr.; his aunts Catherine Henrietta Schuhly (Fruhling) Miller, Emma Eleanor Fruhling, Bertha Amelia Fruhling, Millie Luisa Fruhling, Dorothy Johnson, and Margaret Johnson; and his cousins Emma Nelson, Elmer Henry Fruhling, Claudine Fruhling, Lloyd Herbert Fruhling, Lucille C. Fruhling, Katherine B. Fruhling, George Sprecher Fruhling, Jr., Lydia Bertha Miller, Henrietta Miller, Philip Miller, Jr., Laura Miller, and Homer Theophilus Miller.

He is survived by his beloved wife Lucretia Ann (Dore) Fruhling; his siblings Velma Ardis (Fruhling) Marshall and Arthur Gene Fruhling; his two children Zachary Ryan Fruhling and Amber Nicole Fruhling; his three stepchildren Eric Joseph Maxam, Shane Tyler Russell, and Desirae Dawn Russell-Noble; his grandchildren Garrett Alexander Ly, Gabriel Bennett Ly, Gavin Elliott Ly, and Lillianna Annabelle Ly; his step-grandchildren Caleb James Noble, Bryce Giani Noble, Jackson Mason Russell, Anthony Joseph Maxam, Abigail Elizabeth Maxam, Matthew Ly Maxam, Rachael Ann Maxam, Nathanael David Stanley Williams, Ashlea Nicole Williams, and Natalea Rose (Williams) Jones; his first wife, Suzanne Arlene Forssell; his cousins Karen Adelia (Johnson) Johnsen and Linda Lee (Johnson) Forssell; his nieces Laurie Denise (Marshall) VandeStreek, LaVerne Deanna (Marshall) Widmer, Anita Darlene (Marshall) DeBoard, Heather Lyn (Fruhling) Laumer, and Heidi Louise Fruhling; his nephews Daniel Eugene Marshall, Timothy Allan Marshall, and Wayne Arthur Marshall; his sister-in-law Maria Elena (Dore) Valente; his niece and nephews by marriage, Alan Richard "Rick" Brant, Jr., Michelle Elizabeth Valente, and Marshall Lawrence Valente; along with countless other extended relatives, colleagues, loved ones, neighbors, and friends.

A memorial service for George Albert Fruhling will be held at the Sunrise Christian Church located at 6843 W 1800 N, Cedar City, Utah, on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 11:00 AM. His ashes will be interred in his hometown of Vacaville, California at a later date to be determined. The memorial service will be officiated by Pastor Jim Vasquez of Sunrise Christian Church.

Throughout his life, George Albert Fruhling always had a loving, positive, and encouraging word for those around him, along with a genuine smile, a hearty laugh, and a quick-witted "dad joke." He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him in the course of his 74 years, 7 months, and 25 days on Earth. May he finally rest in peace.

obituaries

Tracy William Esplin



Tracy William Esplin passed away peacefully and unexpectedly early Tuesday morning, October 10, 2023, just a few days after knee replacement surgery.

Tracy was born on August 4, 1970, in Cedar City, Utah, to Ken William Esplin and Dayle Stevens Esplin. He grew up as the fun, loving youngest child of three. He attended the East Elementary School, Cedar Junior High, and Cedar

High School, graduating as a proud Redmen. Later in life he graduated from Southern Utah University with a Bachelor of Science in history—a degree he was extremely proud of—having worked many years as a UPS delivery driver and fuel tanker driver.

After high school, Tracy enlisted in the Utah National Guard and went to Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was trained as a fire direction specialist and served in C Battery 2-222 Field Artillery in St. George, Utah, until a duty-related injury caused him to leave the Guard long before he wanted to. Tracy loved serving and has been an avid supporter of his father, brother, and nephew, who all served or still serve in the Utah National Guard.

In 1993 Tracy married Alisha Hatch of Panguitch, Utah. Together they had four beautiful daughters, Madison, Shelby and McKenzie (twins), and Tessa. As life often throws stumbling blocks in the road, Tracy and Alisha divorced in 2005. Tracy was blessed to find the love of his life, Brenda Bettridge Fausett of Parowan. They were married in August 2007, and he immediately gained another sweet daughter Camri.

Tracy has been a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having served in many callings, including as a missionary to the Connecticut-Hartford Mission.

If you're looking for Tracy, you'll find him outdoors in new boots, fishing with his girls. Join him at Kolob or Oak Valley Ranch. He'll have lunch for you. If Tracy is fixing your car stereo, come back in an hour, and he'll have the hood popped, the doors open, and the seats on the driveway. Not to worry. Having had five teenage daughters, Tracy has had extensive experience with repairs, remodeling, baking, building, chauffeuring, and chaperoning. And don't ask. Tracy would take longer to explain than to put it all back together.

If you need a trivia partner, call Tracy. If he doesn't know the last major battle of WWII (unlikely), his second-best friend, "Hey, Google," will shortly enlighten you both. And then you can banter about, well, almost anything.

Tracy is survived by his wife, Brenda (Bettridge) Fausett Esplin; parents, Ken and Dayle (Stevens) Esplin; mother-in-law, Geraldene Bettridge; brother, Steve (Tulsi) Esplin; sister, Julidawn (Dale) Corry; daughters, Madi (Chase) Halterman, Shelby (Will) Jacobson, McKenzie Esplin, Tessa Esplin, and Camri (Mike) Hepworth; sister-in-law Adele (Kim) Lloyd; brothers-in-law, Chad (Amy) Bettridge and Dave (Aislinn) Bettridge; grandchildren, Arzy, Laynee, Luxe, Scout, Wells, Harlee, and Phoebe. Tracy was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Dale Bettridge.

A viewing was held on Friday, October 13, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Parowan West building. Additional viewing time was on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. Interment was at the Parowan City Cemetery.

