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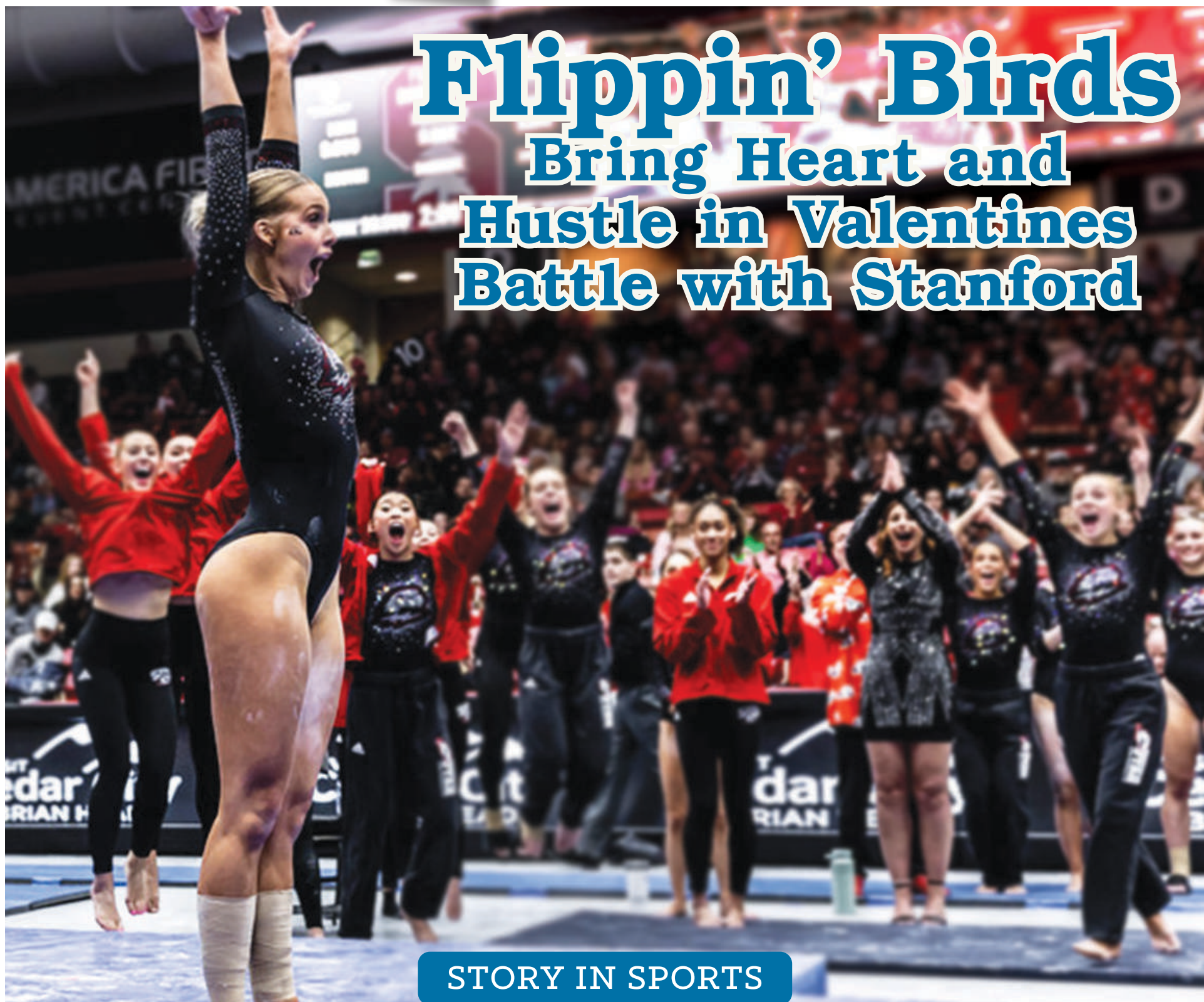
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STORY IN SPORTS

Utah's population reached 3,506,838 on July 1, 2024

Net migration once again exceeds natural increase

from Nick Thiriot

KEM C. GARDNER POLICY INSTITUTE

(Salt Lake City) – July 1, 2024 estimates produced

by the Utah Population Committee indicate Utah's population reached 3,506,838, an increase of 50,392 residents since July 1, 2023. These estimates reflect a post-COVID-19 era and moderately high growth from the last few years.

"In 2024, Utah experienced a slight deceleration in population growth for the second year in a row, with net migration and natural increase almost equally driving growth," said Emily Harris, Senior Demographer at the Gardner Institute. "Utah's recent shift from natural increase to net migration

as the primary source of growth represents a continuation of COVID-19 trends, though this year's data shows a slowing of that initial

post-pandemic pattern."

Key findings from the policy brief include the following:

- **Growth Rate** – Population growth remained strong but slowed to 1.5% in 2024, down from 1.6% in 2023.
- **Components of Change** – Net migration and natural increase contributed almost equally to growth, with net migration accounting for 52% of new residents and natural increase accounting for 48% of new residents.
- **Natural Increase** – Births and deaths remained nearly unchanged from last year. Natural increase did not meaningfully

change for the first time in over ten years, increasing by 48 to 24,374 in 2024.

