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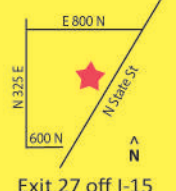


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STORY IN NEWS

Resolution of Bull-Related Incident and Altercation Without Charges

from Lt. Dave Mitchell

IRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Iron County Sheriff's Office responded to Old Iron Town on July 8, 2024, on a report involving an incident with a bull and a physical altercation between two men. Deputies found that a man had been gored by the bull, and an altercation had taken place between two other men.

Upon the arrival of Gold Cross Ambulance personnel, life-flight services were initially requested for the injured individual. However, after assessing the victim's condition, it was decided that the individual could be transported by ground ambulance. Consequently, Life Flight was no longer needed.

The two men involved in the altercation opted not to press charges. The brand inspector was informed and located the bull's owner. Subsequently, the bull was removed from populated areas. Upon clearing the call, the deputies took no further action.

The Iron County Sheriff's Office extends its gratitude to all emergency responders and individuals involved for their cooperation and quick resolution of the incident. Moving forward, they emphasize the importance of exercising caution around animals and reporting any related incidents to the appropriate authorities.

RCS ROCKET MOTOR COMPONENTS HOSTS GRAND OPENING

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The recent grand opening of RVS Rocks Motor Components new facility in Cedar City brought out plenty of VIP's, including the governor, all of whom expressed optimism and pride in what this endeavor could mean.

"This state-of-the-art facility is to just a building, it represent our relentless pursuit of innovation, our dedication to excellence and our unwavering commitment to shaping the future of hobby and professional rocketry," said RCS founder and president Gary Rosenfield as he and other's prepared to cut the ceremonial ribbon on Thursday.

Approximately 200 people attended the event, including company officials and employees of RCS and its divisions, which include AeroTech and industrial Solid Propulsion, and members of their families. Joining them were a few pioneers in the field of model rocketry, along with civic and



RCS Rocket motor components' new facility in Cedar City Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting. Over 200 people attended the grand opening.

community leaders and member of the public.

Gov. Spencer Cox, in a video-taped message, congratulated the company on its growth and expansion.

As your governor, and on behalf of your fellow Utahns, thank you for the work you are doing with the U.S. military to keep individuals and families safe and help our research enterprises and institutions explore space," Cox said. "I know your work with education, STEM in particular, has inspired thousands of young people and adults to pursue their dreams in science, technology, education, math and manufacturing.

"The career opportunities you provide to people in Iron County are vital to the health and well being of the local economy. So thank you for your work, for your contribution to the state, and your support of your local partners."

The program's featured guest speakers included Lee Piester, founder of Centuri Engineering,

who spoke about the early days of hobby rocketry and the development of composite propellant motors, and Bob Sanford, who designed the highly popular AeroTech initiator model rocket, a giant replica of which stands outside the new RCS facility.

Another guest speaker was Jonathan Freedman, president and CEO of World Trade Center Utah and a consul to Ukraine, who spoke of Cedar City's important role in the aerospace industry.

"Cedar City's always been known as a technology and innovation hub and manufacturing community, from the early days of the iron mine," Freedman said. "Thank you so much for our leadership in showing the very best that comes from Utah."

"When a young rocketeer or student launches one of our composite propellant model rocket motors, they are using the same family of aerospace-grade solid composite propellant as NASA's space shuttle boosters,



Memorabilia and merchandise are on display at the museum and retail shop in the front lobby of RCS Rocket Motor Components' new facility in Cedar City Utah.



RCS Rocket Motor Components founder and president Gary Rosenfield speaks at the ribbon cutting event for the company's new facility in Cedar City Utah.

Iron County Commission Vote to Certify Election, Ballot Issue Sparks Proposed Legislative Change

by **Tracie Sullivan**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Following intense scrutiny and debate over the validity of over 400 late-postmarked mail-in ballots, the Iron County Commission voted 2-1 on Tuesday to certify the 2024 primary election results.

Iron County Commissioner Paul Cozzens expressed reservations during Monday's meeting regarding certifying the election results, citing concerns over the processing of the ballots.

As a result, the commission delayed certification for a day to explore legal flexibility that might allow inclusion of the contested ballots.

Iron County Clerk Jon Whittaker explained during the meeting that he had concerns that the ballots in question may have been mailed by the June 24 deadline but, due to late processing by the United States Postal Service, bore postmarks dated June 25, rendering them ineligible to count.

Whittaker highlighted logistical challenges in the processing of ballots from Southern Utah's 847 area code, routed through Las Vegas before returning to final destinations. This setup, intended to streamline operations, inadvertently caused delays affecting numerous voters.

Emotions ran high as Whittaker underscored the impact on over 400 voters whose ballots were excluded due to postmark technicalities. He passionately defended election integrity, asserting that without clear evidence to support counting the late-postmarked ballots, certifying the results aligned with election law.

Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson advised the commission that while there may have been an issue with the processing, the law is clear that the ballots must be postmarked prior to June 25. His legal advice was

echoed by officials in the Lieutenant Governor's office, who agreed with the interpretation of the law.

"The law is clear," Dotson stated. "Without irrefutable evidence that these ballots were mailed before the deadline, the commission has no choice but to certify this election."

Despite legal advice and alignment from officials in the Lieutenant Governor's office and legislators, Cozzens abstained from certifying the results on Tuesday, citing concerns about potential voter disenfranchisement.

"In matters like these, what is legal isn't always right," Cozzens asserted. "Today, it's more crucial to send a message that elections matter and every vote counts, rather than simply rubber-stamping a flawed process. Therefore, I cannot in good conscience certify this election."

Commissioner Mike Bleak, while voting to certify, voiced frustration with the situation.

"This sucks," Commissioner Mike Bleak said at Tuesday's meeting. "At the end of the day, we're a nation of rules that is governed by the rule of law, and in this particular case, the rule of law is very clear and there is no wiggle room."

Sheriff Ken Carpenter, voting in Commissioner Marilyn Wood's absence, expressed reluctance but emphasized the necessity of certifying the canvass to safeguard the votes of more than 9,000 voters.

"By not certifying this canvass, we put at risk the other 9,000-plus voters and possibly disenfranchise them," Carpenter said. "As much heartache as it gives me to see 400 ballots that I think were legitimately cast, we don't have the hard, fast evidence to support counting them. In order to protect the sanctity of the vote in our county, I believe we have to approve this canvass."

In response, Cozzens challenged

Carpenter's assertion, doubting any judge would invalidate the remaining votes.

"I challenge that a little bit. I don't think any judge in the world would do that. I really don't. I could be wrong, but I don't think that would hold up," Cozzens said.

Later in an interview with Iron County Today, Dotson concurred, suggesting the votes likely wouldn't have been invalidated but said there would have been potential lawsuits from the state or campaigns, necessitating costly litigation.

While the votes will not count, Cozzens requested that the clerk's office send out affidavits to all 415 disqualified voters to give them an opportunity to state when and where they mailed out their ballot and any additional information they feel is important. Those letters will be sent this week.

The controversy surrounding the ballots spurred Rep. Rex Shipp (R-Cedar City) to move for legislative change by opening a bill file aimed at the 2025 legislative session. His proposed bill seeks to mandate in-person voting, restricting mail-in ballots to those requested by voters.

"This bill and similar ones have been proposed before and failed," Shipp remarked. "But I'm hopeful that the issues in Iron County and Washington County during this primary will bring enough attention to election integrity to

finally get it passed."

Meanwhile, at the Utah County canvass, supporters of Republican gubernatorial candidate Phil Lyman sought to delay certification pending resolution of his election-related lawsuits against incumbent Gov. Spencer Cox's campaign.

Despite these efforts, the Utah County Commission unanimously voted to certify the primary election results.

IRON COUNTY FORECAST

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FROM THE EDITOR



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Last weekend, America witnessed the first assassination attempt on a former President and current

Presidential candidate in forty-three years. It's difficult to describe our understanding of such events and process what we've witnessed.

We are lucky to live in a small, tight-knit community where, for the most part, we get along and are able to live harmoniously. However, it has become increasingly clear in recent years that our nation is growing apart and it is touching all of our lives.

Former First Lady, Melania Trump, shared a touching message in the aftermath of President Trump's assassination attempt, in her letter she stated: "...And let us remember that when the time comes to look beyond the left and the right, beyond the red and the blue, we all come from families with the passion to fight for a better life together, while we are here, in this earthly realm."

As we reflect on where we are as a country, let us think about how we can do our part locally to grow closer as a community and find understanding with those around us.

I encourage you to read Tracie Sullivans' article recounting the events that happened last weekend, as well as reading the heroic actions of Corey Comperatore, who lost his life at the rally.

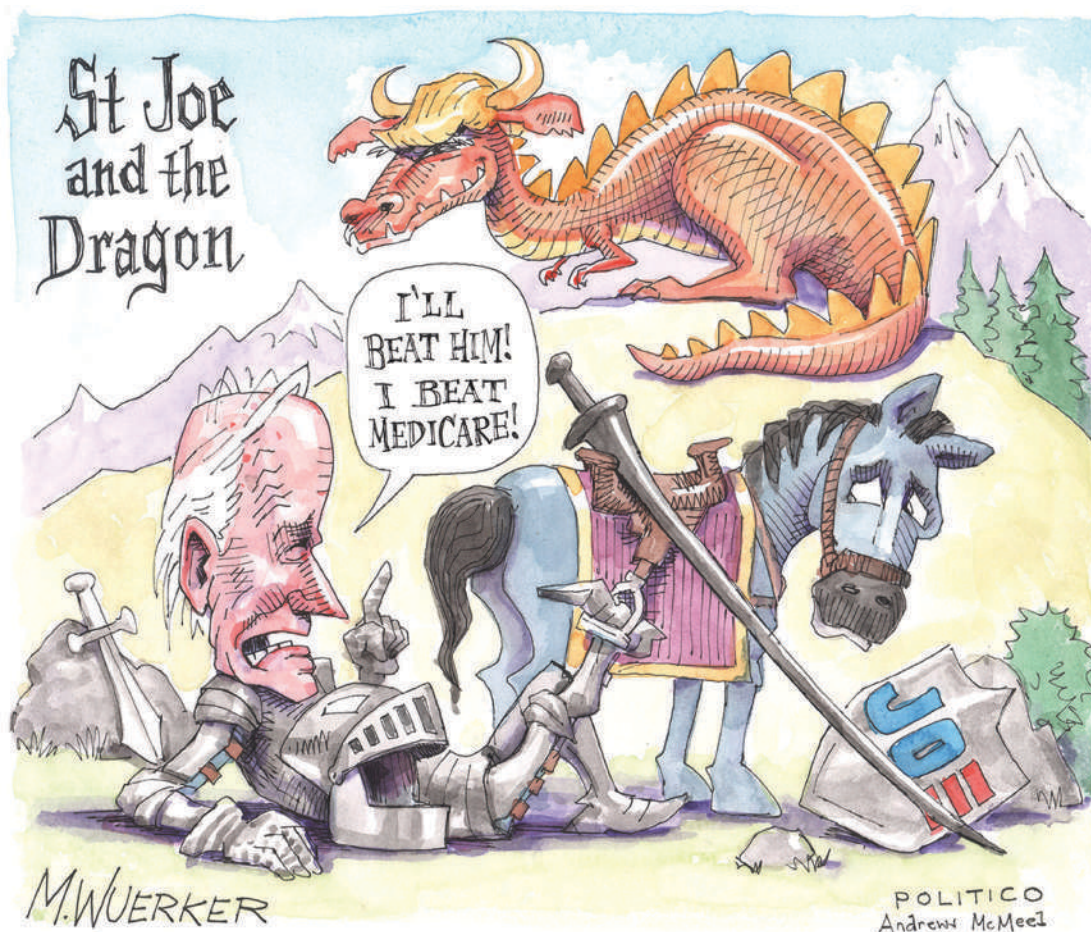
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SERENDIPITY

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noun

the faculty or phenomenon of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Utah's Caucus Convention System

In the State of Utah we have a two tier system of nominating candidates for public office. I think we're all familiar with the systems mentioned. A candidate can collect enough signatures to be placed on the ballot or offer up themselves to public scrutiny to attract representatives to support them at a convention. The latter was the system used for many years prior to The former system being instituted a decade ago. We can look at both systems and evaluate them clinically and effectually and apply the principles used for both.

I'll make a few statements here that I feel might sum up the principle for free and fair elections as envisioned by the founding fathers. I don't believe our founders would look upon paid volunteers collecting signatures as being in the spirit

of their vision of American freedom. Or that signatures could be equal in value to votes cast by representatives elected to do such. I don't think they would look kindly on the amount of money being spent on campaigns already or by the ever increasing amounts it takes for someone to throw their hat in the ring which this system promotes. I believe they would not be impressed by the convenience of the signatures gathering idea for either the candidates or the signees. They had just won a war to be free and autonomous. Convenience was not something that free citizens were concerned with when it came to exercising their right to a government of the people.