Garth Elwood Frehner



Garth Elwood Frehner returned to be with his Savior Jesus Christ on the morning of October 9, 2023. He was 88 years old. Garth was a giant among men with the ability to put most at ease. He was an example and mentor to many in the business world and life. Generous with his time, talents, and home—he showed charity and love to those that knew him and many more. He always had the knack to make others

smile and laugh with his humor, wit, and teasing until the end.

Garth was born on September 7, 1935, on the family farm in Logandale, Nevada. He was born to Harry Samuel and Mary (Syphus) Frehner. The youngest of 9 children in the family, he was equally babied and bossed around by his 4 older sisters and 4 older brothers. He grew up in Logandale and graduated from High School there. After High School he attended Southern Utah University.

In 1957 he married Arlene Huntsman. From that union came his four children: Mary Lynn, Jeffrey Garth, Tonya June, and Jan Laree. He and Arlene divorced in 1972.

Garth drove truck for David Foods in the late 1950's early 1960's, buying his own truck in the early 1960's. In 1963 he joined his brothers Wesley and Vernon in Frehner Trucking. In March of 1970 they began Frehner Construction Company, Inc. Garth found his true calling in the construction company. Wes retired in the early 1970's after suffering a stroke and Vern died suddenly in June of 1984, leaving Garth as the sole owner of both companies. The construction company took off to new heights in 1985 rising to unimaginable dreams by the time he retired in 2004. He stayed on for a couple of years during the transition for consulting purposes.

In 1996 Garth married Jerri Johnson. They had many adventures during their marriage, and she was by his side when he passed away. They moved permanently to New Harmony, Utah in 2005 where he spent many happy years ranching, traveling and being a part of the small community. Garth was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many callings during that time.

Garth is survived by his wife Jerri, daughters, Mary Lynn Wise, Tonya Frehner, Jan Pruet, and daughter-in-law Julia Frehner. His stepchildren Dayne Robins, Dianne (Dave) Wunderli, Doug (Cheryl) Robins, Dale (Julienne) Robins, Debra (Craig) Foley, Christopher (Natalie) Jones, Jennifer (Ben) Hurst. His 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 27 step-grandchildren, and 27 step-great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Mary Frehner, his brothers Wesley, Edward, Vernon, and Floyd (Huck), his sisters Norma, Anna, Lois, and Ida. His son Jeffrey. Son-in-laws, Dennis Wise, Ross Miller, and Lloyd Pruet. And one step-grandson, Mitchell Jones. Garth will be missed by many that knew and loved him.

A Viewing will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023, at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar City, UT) from 6:00-8:00 pm. A second Viewing will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Cedar City Stake Center (155 E 400 S, Cedar City, UT) from 9:00-10:30 am, with the Funeral beginning after at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at the New Harmony, Utah Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. A livestream of Garth's service and online condolences may be left at www.mortuary.org.

faith

Valley Bible Church announces Fall Bible Conference

from Pastor Tom Jeffcott

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Valley Bible Church in Enoch, Utah, announces its upcoming annual Fall Bible Conference to be held at the church on October 27-29. The theme of this year's Conference is "Hope in Hard Times."

Most people would acknowledge that we live in a rapidly changing and difficult world. However, God's Word gives us hope for these hard times. We will be examining this hope as we study 1 Thessalonians:

» Hope is provided through our relationships within our churches, our families, and our friends.

» Hope also results from living each day in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.
» And best of all, the Apostle Paul reminds us in this brief letter that those who have trusted Christ as their Savior have a certain future - a future that the Bible calls "the Blessed Hope". This is truly the kind of hope that is needed by every person on earth.



COURTESY DAN ANDERSON

Dr. Dan Anderson,
President Appalachian Bible
College Bradley, WV

This year's special speaker will be Dr. Dan Anderson, who has served as the President

of Appalachian Bible College in Bradley, West Virginia since 1983. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Grace Theological Seminary, as well as Master of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife Rosalie have five children.

He will be speaking in five different sessions, beginning Friday evening at 7 PM, with two sessions on Saturday at 4 PM and 7 PM and two sessions on Sunday at 10 AM and 11 AM.

Valley Bible Church is located at 4780 N. Hwy 91 in Enoch. Call 435-586-0253 for more info or check out the church's website at www.vbcbfamily.com.

faith

Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance (CAIFA) focuses on service, unity

by Ruth Scovill with Gen Phelps

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

In 2008, a group of community members from various faiths in Cedar City began meeting together “to foster fellowship, understanding, and mutual respect.” Their goal was “to bend our cumulative effort in a positive synergy to make our remarkable area an even better place.” These statements came from the Joy of Sharing, a cookbook put together as a fundraising project by the group in 2010, a few copies of which are still available at the Cedar City Visitors Center. Along with doling out tasty recipes, the book highlighted different faith groups in the area that contribute to our diverse and growing community.

The group, known as CAIFA for short, is still going strong today. It now consists of a board of directors who help to plan and oversee projects and an auxiliary group made up of various members of the community who have a commitment to community service and enjoy working together and getting to know and understand each other better. Groups who are currently participating in CAIFA include the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Catholic Church, the Lutherans, the Episcopal Church, the True Life Center (which is a FourSquare Church), the Red Hill Baptist Church, the Westview Christian Center, and a member of the BaHa’i faith. The auxiliary group meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Public Library at 10:30 am in the west conference room. If you would like to get involved please come and join in.

CAIFA usually sponsors service

projects or activities at least three times a year. The Spring event has traditionally been a service project. It usually includes a luncheon and a speaker. One ongoing project has been Martha’s Basket where blankets and baby pajamas are provided to the hospital to be distributed to mothers in need. Another project has been making pajamas and clothing bags for the police to give to rape victims. They have also made blankets for refugees. Both Youth Futures, a local youth shelter, and the Canyon Creek Crisis Center have been beneficiaries of the group. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring service project temporarily morphed into a drive-by donation collection where contribu-

tors were also treated to homemade cookies.