- **County Growth** – Twenty-one counties grew in 2024, with half of those counties' growth driven by net migration.
- **Fastest Growing County** – Tooele County experienced the fastest population growth (3.1%) for a population over 5,000, and Piute, Utah, Washington, Rich, Iron, and Wasatch counties grew by over 2.0%.
- **Most Growth** – Utah County added the most population, totaling 21,853 new residents, accounting for over 43% of the state's population growth between July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

The Utah Population Committee (UPC), chaired and staffed by the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, produced Utah's state and county population estimates for July 1, 2024. The 2024 estimates incorporate the most recent 2020 decennial census data, released in August 2021. This postcensal series will extend from July 1, 2020, until the next decennial census in 2030.

Readers may view the full policy brief by visiting this article at ironcountytoday.com.

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Cedar City Man Arrested Following Multiple Allegations of Sexual Assault

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man has been arrested and charged with multiple felony offenses after a woman came forward alleging that he assaulted her inside his vehicle at multiple locations.

Lehi Rulon Jeffs, 20, was taken into custody on February 10 and booked into the Iron County Jail. He faces two first-degree felony charges — one for forcible sodomy and another for an object rape — along with misdemeanor counts of sexual battery, assault, and lewdness.

According to the court documents, the incident reportedly took place on January 29. Jeffs allegedly drove the victim to a

secluded area near a construction site before later relocating to a public park and then outside the victim's residence.

During the encounters, the victim told police she experienced a "freezing response" and did not consent to any of the alleged acts. She also described falling asleep.

"The victim did not give consent to any of the actions or say no. The victim also did not cooperate, but stayed still for the events," the affidavit states. "The victim also told me that she fell asleep in-between events, I further believe this supports the victim's freezing response."

At one point, the victim attempted to exit the vehicle, but Jeffs allegedly grabbed her arm and tickled her. She told

police he only stopped after she began crying due to the pain. Investigators later documented bruising on her arm, which she attributed to the encounter.

Jeffs reportedly acknowledged that the incidents took place but claimed they were consensual.

However, during the investigation, authorities interviewed at least two other women who reported similar encounters with Jeffs. They told police they were raised in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) community and had not been taught to assert personal boundaries, particularly in physical relationships.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

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The women explained to the investigator that in the FLDS culture, women are raised to be obedient to men and are not taught to assert personal boundaries, especially regarding physical relationships.

“The victims told me that they and Lehi had grown up in a culture they identified as FLDS. The victims explained to me that in that culture, women are not supposed to tell men no or go against them,” court documents state. “They also explained to me that growing up they are not taught about anything sexual so they did not know what was going on, when Lehi started assaulting them.”

Authorities believe Jeffs exploited these cultural norms to manipulate and control his victims, knowing they were unlikely to resist or report his actions.

Although investigators believe there are additional victims, those cases fall outside of Iron County’s jurisdiction, preventing local law enforcement from filing further charges.

During the investigation, police executed a search warrant on Jeffs’ phone, which allegedly contained messages discussing plans to flee the country to avoid prosecution.

“Lehi has told multiple people that he is looking to flee the country due to these charges,” the affidavit states, adding that investigators had obtained screenshots of text messages in which Jeffs outlined possible escape routes.

Officers also uncovered a message in which Jeffs allegedly described a plan to abduct a woman and escape through mountain borders.

Prosecutors have requested that Jeffs be held without bail due to the severity of the allegations, the risk of witness tampering, and the possibility of him fleeing the country.

“There are also other charges from similar cases with other agencies with the same and different victims that are still being investigated,” the affidavit states.

Jeffs remains in custody at the Iron County Jail. Additional cases have been referred to other jurisdictions for investigation, though it is unclear which agencies are handling those cases. His initial court appearance is pending.

Stabbing Update: Homicide

from Lt. Dave Mitchell

IRON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Cedar City, UT—The Iron County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a reported altercation between two neighbors on February 12, 2025.

Gerald Lee Vandermeer, a 55-year-old man, was allegedly involved in a dispute with 45-year-old Cory Whittenburg over barking dogs. Vandermeer’s sister-in-law reported that he visited Whittenburg to discuss the issue. Upon his return, Vandermeer was discovered to have sustained minor injuries. Emergency medical personnel arrived and transported Vandermeer to Cedar City Hospital, where he received treatment for his injuries.

Due to concerns regarding Whittenburg’s possession of weapons, the Iron Metro SWAT team was called to assist local law enforcement. Upon executing a search warrant at Whittenburg’s residence—a Conex shipping container—law enforcement found him unresponsive from multiple stab wounds. Emergency Medical personnel attempted lifesaving measures, but he was pronounced deceased on the scene.