I believe they would think that citizens gathering together for one evening every two years to evaluate and decide who would be their representatives would be worth the price of inconvenience. I believe they would feel that grass roots

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We could not refrain from a shout of joy, which almost involuntarily escaped from our lips the moment this grand and lovely scenery was within our view"

- Orson Pratt

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The Big Baby Bust

PART 4

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

New studies predict

that global fertility rates, which have been declining in all countries since 1950, will continue to fall through the end of the century, resulting in a profound demographic shift. The fertility rate is the average number of children born to a woman in her lifetime. Globally that number has gone from 4.84 in 1950 to 2.23 in 2021 and will continue to drop to 1.59 and lower in 2024. This type of drop has never been seen before in human history, which is a large-scale, cross-national, cross-cultural shift towards preferring and having smaller families according to Dr. Jennifer D. Sciubba, a demographer and author of "8 Billion and Counting: How Sex, Death, and Migration Shape our World." Economic factors such as the direct cost of raising children, the perceived risk of death to children, and changing values on gender equality and self-fulfillment are all forces that could be contributing to declining fertility rates.

To maintain stable population numbers, countries need a total fertility rate of 2.1 children per woman, a number called the replacement level. When the fertility rate falls below the replacement number, populations begin to shrink. Utah is the 30th most populous state in the United States with a population of over 3 million with the center of Utah's population located in Utah County in the city of Lehi. Even in Utah, the distribution of live births and the consequences of an aging population and declining workforce may strain existing resources. Utah's rise in population is fueled by an active migration situation where U.S. population is rising and aging as other states such as California are beginning to lose population as retirees move to Utah away from the hustle and bustle and illegal migration which is strongly affecting U.S. border states. Currently, the St. George metropolitan area is the second fastest growing in the country after the Las Vegas metropolitan area. Cedar City in the 2020 census had a population of 62,429, up from 28,857 in the 2010 census. And Iron County is growing too, where in 2022, Iron County's population grew by 3.15%. Attracting and retaining people to live, work, raise a family and retire underlies the economic vitality of any region, challenging people both as producers and consumers in their economy, to stay in their locality. Factors contributing to the attitudes of young people are manifold, including the following: open borders leading to

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the massive importation of illegal and dangerous drugs, the transgender movement aggravated by the herbicide Atrazine owned by a Chinese company, bad economics leading to inflation (where the printing of money outraces the productivity and production of goods), the alienation of parents from children by some school administrators and some teachers, covid confusion and uncertainty, the Supreme Court overthrowing Roe vs. Wade in June 2022 where doctors are saying that a wave of young people started showing up in their offices asking for permanent birth control, like tubal ligations or vasectomies with that trend holding strong in the years since.

It is a difficult time to be young with worldwide cultures facing what seems to be intractable problems that are unlikely to diminish. Please reach out and help children navigate through this miasma of confusion, fear, and uncertainty. Being young is always fraught with some bewilderment. Let's help our youth deal with life with confidence.

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patriotism is the bedrock of freedom and choice. I believe they would

support and appreciate what they fought and sacrificed for, would be important enough to put a little effort and work in for. Signing a sheet of paper that takes 20 seconds then sitting back and waiting for a ballot to show up in the mail a few months later, then taking another 20 seconds to fill out and drop in the mail is not exercising a civic duty. It's exercising gross negligence of the greatest system of government by the people that's ever existed. I call on our legislators and the Governor to eliminate SB54 in its entirety. Freedom isn't free and it is never convenient.

Dixon Tiffany

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“Youth Pioneer Legacy” Celebration returns to Cedar City, July 24

from Justin Osmond

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Cedar City, UT — Merrill Osmond is excited to bring back The Pioneer Legacy & Firework Celebration to southern Utah on Wednesday, July 24. In partnership with Southern Utah University, this year's celebration will be held at their beautiful Eccles Coliseum Stadium. Working with some of our wonderful title sponsors, *Leavitt Group Insurance, Canyon Media, Albertsons, Blvd Home, Southwest Plumbing Supply, Cache Valley Bank, Cedar City, Enoch City, Iron County Tourism, Steam Rollers, Zion State Storage* and many more... we are proud to honor the legacy and heritage of our beloved southern Utah pioneers.

Before the youth musical production begins, there will be a pre-show of great entertainment, a tribute to our military armed forces, a patriotic air show & some fun surprises. There will also be a special presentation in providing a local deaf individual with the gift of hearing. Come and enjoy good, clean, fun entertainment for the whole family!

The Pioneer Legacy & Firework Celebration is based on Merrill's strong belief that today's youth are the hope and future of tomorrow. Wagons, handcars, tepees, local entertainment, special guests, and one of the LARGEST firework displays in the valley will delight all in attendance.

Through song and dance, this year's production features more than 100 youth

and celebrates the journey and sacrifice of the pioneers and their attempt to settle the untamed expanse of southern Utah. Reenactments of Catholic missionary colonizers, Greek and Italian pioneers, Chinese, Jewish, and Mormon settlers, as well as Native Americans will showcase Utah's history.

SAVE the DATE and plan now to enjoy a musical celebration of Utah's rich cultural heritage with your family and friends. This Youth Pioneer Production features original music written by Merrill Osmond, Sam Cardon, Cliff Maag, and Sam Payne. *The Pioneer Legacy & Firework Celebration* is FREE to the public, so come early to get the best seats.

“Come and join us as we celebrate the heroic stories of the Southern Utah Pioneers,” said Merrill Osmond. *“While the Mormon pioneers are a huge part of Utah's history, this production is non-denominational and celebrates all pioneers who made the trek to southern Utah and sacrificed so much for what we enjoy today.”*

Any donations that exceed the cost of the production will benefit the, *“Olive Osmond Hearing Fund”* and further their mission to help give deaf children the gift of better hearing. The Olive Osmond Hearing Fund was established in 2010 by Merrill's son, Justin Osmond. Since its inception, the Foundation has helped more than 3,500 children with hearing loss. www.hearingfund.org

For more information, please visit ThePioneerLegacy.com or call Justin Osmond at 801-718-8437.

Former Cedar City Massage Therapist Sentenced to Prison

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A former Southern Utah massage therapist was sentenced to prison this week after being found guilty on several felony charges related rape.

Tyler Trost Braun, 42, faces a prison sentence of five years for a first-degree felony of object rape. In addition, 5th District Court Judge Matthew Bell handed down two sentences of one to 15 years for two counts of forcible sexual abuse. Each sentence will run consecutive to one another.

The sentence is the maximum

allowed by law for these charges.

Braun was convicted in May following a plea deal that reduced his original 16 charges to three.

Braun was originally charged in October 2023 after allegations surfaced that he had inappropriately touched one of his clients. Subsequently, 10 additional cases were filed in November.

According to court documents, Braun admitted to touching one of the victims' genitals while performing

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AeroTech Initiator model rocket designed by Bob Sanford is on display at the Res Rocket Components new facility in Cedar City, Utah.

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military missiles, sounding rockets, and NASA’s new SLS moon rocket boosters,” Dane Boles said.

One of the new facility’s is the small museum housed in the front lobby, where rockets, memorabilia and informational placards are on display, spanning more than six decades of the history of hobby rocketry.

In his remarks just prior to the ribbon cutting, Rosenfield summarized the company’s achievements: Over the past 42 years, AeroTech and ISP have consistently pushed the boundaries of what is possible, with composite propellant rocket motor technology, from developing cutting edge, single use and reloadable hobby rocket motors, to pioneering advancements in off-the-shelf and specialized technologies for commercial and defense applications. Our journey has been marked by remarkable achievements and groundbreaking innovations. This new building symbolizes the next chapter in that journey, a chapter filled with promise, potential and limitless possibilities.

RCS is located just west of Airport Road at 2053 W. 850 North in Cedar City. The museum, which is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., includes a retail shop that offers rocket kits, supplies, T-shirts, hats and other merchandise.

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Michigan	43.8	42.5	Trump +1.3
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* From RealClearPolitics.com

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a massage on her The admission was made during a recorded conversation arranged by investigators between Braun and the accuser.

“I guess I’m delusional, I think that’s probably why it happened,” Braun said, during the call.

Later in the conversation, Braun blamed the atmosphere created during massages suggesting it can often lead to blurred boundaries.

“It’s really hard to smell someone to be that close to them and like I said it’s like drifting in and out of consciousness sometimes giving a massage there’s chemistry in the room,” he said.

It was during this call that Braun acknowledged the other victims. His actions began in Vermont, where he first received his massage therapy license in 2016. According to the Utah Division of Professional Licensing’s website his Utah license expired on May 31, 2023.

Following the verdict Iron County Prosecuting Attorney Chad Dotson underscored the collaborative effort that led to Braun’s conviction, highlighting the victims’ courage.

“The prosecution of Braun would not have been possible without the strength and courage of the survivors of Braun’s predatory acts,” Dotson said. “Without their voices, Braun would have had continued access to countless other victims. The Iron County Attorney’s Office admires their strength and resiliency.”

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Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

–The Cedar City Council meeting on July 10th began with a council member serving as mayor pro tem in Mayor Green’s absence. Following an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, council members praised the Fourth of July celebrations and firefighters battling wildfires.

During public comments, a citizen raised concerns about zoning changes. The council heard a presentation on a new South Fire Station, a 23,000 square foot facility with fire, police, and public spaces, estimated at \$10 million.

The council discussed creating a cul-de-sac on Park View Street and directed staff to pursue a 50-foot radius option. They reviewed a resolution to issue up to \$14 million in revenue bonds for student housing projects by the Dixie and Levitt Family Foundation.

A proposed zone change and development agreement for a 253-acre property owned by ESP Land Holdings was debated. The developers proposed up to 1,900 units, far exceeding the current plan’s 941 units. After discussion, they tentatively agreed to cap the total units at around 1,411, with one-third designated for higher-density R3 zoning.

Public comments included concerns about increased traffic and adherence to the general plan. The council tabled a decision on amending the Transportation Master Plan near Canyon Ranch Drive. A zone change from R1 to R3M for a property on North 100 East was approved.

They discussed amending the Active Transportation Master Plan near Bentley Boulevard, potentially funded by UDOT. A four-way stop at Cove Drive and Silver Crest Circle was proposed due to poor sight lines despite low traffic.

A variance for relocating a cemetery water vault was discussed for easier maintenance. The council approved bids for a new fire engine, which came in under budget but with a long delivery timeline. They also considered a privacy compliance plan for city facilities, mandating individual-use restrooms in new buildings.

The council deliberated on amending NRCS funding for a creek protection project, deciding to proceed with bidding and reassess costs. Other items included abandoning city rights to an unused irrigation ditch and extending an agreement

for the regional wastewater treatment facility for another 30 years.

Packed House in Parowan for AJM Annexation

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Parowan’s City Hall chamber was overflowing – the council members spent the final minutes before 6 pm moving tables and dusting off extra chairs to allow for extra seating. This reporter attends most Council meetings and I don’t remember EVER seeing so many people in the room!

At a previous City Council meeting, AJM Investment LLC (AJM) petitioned Parowan City for annexation of 204.07 acres into the City. The 204 acres includes a planned subdivision of 166 acres east of town, bordering the Valentine Peak Sports complex on the west, City View Drive on the south and 450 N on the north (see the map). The additional acreage in the proposed annexation has been identified by Iron County as property that may be an “island” or “peninsula” and should be included in the annexation of land to become part of Parowan City.

Alex Meisner, a contractor/developer and owner of AJM began the discussion with a brief biography of his family, his company, and his long-time relationship with Parowan. He was raised in Parowan, went to school in Parowan, married a local girl and raised their family in Cedar City. He went on to describe the property involved in the annexation, showing a map of the proposed residential development and proposed zoning areas as well as the Parowan City Master Transportation Plan Map which depicts proposed future roads.

The question and answer session was lengthy – listen to the full meeting as well as a description of the steps in the annexation process at Parowan’s YouTube channel. Here are some highlights:

If the annexation is approved by Parowan City Council:

- The property (555 proposed lots) will go into Parowan City’s tax base and property taxes will begin being collected by Parowan City. Currently, the land is in the County with a Greenbelt designation with no financial benefit to Parowan.

- The developer has retained water rights to support the subdivision. If annexed, AJM will transfer water rights to Parowan City for water service to the subdivision.
 - AJM will fund, design and construct infrastructure (water, fire hydrants, electricity, sewer, roads, etc.) for the development, tying into and potentially improving Parowan’s systems – then will “hand over” the systems to Parowan City for operation & maintenance. It is likely that a storm water basin, a water tank, and lift station for sewer will be required.
 - As homes are built, impact fees will be paid to Parowan City.
 - Parowan City will provide fire and police service for residents.
- If the annexation is NOT approved:
- Subdivision can proceed with Iron County. Iron County has zoning designations for development up to a R4K designation allowing homes to be built on lots as small as 4000 feet (that’s ten per acre).
 - AJM has water rights and may drill wells to serve residents of the development.
 - AJM will fund, design and construct infrastructure required to support its development.
 - Residents of the development will use Parowan roads, schools, parks, businesses, and other infrastructure as needed.
 - Parowan City will provide fire and police service for residents.
- Other pertinent facts:
- Current Parowan residents will not pay additional taxes to fund the subdivision or the services required.
 - 555 homes will not be built overnight. It is more likely that 50 homes may be built per year.
 - The subdivision will be governed by CC&Rs.
 - Ingress/egress to the subdivision have not yet been determined.
 - Iron County is currently investigating fire safety solutions for rural Iron County communities.
 - Impacts to schools will be determined by Iron County School District.
- Affected entities (owners of real property within the annex-

BUDGET SUMMARY

YEAR	STATE OF UTAH	IRON COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	CEDAR CITY	COUNTY POPULATION	INFLATION RATE
2020	\$18,500,000,000	\$64,397,882	\$97,275,145	\$64,844,920	57,286	1.4
2021	\$20,300,000,000	\$68,529,185	\$111,206,179	\$58,214,907	58,672	7.0
2022	\$25,600,000,000	\$80,413,678	\$116,183,977	\$50,602,850	62,508	6.5
2023	\$26,000,000,000	\$78,255,317	\$172,080,787	\$62,856,543	64,211	3.4
2024	\$29,400,000,000	\$67,789,445	\$200,512,950	\$145,080,951	65,765	3.2
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	1.05%	21.23%	24.75%	2.96%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

ation area) may protest the annexation by August 12, 2024. Protests must be submitted to Parowan City.