Other projects include supporting the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May and their summer project in July has traditionally been a patriotic program for community members held at the Catholic church, followed by an ice cream social. At one memorable Fall Social, the group invited Utah Governor Spencer Cox to

speak on how we can each contribute to our community. The Presbyterian Praise Choir also sang. The Winter project has been providing homemade cookies at the community Messiah concerts.

The CAIFA Vision Statement is: “As an alliance, our existence can make a statement to our community and the world, especially in these difficult times. We church leaders and members want to work together to get to know one another, and express not only our mutual support and trust, but our commitment to our common community.”

“At one memorable Fall Social, the group invited Utah Governor Spencer Cox to speak on how we can each contribute to our community.”

Fortifying the warfare within

This week I’m taking a detour from our weekly maintenance automotive analogies to share some thoughts about the war between Israel and Hamas. I’m sure by now you have heard of it and even been affected emotionally, physically and spiritually by it. And no matter what has happened between my writing this and your reading this, warfare is always scary and it’s never fair. And whether it’s next door or in another country, war will eventually affect all of us all, even here in our somewhat sheltered Iron Counties.

changes behavior, but it cannot change desire. Only His light and love can bring about a mighty change in their hearts.

I pray that no matter how bleak and weak, He will strengthen and comfort your mind and heart. I pray you will also have the courage to keep letting your light so shine in this darkness (Matthew 5:14-16) to encourage and comfort others. Pray for our and their leaders, to not act or react in the spirit of fear; but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). I pray that you will also receive comfort from

(Matthew 24:6) when he wrote, “And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”

No matter what is happening in Israel,

or Iron County, I pray that you do not give in to despair thinking/ believing that you cannot endure and there’s nothing you can do to help. Do not lose hope and be of good courage (Joshua 1:9). Courageously continue taking up your cross (Matthew 16:24-26), keep following the commandments and covenants of Christ and living the best life you can. Remember who and Whose you are. This is not the end.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

MATTHEW 24:12-15

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place...”

The adversary uses warfare as a weapon to create fear and despair. Fear confuses, paralyzes his foes. This is why we must not only stand in holy places but create them within our hearts and homes.



Some of the questions we may ask ourselves, besides those we ponder during our personal trials and tragedies closer to home, are “How are we going to endure this?” Or, “How are we going to respond/help?” And maybe we’re wondering (or hoping) “Is this the end?”

There are also those who have studied and believe that waging war with “God’s chosen people” (Deuteronomy 7:6) is potentially a significant sign of the times, as in—the (very) nearing of Christ’s return. This kind of revelation can cause confusing chaos, aching anxiety and paralyzing fear in our personal lives. Perhaps this is the fear that (Luke 21:26) was referring to when he said that men’s (women’s, children’s) hearts shall fail in the last days?

Today, if this war, or another kind of war in your life is causing your heart to fail, I want to encourage you to not give up, but look up—look to God and live. This current war, those before and those yet to come, have not taken God by surprise. He is doing all He can to bring peace to both sides. He will not force peace upon them. Compelling temporarily

Mason runs wild, Desert Hills rout Reds

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

As has been the case for most of the 2023 season, Desert Hills running back Tytan Mason knows the way to the end zone more often than not. The Cedar Reds got to see Mason's prowess up close in the regular-season finale Oct. 11.

Mason ran for 270 yards and four touchdowns, including a key 64-yard score in the third quarter, as the Thunder pulled away to a 42-19 victory over the Reds. Desert Hills finished 5-4 overall and 4-2 in Region 9, while Cedar fell to 3-6 and 2-4.

The Thunder led 14-6 at the half on the strength of Mason's first two scores, but the game took a turn toward the visitors in the space of 38 seconds in the third quarter. After a 63-yard touchdown

pass from Garrett Grondel to Jayvien Cummings with 7:43 left, Tredyn Elliott returned the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for a Cedar score. Mason would strike on the first play with his big run, and Desert Hills had a 28-13 lead with 7:05 to play in the third quarter.

"It's a game of momentum," Cedar head coach Josh Bennett said. "I felt like we didn't tackle well defensively and the fundamental-type stuff. We gave up big plays, and we have to get better."

Cedar was able to close the gap later in the third quarter when Everett Kelling threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to J.T. Jeter, but Desert Hills took control in the fourth with two touchdowns. Grondel connected with Cummings on a 9-yard score early in the period, and Mason finished off the win on a 17-yard TD with 4:13 to play.

Mason had his second four-touchdown game and improved his total to 18 for the season.

Kelling added a second touchdown to Jeter that covered 38 yards and put the Reds on the board midway through the second quarter, but the conversion attempt bounced off the upright. It was



Cedar's Jake Storie shows his elusive speed in escaping the Thunder defense.



Desert Hills

42



Cedar

19

Desert Hills	7	7	14	14	-	42
Cedar	0	6	13	0	-	19

- Q1** - DH - Mason 7 run (Porter kick), 4:25
Q2 - C - Jeter 38 pass from Kelling (kick failed), 6:25
DH - Mason 7 run (Porter kick), 3:01
Q3 - DH - Cummings 63 pass from Grondel (Porter kick), 7:43
C - Elliott 95 kickoff return (Bell kick), 7:27
DH - Mason 64 run (Porter kick), 7:05
C - Jeter 6 pass from Kelling (pass failed), 3:13
Q4 - DH - Cummings 9 pass from Grondel (Porter kick), 9:45
DH - Mason 17 run (Porter kick), 4:13

Trio of hat tricks carry Falcons to quarterfinals

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

If there were any nerves from the Canyon View girls soccer players in their 3A playoff opener Oct. 11, it may have been from the larger volume of friends and supporters who lined the grass to watch the game. In the end, Bethanee Vargas led her teammates in the charge with a convincing victory and a slice of school history.

Vargas, Erin Hallows and Hadlee Farrow scored three goals apiece, and the trio of hat tricks helped the Falcons to a 9-0 rout over the visiting South Summit Wildcats. CV scored seven times in the first half and added two more in the second before the game ended in the 50th minute with the mercy rule. The Falcons matched the school record for most wins in a season and advanced to play Judge Memorial, an 8-0 winner over Region 12 rival Richfield, in the quarterfinals.