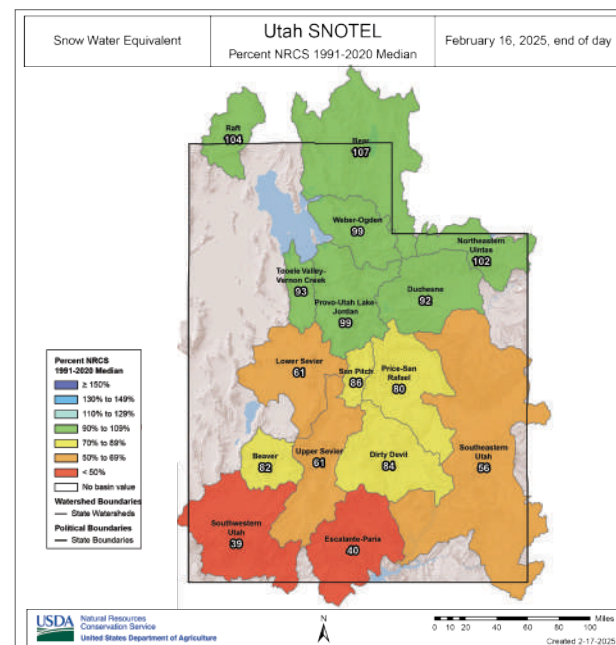
Following medical clearance from the hospital, Vandermeer was taken into custody by Sheriff’s detectives. During an interview, he noted that he had met Whittenburg a few days before the incident,

but today, they had engaged in drinking and consuming THC gummies. Vandermeer stated that an argument erupted, leading to the altercation, though he could not recall specifics.

Vandermeer has been charged with the following offenses:

- Count 1: Murder, First Degree Felony
- Count 2: Unlawful Possession/Purchase/Transfer of a Dangerous Weapon, Misdemeanor A
- Count 3: Possession of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), Misdemeanor B
- Count 4: Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Misdemeanor B
- Count 5: Intoxication, Misdemeanor C

Vandermeer was booked into the Iron County Jail on February 13, 2025. The investigation remains ongoing, with the Office of the Medical Examiner involved in determining the official cause of death for Mr. Whittenburg. The Iron County Sheriff’s Office encourages anyone with further information on this case to contact their office.



IRON COUNTY FORECAST

A STORM SYSTEM WILL BRING A CHANCE FOR SNOW THURSDAY MORNING. GET READY FOR A NICE TASTE OF SPRING-LIKE TEMPS TO RETURN FOR THE WEEKEND AND INTO EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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 WINDS: NW 5-15

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 WINDS: W 5-10

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 WINDS: W 5-10

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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

As February moves forward, we find ourselves in that in-between season—still bundled up in winter coats, but with glimpses of spring peeking over the horizon. The excitement of the holidays has passed, and many of us are ready for longer, sunnier days. Yet, winter in Iron County still has much to offer before we officially welcome spring.

Now is the perfect time to slow down and appreciate the season's unique beauty. Whether it's a scenic drive through Cedar Canyon, a quiet walk in the crisp mountain air, or cozying up with a favorite book as the snow falls (or doesn't) outside, winter invites us to embrace simple joys. For families, this is a great time to build new traditions—perhaps a final sledding day, a homemade hot cocoa night, a weekend visit to Brian Head before the ski season winds down, or a hockey game at KJ's Ice Barn.

Winter is also a season of reflection, a time to pause and reset before the busyness of spring takes over. As we prepare for upcoming community events, spring sports, and the energy of a new season, let's take these last weeks of winter to enjoy the peace and beauty it brings.

How do you make the most of this time of year? We'd love to hear your winter traditions and favorite local spots that make the season special. Send us your stories and photos—we love celebrating the best of Iron County with you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.”
- George Washington



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vietnam Era Heroes

Even though I am a post-Vietnam era veteran, I still recall quite well the disrespect paid to service members who fought in Vietnam and the widespread anti-war activism in America.

The Vietnam era was a time when military service was not viewed in an extremely positive manner. Disregarding draft notices was just one indication of how unpopular military service was at that time.

Over the years since American involvement in Southeast Asia ended, various organizations have worked to change the negative perception of Vietnam veterans. I recently became aware of one such organization in the Beehive State.

That organization is helping to bring about a significant change in the way a unique group of Vietnam veterans is remembered. The chairman of the organization, Larry Kerr, happens to be a veteran who served in Vietnam.

The organization Larry chairs is called the Utah Agent Orange Veterans Foundation. Its goal "is to build a memorial that will recognize the sacrifice of veterans who were sent to Vietnam and now suffer from Agent Orange exposure." This will honor veterans and help increase awareness of the terrible cost of the war in Vietnam.

The Utah Agent Orange Veterans Foundation recently launched its website at agentorangeheroes.org, where you can learn more about Larry Kerr and the organization's mission. The foundation's Facebook page is also a great place to find information about Agent Orange and veterans who were exposed to it.