The informational meeting left on a high note with Mayor Mollie Halterman thanking citizens for attending to the open house. Future meetings will be held and announced as information becomes available. Parowan City will gather and answer questions electronically and via hard copy. Anyone may submit a question or comment to Parowan's website: <https://www.parowan.org/contact>. Submit letters to Parowan City, PO Box 576, Parowan UT 84761.

Parowan City Council

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Councilmembers John Dean and Sharon Downey were excused. During public comment, resident Kevin McClellan spoke about his frustration with a neighbor of the Eagle Rock subdivision. Mr. McClellan stated that this neighbor has literally been a menace to members of the Eagle Rock Subdivision and has for many years been living illegally on his property and potentially dumping sewage into Parowan Creek. The neighbor harasses people who walk up and down the road. Mr. McClellan stated that he previously made a formal request to Parowan City to do something about this neighbor and still nothing has been done. He asked for Parowan City take an active role in enforcement of its ordinances with regard to this neighbor and treat citizens of the Eagle Rock subdivision as equal members of the Parowan community.

Action Meeting

Mike Bleak named new Parowan Police Officer

Parowan Police Chief Addison Adams announced the recent hiring of long-time law enforcement veteran Mike Bleak, who spent the last few years as an Iron County Commissioner. The Council ratified the selection of Officer Bleak and he was sworn in by City Recorder, Callie Basset. Welcome, Officer Bleak!

Public Defender Contract Awarded

The part-time Parowan Justice Court Public Defender contract was awarded to Christa Nelson. The Council approved this award.

Michael Edwards Recommended to the Board of Adjustments

Mayor Halterman recommended Parowan resident Michael Edwards to the Board of Adjustments. The Council approved this appointment.

Beer Permit Approved for Iron County Fair

The Council approved this permit.

2025 Fee Schedule Update

Dan Jessen, Parowan City Manager, presented proposed

changes to the 2025 City fee schedule. The Council approved the changes.

Water Board Member Changes

Dan Jessen discussed that most Parowan City boards and commissions require that its members are Parowan Residents. Earlier in the year, it was noted that two Water Board members are not residents of Parowan. The Council voted to replace the two non-resident members (Carolyn Ray and Coy Stowell) with residents of Parowan, Sam Halterman and Tom Gurr.

Zone Change Request from Commercial to R-3 Zone, Parcel A-2019-0003-0000

Property Owner Brody Swanson discussed the nature of this 10-acre parcel and his plans to develop it. The property is located on 2200W across from the Eagle Rock subdivision. This zone change request was approved by the Council.

Work Meeting

Highlights from Council and Staff Reports

- Water recharge project is moving forward.
- Parowan Public Works has been getting ground ready for the four pickle ball courts to be built at Valentine Peak Sports Complex. Bids for post-tensioned concrete will open soon. A Labor Day tournament is planned! This project is 100% grant funded.
- The Parowan Old Rock Church Committee reported that Old Rock Church Days raised over \$17,000 to fund building renovations.
- Residents are asked to please **DO NOT PUT DUCKS IN MEEKS POND!** The pond has been designated by Utah Division of Wildlife as a Community Fishery and not a place to drop off unwanted fowl.

Residents are encouraged to attend city Council Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Parowan City Council Chambers. Alternatively, the meetings can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@parowancity2030>

Iron County Commission Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Updates on preparations for the upcoming county fair included new staff hires and the adoption of a new scheduling software system to streamline event planning. The fair theme, "Treasure Your Memories". Events planned for the fair include rodeos, a demolition derby, mud bogs, barrel racing, and a UTV excursion.

Updates from the Fire department included comprehensive reports on training, prevention efforts, fuels mitigation projects, and successful grant applications totaling \$1.2 million. Concerns about extreme fire conditions, dry lightning risks, challenges

with employee retention, and the need for a new fire building were also discussed.

The county's television broadcast system was reported to be running smoothly, with ongoing work on FCC license renewals and winterizing the snowcat. Commissioners provided brief updates on recent activities, including discussions on impact fees, water rights for the new jail, and an upcoming ground-breaking for the facility on August 15th.

The commission approved contracts for public defenders, mental health services for the Children's Justice Center, and an ordinance regulating county livestock trails, ensuring safe use of roads for moving livestock.

County Clerk John Whitaker presented the canvas results for the June 25, 2024 primary election, outlining election procedures such as voter roll maintenance, voting machine testing, and signature verification audits. Chief Deputy Clerk Chanel detailed the signature verification process and audit requirements.

A post-election audit, overseen by Commissioner Blake and Police Chief Addison Adams, reviewed 100 randomly selected ballots for accuracy, finding no discrepancies between physical ballots, scanned versions, and vote records.

Whitaker reported that out of 19,990 active voters, 9,826 ballots were cast, with approximately 4% voting in person. He provided detailed results for races including U.S. Senator, State Representatives, and County Commission seats.

A significant issue arose with ballots postmarked after the June 24th deadline; over 400 ballots were received with June 25th postmarks, despite earlier local postmarks and later Las Vegas sorting center stamps. Whitaker expressed frustration with the postal service and sent a strong letter demanding corrective action.

Despite challenges, Whitaker recommended certifying the election results, citing the legal requirement for ballots to be postmarked before election day. He acknowledged the difficulty in rejecting over 400 ballots but emphasized the importance of upholding election laws and integrity.

Whitaker outlined plans for future improvements, including installing 24-hour ballot drop boxes and meeting with postal officials to address the postmark issues.

Concerns were raised about the reliability of mail-in voting. Attendees criticized the postal service's handling of ballots, citing issues with postmarks and delays that affected election integrity. Some advocated for more secure drop boxes and a return to in-person voting to ensure votes are counted accurately. The meeting concluded with a commitment to explore improvements to the voting process in response to these concerns.

The meeting concluded with a decision to schedule an emergency session to explore options with state representatives before certification, acknowledging the need for legal clarity and potential legislative amendments to prevent future issues. The session adjourned with unresolved personnel matters and a pending closed strategy session on imminent litigation.

Tragedy Strikes Pennsylvania Rally as Gunman Targets Trump, Killing Firefighter

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Pennsylvania rally for former President Donald Trump turned tragic on Saturday when a gunman opened fire, resulting in the heroic death of firefighter Corey Comperatore, who sacrificed himself to shield his family.

Comperatore, a local firefighter, was killed in the attack meant to assassinate Trump while protecting his family. Pennsylvania State Police confirmed his identity on Sunday.

Known for his dedication to his community and family, Comperatore dove on his loved ones to shield them from the gunfire. Governor Josh Shapiro, who ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in Comperatore's memory, praised him as a hero.

"Corey was a girl dad. Corey was a firefighter. Corey went to church every Sunday. Corey loved his community. Most especially, Corey loved his family," Shapiro said, underscoring the selfless bravery that characterized Comperatore's final moments.

The gunman, identified as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, was killed by Secret Service agents at the scene. The FBI is investigating the incident as an assassination attempt on Trump. While the motives behind the attack are still unclear, questions about how Crooks managed to access the venue with a weapon are now being scrutinized.

In addition to Comperatore, two others were critically injured: David Dutch, 57, of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and James Copenhaver, 74, of Moon Township, Pennsylvania.

Both are in stable condition, according to Pennsylvania State Police. Dutch, identified as a commandant in the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, underwent two surgeries after being shot in the liver and chest.

Trump, who was shot in the right ear, expressed gratitude for the swift actions of his security detail and the bravery of those who attended the

rally. Despite his injury, which left his face covered in blood, he has vowed to continue his campaign undeterred.

The rally, meant to energize Trump's supporters, instead highlighted the stark divisions within the country.

President Joe Biden addressed the nation on Sunday, expressing condolences to the victims and their families while calling for unity.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the family of the victim who was killed. He was a father; he was protecting his family from the bullets being fired when he lost his life. God love him. We are also praying for the full recovery of those who were injured,"

Biden said. He further urged Americans to come together and reject political violence.

While the national media have criticized Trump's rhetoric as divisive, Biden and the press have also used similar language towards the former president calling him a "Nazi" and "threat to our democracy." The New Republic, a left-leaning magazine, went as far as recently printing a publication with an image of Trump as Hitler with the title, "That's Right: American Fascism."

The attack on Trump's life has sparked widespread condemnation from leaders across the political spectrum. Bishop David Zubik of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh lauded Comperatore's bravery and called for an end to violence and inflammatory rhetoric.

"Comperatore's selfless act in the face of danger speaks to his strength of character, deep faith, and dedication to serving others," Zubik said. "Let us also take this moment to pray for unity and an end to violence and inflammatory rhetoric in our community and across our nation."

Witnesses described the scene as chaotic and terrifying. Amber DiFrischia, who attended the rally with her husband, captured video of the moment

the shooter fired his gun. She recounted the panic as attendees screamed and sought cover.

"It was just the scariest thing, there was not a lot of places you could hide there," DiFrischia told CNN.

Another attendee, Joseph Meyn, a surgeon from Grove City, Pennsylvania, described helping carry a man's body out of the stadium.

"Everybody started, certainly, screaming, asking for a medic, and honestly, it was a bloody scene," Meyn said.

The Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Company honored Comperatore by hanging his uniform outside the fire station on Sunday. The department remembered him as a "lifetime volunteer firefighter" and a dedicated family man.

"Our company is dealing with a tragic loss that not only is affecting our members, but this

community and Corey's family and friends," the fire company said on Facebook.

As the investigation continues, many are calling for a reassessment of security measures at political events. Secret Service faces scrutiny over the shooter's ability to fire several shots before being neutralized.

In the wake of this tragedy, both Trump and Biden are emphasizing the need for national unity. The incident serves as a stark reminder of the importance of coming together as a nation, transcending political divides, and rejecting violence in all forms.

Comperatore's heroic actions will not be forgotten, and his community mourns the loss of a man who embodied the spirit of selflessness and dedication. As the nation reflects on this tragic event, the calls for unity resonate more profoundly than ever.



Southern Utah University

SUU Student Joins NASA Europa Clipper Intern Program



involved with NASA and this is the perfect opportunity for me to get to know people who are involved with NASA and get hands-on experience doing scientific work," said Nelson. "Another huge benefit I am getting from this opportunity is the new experiences. I have already learned so much about so many aspects of science and machine learning so far through this job and eagerly anticipate learning much more."

Nelson credits many of the classes he has taken at SUU with laying an important foundation for the new concepts and knowledge he is gaining through this internship, specifically, Dr. Nathan Barker's classes. These

classes have been Nelson's favorite part of the computer science program at SUU. He appreciates Dr. Barker's ability to teach in a way that is easy to understand and his willingness to adjust the pace of instruction to better suit the needs of his students.

"I have had Dallin in several of my classes," said Dr. Nathan Barker, computer science professor at SUU. "He has been a great student. I am sure Dallin will do great things during this internship and represent SUU students in a very positive way during his future career."

"I'm most excited about the fact I am doing original research and learning about space, that's always been a dream of mine and I just think that's so cool," said Nelson.

The mission of the Cyber Security and Computer Science Department at SUU is to provide a learning-centered environment that enables students, faculty, and staff to achieve their goals. The faculty works to empower their students to soar, enabling them to compete on a global level for careers in government, industry, and secondary education.

from Brooke Heath

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

Dallin Nelson, a computer science major attending Southern Utah University was selected to participate in NASA's Europa ICONS (Inspiring Clipper: Opportunities for the Next-generation Scientists) internship program.

Only 40 undergraduate applicants from across the nation were selected for this prestigious opportunity to support NASA's Europa Clipper mission. Throughout the 10-week program, students are matched with mentors from the mission's team to conduct original research on subjects pertaining to the Europa Clipper mission.

Nelson's goal while attending the internship is to create a machine-learning model that will take images from the surface of Europa and automatically identify craters to figure out how old the surface is and begin to build a geological history of Europa. According to Nelson, a machine-learning model can do this much faster and often more accurately than humans.

"I would love to continue being

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FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Under new ownership, previous owner of Ryzan Sun Landscaping for 28 years, Ryan Johnson is transforming X Rock into Cedar City's premier landscape supply company. Ryan Johnson with the help of his family and Tommy Newsome bring industry experience to X Rock. They're making X Rock the go-to destination for quality decorative rock, boulders, and numerous other landscape supplies. Conveniently, located at 2572 W HWY 56, X Rock operates Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 6 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

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Ryan Johnson, a local and passionate expert, has a rich background in Landscape Architecture and Horticulture from Utah State University and Business from Southern Utah University. His comprehensive knowledge and dedication ensure that X Rock provides not only quality products but also professional guidance and superior customer service.