"Any win right now will give us confidence for whoever we play Saturday," CV head coach Steve Newman said. "It was fun having the crowd here, and I was more worried the girls were going to be nervous with that many people watching. Having a game where we match up well and the girls are able to play with confidence while people are watching will help us be comfortable."

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CV's Emery Miles battles the South Summit Wildcats goalie.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

Canyon View closes big, takes down Dinos

Canyon View

56

Carbon

7

Cyn. View	28	21	7	0	- 56
Carbon	7	0	0	0	- 7

Q1 - C - Falk 9 run (Brady kick), 10:10
 CV - Ludlow 65 pass from Jensen (Petty kick), 10:04
 CV - Rushton 5 run (Petty kick), 6:50
 CV - Slack 19 pass from Jensen (Petty kick), 3:35
 CV - Ludlow 75 punt return (Petty kick), :32
Q2 - CV - Ludlow 3 pass from Jensen (Petty kick), 9:37
 CV - Buhler 29 pass from Jensen (Petty kick), 5:55
 CV - Irons 6 run (Petty kick), 3:02
Q3 - CV - Rushton 23 run (Petty kick), :50

Parowan

28

North Summit

14

N. Summit	0	7	0	7	- 14
Parowan	14	0	7	7	- 28

Q1 - P - Church 15 run (Bettridge kick)
 P - Bettridge 15 pass from Church (Bettridge kick)
Q2 - NS - 6-yard run (kick good), 5:03
Q3 - P - Church 15 run (Bettridge kick), 3:04
Q4 - NS - Hammond 18 blocked kick return (kick good), 7:49
 P - Church 12 run (Bettridge kick), 1:56

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Jaxon Jensen threw four first-half touchdown passes, and the Canyon View Falcons closed the regular season on a high note with a 56-7 road rout over the Carbon Dinos on Oct. 12. CV finished 8-2 overall, 3-2 in 3A South, and Carbon fell to 1-9, 0-5.

After giving up a touchdown on the game's opening drive, the Falcons answered moments later and took full control when Jensen hit Bubba Ludlow on a 65-yard score. Ludlow added a 75-yard punt return near the end of the first quarter as CV took a 28-7 lead and started the second-quarter onslaught with a 3-yard TD

catch. The Falcons led 49-7 at the half and secured a running clock over the final 24 minutes.

Asher Slack (19 yards) and Traie Buhler (29 yards) caught the other scoring passes from Jensen, and Lincoln Rushton added two touchdown runs for Canyon View in the win.

The Falcons ended up as the No. 4 seed and will have a bye to start the 3A football playoffs. CV's first playoff game will be at home Oct. 27 against the Grantsville-Carbon winner starting at 6 p.m.

Also in Iron County, Brennan Church was the story on offense with three touchdown runs and a touchdown pass as the Parowan Rams broke a 15-game losing streak with a 28-14 win over the

North Summit Braves on Oct. 13 at Alma Richards Stadium.

Church got the scoring started with a 15-yard run, and the Rams (1-9) were able to extend the lead to 14-0 after the first quarter when Church hit Hunter Bettridge on a 15-yard score.

The Braves (1-9) cut the Rams' lead to 21-14 early in the fourth quarter when Brayden Hammond returned a blocked kick 18 yards for a touchdown, but Church helped Parowan secure the win on a 12-yard run with 1:56 remaining.

The Rams are seeded 9th in the final 1A RPI and will open the playoffs on the road Friday at Gunnison for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

Reds soccer falls to Miners in 4A playoffs

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Rylan Tebbs scored a goal for the second straight game, but it wouldn't be enough for the Cedar Reds as they fell 3-1 to the Park City Miners on Oct. 10 in the quarterfinals of the 4A state playoffs. Tebbs' goal came in the second half, but the No. 3-seeded Miners (15-2) got a pair of goals in the first half to build a 2-0 lead.

Sophia Thimm, Hailey Olson and Abby Blanton scored for Park City in the victory.

Cedar was seeded No. 19 in the 4A playoffs and finished with an 8-10 overall record.

In the 2A playoffs, the Parowan Rams scored three goals in the second half and rallied to beat the Grand Red Devils, 4-2 on Oct. 14 in the quarterfinal game played at Valentine Park. The game was tied at 1-1 at the half before the Rams were able to surge to the win and improve to 13-2 overall. Brentlee Mineer scored twice for Parowan and got help from Bella Robinson and Deanna Gale, who scored one goal apiece. The top-seeded Rams will face St. Joseph, a 5-0 winner over Millard, in a semifinal game Thursday at Zions Bank Stadium. Mia McKay scored both goals for Grand (5-6) in the loss.



DAVE MINEER SR.

Parowan's Brentlee Mineer scores a couple of goals during the Rams' playoff victory.

PREP SCOREBOARD

SCORES

Region 9 Football

10/11 Desert Hills 42, Cedar 19
Crimson Cliffs 56, Dixie 14
Snow Canyon 27, Pine View 10
Hurricane 34,
Lincoln County (NV) 20

3A South Football

10/11 Richfield 48, North Sanpete 14
10/12 Canyon View 56, Carbon 7
10/13 Manti 35, Juab 17

1A South Football

10/13 Parowan 28, North Sevier 14
Beaver 21, Enterprise 14
Kanab 28, Milford 21

Region 9 Girls Soccer

10/10 4A PLAYOFFS, SECOND ROUND
Park City 3, Cedar 1
Green Canyon 3, Provo 0
Crimson Cliffs 3, Mtn Crest 2, 2 OT
Ridgeline 3, Logan 1
Timpanogos 4, Uintah 0
Snow Canyon 2, Desert Hills 0
Mountain View 5, Murray 0
Stansbury 1, Sky View 0
10/12 4A PLAYOFFS, QUARTERFINALS
Green Cyn. 2, Crimson Cliffs 0
Park City 2, Snow Canyon 1
Stansbury 2, Mountain View 0
Ridgeline 2, Timpanogos 1, 2 OT