Nelson Thibault

WORD OF THE WEEK

SCINTILLA

[scin-tilla]

Noun

a tiny trace or spark of a specified quality or feeling

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For the love of money

PART III

by **Edy Meredith**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As 1 Timothy 6:10 says, “For the love of money is the root of all evil.” The examination of the history of American slavery and American founders demonstrates; slavery was about money, money gained from the labors of human slaves in the American colonies, later called the United States of America. John Hancock is well known for his signature on the Declaration of Independence as he reportedly signed it in giant handwriting so that no one would have to put on glasses to see it. He attended Boston Latin and Harvard, where his uncle was well known as a patron and benefactor, so he came from a wealthy family. He valued Christian piety and virtue as contributing to the happiness of his community and to the very existence of republics. He was supportive of smuggling goods past British customs. He owned two slaves, yet he later changed his position and wanted the abolition of slavery in Massachusetts where he lived. He freed his slave Cato in 1781, but we do not know what happened to Molly.

Patrick Henry is well known for calling out “Give me liberty or give me death”, during a speech he gave to the Second Virginia Revolutionary Convention on March 12, 1775. At one point in his life, he owned up to 90 slaves. Later he declared that slavery was repugnant although he never actually freed his slaves because he needed them to make a living. He did free some of his slaves in his will at his death and expressed the hope that his family would follow through on freeing them.

George Mason owned a large slave plantation in Fairfax County, Virginia, where he had around 100 slaves until

his death in 1792. He claimed that slavery was a “slow poison” infecting the colonies. At the Constitution Convention in 1787, he argued against allowing the slave trade to continue. In his writing he talked about the moral dilemma of owning slaves, but he claimed he couldn’t get rid of them for economic reasons. However, he felt so strongly about the issue that he refused to sign the US Constitution unless it called for the abolition of slavery. He was conflicted about the issue and never freed his own slaves during his lifetime or in his will.

United States founders were imperfect people who ultimately and primarily with few exceptions made decisions based on what they thought was good for them financially. Remember that lesson as we celebrate Black History month contemplating the Middle Passage in 1619 to the present day. Let’s celebrate the achievements and triumphs and setbacks that African Americans have experienced during the last hundreds of years--surviving slavery, the Jim Crow era, civil rights activism, and modern-day prejudice. It has been a heroic struggle, yet the African American community has not just survived, the community has thrived. They have become writers, historians, poets, entertainers, activists, political leaders, scientists, entrepreneurs, using exactly the words and actions when our country needs to be redirected. Martin Luther King Jr. has always been an inspiration to me as I was living in San Francisco years ago on April 4, 1968, when he was assassinated. His words still ring in my heart today: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”; “It is always the right time to do the right thing.”; “May I stress the need for courageous, intelligent, and dedicated leadership...Leaders of sound integrity.

Leaders not in love with publicity, but in love with justice. Leaders not in love with money, but in love with humanity. Leaders who can subject their egos to the greatness of the cause.”; “Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame but greatness, because greatness is determined by service.”; “Difficult

and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future.” Let’s continue to bring the American dream of liberty to all. Next week, more about miracles in American history.

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Council met on February 12, 2025, at 5:30 PM. Mayor Green provided updates on city projects, including a rock crushing operation for road base material and a storm drain project near Canyon View High School. He announced upcoming State of the City addresses and plans to install signs protecting an eagle's nest area.

City staff reported that the BLM would no longer maintain Thunderbird Gardens trailhead, requiring the city to assess maintenance costs.

During public comments, a resident requested "no motorized vehicle" signs for a paved hiking trail near Old Sorrel Town Homes.

The council approved minutes, bills, and grant applications, amended golf course fees, and discussed a letter to the FAA supporting a control tower at Cedar City Regional Airport.

The Council reviewed two infrastructure items, including Change Order #2 for the wastewater treatment project. The contractor requested 50% upfront payment for long-lead equipment (7-8 months) instead of full payment upon delivery.

Key discussion points included:

- \$2.1 million in state funding for the \$4.6 million project
- State reimbursement only after materials arrive
- Concerns about setting a precedent and fairness to other bidders
- Whether contractors should finance large costs

A proposal to approve the change order with a price reduction equal to lost city interest (PTIF rate +5%) failed, with two "nay" votes and one "aye."

The Council unanimously (4-0) approved a \$92,683.92 bid to Southwest Plumbing for materials for the Iron West irrigation project.

Iron County Commission

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Several department heads provided updates:

The Children's Justice Center reported 244 new cases in 2024, including 226 forensic interviews and 62 medical exams. Most cases involved sexual abuse (133) and physical abuse/neglect (115). They are preparing grant applications and sending 12 team members to a symposium in Alabama.

The County Attorney's Office saw about 400 more cases in 2024, partly due to increased Utah Highway Patrol citations. Staffing challenges included a prosecutor's departure, but a replacement will start in March.

The Justice Court reported over 11,000 cases in 2024, with Utah Highway Patrol citations rising from 3,963 in 2023 to 5,018 in 2024. Revenue collection increased, with the court retaining \$1.3 million.

The victim advocate served 393 crime victims in 2024, with domestic violence cases being the most common. Concerns were raised about potential federal grant freezes affecting funding after July. Commissioner reports included updates on:

- Restaurant tax awards (approximately \$100,000)

- Small business grants (\$60,000 awarded to five businesses)

- Updates on the county jail construction project, including a decision to purchase copper wire early to save \$660,000 due to rising prices

The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District reported on water projects, including new lines and tank construction. Concerns were raised about severe drought, with snowpack at a record low 23% and no water recharge this year.