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Utah's still-burning Silver King wildfire is one of the biggest in the nation

By Abigail Gray and Megan Banta

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Two other active wildfires outside

Utah are bigger, but they are at least partially contained.

At nearly 15,000 acres, the Silver King Fire ripping through Fishlake National Forest is one of the biggest actively burning wildfires in the nation.

At least two active wildfires in the West are bigger: The Lake Fire (2024) northeast of Los Olivos, California, was burning about 34,015 acres as of Thursday, and the Wilder Fire in Humboldt County, Nevada, had grown to 16,830 acres.

Both started within days of the Silver King Fire, but they are at least partially contained — the Lake Fire is 16% contained, and the Wilder Fire is 40% contained. Another wildfire near Ruidoso, New Mexico, has burned more than 17,500 acres since June 17 but is nearly completely contained.

Around two dozen other wildfires in the West are smaller. Many are less than 5,000 acres, and several are burning less than 1,000 acres. Four are nearly as big as the Silver King Fire, but one is completely contained and two are more than 90% contained.

Silver King Fire started by lightning

The Silver King Fire sparked from lightning just west of Marysville, Utah, on July 5. Almost a week later, it is still 0% contained, burning hot despite efforts to control the flames.

Wildfire crews are operating containment efforts both on land and in the sky. The fire is not close to or affecting Pando, the aspen stand near the forest's namesake lake that is also the world's largest living organism, a spokesperson with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands said.

To prevent northern and eastern fire progression, crews are establishing "dozer lines," which remove flammable plants to stifle the fire's spread. They are also performing protection tactics including thinning and limbing vegetation and setting up water systems near Elk Ranch, according to an update from Utah Fire Info.

From above, aircrafts are dropping loads of retardant over the heavy timber south of Edna Peak to prevent a southern spread.

The weather is not completely cooperating with containment efforts. Although winds have subsided, temperatures are still expected to climb through the weekend.

For public safety, some nearby homeowners were evacuated over the weekend and Fishlake National Forest issued a closure notice for surrounding areas. The Castle Rock Campground remains open.

Over the next few days, the Interagency Wildland

The Silver King fire continues to burn within Utah's Fishlake National Forest, with fire suppression crews working to attack it both on the ground and in the air.

Fire Air Quality Response program forecasted unhealthy air quality for sensitive groups near the forest.

Deer Springs Fire now 20% contained

The human-caused fire that began July 7 in southern Utah's pinyon-juniper woodlands has seen some containment success.

The Deer Springs Fire, threatening Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, was larger than the Silver King flames Wednesday. But as of Thursday morning, it was more controlled thanks to fire-line constructions to the south and west, according to an update from Utah Fire Info.

Crews continue to fight smaller burns that migrated from the main fire to eliminate further spread.

Recreational activities in the Nephi Pasture Region and along Skutumpah Road are still discouraged. As of Thursday, no evacuation orders had been considered necessary.

Central Utah fire restrictions implemented

On Thursday, officials implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions for much of central Utah, citing increasing fire danger and ongoing wildfire activity. The restrictions apply to all federal, state and unincorporated private lands.

The restrictions include:

- ✓ No campfires or open fires outside of maintained campgrounds and homesites with running water. Devices fueled by liquid petroleum are OK.
- ✓ No discharging of fireworks outside of incorporated city limits, if allowed under local ordinances, or on public lands. Fireworks are always prohibited on all federal lands.
- ✓ No shooting of exploding targets or tracer ammunition.
- ✓ No cutting, grinding, or welding of metal in areas of dry vegetation.
- ✓ No use of equipment without a working and properly maintained spark arrestor, if required.

Graff Point Fire in Cedar City

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On Friday, July 12, the Graff Point Fire was discovered burning just four to five miles

south of Cedar City. The fire, visible over the mountain throughout the area, has prompted swift action from local authorities and residents.

By Saturday, evacuation orders were issued for all cabins and trailers in the upper basin and Shurtz Canyon, affecting approximately 20 residents. As of July 15, the fire has spread to 561 acres and remains zero percent contained.

The Utah Fire Info website reports, "The fire was ignited by lightning on private property on Saturday. All efforts are being made to suppress the fire safely, and recent precipitation has helped to moderate its behavior."

For ongoing updates on the Graff Point Fire, please visit utahfireinfo.gov.

showcase

ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY


*Nielsen Family
at Home on the
Range*



Linda Bitsoie



*Bill and Loretta
Westbrook with
Jim Howells*

Final Friday Art Walk Continues July 26 with Art and Music



*Art
demonstrations
at Artisans*



*Art tables
also at SUMA
Plaza*

by Sara Penny

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

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CITY: The Cedar

City Arts Council is pleased to invite you to the July 26

Final Friday Art Walk. This is the second of four events featuring live music, art exhibits, and art demonstrations. It is designed as a family-friendly free evening at 5 to 8 p.m. from Artisans to the Southern Utah Music of Art and down to the Johnson Art Center.

New musicians participating include Badwater, an acoustic group that does family friendly covers of country, rock, and pop songs, as well as originals. Lillian Vandaam is returning as well as Coyote Bluegrass and the Laughing Larks flute ensemble.

The Southern Utah Museum of Art is hosting the "Christmas in July" vendors organized by the Guild of the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Inside the museum will be a

The Sagebrush Fabric Artisans will be demonstrating on the grassy area near the Leavitt Building. They "Love all things fiber: Weaving, Spinning, Knitting, Crocheting, Felting, Tatting, and Needle Felting."

Paintings, photography, jewelry, and other arts are welcome. Set up displays about 4:30 p.m. and save room for the musicians at the lawn at 100 West Center. There is no vendor fee. "We appreciate the wide range of artists and musicians who participate," said Roger Gold, CCAC President. In addition to coordinating the event the CCAC has free art supplies for students so stop by their table.

Come and join the fun on Friday, July 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. CCAC is supported by members and donors, plus grants from the RAP (Recreation, Arts, and Parks) fund, and the Division of Arts and Museums.

recital of solo and small ensemble music presented by the Orchestra of Southern Utah and advanced students.

Peter Buis will play at Artisans and then across the street at IG Winery. The Nielsen Family is set for country music at "Home on the Range" at the corner of 100 West Center.

MUSICIANS SCHEDULED:

July 26

The Green, lawn at the corner of 100 South Center
5 to 6 Coyote Bluegrass
6 to 7 Badwater, bass and guitar
7 to 8 Lillian Vandaam, vocal and guitar

Stone Path, 150 West Center
5:30 to 6:45 Laughing Larks, flute ensemble

Artisans
5 to 6 p.m. inside, Peter Buis, guitar
6 to 7 p.m. Coyote Bluegrass (Bill and Loretta Westbrook)

Johnson Center, 59 North 100 West
6:00 pm Out in Front and Black Cat Parade

SUMA Plaza,
Music inside because of "Christmas in July" on Plaza
5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Orchestra of Southern Utah musicians and
Advanced Students Recital

IG Winery
6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Peter Buis, guitar

Home On the Range, 97 W. Center Street
7:00-8:00pm The Nielsen Family

Fiddler on the Roof



Steel Magnolias

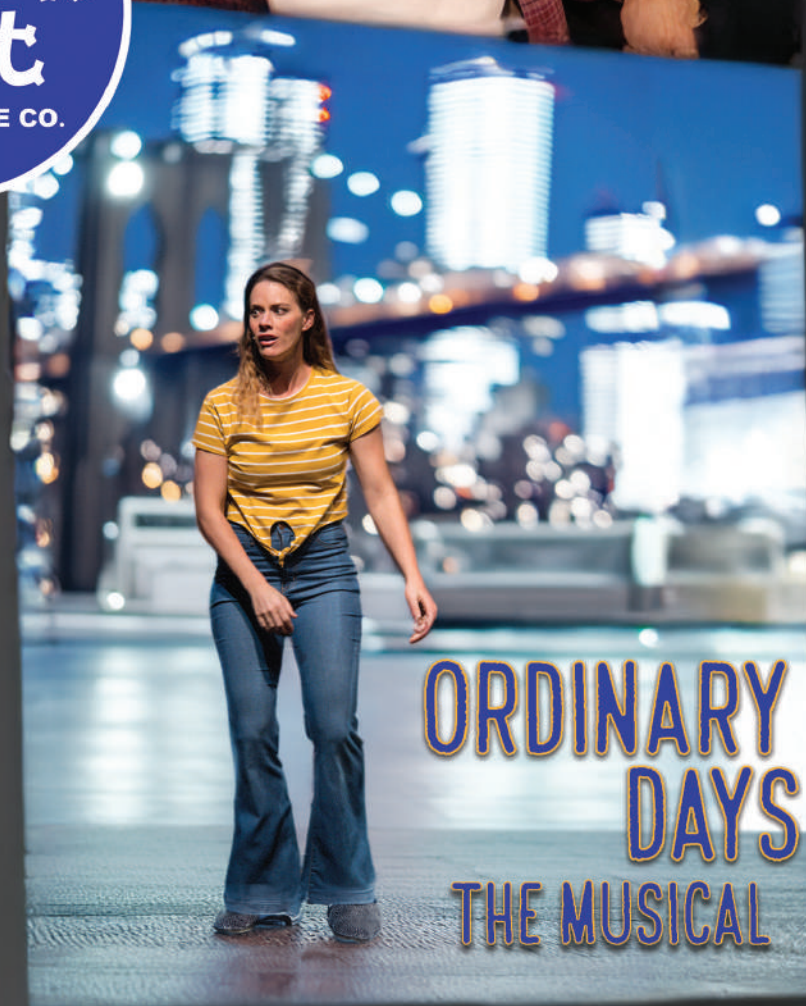


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Eric Schmutz

2024 DISTINGUISHED BANKER

from Tyler Brown

STATE BANK OF SOUTHERN UTAH

Eric Schmutz, President & CEO of State Bank of Southern Utah, was presented the 2024 Distinguished Banker Award at the 114th Annual Utah Bankers Association Convention. The Distinguished Banker Award, first

presented in 1985, is given periodically to a Utah banker who makes a lasting impact on his or her institution, community, and the banking industry. Schmutz is the 28th recipient of the UBA's highest honor.

During his nearly 40 years at State Bank, Schmutz has driven incredible growth for the bank, and has been a respected leader in the industry, serving on the Board of State

Bank Advisors, ABA Community Bankers Council, and the Board of Directors of the UBA, in which he was elected Chairman in June 2021.

Despite a busy banking career, Eric and his wife Brenda are very active in their community and church. He has served as a Bishop, Stake President, and Area Seventy in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Southern Utah University and was the voice of Cedar High football and basketball for over 20 years.

Eric loves helping people and businesses realize their financial goals and aspirations. He has always felt the need to give back to others, which is why he and the bank are such a dependable presence in our communities. The bank sponsors numerous festivals, parades and scholarships and is a regular sponsor for scoreboards throughout Southern Utah, all of which earned him a lifetime achievement from the Chamber of Commerce.

State Bank continues to grow under Schmutz's leadership with a recent 20,000-square foot expansion of the corporate office in Cedar City, a new Washington Fields office in St. George, and the announcement of a new building for the bank's Kanab location.

"The continued growth of the bank is another testament of the need for a true community bank that builds relationships, understands the community, and makes local decisions," said Schmutz.

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We are grateful for the continued support of our customers that make this growth necessary. The mission of the bank is to improve the lives of our customers, employees, and the communities we serve is as true today as it was when the bank was founded 67 years ago.



State Bank has been serving southern Utah since 1957. The bank holds \$2.5 billion in assets locally and operates 17 branches across 14 cities and towns – Cedar City, Circleville, Delta, Escalante, Fillmore, Gunnison, Hurricane, Kanab, Orderville, Parowan, Richfield, Santa Clara, St. George, and Tropic. For more information about State Bank of Southern Utah, visit their website at sbsu.com.

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

3rd Thurs., 6:30pm. Cedar City Hall 10 N Main Street

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Thurs, 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, 7pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Larry Bell (435)-559-2017.

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

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 Elks Lodge, 111 E 200 N

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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

Red Road to Sobriety • Mon, 6 pm Paiute Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

The Great Fact • T, F, Noon. True Life Center 2111 N. Main. (702) 802-1332 or (702) 533-7856

Red Creek Group • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

What a Way to Start the Day • Su, W, F 7-8 am • All are welcome

Al-Anon

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

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

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

ARP—Addiction Recovery

1st Wed, 7 pm • Parowan Seminary building, Main & 300 N, Parowan

Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

Caregivers

3rd Thurs, 5:45-7 pm • Zion's Way Home Health, 369 N 100 W #1, Cedar. All levels of the caregiver's journey from pre-caregiving to bereavement and rebuilding welcome. INFO: Kat at 702-292-9911.