Region 12 Girls Soccer

10/11 3A PLAYOFFS, SECOND ROUND
Cyn. View 9, South Summit 0
Ogden 7, Providence Hall 0
Judge Memorial 8, Richfield 0
Morgan 8, North Sanpete 0
Delta 4, Juab 0
Carbon 2, Ben Lomond 1
Manti 6, Grantsville 1
Juan Diego 8, Union 1
10/14 3A PLAYOFFS, QUARTERFINALS
Cyn. View 1, Judge Memorial 0
Ogden 8, Carbon 0
Juan Diego 3, Manti 2, 2 OT
Morgan 7, Delta 0

Region 18 Girls Soccer

10/11 2A PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND
Grand 2, Draper APA 1
Millard 8, Am. Leadership 0
St. Joseph 14, South Sevier 0
Waterford 8, San Juan 0
Am. Heritage 8, Beaver 2
Rowland Hall 8,
APA West Valley 0
Maeser Prep 6, N. Summit 0
10/14 2A PLAYOFFS, QUARTERFINALS
Parowan 4, Grand 2
St. Joseph 5, Millard 0
Waterford 6, Am. Heritage 1
Rowland Hall 5, Maeser Prep 1

Region 9 Volleyball

10/10 Cedar 3, Snow Canyon 0
Crimson Cliffs 3, Dixie 1
Hurricane 3, Desert Hills 2

Region 12 Volleyball

10/10 Emery 3, Canyon View 0
Manti 3, Carbon 1
North Sanpete 3, Juab 0
Richfield 3, Delta 2

Region 18 Volleyball

10/10 Parowan 3, South Sevier 0
Parowan 3, Water Canyon 0
Kanab 3, Enterprise 0
Millard 3, Water Canyon 0

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Region 9 Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (2)	6-0	9-1
Snow Canyon (7)	4-2	7-3
Desert Hills (10)	4-2	5-4
Dixie (13)	4-2	4-6
Cedar (15)	2-4	3-6
Pine View (18)	1-5	3-6
Hurricane (23)	0-6	2-8

3A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (1)	5-0	10-0
Manti (2)	4-1	8-2
Canyon View (4)	3-2	8-2
Juab (7)	2-3	5-5
N. Sanpete (10)	1-4	2-8
Carbon (12)	0-5	1-9

1A South Football

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver (1)	4-0	9-1
Enterprise (3)	3-1	9-1
Kanab (4)	2-2	6-4
Milford (7)	1-3	4-6
Parowan (9)	0-4	1-9

Region 9 Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (6)	10-2	13-5
Crimson Cliffs (8)	10-2	13-5
Snow Canyon (11)	9-3	13-6
Cedar (19)	5-7	8-10
Dixie (20)	5-7	5-11
Hurricane (24)	2-10	4-12
Pine View (26)	1-11	1-14

Region 12 Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (1)	13-1	17-2
Manti (3)	11-3	14-4
Carbon (7)	10-4	11-6
Delta (5)	9-5	11-7
Richfield (9)	6-8	8-9
Juab (12)	5-9	5-12
N. Sanpete (13)	3-11	5-12
Emery (17)	0-14	0-17

Region 18 Girls Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Parowan (1)	10-0	13-2
Millard (4)	8-2	10-5
Grand (8)	5-5	5-6
Beaver (10)	5-5	6-9
S. Sevier (12)	1-8	4-11
San Juan (15)	0-9	0-11

Region 9 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (4)	10-1	20-10
Cedar (8)	10-1	17-9
Hurricane (6)	8-3	21-7
Snow Canyon (11)	6-5	16-8
Crimson Cliffs (19)	4-8	9-19
Dixie (18)	1-10	9-16
Pine View (25)	0-11	0-24

Region 12 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Emery (1)	9-3	23-4
Carbon (2)	9-3	18-5
Manti (5)	9-3	17-9
Canyon View (3)	7-5	14-7
Delta (8)	5-7	12-14
North Sanpete (9)	5-7	12-15
Richfield (11)	4-8	11-14
Juab (14)	0-12	7-16

Region 18 Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Parowan (1)	11-0	24-0
Kanab (2)	10-1	21-5
Enterprise (13)	6-5	13-15
Millard (7)	5-6	12-9
S. Sevier (11)	5-6	13-15
Beaver (18)	2-9	9-10
Water Canyon (23)	0-11	2-11

SCHEDULE

Region 9 Football

10/20 4A PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND
Pine View at Cedar
Hurricane at Desert Hills
Logan at Dixie
Bear River at Spanish Fork
Uintah at Salem Hills
Tooele at Mountain Crest
Mountain View at Payson
Jordan at Stansbury

3A South Football

10/20 3A PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND
Carbon at Grantsville
Union at Ben Lomond
North Sanpete at Juab
Juan Diego at Ogden

1A South Football

10/20 1A PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND
Parowan at Gunnison
North Sevier at Milford

Region 9 Girls Soccer

10/16 4A PLAYOFFS, SEMIFINALS
at Zions Bank Stadium
Green Canyon vs. Ridgeline
Park City vs. Stansbury
10/20 4A playoffs, championship
At America First Field
Teams TBD

Region 12 Girls Soccer

10/19 3A PLAYOFFS, SEMIFINALS
At Zions Bank Stadium
Canyon View vs. Morgan
Juan Diego vs. Ogden
10/21 3A PLAYOFFS, CHAMPIONSHIP
At America First Field
Teams TBD

Region 18 Girls Soccer

10/19 2A PLAYOFFS, SEMIFINALS
At Zions Bank Stadium
Parowan vs. St. Joseph
Waterford vs. Rowland Hall
10/21 2A PLAYOFFS, CHAMPIONSHIP
At America First Field
Teams TBD

Herbst surges to first XFINITY win in hometown

by Tom Zulewski

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LAS VEGAS — With one dominating performance, the weight of all the past disappointments was lifted for Riley Herbst. Racing in front of more than 60 friends and family at his hometown track, he put pedal to the metal and made his first career win memorable for everyone.