The commission reviewed a proposed zone change for 19.22 acres near 4800-4950 North and 2700 West in Cedar City, shifting from 1-acre residential (R1) to 4,000-square-foot lots (R4K). The developer revised plans to focus on single-family homes with larger lots, removing townhouses.

A planning representative explained that while the commission couldn't enforce the specific plan through "contract zoning," approval could be based on the developer's intent. R4K zoning is limited to Tier 2 areas with established infrastructure.

Over 200 residents signed petitions opposing the change, citing concerns about traffic, property values, water availability, and loss of rural character. Some acknowledged property owners' rights but opposed altering existing zoning.

The developer agreed to concessions, including larger lots, a drainage basin, open space, and additional parking. The commission emphasized balancing affordable housing with community character and proper planning.

The zone change was approved 2-1, based on the single-family home proposal, though the developer is not legally bound to the exact plan.

The commission approved General Plan tier changes near Parowan and Paragonah,

shifting some areas between tiers 2 and 4. The adjustments, part of a zoning review since 2005, align development with infrastructure and septic system concerns. Studies from 2021-2022 highlighted nitrate contamination risks, prompting efforts to protect groundwater. The changes focus development in serviced areas while preserving others.

The commission approved zone changes, aligning zoning with new tier designations. They also approved changing 269.28 acres near SR-56 from Agriculture (A20) to Light Industrial (LI), citing infrastructure feasibility and its inclusion in the Inland Port zone. Lastly, they vacated a public road easement on City View Drive, transferring county interest to adjacent property owners per state law.

The commission approved an interlocal agreement for Iron County to handle Parowan City's Justice Court cases, similar to agreements with other municipalities. Iron County would manage cases, prosecution, and defense, receiving 70% of fee revenue. The agreement requires approval from Parowan City and the state, with a planned July 1 start. Parowan's judge will serve until 2026, with options for a buyout or backup role.

The commission approved a property annexation into Parowan City, despite creating an unincorporated island, as it won't affect county services. During public comments, a speaker criticized land use regulations.

The commission revisited a telecom franchise agreement with Infowest, discussing permit fee requirements. Infowest confirmed they pay fees unless working for a government entity. County officials acknowledged the need for legal clarification on franchise fees. The issue was tabled for the next meeting.

BUDGET SUMMARY

YEAR	STATE OF UTAH	IRON COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	CEDAR CITY	COUNTY POPULATION	INFLATION RATE
2020	\$18,500,000,000	\$64,397,882	\$97,275,145	\$84,121,067	57,286	1.4
2021	\$20,300,000,000	\$68,529,185	\$111,206,179	\$82,661,906	58,672	7.0
2022	\$25,600,000,000	\$80,413,678	\$116,183,977	\$82,219,239	62,508	6.5
2023	\$26,000,000,000	\$78,255,317	\$172,080,787	\$97,198,239	64,211	3.4
2024	\$29,400,000,000	\$67,789,445	\$200,512,950	\$150,125,060	65,765	3.2
2025	TBD	\$132,282,649	\$221,113,931	TBD	TBD	TBD
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	20.57%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Building a Stronger Future for Utah

Week 4 of the legislative session means we are officially halfway through the 2025 General Session, and there's already been so much accomplished! From strengthening public safety to expanding education opportunities for students and securing energy for Utah's future, we continue to work hard tackling the issues that matter most and will have lasting benefits for generations to come.

Stay engaged with the process by visiting le.utah.gov, where you can watch live streams, check daily schedules, and dive into the details of the legislation shaping our state. Your voice matters—let's keep the momentum going!

Iron County Constituents

I strive to take every opportunity to engage with and listen to my constituents because your voices matter most. This week, I had the privilege of stepping away from meetings and presentations to attend lunch with the Utah Association of Realtors. While there, I enjoyed meeting Jenny Vossler and others from the Iron County Board of Realtors. Later, during floor time, I was honored to host Jenny by my side on the House floor.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Ayda Ramsay from Canyon View High School—a talented artist who recently received a scholarship for her outstanding work and dedication to her craft. It's always inspiring to see young individuals pursuing their passions with such determination. Thank you Ayda for coming to visit with me on the Capitol and congratulations on all your hard work!

Later in the week, I received a stack of postcards from many of you sharing your thoughts and positions on the bills we're discussing this session. As I read through them, I was encouraged by the engagement and passion shown by people of all ages in our community. Your feedback is invaluable, and it motivates me to work even harder on your behalf.

Bills of Mine that Passed in Committees this Week

While I love engaging with all my constituents, I make sure to stay focused and get the job done up here at the Capitol. This week, I presented four of my bills, all of which passed with favorable recommendations.

- H.B. 147 Aquatic Invasive Species

Amendments - Presented in the House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee. It passed favorably and is now on the House 3rd Reading Calendar.

- H.B. 240 Urban Farming Assessment Amendments - After incorporating feedback, I presented this bill for a second time in the House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee, where it received a favorable recommendation. It's now on the House 3rd Reading Calendar.
- H.B. 162 Transportation Funding Amendments - Presented in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.