Celebrate Recovery 12-Step

Fri, 6:30 pm • Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). God can change any hurt, habit or hangup, not just alcohol addiction INFO: 435-586-3640

Embrace Grace

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

Grief Support Group

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

Grief Support - Child Loss

1st Tues, 7 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). FREE for bereaved parent, sibling or grandparent. Includes any child loss (pre-birth, young, teen, adult). INFO: 435-327-1856

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

KKCB 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

Native Goods Marketplace

Last Friday of the Month, 10AM-2PM at Utah Paiute Tribal Housing Authority Parking lot (565 N 100 E). Join to buy goods, food, and handmade items.

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

Porn Addiction Recovery

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

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

1st Thurs, 7:30 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 @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sunrisechurch.net, sunrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

Wed, 11 am-noon, Spirit Wellness Club, 1615 N Main, Cedar City • All levels, Free to members, or \$8 drop-in fee.

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

Time TBA, Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • 435-586-0832. FREE. Trained instructors. Range-of-motion exercises, endurance-building activities, relaxation techniques, and health education topics.

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

Every other Tues, 1-2pm, starts Nov. 28. • Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W Cedar). Fun, engaging activities. Drum/Flute circles, group juggling, fine arts projects, more! All levels/abilities! 702-917-2151.

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. Text Sheila 805-208-4545

Cars & Custard

2nd Mon., 6-8 PM at Culver's 1065 Main St., Cedar City. Classic Cars & Trucks, Customs, Your pride and joy. A free small Custard for each car entry, provided by Culver's! Contact: Mike @ 909-717-1232 or ekimjacobs@gmail.com for more info.

Cedar 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.

Cedar City Community Band

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

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; No Partner Needed; teaching! INFO: 626-808-6129

Iron County Moms For America

1st Wed, 7pm • Cedar City Library. Keep liberty alive in your hearts, homes with liberty minded book discussions. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

Community Dance: Live music, Classic Country, Oldies Rock & Roll.

3rd Friday of every month, 7-9 pm. Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. No cover. Call the Senior Center for more information at 435-586-0832.

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/SmGytgCfvQ1t52pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZlepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

Wed & Fri, 9:30-10:30 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. FREE low-impact, health for Seniors. Helps coordination, balance, flexibility. Maria Bailey, 435-673-3548 x103. Pre-registration not required. Space limited.

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • Ages 12-18. Meal, games & Bible Study. @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sunrisechurch.net, sunrisechurch.net.

calendar

THURS, JUL 18

TREASURES THRIFT STORE SALE

(THURS-SAT; 10AM-4PM) Treasures Thrift Store Big Anniversary Sale! 1093 S Main Street Cedar City. Spin the wheel for prizes! Deep discounts!

RENAISSANCE FAIRE (THURS-SAT;

11AM-9PM) 42nd Annual Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire in the Cedar City Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is Free. Come and enjoy some fun in the sun and watch some great entertainment, enjoy some great food and wonderful vendors, and some fun rides. The wee ones can participate in the Candy Cannon blast-off each day and also a Giant Donut walk and Pie Eating contest. Come and enjoy 4 fun-filled days at this year's Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire. For more information, visit our website at www.umrf.net.

FRI, JUL 19

FOUNDING OF IRON COUNTY (7PM) A

Multimedia Celebration Featuring Clive Romney. Located at Iron Springs Resort, 3196 North Iron Springs Road. Free to the public. In commemoration of Henry Lunt's 200th birthday. For more details visit henrylunt.org.

SAT, JUL 20

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET

(10AM-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

MOONWALK & 5K RUN EVENT

(7:30PM) Participants can walk or run the 3.1-mile course along Cedar City's East Bench Trail under the light of the Buck moon. The pre-race festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot at the LDS Church on Greens Lake Drive. There will be a live band, free mocktails, yard games, glow-in-the-dark paint, and more! The race begins at 9:30 p.m. and is open to people ages 8 through 100. To sign up for this unforgettable event, visit www.cedarcityut.gov/moonwalk.

VISIT HENRY LUNTS CABIN SITE

(9-11AM) The site of the remains of the cabin where Henry Lunt, Francis Webster, and CJ Arthur spent a cold winter in 1885 hiding from federal officials seeking to arrest them for practicing plural marriage will be open to the public. From Cedar City, take U-14 five miles to the Right Hand Canyon Road (which eventually leads to Kolob Reservoir). Beyond the "C" and Cedar Highlands, near the top but before the pavement ends is a cabin on the right side of the road with a parking area. A shuttle will be available for about a half mile ride on a dirt road to the cabin site.

HENRY LUNT FAMILY GATHERING

(10AM-2PM) Cedars Hotel reception area 56 North Main, Cedar City. Attendees are welcome to come and go!

HENRY LUNT 200TH BIRTHDAY

FIRESIDE (4PM) LDS Institute - 650 West Center St., Cedar City.

MON, JUL 22

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP

(4-5:30PM) Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn fun and easy Ancient Judeo-Christian dances. No cost. Info@ (702)460-2317.

WED, JUL 24

*Pioneer Day***CEDAR CITY PIONEER DAY**

CELEBRATION (10AM-3PM) Cedar City Main Street Park (200 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is FREE and everyone is invited to come to enjoy activities in the park including Fun Time Inflatables, food vendors, craft vendors, activity booths, and more!

ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

(10AM) sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers at the Cedar City Rock Church. The featured speaker is Colonel Al (Leon) Matheson. The winner of the annual 4th Grade Ancestor Essay contest will present this year's winning essay. All are welcome to attend.

FRI, JUL 26

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES (6PM)

This FREE event is held at 6:00 pm at the Johnson Center for Arts outdoor stage (59 N 100 W, Cedar City).

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FAIR (FRI-SAT;

10AM-8PM) The Guild of the Utah Shakespeare Festival is having their annual Christmas in July Arts and Crafts fair. Located on the patio of the Southern Utah Museum of Art at 300 and University. Lots of fun and interesting handmade treasures. Come join us. For additional info information. Contact us @ christmas-injulyofusguild@gmail.com

obituaries

Neil Levi Thomas

Neil Levi Thomas, age 53 passed away early morning on July 9, 2024 from pancreatic cancer. He was at home surrounded by many family and friends on his last few days.

He was born July 15, 1970 to Nancy Ann McKee and W. Terry Thomas. Neil spent most of his youth in Utah Valley growing up with his 2 brothers, many cousins. He later moved to Hurricane, Utah where he met and married Misty Kelly, they raised 2 children in Cedar City and later divorced. In 2014 he met and married Heather Erickson and

together the family grew to 7.

He learned to step out of his comfort zone because adventures create the memories he has left us with. He enjoyed spending time in the mountains, riding alongside Heather when she'd say "trust me, it will become memories" They weren't all good memories but there were many adventures, laughs, and only a few tears. He leaves behind an example of meeting people where they are at and helping them with whatever they need.

Neil was preceded in death by his father William Terry Thomas, mother Nancy Ann (McKee) Thomas, brother Jeremy Thomas. He is survived by wife, Heather. His daughters Aunalee DeMile (Josh), Charlet Cunningham, Kaede Cunningham and sons Ryker (Aspen) Thomas, Michael Cunningham. Grandchildren Noelle Cunningham, Alaric Thomas, Kiernan Demille and brother Dylan Thomas.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am Saturday, July 20th 2024 at the Cedar Stake Center, Cedar City Utah. Visitation will be 6-8 pm at Cedar Valley Funerals and 9:30-10:30 am at the Cedar Stake Center prior to services. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Cedar Valley Funerals, 2086 North Main Street, Cedar City Utah.

Hazel Cleora Hillstead

Hazel Cleora Hillstead (Skinner) age 84 Passed away on July 11, 2024 at her home in Cedar City, Utah. She was born on October 30, 1939 to Cecil and Audrey (Stewart) Skinner in Santa Monica CA. Hazel passed away peacefully with her loving husband, George T Hillstead of 70 years by her side.

The couple welcomed 7 children into their family, Summer, Spring, Carmeron (Lori), Heather (David), Mark, Brandon (Macayla), and Krishna.

Hazel was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother of 27 and great-grandmother of 40. Hazel volunteered for many years at the Shakespearian festivals. She was an excellent seamstress and for several years made many prom, homecoming, bridesmaid and wedding gowns. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and taught Relief Society, served as Primary President, Young Womens Stake President, she was a den mother for many years and touched the hearts of many. She retired after 20 years at the CCSD. She enjoyed shopping, crafting, traveling and yard selling. Hazel was loved and respected throughout the community and by her family - She will be greatly missed- But....never forgotten.

Want your event on our calendar?

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

obituaries

Warren Jay Hughes



Warren Jay Hughes passed away on Wednesday, 3 July 2024 at the age of 85 in the Mesa View Hospital, Mesquite, Nevada. He was born on Friday 13 January 1939 to Mathew Dee Hughes and Lois Judd Hughes and is the fourth of six children. He was born in St. George UT at the McGregor Hospital. He is the

brother to Charles DeMar, Karla Jean, Myron Judd, Derald Eli, Bonita (Bonnie), and Arvil Creston.

Warren enjoyed growing up in Mesquite where he attended school, worked, and met his future wife. He married Marie Jane Hardy of LaVerkin Utah on 12 December 1959 in the St. George Utah Temple. Growing up he liked to drive the tractor and plow fields on the Hughes Dairy Farm in Mesquite and enjoyed driving the milk tanker truck from Mesquite and Moapa to Las Vegas after attending Dixie Junior College in St. George. Later he moved to Las Vegas and worked at the Blue Dimond plasterboard company. After Blue Dimond had a layoff in 1961, he went to work for the Nevada State Highway Department for over 30 years and retired in 1995. Warren and his family were able to move many times all around Nevada as they were building the highways during the 60's, 70's and 80's. Some places include Carlin, Elko, Winnemucca, McDermitt, Lovelock, Tonopah, Las Vegas, Mesquite, and Cedar City.

Warren has always been an active and strong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was able to serve a Couples Service Mission and a variety of other assignments in the places he lived. Warren was the type of person everyone liked. He was easy to get along with, was a soft spoken and gentle man, was always willing and able to lend a hand helping someone, and he loved to share his knowledge and life experiences with family and friends.

He is survived by his spouse Marie Jane Hughes (Mesquite NV), and his five children: Robert & Tonya (Roy UT); DeLois & Lyle Judd (Cedar City UT); Quint & KayDawn (Lovelock NV); Ranata J. Hughes (Pheonix AZ); Leona B. Hughes-Peel (Pelham AL); 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; his brother's Myron, Derald, and his sister Karla. He was preceded in death by his Father (Dee), Mother (Lois), Brother's (Arvil, DeMar) and Sister (Bonita).

Funeral Services will be held on 27 July 2024 at 10:00 AM (Mesquite time) at the Whipple Chapel, 121 Elwin Whipple Way, Mesquite NV. 89024. The viewing will be on 26 July 2024 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (Mesquite time) also at the Whipple Chapel. Interment will be at the Mesquite City Cemetery (Old City Cemetery/Hillside Drive Cemetery) 301 Hillside Drive, Mesquite, Nevada 89027, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at www.southernnevada-mortuary.com.

Guy H. Gillespie



Guy H. Gillespie, 81 passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Guy was born in Palmdale, CA on January 20, 1943 to Charles and Thelma Hopkins Gillespie and was the youngest of five siblings. Guy was a native of St. George, UT and graduated from Dixie High School in 1961. He met and married his wife of 51 years, Cheryl

Arbuckle Gillespie in Salt Lake City in 1964 and they were later sealed in the St. George, UT LDS Temple. Guy and Cheryl share a remarkable story in that they met and were married in a period of only six days. Guy and Cheryl moved their young family around the country in their early years with time spent living in Salt Lake City, Denver, Kansas City, New Orleans, Boulder City, NV and finally settled in Henderson, NV.

Guy retired from Clark County, NV in 2001 and he and Cheryl relocated to Cedar City, UT to be closer to their cabin and escape the Las Vegas summers. Guy and Cheryl served for many years in the Las Vegas temple where they gained many dear friends and acquaintances. They also served a mission in the Cedar City LDS Cannery for four years and two missions on the Navajo Reservation in Kaibeto, Arizona. After Cheryl's death in 2015 Guy married Nancy Gardner Millett Gillespie in 2016 who he and Cheryl knew from their time serving with Nancy and her late husband, Gordon in the Las Vegas temple. Guy and Nancy continued their faithful service in the Cedar City temple until shortly before his passing.

Guy is survived by his wife, Nancy, his children, Daphne Solomon (Rohn) of Thorne Bay, AK, Karalee Viau (Rich) of Castle Rock, CO, Rick Gillespie (Maggie) of Cedar City, UT, and Randy Gillespie (Terra), of Holly Springs, NC, brothers-in-law Ray Carpenter of St. George, UT and Tom Arbuckle of Gresham, OR, 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Guy was preceded in death by his wife Cheryl, daughters Janice Harless (Mikeal) and Polly (infant), his parents, and siblings Dixie Lee Gillespie, Delita Whitney, Donna Rae Church, and Madge Carpenter, and one great-grandchild.

As his children, we want to express our gratitude to Nancy for all of her love, care, and support of our father over these last several years. Nancy brought joy and purpose back to our father after our mother's passing and she and her children have been a blessing to our family.

Funeral Services for Guy will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 19 at the LDS Chapel 370 N. 4050 West, Cedar City, UT. A viewing will take place beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the Cedar City Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Spilsbury Mortuary.