Herbst led 103 of the final 111 laps and cruised to the win at the XFINITY Alcoso Uniforms 302 on Oct. 14 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in the first race of the Round of 8. The Las Vegas native won by nearly 15 seconds ahead

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Riley Herbst

“I’m so pumped for Riley. They’ve had a rough year and to win at his home track is pretty awesome for his first,” said Custer, who moved up to fourth in points heading to next week’s race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. “When I was around him, I was like ‘I got nothing for him.’ They were really fast.

“I think we could have made our car a little better if we had another (pit) stop, but they hit (the setup) really good.”

In addition to being Herbst’s first win, it was the 100th win across NASCAR for Stewart-Haas Racing. Herbst couldn’t find words to figure out what made his effort stand out.

“All year, we’ve shown brilliance of speed, but we messed up on pit road, overstepped boundaries, hit the fence, or wrecked. Today, none of that happened,” he said. “I came here last year, finished 15th. Came here today and didn’t drive any differently. Everything has to go right, you have to believe in yourself and be confident.”

Even as the laps clicked off and Herbst’s lead continued to grow, he didn’t get excited.

“I wasn’t too nervous because I knew I was racing to the best of my capability,” Herbst said. “Once we passed the 00 on the final lap of Stage 2, I knew we had a shot at it. It was a matter of everything going well and executing correctly. That’s what we did.”

After Custer, Chandler Smith, Sam Mayer, Justin Allgaier and Austin Hill were the playoff drivers next in the final finishing order. Brandon Jones, Daniel Hemric and Layne Riggs completed the top 10.

The race had five cautions — three for on-track incidents — for 26 laps. The winning average speed was 130.598 mph, and there were 11 lead changes among six drivers.



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Riley Herbst takes the checkered flag to win the NASCAR Xfinity Series Alcoso Uniforms 302 on Oct. 14 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

of points leader John Hunter Nemechek and Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Cole Custer.

As he sat down for his post-race interview with the media, all the frustration was released in celebration of the moment.

“We just beat everybody in the playoffs,” Herbst said. “They’re trying to get to Phoenix with their best stuff, and we whopped all of them. Everybody said I can’t do it, won’t win, not good enough,

and I flat out just beat them. It’s a huge weight off my shoulders.”

Custer, who started on the outside of the front row with pole-winner Josh Berry, led the last 11 laps and rolled to the win in Stage 1 ahead of Chandler and Sammy Smith. Herbst denied Custer a second stage win when he came through with a late pass on the final lap and blew everyone’s doors off to win Stage 3 going away.

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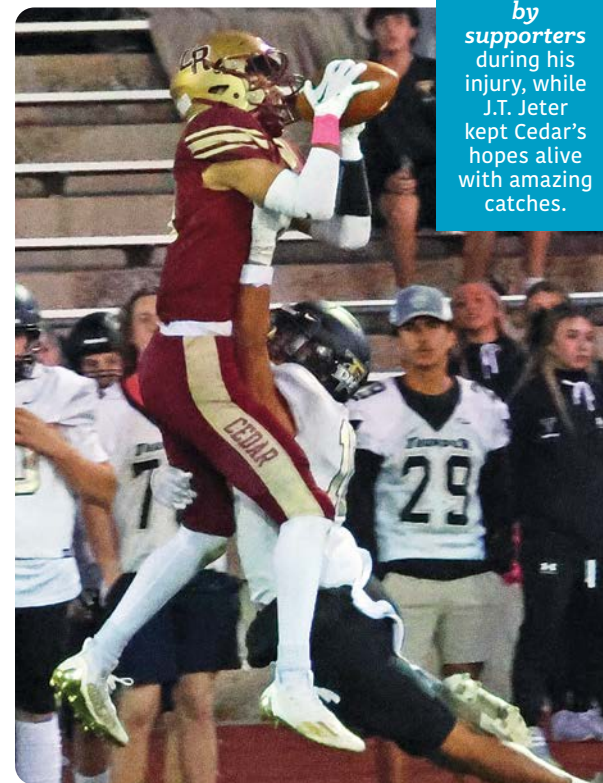
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the first play after the Thunder were forced to punt from their own end zone.

Cedar lost senior running back Devin Crenshaw to a reported ankle injury when he was tackled on a short run early in the second quarter. The game was delayed for nearly 30 minutes as hushed teammates looked on, and Crenshaw was taken by



Cedar’s Devin Crenshaw is surrounded by supporters during his injury, while J.T. Jeter kept Cedar’s hopes alive with amazing catches.



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ambulance to Cedar City Hospital.

The Reds finished as the 15th seed and will open the 4A playoffs at home against Pine View on Friday with kickoff set for 6 p.m. Cedar beat the Panthers, 28-15 on Sept. 22, and both teams finished the regular season at 3-6 overall.

Larson sweeps stages, victorious at Vegas

by Tom Zulewski

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LAS VEGAS — With a spot in the Championship 4 out there for the taking, Kyle Larson knew the drill. Get a win, kick the door down, secure that chance. It was far from easy, but the Hendrick Motorsports driver had just enough left at the end to finish the job.

Larson led 133 laps, but had to hold off a hard-charging Christopher Bell at the finish to win the South Point 400 on Oct. 15 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Looking for his fourth win of the season, Larson swapped the lead with Bell a combined 12 times on the day.

“We struggled with our balance early, but got our balance in a better spot,” Larson said of his run in the No. 5 Hendrickcars.com Chevrolet. “It wasn’t quite perfect, but a late caution helped us win the first two stages and they fell at the right times to help us win the race.”

Bell took the lead at lap 69 after taking two right-side tires on a pit stop after an incident involving Erik Jones, but Larson put on four tires and had the lead three laps later before earning the stage win. Before the end



Kyle Larson places the winner sticker on his car in Victory Lane after winning the South Point 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Oct. 15.