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UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 72



REP. CARL ALBRECHT
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

It passed with a favorable recommendation and has been placed on the House 3rd Reading Calendar.

- H.B. 141 Adoption Modifications - Presented in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, where it passed favorably and is now on the Senate 2nd Reading Calendar.

Here's where a few more of my bills stand:

- H.B. 104 Firearm Safety Amendments - Currently 10th on the House 3rd Reading Calendar. I expect to present it on the House floor soon.
- H.B. 147 Aquatic Invasive Species Amendments - Currently 55th on the House 3rd Reading Calendar. I anticipate presenting it in the coming days.
- H.B. 153 Hunting Amendments - Currently 24th on the House 3rd Reading Calendar and will be presented soon.
- H.B. 213 Voting Revisions - Still in the House Rules Committee, awaiting assignment to a standing committee.
- H.B. 408 School Board Amendments - Also in the House Rules Committee, waiting for assignment to a standing committee.

It's an honor to represent District 71 and work on policies that will benefit our community. As always, I'm here to listen and advocate for

what matters most to you. Thank you for your continued support and engagement!

I would love to hear from you!

Representative Rex Shipp
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Rep. Albrecht's Fourth Week of Session

It was another week of great work on the Hill as we officially hit the halfway point of

the Session. My colleagues and I are working hard to pass legislation that is good for Utah and Rural Utah. As we approach these final few weeks, we will continue to pass bills that strengthen public safety, secure Utah's energy future, and address issues that affect the future of Utah.

Week 4 Highlights

I had two more bills pass through the House Floor with both HB 174: Water Rights Restricted Account and HB 239: Disaster Funds Revisions passing unanimously on Tuesday. HB 174 makes Rural Utah water infrastructure more secure by allowing the state engineer more freedoms in legal payments with the restricted account, while HB 239 allocates funds differently, making the money needed during disaster relief and prevention more accessible.

I presented my last bills in House Committees, HJR 3: Joint Resolution Regarding State Prisoner Placement in Iron County Correctional Facility and HB 202: Private Landowner Big Game Revisions. On Wednesday, HJR 3 was presented to the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee. This bill allows jail expansion, providing much needed additional space in the Iron County Correctional Facility. HB 202 was presented to the House Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment.

HB 202 allocates bull elk tags to landowners between 4,000 to 8,999 contiguous acres. This bill protects landowners' rights, giving them the ability to legally deal with the elk causing damages to their property. Both passed unanimously.

On Monday I presented two of my water bills, to the Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee; HB 41: State Water Policy Amendments and HB 47: Public Lands Watering Rights Amendments. These two bills help improve water management in Utah by promoting state water planning and protecting grazers water rights from Federal Government overreach on Public Lands. Both passed unanimously.

My bill HB 249: Nuclear Power Amendments was heard in the Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy and Technology Committee. After robust conversation, we're one step closer to securing Utah's energy future with the bill passing unanimously.

On Wednesday, members of the Utah Local Leadership Academy joined Rep. Christine Watkins and I at the Capitol for a tour of the House Floor and a Q&A. It was a great opportunity to meet with local rural leadership to explain our process to them while answering their questions.

Our weekly Rural Caucus was a success as usual. We heard a number of presentations spanning from higher education in rural communities from SUU President Mindy Benson to an update from Congressman Owens on his works to help Rural Utah. These efforts all go a long way in preserving Rural Utah and our rural way of life.

I had the opportunity to briefly speak with the Utah Federation of Republican Women on Wednesday where I updated them on my bills this session. It's important to keep groups like this informed and involved throughout the legislative process.

Dennis and Kellie Jorgensen from Jorgenson Powersports joined me for a citation on the House and Senate Floor to recognize their contributions and service to their community. The Jorgenson's are leaders of the Richfield community, owning several different businesses and dealerships in Richfield that benefit the area immensely. They have served Central Utah for decades, and it was an honor to recognize them in this manner.

Committees

This week we finished appropriations committees, meaning that we will now be holding committee meetings in the morning as well as the afternoon. As we head into this back-half of the Session, we will be seeing an increase in committee meetings and floor time in an effort to get more bills through the legislative process.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The 2025 General Session has produced some great legislation for our state thus far, but we're far from finished and your involvement is vital to our process. Please make your voice heard and feel free to attend any public meetings or attend online to listen and testify.

Contact me through phone or email; carlabrecht@le.utah.gov, (435) 979-6578, or contact my intern Joe Boyle; jboyle@le.utah.gov, (386) 420-3096.

Thank you for your continued support.

Friends and Neighbors,

We are approaching the midpoint of the 2025 General Session, and from enhancing medical cannabis safety to exploring nuclear energy innovation, the bills we're working on have far-reaching impacts on our communities.

Improving Utah's Medical Cannabis Program

Since its inception, Utah's medical cannabis

program has helped thousands of patients find relief while maintaining strict oversight. With S.B. 64 *Medical Cannabis Amendments*, I'm working to improve the safety, efficiency and accessibility of this program.