Frank "Hooch" Anthony Lopez



Frank passed at the age of 71 at his home in Enoch, UT with his wife Toni and brother John at his side. Frank was born on September 11, 1952 in Belen, NM to Frank and Francis Lopez. Home was always Caliente, NV where he made lifelong friends and left a lasting mark on the county.

Frank graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1971, his classmates are still as close now as they were then. Frank was drafted in the Army in 1972 just as the Vietnam war was wrapping up. He talked about his experience in the service with pride, but never felt he should draw attention to himself since he did not go to the conflict. Frank was a devoted American and worked diligently to improve the country with his love and faith.

Frank was a proud member of the Cedar City Elks Lodge #1556 for 37 years. He held many positions in the lodge during the years. Frank worked for the Union Pacific Railroad following his dad at an early age. The story is that his dad lied about his age so he could work summers. In 1980 after an injury his path changed, he attended South Utah State College (SUU) and received a degree in accounting.

Frank's greatest talent was his leather work. He was a true gifted artisan. Much of his work is scattered far and wide. This was his true passion and he wanted to get one more saddle done for a friend's 10-year-old granddaughter. He was trying so hard to get this done, but it was just not meant to be.

Frank was determined to keep cancer from winning this race. If a person could will cancer away he would have beat it. He was telling everybody he was ok right up to the day before he passed.

Frank is survived by his wife Toni Cornforth; daughter Cielita Lennon-Lopez (Scott); Stepson Jake Cornforth (Tayler); his forever daughter in law Jennifer Rhodes (Chance) Grandkid's Jace Cornforth, Layne Cornforth, Kimber Cornforth, Grayson Lennon, Charlie Lennon, and Ciera Lopez. His Brothers John Lopez (Jason); Robert Lopez (Denise); Daniel Chavez (Theresa) Sister Rose Mortenson; Brother-in-law George Rhoden. Many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Francis Lopez, his two sons Cory and Chad Lopez; sisters Olivia Olsen and Linda Rhoden; Brother-in-law Cliff Mortenson.

I do not want to miss anybody, but I want to thank some very important people that helped during this journey. John Lopez I could not have done this without you standing beside me. Lynn Davis for being his BFF he loved you like a brother. Grant Bagley for always being willing to give a blessing to reassure Frank and give him comfort. Dr. Brandon Cardon for your reassurance and guidance. Dr. Bryce Perkins, David Cowley CNP, and the staff of the Cedar City Cancer Center, he loved you all and you took such good care of him, he thought the world of all of you.

One more special recognition. Jace Clinton Cornforth you were grandpa's sidekick. The two of you were always together and you made grandpa so proud. He was so determined to make it to your high school graduation, but now he has a different view. He loved you so much!

Please join us for a celebration of life on August 10, 2024 at the Cedar City Elks Lodge (111 E 200 N St, Cedar City) at 11:00 am. Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences may be left at www.mortuary.org.

Jerrold Davis Pearce



Jerrold Davis Pearce, age 91, passed away June 10, 2024, at his home in Mesquite, Nevada. He was born May 11, 1933, to Thomas Jay and Alta Vilo Davis Pearce in Cedar City, Utah. He was the oldest of four children. He grew up and attended elementary school in New Harmony and high school in Cedar City, Utah. He later attended Clark County Community College in Las Vegas, Nevada majoring in business.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1961. While serving in Germany he married Dora Herta Berth Henzler. They moved to Tacoma Washington while he completed his military service at Fort Lewis.

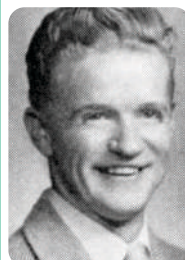
They owned a bar in Tacoma until they moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where he worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 13 years. Then he worked at the Sahara in charge of Valet parking for years. Dora died in 1983 after 27 happy years of marriage. A year later he married Norma Jean Tiffner Green. He bought Blue J's Flower Shop and Sunshine Wholesale Flowers. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

After retirement they spent summers in Webster Springs, West Virginia and winters in Beaver Dam, Arizona and then in Mesquite, Nevada. He enjoyed family, friends, and good neighbors. He planned many reunions. Norma died in 2014 after a happy marriage of 30 years. He went on having reunions until September 2023.

He is survived by his sisters, Avey (J.V., deceased) Davis, Cedar City, Utah, and Verla (Richard) Cripps, Las Vegas, Nevada.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dora, his wife, Norma, his parents, Tom and Vilo Pearce and his brother Jay.

Graveside services will be Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 12:00 noon Utah time (11:00 a.m. Nevada time) at the New Harmony, Utah Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at www.mortuary.org.



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Mark Raymond Putich



Our wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Mark Raymond Putich, age 65, passed away on July 12, 2024, in St. George, Utah. He was born on April 8, 1959, in Cleveland, Ohio to Raymond Joseph & Judith Elizabeth Vargo Putich. He graduated from Maple Heights High School in Cleveland, Ohio in 1977. At the age of 17 he became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for which he served a full-time mission to the Argentina Buenos Aires North Mission. Upon returning home, he attended Brigham Young University, where he met his future

wife, Donna Jean McCulley. They were married and sealed in the Oakland, California temple on December 21, 1983. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in business, He was employed by Farmers Insurance Group where he worked for 35 years, retiring in 2020 as a contract specialist. Mark served in various church positions including seminary teacher, elder's quorum president, scoutmaster, high priest group leader, bishop, ward mission leader, and stake clerk. Mark loved the scriptures and was always ready and willing to step in last minute to teach any class. In 2007, Mark moved to Parowan, Utah from Tracy, California, and then moved in 2021 to Hurricane, Utah. Mark was an avid Cleveland sports fan, cheering on his Indians, Cavs, and Browns teams. He enjoyed spending time with his family, telling jokes, and traveling.

Mark is survived by his wife, Donna, and children; Anthony (Nicole), Nathan (Krissia), Matthew (Ashlee), Amy Mendes (Israel), and 8 wonderful grandchildren, siblings; Donna Ferguson, Michael, Timothy, and Richard. He is preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Judy, and sister, Michelle.

A family service will be held in Parowan on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

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Cedar City Post Office and Henry Lunt Statue



The **Cedar City Post Office Building**, 10 N. Main Street was built to serve Cedar City in 1932-1933 by architects Cannon & Fetzer. The Depression-era project established federal office space and the post office space in Cedar City's first federal government building. Park in Cedar City.

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Post Office building at 10 N. Main Street

was built to serve Cedar

City in 1932 to 1933 by architects Cannon & Fetzer. The Depression-era project established federal office space and the post office space in the town's first federal government building. Granite steps lead up to the main entry. A bronze statue near the sidewalk is the founder of Cedar City, Henry Lunt (1824-1902), and was added in recent years. Behind the statue sits a historical marker on Lunt, near another set of stairs leading to the main entrance. The Cedar City Post Office was listed in the National Register in 1989. The building currently contains city offices, including the Police Department.

Prior to the post office building being built, the Cedar City Main Post Office operated out of another building in town. For a time, the post office was within the Golden Rule Store, in 1931, it moved to the Cedar Lumber and Hardware building. The federal government paid \$45,000 for the Tabernacle building and land in 1931 for the construction of the Cedar City combined post office and federal office building. Some

of the funds were raised by local residents through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce. A new church construction committee received \$29,000 of the proceeds.

The post office building's architects were a Utah firm from Salt Lake City. Lewis Cannon of Cannon & Fetzer was a Salt Lake native born in 1872. John Fetzer was born in Bavaria Germany in 1887 and emigrated to the United States in 1905, he settled in Salt Lake



Cedar City original Post Office with Henry Lunt Cedar City Founder, Statue and Marker.

and soon was designing stations for the Union Pacific Railroad. the pair designed a number of buildings in Utah, the National Register's significance of the post office is partly due to the association with the firm. A Salt Lake contractor, Norman Jacobson, finally began construction of the foundation, after delays due to unexpected soil properties, the cornerstone was laid on June 15th, 1933. The building cost \$100,000 to build and used \$12,000 of Utah granite and marble. The Forest Service moved into its new offices in the building in early January 1933, followed by the Postal Service at the end of the month.

The building is one of the most impressive monumental structures in the city. Only one other building in the city's commercial district—the First Security Bank Building on the corner of Harding and Main, exhibits the Neo-classical style.

The Classical Revival style of the original post office building is two stories tall, of red brick on a raised base-ment. The west side of the structure features six fluted terra cotta ionic columns, facing a central entrance. The incised lettering on the center of the frieze reads "United States Post Office." a loading platform on the rear of the structure was expanded in the mid-1960's with similar but not identical red brick.

The bronze statue of Henry Lunt is the work of Jerry Anderson, a local sculptor, and rests directly on the sidewalk. Lunt led a group of pioneers to the area in 1851 and founded Cedar City. He was a prosperous farmer and merchant. The Post Office location formerly contained the 1885 Tabernacle.

Henry Lunt 200th Birthday Observance will be July 19-20. He was born on July 20, 1824. The festivities will start at the Iron Springs Resort, on Friday, July 19, 7:00-8:30, with guest storyteller Clive Romney.

Gathering and Socializing at the Historic Cedar Hotel, Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fireside honoring Henry Lunt, LDS Institute, Saturday, July 20, 4-5 p.m. Museum and Historical Displays, Frontier Homestead State Park July 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.



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THE FOUNDING OF IRON COUNTY - PART 3

Building Parowan

by Jay M. Jones

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Under the direction of George A. Smith, the original pioneers to settle in Parowan arrived at Center Creek on Monday 13 January 1851.

Before beginning to build a new settlement, explorations of the surrounding region were conducted to make sure that the first settlement was made in the most advantageous location.

Men were also assigned to various work parties. William Adams and Joseph Hovey had the job of making grindstones out of area sandstone to enable the sharpening of tools for the upcoming cutting of timber.

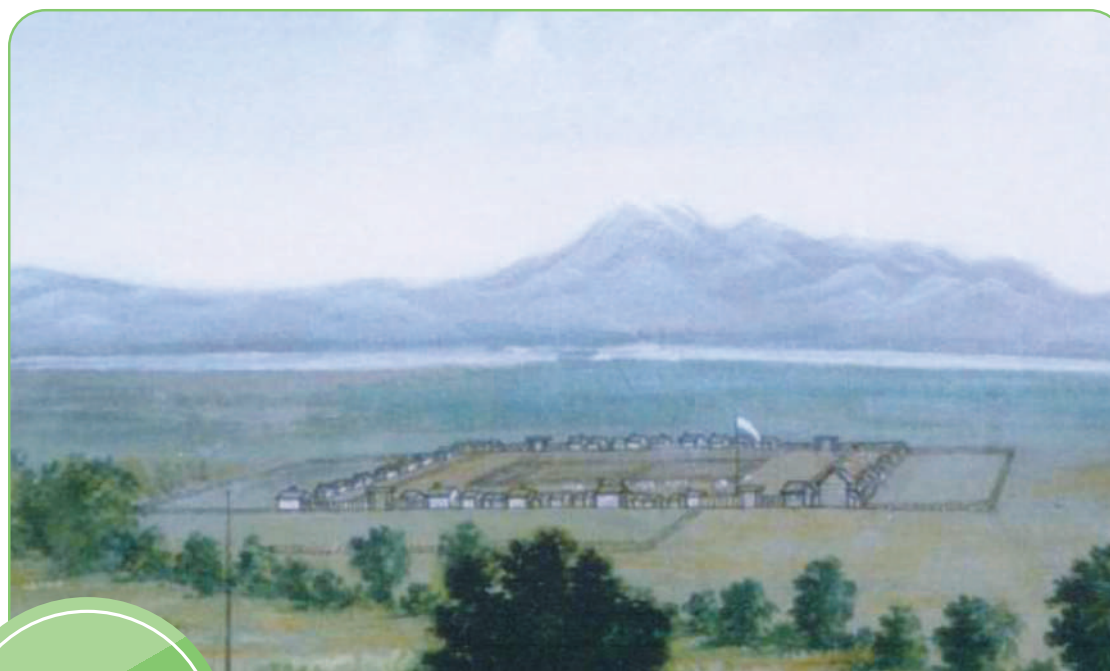
Another group built a permanent bridge across the creek. Camp was moved from the chilling winds at the mouth of the canyon to the base of a knoll three-fourths of a mile away. Jacob Hofheins directed the mounting of the cannon at the new location.

According to Morris and Kathryn Shirts in their book "A Trial Furnace: Southern Utah's Iron Mission":

"Tarlton Lewis and three men were dispatched to investigate the area around Center Creek Canyon. . . . Aaron B. Cherry and four or five others were sent to explore 'the next canyon ahead,' while a third group went west to examine the area around the Little Salt Lake." Peter Shirts explored Red Creek Canyon above present day Paragonah.