CHRIS GRAYTHEN, GETTY IMAGES

of Stage 2, Bell led again when another caution came out for a problem with the 48 of William Byron at lap 146, but Larson reclaimed the lead 10 laps later and completed the stage win.

Larson would go on to lead 53 of the final 54 laps to finish off the win and earn a shot at his second NASCAR Cup crown in three seasons, edging out Bell by .082 seconds after the final

pit stop of the race helped him widen the lead.

“Our pit crew did a great job on the final stop to help get control of the race,” Larson said. “I knew (Bell) would be coming at the end, but we had enough time to hold him off.”

Bell had qualified on the pole and led 61 laps on the day, but Larson proved to have too much momentum

at the end.

“That was our chance to make Phoenix this year, and it slipped away from us,” said a disappointed Bell. “We’ve still got two more races to get ourselves in position, so I feel good about that, but to be that close really stinks.”

Non-playoff drivers completed the top five — Kyle Busch, Brad Keselowski (who led 38 laps), and Ross Chastain. Ryan Blaney finished sixth, but he was disqualified after post-race inspection revealed a shock absorber that was “not of proper length” according to the NASCAR rule book.

With Larson’s victory locking him in at Phoenix, teammate William Byron was moved up to sixth and has the points lead. Playoff drivers Tyler Reddick, Martin Truex Jr., Denny Hamlin and Chris Buescher completed the top 10. Hamlin and Truex Jr. would also transfer on points with two races left. Bell is the first driver on the outside in fifth, trailing Truex Jr. by two points heading to next week’s race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The race had seven cautions for 36 laps and there were 20 lead changes among seven drivers. The winning average speed was 135.635 mph.

CV SOCCER

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Vargas got the scoring started in the sixth minute, and the lead reached 3-0 by the 23rd minute of the opening half. The Falcons would add four more goals in a six-minute stretch to build the margin to 7-0. Two more goals were added less than a minute apart in the second half, and the referee’s whistle blew when 50 minutes were played to finish off the victory early.

In their quarterfinal matchup, Farrow scored the game’s only goal in the first half, and the Falcons made sure it held up for a 1-0 victory over Judge Memorial at home Oct. 14. The win improved CV to 17-2 overall and set a new record for most wins in a season in school history.

“The girls played well today. They definitely held the home field advantage,” Newman said. “If we play them 10 times, we’ll win six and they’ll win four. Judge is a good team.”

Despite losing Vargas to injury in the first half, Canyon View earned its second trip to the 3A semifinals in the last three seasons, where they’ll face the Morgan Trojans on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Zions Bank Stadium. Morgan beat Delta, 7-0, in another quarterfinal game.



Maya Nichols (L) and Kelli Anderson (R) made skillful plays during both Falcons playoff wins last week.



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You never forget your first win

As the laps wound down in Saturday's XFINITY race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, you couldn't help but wonder if something would come out of a turn and deny Riley Herbst a win. After coming so close so many times, the gremlins, the struggle and the self-doubt were always lurking over Herbst's shoulder. Thanks to one glorious run over the closing laps, the Las Vegas native took a bulldozer to the demons and claimed his breakthrough winning moment in spectacular fashion.

With 60 of his friends, family and supporters cheering him on, Herbst earned his first career win in the NASCAR XFINITY Series in his 139th career start. It was so dominating, the final margin was nearly 15 seconds – almost a full half-lap ahead of John Hunter Nemechek.

Herbst was so good, only 10 drivers could complete all 201 laps of the ALSCO Uniforms 302. Making the achievement even more memorable, Herbst qualified 8th, but had to start from the rear of the field after making unapproved adjustments. It's clear the penalty didn't hurt. Herbst caught teammate Cole Custer on the final lap of Stage 2 and blew everyone's doors off over the final 111 laps. He had every right to be emotional as he celebrated.

"I was only concerned about a caution. I didn't want anything funny to happen," Herbst said in his post-race media interview. "I knew I couldn't control other people's race cars or debris, I just had to focus on hitting my marks

"That's in the history books, and I'm so grateful for everyone in that organization. Through all the ups and downs, they've stood behind me."

Riley Herbst

and being consistent."

This just in...it's legitimately hard to keep your focus while driving with 37 fellow competitors at more than 180 mph. Herbst's advantage grew so large, fans who weren't invested in the race were likely to find it boring. Don't tell that to Herbst. He has the support system in place that made a big-time impact and he knew he was doing his absolute best.

It paid off handsomely for his race team and his owner, Stewart-Haas Racing. Herbst let everyone know how proud he was of the achievement.

"Stewart-Haas Racing – 100th win. Riley Herbst. You never thought that would happen, huh?" he said. "That's in the history books, and I'm so grateful for everyone in that organization. Through all the ups and downs, they've stood behind me."

It may not be the perfect formula for

success, but it was more than good enough for a 24-year-old NASCAR driver to make a little history in his own backyard.

With the pairings locked in for the 4A football state playoffs, the expanded field made things interesting. On the down side, Friday's first round features two pairings with Region 9 teams – Desert Hills will host Hurricane and Cedar faces Pine View. The losers will see their seasons end early.

On the upside, at least one of the teams will be getting to the semifinals, which are being played at Rice-Eccles Stadium. Crimson Cliffs and Snow Canyon are idle until next week, but they're paired on one side of the bracket as a potential quarterfinal matchup.

The Thunder have won the only two state titles for Southern Utah in the last eight years (2016, 2022), and the challenge is even greater with the realignment in place through 2024-25.

It's time to embrace the chaos for all parties involved – teams, fans and media alike.

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RANDOM thoughts

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TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

More general madness from the week highlights the dirty dozen. We go all over the place with pride and hope you've been paying attention to sports stuff everywhere you look. Please remember...no wagering!