The bill introduces stronger surveillance measures to ensure medical cannabis is stored and distributed securely, updates licensing processes to reduce red tape and allows telehealth services for patients who need certification but can't attend appointments in person. These changes help ensure the program is safe and reliable for those who depend on it. Rural patients, in particular, will benefit from expanded telehealth access, eliminating the need for long trips to see a provider.

Unlocking Utah's Energy Potential

Energy costs affect every aspect of daily life, from utility bills to the price of groceries and transportation. H.B. 249 *Nuclear Power Amendments* lays the groundwork for innovative, cost-effective energy solutions by establishing the Utah Energy Council, Energy Development Zones and a Nuclear Energy Consortium. These groups will work together to facilitate project financing, develop

policy recommendations, foster nuclear energy partnerships, support workforce development programs and create necessary regulatory frameworks. This work not only help keep energy affordable but also create opportunities for new jobs and economic growth, ensuring a strong, vibrant future for our families and communities.

Protecting State Sovereignty

S.J.R. 6 *Supporting State Jurisdiction Under the Principle of Federalism* reaffirms Utah's sovereignty under the U.S. Constitution and pushes back against federal regulations that impact our communities. In our district, federal overreach often affects land use, agriculture and local decision-making. By leveraging recent court decisions, we're working to ensure that Utah has the freedom to govern its own affairs and protect the unique needs of our state.

A Small Update for Better Waste Management

I have a minor update to one of the bills I discussed last week, S.B. 63 *Waste Tire Recycling Amendments*, which helps ensure waste tires are responsibly disposed of in a way that best supports our rural communities. The main change is to the definition for "shredded tires," which increases the size of shredded tires to an 8 inch square and reverts to the existing definition of "chipped tire." This change, though small, will assist us in our efforts to improve waste management efficiency.

Each bill we discuss this session has a real impact on our communities, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to work on your behalf. If you have questions, thoughts or concerns about any of these issues, I'd love to hear from you. Together, we will continue to build a stronger today and more prosperous future for Utah.

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Repeat Offender in Iron County Resolves Two Cases, Pleads Guilty to Lewdness

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man with a criminal history dating back to 1988 has accepted plea deals in two separate cases this week, resolving multiple charges from incidents in 2024.

Ernest Robert Miller, 73, was arrested on August 12, 2024, after police received reports of a man exposing himself near the Southern Utah University (SUU) campus.

According to court documents, Miller was wearing a makeshift loincloth fashioned from a pair of sweatpants that left his genitals partially exposed.

Responding officers arrived at the scene and observed Miller standing up from a seated position, at which point "his genitals were fully exposed," the report states. One officer noted that Miller's clothing "failed to cover his private parts, and he made no effort to conceal himself in a public place."

Miller reportedly told police he had been playing basketball and that "no one cared" about his attire. However, officers noted that the incident occurred in a high-traffic area frequently visited by students, families, and children.

"The wanted disregarded for being in the public especially in a public area where there are known to be lots of children's [sic] and family makes me believe that if he is released he will do it again," the affidavit stated.

A background check confirmed Miller is a registered sex offender, which enhanced the lewdness charge to a third-degree felony. Law enforcement cited concerns that his disregard for being in a public space posed an ongoing risk to the community, requesting he receive no bail.

Miller pleaded guilty to a third-degree felony for lewdness by a sex offender charge last week.

Just two months after Miller was arrested for lewdness he was booked into the Iron County Jail again on several charges. This time, all related to drugs.

Miller's second arrest occurred on October 28, 2024, following an investigation by the Iron County Narcotics Task Force.

According to the affidavit, officers were conducting follow-up interviews related to another case when they uncovered text messages linking Miller

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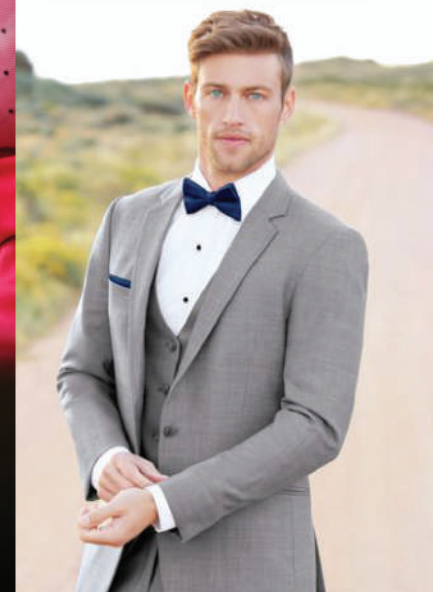
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to drug distribution. These conversations detailed the sale of prescription opioids and marijuana, with Miller admitting to selling his medication multiple times.

Authorities obtained a search warrant for Miller's residence, leading to the discovery of paraphernalia, marijuana, and methamphetamine. Officers also seized multiple knives, two tasers, and other dangerous weapons.

Miller was originally charged with:

- Second-degree felony distribution of a controlled substance
- Third-degree felony distribution of a controlled substance
- Unlawful possession of a dangerous weapon
- Possession of a controlled substance
- Two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia

Under a plea agreement, Miller pleaded guilty to distribution of a controlled substance, a third-degree felony. The other charges were dismissed.