George A. Smith led another group of about 20 men to explore to the south. According to Shirts:

"They traveled south-southwest along the Old Spanish Trail for about six miles, then stopped to noon at the Summit Creek crossing. Unexpectedly, they came upon a pack train of 42 animals, led by Jefferson Hunt, returning



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THREADS

Fort Parowan, with Little Salt Lake in the background, painted by William Warner Major, an artist traveling with Brigham Young's party on their southern trek of 1852. A pen and ink drawing by Bart Mortenson based on this painting is part of the collection of Parowan's Old Rock Church museum collection. The original painting was displayed at the Lion House in Salt Lake City. From Family Search Public Memories

from his trek to California as guide to the large party of fall 1849. "Accompanying [Hunt] were Levi Fifield and his son, John Berry, James Brooks, Henry Gibson, Marshall Hunt and John Mackey. Levi Fifield and Marshall Hunt had been members of the Mormon Battalion and joyously greeted their former comrades, [Zachariah] Decker and [William] Dame," who were part of Smith's group that had previously served in the Mormon Battalion.

Back at Center Creek, elections were held so that Hunt could report the results to Salt Lake City. This first election in Iron County produced the following:

Jefferson Hunt, representative to the

territorial legislature; Elisha Groves and Edson Whipple, associate judges; Anson Call and Tarlton Lewis, magistrates; James Little, sheriff; Zachariah Decker and Charles Hall, constables; James Lewis, recorder; Joseph Horne, assessor and collector; Almon Fullmer, supervisor of roads; Phillip Lewis, weigher and sealer.

In a letter from George A. Smith to Brigham Young, dated 17 January 1851, also delivered to Salt Lake City by Hunt:

"Salt is needed in camp and if any passing this way can and will come they would find a ready market. The weather since our arrival had been fine but little snow in the valley and that disappearing fast. — From Report of Bishop Lewis

we will have to make a road some four miles to get to timber — before we commence building though this will be a short job for this camp. . .

"Friday . . . the whole camp sat down to an elegant repass given to Bro Hunt and his company who so unexpectedly dropped down among us greeting many of their old friends."

Smith also mentioned that some of the potatoes brought by the pioneer company had been ruined by the extreme cold temperatures along the way, and replenishment was needed.

Janet Seegmiller in "A History of Iron County: Community Above Self" writes:

"William H. Dame, Edward Dalton, and others laid out the townsite and began surveying a location for a fort, fifty-six rods (308 yards) square and divided

into ninety-two lots. It was to be north of their campground and set on the east side of Center Creek. Today the center of Parowan conforms to the old fort, with the Old Rock Church sitting in the middle of the square."

The fort was originally called Fort Louisa. Chief Wakara made a visit to the settlement in March and informed Smith that the Indian name for the valley and the lake was "Parowan."

Much work remained to be done, and was undertaken with vigor. According to Shirts:

"On 31 January, Smith allowed the men their first day off from public works to begin building their own homes,

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BUILDING PAROWAN

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probably because the men working on the council house had run out of logs. With characteristic wit, Smith describes the rush to fell timber:

"[T]heir was a regular Stampede for the Kanyon every man takeing his ax and leaveing his gun, their was not half a dozen men about the Camp during the day. Every accessible tree that would make a house log within 4 miles stood a slim chance today."

From History of Iron County Mission, Parowan, Utah, compiled by Mrs. Luella Adams Dalton, George A. Smith called a meeting on 9 February 1851 and the settlement was divided into four wards. Anson Call, Tarleton Lewis, Daniel Miller, and Joseph

L. Robinson were called as bishops. . . . Charles and Job Hall raised the first log cabin and Jonnathan Pugmire put up a blacksmith shop."

Parley P. Pratt, passing through Parowan on 13 April 1851 on his way to catch a ship in California to take him to another mission, wrote of the new settlement:

"Many buildings are erected, or in progress which look neat, being built of handsome timber mostly pine and hewn on 2 sides. . . . The public Council house is built of hewn timber and has not its roof on as yet. A sawmill of the most substantial kind is almost complete; and upwards of one thousand acres of grain sown, some of which is already up, and growing finely.

"In short I cannot express my admiration and astonishment at the vast amount of labour performed in about 2 months by this colony. Suffice to say it seems like the work of years. Mill, and iragation ditches abound, and the waters of the crick are already meandering and murmuring in many directions."

Brigham Young and a large entourage made the first of what became annual visits to the southern settlements in May 1851. He inspected the progress of the community and made additional organizational updates, including the formal adoption of the Indian name of "Parowan."

Young also visited the future site of Cedar City, where coal had been recently discovered in Coal Creek. Next, the story of the settlement of Cedar City.

family

Family of five or six

A friend of mine recently divulged that she and her husband were considering having a fourth baby. Knowing that we have four kids, she asked my opinion on having three versus four kids in a family.

At first I drew a blank. This wasn't something I had ever considered after the birth

of our fourth! We just ran with it and never looked back.

But after giving it some serious thought I have come up with a few pros and cons on the matter that I thought may help other families contemplating the same option.

mom's
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by **Weslie Stratton**

CONTRIBUTOR



Cons:

- Real estate. This is a two part problem. First, I have recently noticed that I have personally run

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QUILTS OF VALOR

from Esmeralda Carter

PATCHES 4 PATRIOTS



L to R: Petty Officer Barry Cobb, Master Sergeant Dennis Curran, Sergeant Ben Wilcken



Sergeant Ben Wilcken, US Marines



Petty Officer Barry Cobb, US Navy

Three local Iron veterans recognized for Quilts of Valor in Cedar, Utah on June 28, 2024.

The Patches4Patriots group of Iron County awarded three Local Veteran's their Quilts of Valor. Group Leader, Esmeralda Carter and board members PJ Sylvester, Jan McNulty, Debi Smith were honored to award these foreign war Veterans their Quilts of Valor.

Sergeant, Ben Wilcken,
United States Marine Corps

Petty Officer Barry Cobb,
United States Navy

Master Sergeant Dennis Curran,
United States Air Force

The community, family and friends joined in celebrating and supporting these Veterans.



Master Sergeant Dennis Curran, US Air Force

Vietnam Veteran was awarded the Presidential Vietnam Commemoration Pin, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and their Vietnam Era pins.

Petty Officer Barry Cobb, Master Sergeant Dennis Curran and Sergeant Ben Wilcken



Quilt Awarded to Sergeant Ben Wilcken



family

FAMILY

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out of real estate, as I no longer have room for all of my children to snuggle with at story time. I sit on the couch and the four of them immediately fight for a spot next to

me.

Previously I had room for the youngest on my lap and a side for each older sibling to lean on. Now I find myself saying things like, "You can have that spot next time" and, "You all had a turn sitting there as a baby. It's his turn now". My oldest gets creative when he's the odd man out and ends up draped across the back of the couch behind my head. Additionally you have to consider legitimate real estate. If you have two kids of one gender and one of the other, you know you can get by with a three bedroom home if necessary, with the same gender kids sharing a room. When faced with a fourth pregnancy you run the risk of having a third boy or girl. This is a personal preference but we always said this dynamic would necessitate an additional bedroom.

We ended up with two of each and happily avoided this dilemma.

- Constantly wiping noses and bums. (Never at the same time!) Having four kids close together I can tell you how extremely busy I am doing both of these tasks, but I will spare you the gory details. Let's just say I hear the words, "Moouooooom! I'm done!" shouted from the bathroom at least four times a day and, "Mommy, I dot boogers" the same, if not more.
- Six seater vehicle. Say goodbye to the sporty sedan you were able to squish into. Baby number four will send you vehicle shopping in a hurry. After eight years of resistance, we broke down and accepted the inevitable this week: a mini van. Word of advice, go for the gusto. Embrace the stereotype and enjoy the convenience of a van! Enough of the "negatives". There are many positive aspects of a larger family!

Pros:

- It's always a party. With so many siblings to play with we rarely need to invite friends! Think hide and seek, freeze tag, water balloon fights... the family only options are endless.
- Never a dull moment. Just when you think you have one of every personality possible, you have another kid who acts nothing like the others. And it's fun! We always know that at least one of our kids will make things a blast for the others, regardless of the situation.
- Gang mentality. In a good way. With so many like minded siblings, our kids rarely feel left out at social gatherings, and they don't feel the heat of peer pressure. Instead, they stick together to do things their own way, and often lead the way for other kids.
- Options. When two siblings are at odds they have other siblings to play with while the dust settles.

This list is a drop in the bucket of things to consider when adding to the family, but hopefully it will help in the decision making process!

faith

Just Serve in the Cedar City Community

by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Lynne and Stephen Houghtaling are the area specialists for the *Just Serve* program (mainly in Iron County). They recently spoke at a



Christian Ladies' luncheon to members of different faiths throughout the community to explain what the *Just Serve* program is all about.

They explained that their job is to post projects from non-profit organizations as they learn about them, and to familiarize people with the *Just Serve* program. Their job is not to actually recruit volunteers, but to serve as a sounding board for community organizations to get the word out about what they are doing, and to allow people who are looking for ways that they could be of service within the community to know what opportunities are available.

The group members attending the luncheon commented about the joy they get in serving others and knowing that they are making a difference in other people's lives. It is also fun to work together within a group to make something positive happen in the community. One member noted that serving others helps you to put your own problems

into perspective.

The Houghtalings said that they have started to listen to things with "Just-Serve ears" thinking, how can *Just Serve* help with that? The purpose of the program is to post opportunities. The Houghtalings are not in charge of gathering volunteers, but only to serve as the coordinators on the platform to help service organizations get their needs known to the public. Lynne said, "You would be surprised at how often *Just Serve* can help. We can make a difference."

Just Serve is a free community resource sponsored as a service by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It began in Palo Alto, California, with an LDS Church leader who wanted the members of his congregation to have the opportunity to serve with other community members. It didn't matter if they were believers—just community members. He put a raw version of *Just Serve* together, and it caught on. It grew bigger and bigger, until the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints said, "This is amazing to have all of these people in the community working shoulder to shoulder," and the Church adopted it. This program is not for tracting or proselytizing. The Church just wants to give people within the community the opportunity to work together and accomplish great things. Lynne explained that the website is used by faith, non-profit, community, and government organizations to post service opportunities. The goal of *Just Serve* is to work with community partners to identify needs and respond to those needs in the spirit of charitable service. *Just Serve* doesn't organize volunteers for the project. It is just their job to get the word out, and let the volunteers come to the projects on their own initiative.

The *Just Serve* app can be downloaded

onto your phone in the app store. For every project that is posted, there is a contact person so that you can get in touch with them about your questions concerning the activity. The international projects tend to come up at the first of the program, so just scroll through them until you find something more local that fits your schedule and your interests.

A few of the local service projects currently on the *Just Serve* app include making hygiene kits for students experiencing homelessness; helping Martha's Basket, a local initiative that makes newborn kits for mothers to take home from the hospital; providing for student needs at the SUU Head Start Program; working in a variety of ways at the Frontier Homestead Museum; and volunteering with Scatter Sunshine at Cedar Health and Rehabilitation.

Just Serve is in every single state in the U.S. as well as 17 countries. That means that if you are visiting family members in other places, you can find projects to do wherever you are. If you have kids who are already starting to get bored with their summer vacation, or if you are organizing a service project for an event, *Just Serve* will have ideas for you. Lynne shared the story of two couples that were planning a double date for a girls' preference dance. They wanted to do something together during the day before they went to the dance, so they got on *Just Serve* to find a project for their "day date." Another example was of a mother whose sons were at a summer camp. She wanted a project to do with her daughters while the boys were gone. Whether you are someone looking for a project to do to help out, or someone who is in charge of a project that needs volunteers, download the app or visit the *Just Serve* website <https://www.justserve.org/>. To add a project to the site, contact Lynne and Stephen.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

DOCTRINE & COVENANTS 45: 66-67

"And it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the Most High God; And the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it, and it shall be called Zion."

Washington All-Stars sweep to softball titles

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

For the Washington junior softball All-Stars, there was one chance waiting

for them to grab the Utah tournament title for the second year in a row. They would find a way to get it done.

On July 10, the Washington majors softball All-Stars used stellar early defense and produced the big inning on offense to secure its own tournament crown.

Both teams won their respective championship games at Fields on the Hill in challenging fashion. The Washington junior team scored four runs in the second inning without a hit and held on late for a 5-3 win over Enterprise, while the majors team rode the momentum from double plays in each of the first two innings to roll to an 11-6 victory over Cedar National.

After dropping its previous game one day earlier to Enterprise by a 7-3 score, junior head coach Vicki Litherland credited her team's short memory for the on-field success.

"After the loss (Tuesday), they came in and said 'we're going to Tucson,'" Litherland said.

Enterprise was able to cut the deficit in half with two runs in the bottom of the fourth, but Washington answered with a single run in the top of the fifth to restore a three-run edge.

It would hold until the bottom of the seventh when a leadoff double and throwing error gave Enterprise a run with no outs. Winning pitcher Lybee Hafen hit a batter later in the frame, but was able to get the final two outs in just four pitches to set off the celebration of another trip to Tucson, Ariz., for the West Regional tournament that begins Saturday.

"I was nervous the whole game," Litherland said. "I didn't even want to know the score. Let's just play ball. Everyone

was cheering for each other the whole time, and no one thought we were in trouble."

Two members of the team went to Arizona a year ago, and Litherland is hopeful they won't have to change much to get a different result at this year's West Regional.

"We're gonna have to try and do

the same thing with our running game," she said. "I think our pitcher is slower than most, but it completely throws them off. It might work in Tucson."

Double-elimination play at the West Regional begins Saturday.

In the majors championship game, Washington took full advantage after Cedar National lined into a double play in the top of the first. They would respond with five runs in the bottom of the inning and repeated the double-play feat in the second after CN got on the board with a single run.