1. Mario Cristobal was widely criticized when his team didn't take a knee and ended up losing 23-20 to Georgia Tech on Oct. 7. What ACC team has Cristobal as its head coach?
2. With the fighting in Israel ongoing, two prominent players had family caught in the middle. One is Baltimore Orioles pitcher Dean Kremer and the other was what Detroit Lions linebacker, who had parents there on a church mission that have since returned home safely?
3. Bryce Harper wouldn't admit it openly, but he got an added motivational jolt by hitting two home runs in Game 3 of the NLDS. What Atlanta Braves shortstop was overheard laughing at Harper with teammates present after Harper was doubled off for the final out of Game 2?
4. What former No. 1 NFL pick and 2017 Heisman Trophy winner may have finally found a home with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who are off to a 3-1 start?
5. The Los Angeles Dodgers have won at least 100 regular-season games in each of the last three seasons, but it hasn't translated to postseason success. How many playoff games in a row have the Dodgers lost after the Arizona Diamondbacks swept them in the NLDS on Oct. 11?
6. Weber State alum Damian Lillard went from the Portland Trailblazers to which Eastern Conference team via trade during the NBA offseason?
7. Colorado head coach Deion Sanders lamented last week over the late-night kickoffs on the Buffaloes schedule, calling them the "dumbest thing ever" and "stupidest thing invented in life." Who was on the CU schedule for its game Oct. 13 that was scheduled to start at 8 p.m.?

8. What rhyming two-word term originated with the Philadelphia Eagles and became a new approach to use a quarterback sneak in a short-yardage situation?
9. The Houston-Texas matchup in the ALCS is the first playoff series to be played between the teams, but it's not an uncommon occurrence. Played in 2000, what was the last World Series that involved in-state rivals?
10. The PGA Tour played its FedEx Fall event last week, the Shriners Children's Open, at TPC Summerlin. What PGA legend earned the first of his 82 Tour wins on that course in 1996?
11. Denver Nuggets head coach Mike Malone lost his father, NBA coaching great Brendan Malone, who died Oct. 10 at age 81. The elder Malone served as an assistant for what NBA team dubbed the Bad Boys that won back-to-back titles in 1989 and 1990?
12. What NFL legend has joined the Birmingham club – in the second tier of English football – as a minority owner and chairman of the advisory board with every intention to see the club's promotion to the Premier League?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

1. Texas Rangers, Arizona Diamondbacks
2. Los Angeles Dodgers. The Dodgers had the run of scoreless playoff baseball from 1966 to 1974.
3. Mike Malone, who coaches the defending champion Denver Nuggets.
4. Joey Logano
5. Breece Hall and Robert Salah. Hall had a 72-yard touchdown run in the Jets' 31-21 win over the Broncos.
6. San Diego Padres.
7. Golden State Warriors.
8. Morgan State.
9. Joel Embiid.
10. Seattle Kraken. The Knights won, 4-1.
11. Corey Seager of the Texas Rangers (second at .327) and Ronald Acuna of the Atlanta Braves (also second at .337). Freddie Freeman of the Dodgers was third at .331 and Mookie Betts was tied for fourth at .307.
12. Kentucky.

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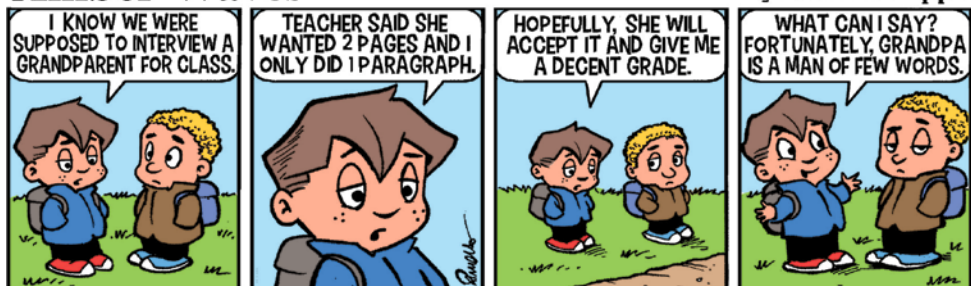
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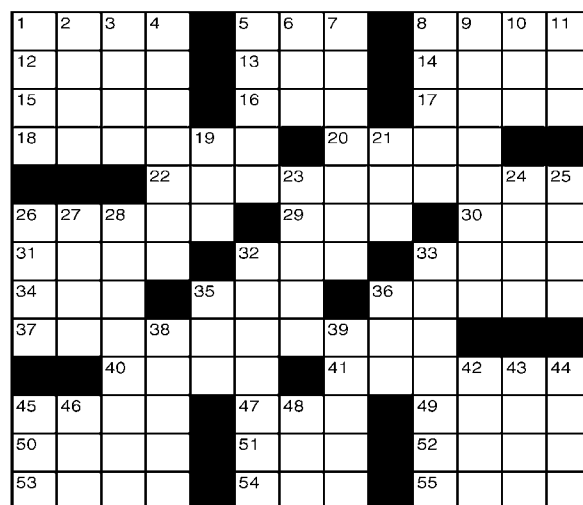
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- 5 A deadly sin
- 6 Long time
- 7 Slaloms

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Girl Scouts, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912?
2. MOVIES: Which 1990s movie features a character named Jack Dawson?
3. ART: Who painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling?
4. ASTRONOMY: Which U.S. astronaut wrote his daughter's initials on the moon?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?
6. HISTORY: In which year was Korea divided into two occupation zones that would become North and South Korea?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents were elected in the 1950s?
8. Which 20th-century novel features a character named Holden Caulfield?
9. TELEVISION: Queen Latifah stars in which 1990s TV sitcom?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest species of shark?

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Answers

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1. Georgia.; 2. "Titanic"; 3. Michelangelo.; 4. Gene Cernan.; 5. "Living Single"; 6. 1945.; 7. One — Dwight Eisenhower.; 8. "The Catcher in the Rye"; 9. "Living Single"; 10. The whale shark

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