"One of our goals as a defense is to practice our double plays and try to get them in a game," Washington coach Thad Seegmiller said. "When you accomplish the goal twice, it's a real spirit lifter."

Cedar National was able to score a run in the top of the third, but Washington added four runs in the bottom of the inning to stretch the lead to 9-2 before securing the win with single runs in the fourth and fifth.

CN was able to put together a two-run rally in the top of the sixth, but winning pitcher C.J. Dickson got the final two outs, stranding a runner and sending Washington to the West Regional in San Bernardino, Calif. that starts Saturday.



The Washington Little League majors All-Star team shows off its championship rings after beating Cedar National in the tournament final, 11-6 on July 10.



The Washington Junior All-Star Softball Team celebrates its 5-3 win over Enterprise in the tournament final played July 10.

Are analytics hurting baseball?

When it comes to the bigger stories in baseball, I'm always looking out for the no-hitter when games are in the late stages, and some are worth a look.

Such was the case last Thursday when Paul Skenes, the No. 1 pick of the 2023 MLB Draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates, had a no-hitter intact through seven innings. Adding to the drama, the Pirates were clinging to a 1-0 lead as the game reached the eighth.

Instead of seeing Skenes, the Pirates told us 99 pitches was enough, even with a very special achievement closing in. The rookie – who has yet to lose in his big-league career – had to take a seat and let the bullpen finish the job.

It was far from easy to watch. In the space of two pitches, reliever Colin Holderman allowed a single to Jake Bauers that broke up the no-hitter. Another single and a walk loaded the bases later in the inning, but Holderman got out of the jam by striking out catcher William Contreras to protect the fragile lead.

Flame-thrower Aroldis Chapman came on in the bottom of the ninth and earned the save by retiring the Brewers in order on just nine pitches. Skenes had his unbeaten streak and the Pirates had the win, but why was Skenes removed so close to making history?

My own thought: Skenes could have at the very least started the eighth. Even if the no-hitter was broken, Skenes' high in pitches in any outing was 107. It was close enough to force a decision, and an added complication arose when the rookie was named the starting pitcher for the National League in the All-Star Game that was played July 16 at Globe Life Field, home of the World Series champion Texas Rangers.

So that leads to the debate, but it requires a starting point. Over the course of a 162-game season in Major League Baseball, there are 2,530 total games played. In order of impact, perfect games are the ultimate, no-hitters

are excellent, and combined no-hitters can make a fan say “whoa.”

Over the course of this decade five years in, there have been 19 no-hitters, six done with a combined pitching effort, and one where the New York Mets used five pitchers and no-hit the Philadelphia Phillies on April 29, 2022.

Also included: the Houston Astros used four pitchers – starting with six innings from Cristian Javier – to hold the Phillies hitless in Game 4 of the 2022 World Series, a 5-0 victory.

No-hitters are almost as rare as being approved to play on Jeopardy, but

I digress. So far in 2024, Ronel Blanco of the Astros has pitched the only no-hitter.

More fun facts about no-hitters include: there were two thrown on consecutive days – Spencer Turnbull for the Detroit Tigers and Corey Kluber for the New York Yankees on May 18 and 19, 2021. When we add John Means (Baltimore) on May 5 and Wade Miley (Cincinnati) on May 7, that's four no-hitters in two weeks.

And the best one of all: Dave Stewart and Fernando Valenzuela threw no-hitters on the same day, June 29, 1990 – Stewart first in Toronto over the Blue Jays and Valenzuela at home when he blanked the St. Louis Cardinals.

One friend argued with me that no-hitters involving more than one pitcher aren't really no-hitters. As long as there's a zero in the hits column at the end of the game, it's the only thing that matters.

If you're blessed to be able to witness it live at a stadium, it's something to save for the scrapbook.

Follow Tom Zulewski on X – the artist formerly known as Twitter – @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY



TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

And now, our trivia thoughts for this week's dozen turn to the Open Championship, the final golf major of the year being played starting today at Royal Troon in Scotland. Stay out of the bunkers, have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!

1. Who is the defending champion at the Open? He's a left-hander who played his college golf at Georgia and won by six strokes over four other players.
2. Speaking of left-handers, who is lefty to win the Open, having done it in 2013 at Muirfield?
3. There are 10 different courses that share the rotation to host the Open Championship. Not including Royal Troon, name any of the other nine.
4. Two golfers have won the Silver Medal for low amateur and the Open as professionals. Tiger Woods is one. Who is the other (he won the Silver Medal in 2007 and the Open in 2014)?
5. Who won the Open the last time it needed a playoff in 2015? This winner won a three-way, four-hole aggregate score playoff over Louis Oosthuizen and Marc Leishmann.
6. Jack Nicklaus has won three times at the Open among his 18 career major championships. How many times was he the runner-up, one more than Phil Mickelson had at the U.S. Open?
7. True or False: Cameron Smith matched the all-time record for lowest winning score at the Open when he finished 20-under par in 2022?
8. In the third round of the 2017 Open, Branden Grace was the first golfer to shoot what 18-hole round? It's been duplicated since by Rickie Fowler and Xander Schauffele at the 2023 US Open.
9. What Open course has been dubbed “the home of golf” and been around since 1552? It hosts the Open every five years, the only exception being

2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

10. Who earned a spot in the field at the Open on July 7 after winning the PGA Tour John Deere Classic?
11. The Open is predominantly played at links golf courses. What feature is missing from a typical links course?
12. What is the name of the trophy the winner of the Open Championship receives?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, the home of the defending World Series champion Texas Rangers.
2. Catcher Elias Diaz.
3. Miller Park in Milwaukee.
4. Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.
5. False. Ohtani was the winning pitcher as the American League beat the National League, 5-2, at Coors Field in Denver.
6. 13.
7. 15 innings. The National League beat the AL, 2-1 in 1967 and the AL beat the NL, 4-3, in 2008.
8. False. Back-to-back shutouts happened in 2012 (8-0 NL win in Kansas City) and 2013 (3-0 AL win at Citi Field in New York).
9. Hank Aaron.
10. Mike Trout of the L.A. Angels.
11. With its current 29-11 run, the American League leads the NL in the All-Star Game, 47-44-2.
12. Tampa Bay.



Canyon View Senior Qwentyn Petty signs with college and makes All-American

from Lee Petty

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Qwentyn Petty received offers from several colleges during his senior year. He recently signed with Idaho State who offered him a full ride scholarship for track and field. The Idaho State coach is looking forward to having him as one of her sprinters and

multi-event athletes on their team.

Qwentyn recently traveled to Reno, Nevada, to compete in the AAU West Coast National Championship in track and field. On June 27th Qwentyn competed in the first day of the decathlon, five events; 100m, long jump, shot put, high jump and the 400m dash. He started the day by breaking his meet record in the 100 meters for the decathlon with a clocking of 11.18, beating his 11.45 from 2023. He then set a new PR in the Shot Put with a throw of 10.04 meters. He finished the first day by winning the 400 with a 50.38 on a very windy day, just

missing his meet record of 50.25 from 2023. At the end of day one Qwentyn was in first place with 3114 ahead of Antonio Bayon with 3093 out of San Francisco, CA.

On day two, Qwentyn competed in the last five events of the decathlon; 110 hurdles, Discus, Javelin, Pole Vault and the 1500m. Qwentyn started with a PR in the 110 hurdles in a time of 17.93, a PR in the discus with a throw of 25.5 meters and a PR in the javelin with a throw of 33.10 meters. He finished the day by winning the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:50.96 missing his meet record of 4:47 from 2023. His total score was also a new PR of 5309 earning him 2nd place, behind Antonio Bayon with a score of 5690. This also earned Qwentyn his 4th straight All American status in the decathlon during his high school career.

On Sunday, June 30th, Qwentyn was back on the track in the open 400 meter dash. He was able to win the open 400 meter dash and set a new meet record of 48.75; bettering the old record of 48.93 from 2018. This earned Qwentyn all American status again. He has earned this title 6 times outdoors and once indoors while competing in track and field. It also makes him eligible for AAU Junior Olympics Games in Greensboro, NC, where he will compete in the decathlon and open 400 m dash.

Dixie All-Stars capture state baseball crowns

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Dixie junior All-Star baseball team had more than its share of chances to take control of the tournament championship game against Enterprise on July 13. When the time came to make the winning move, the team came through with the rally that mattered.

Brady Mihoky singled to drive in the tying run and Austin Hastert singled to score what proved to be the winning run as Dixie capped a furious four-run rally in the top of the seventh inning and beat Enterprise, 5-4 to earn the Utah All-Star tournament title at Veterans Park to advance to the Junior League West Regional.

For Dixie head coach Jeremy Graff, the hands-off approach worked as his team responded to the challenges throughout the game.

"It was 'get up and do your job.' That's all we asked," Graff said. "We said 'this is your game, boys. Take over.'"

After dropping a 5-2 decision to Enterprise in the tournament opener July 8, Dixie scored a run in the top of the first to take the early lead in the rematch. They would load the bases with one out in the second, but a pair of strikeouts ended the threat.

Enterprise would score twice in the bottom of the inning to take a 2-1 lead and added two more in the fifth to push the lead to three. Dixie had a runner

in scoring position in the third, but a double play stopped that threat. They would get a runner to third with no outs in the fourth, but came up empty there as well.

When the seventh inning rolled around, Dixie made the most of its last chance. A bases-loaded walk scored the first run before Nyx Virostko singled to cut the Enterprise lead to 4-3. Mihoky and Hastert delivered the big hits that helped the team complete the comeback.

Reliever Levi Smith allowed the first two Enterprise batters to reach in the bottom of the seventh, but retired the next three hitters in order to leave them stranded in scoring position and set off the celebration.

The Junior League Baseball West Regional will be played in Bend, Ore., beginning July 24.

In the majors division championship, Maverick Andrus threw 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ strong innings and added a two-run home run at the plate that proved to be the difference as Dixie beat Snow Canyon, 3-1, and ended their two-year run as All-Star tournament champions.

Dixie would score all of its runs in the first inning, and Nate Andrus knew his son would have more than enough of a gamer mentality to carry his teammates along for the title-winning ride.

"He's been a gamer his whole life. He's a guy you want out there because he fights and competes," Andrus said. "He didn't have his best stuff today, but he pitched well enough to make it happen. His at-bat in the first inning made the difference for us in the game."

After the opening flurry, Andrus settled into a pitcher's duel with Snow Canyon starter Jackson Redd, who threw a complete game. SC scored its only run in the fifth when Redd led off with a single, advanced to third and scored on a fielder's choice.

Maverick Andrus would get the first two outs of the sixth on strikeouts, and Ezra Bird did the same to get the final out on four pitches and secure the victory.

"I knew I just needed to go out there, throw strikes and hit my spots," Maverick said. "I said to myself 'my defense has got me.' They made big plays behind me."

With the win, Dixie advances to the Little League Mountain Regional in San Bernardino, Calif. that begins Aug. 3.



The **Dixie junior All-Star baseball team** poses with their championship rings after beating Enterprise, 5-4, in the Utah tournament championship game July 13 at Veterans Park in Cedar City.



The **Dixie majors All-Star baseball team** poses with their championship rings after defeating Snow Canyon, 3-1, in the Utah tournament final played July 13 at Veterans Park in Cedar City.

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Case No. 243500104

Judge Jeffrey C. Wilcox

**IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND
FOR IRON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF:**

ALICE AMELIA ZUELKE - Deceased.

THE STATE OF UTAH TO:
LESLIE CAROL ZUELKE

The above-entitled Court has entered an Order granting Petitioner the right to serve Leslie Carol Zuelke, an heir and devisee to Decedent, Alice Amelia Zuelke, by Publication. You are thereafter hereby summoned and required to file an answer in writing to a Verified Petition to Validate Holographic Addendum to Revocable Living Trust on file with the clerk of the above entitled Court, located at 40 N. 100 E., Cedar City, Utah 84720. You are also required to file an Answer with the Court and serve upon, or mail to, Petitioner's attorney, a copy of said Answer within twenty-one (21) days after the service of the Summons upon you if you reside within the State of Utah, or thirty (30) days after the service of Summons upon you if you reside outside the State of Utah.

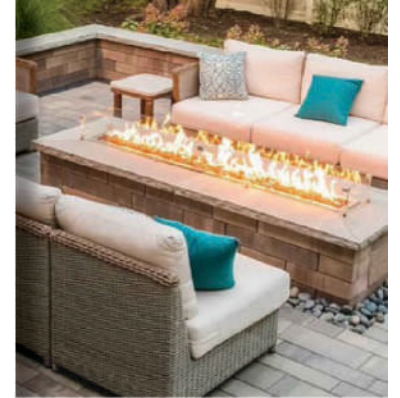
If you fail so to do, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in said Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

Please be advised that this action seeks to validate the holographic Addendum to the Revocable Trust of Alice Amelia Zuelke, who died on or about September 6, 2023, which Trust was created in Iron County, State of Utah.

A copy of the Verified Petition to Validate Holographic Addendum to Revocable Living Trust in this action has been deposited with the Clerk of the Cedar City District Court, and can be picked up by anyone claiming an interest in the above matter at no charge. DATED this 12th day of July, 2024.

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