Court records show Miller's criminal record goes back decades, with convictions for simple assault, attempted burglary, and multiple drug- and alcohol-related offenses. His history also includes prior sex-related crimes, leading to his classification as a registered sex offender.

Miller is scheduled to be sentenced for both cases on April 16, 2025.

public & health

Prescribed Burns on Pine Valley and Cedar City Ranger Districts to Lessen Fuel Buildup

from Jenny Plecki

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Cedar City, UT — The Pine Valley and Cedar City Ranger Districts will be conducting prescribed burns to lessen fuel buildup and improve scenic quality of previously logged and thinned areas.

400 to 450 acres of piled slash will be targeted on the Pine Valley Ranger district, while 500 to 1,000 acres of piled slash will be targeted on the Cedar City Ranger District throughout February and into March to reduce the risk of unwanted wildfire during the hotter summer months.

The Pine Valley prescribed burn project encompasses multiple slash piles around the community of Pine Valley and Pine Valley Campground. Meanwhile, the Cedar City prescribed burn will take place throughout the district.

Slash piles to be burned were generated from activity fuels that are the result of past thinning, and fuel reduction projects on both ranger districts. Logging also contributed to the Cedar City Ranger District slash piles. These activity fuels have been gathered into individual piles and are ready to be burned with ample amounts of snow or precipitation present at the burn site. This is to contain fire to each individual pile, which will reduce and eliminate fire spread. The primary

fuels treatment objective of this prescribed fire is to reduce the existing wildland fire hazard, thus reducing negative effects from future wildland fires. This burn will also improve aesthetic features of the Dixie National Forest.

Many areas that have been previously thinned have been targeted for slash pile removal for many years on the Cedar City Ranger District and the last 2 or 3 years on the Pine Valley Ranger District. The Dixie National Forest will continue to implement these prescribed slash pile burns to lessen fuel buildup and improve scenic quality of previously logged and thinned areas.

Locations:

Pine Valley Ranger District prescribed burns will occur around the entire community of Pine Valley and in and around the Pine Valley Campground.

The Cedar City Ranger District prescribed burns will occur to the North and South of Mammoth Creek Village. To the North of Duck Creek Village and to the West of Elk ridge. Smoke will be visible from HWY 89, HWY, 143, HWY 14, and HWY 12.

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Roland Williams
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Invitation:

Spring Cedar City Arts Council Social on Feb. 24

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

You are invited to the Cedar City Arts Council Social on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Frehner Hall of the Utah Shakespeare Festival Building near the Fred Adams statue. This is a free public event to celebrate the Cedar City arts community. Refreshments will be served.

This year's Arts Service Award will be presented to Roland Williams. The popular pianist and organist has served the Master Singers for many years as an accompanist. He has performed in numerous other community events. He has served on the Cedar City Music Arts Board for many years. "We appreciate the



steadfast service of musicians and artists like Roland who have contributed over many years to building our arts community," said Roger Gold, CCAC President. "Even though in pain much of the time as he played these last few years, he never missed a beat. He serves as an inspiration to those who know him," said Harold Shirley, Master Singers.

Roland is a Cedar City native and small business owner. He owns and operates "Second Glance Hair Designs," on Cedar City's main street where he has earned a devoted clientele and forged many friendships over the years. "Not only is Roland a talented musician, but a tremendous human being. He has a wonderful sense of humor and is loved by all who have the opportunity to meet him," says Sally Jensen, long-time

friend and former business neighbor.

Mini-grant recipient Heidi Hodnett will be sharing harp music and her brother Sam will perform on cello. She is working towards purchasing a professional full size concert harp.

The SUU Vanguard New Music Ensemble, led by Joseph Howe, will present a preview of the upcoming March 20th concert and APEX presentation featuring Mark Applebaum, professor of composition at Stanford University.

Erin Shakespeare Bishop will display some of her art and talk about her plans for her mini-grant project as well as her art journey. As a mother of six, her work is infused with the energy of family life and a sense of adventure, captur-

Heidi and Sam
Hodnett



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Fold or Flourish?

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

What is your art form? Do you write, paint, act, dance, or make pottery? Are you taking photographs, playing music in a group, or singing in a choir? Having art as a daily part of your life is healing.

You might write poetry for yourself, do embroidery, or do sketches for family or friends. Art is art and everyone can participate.

When we feel brave enough to share our art that is a bonus.

Having an artistic goal can be exhilarating, but there are commonly frustrating moments. Having a growth mindset helps to proceed. Accepting failures as a learning opportunity is the best response, instead of a stop sign on the project. So flourish rather than fold. The key concept is to keep moving forward.

There are countless examples

of books being written over years instead of months. "You can't use up creativity; the more you use, the more you have," wrote Maya Angelou.

"Too often creativity is smothered rather than nurtured. There has to be a climate in which new ways of thinking, perceiving, questioning are encouraged. People also have to feel they are needed."

Sometimes health challenges get in the way and are a temporary setback. Yet we have local visual artists and musicians who have continued creating art after cancer chemotherapy and other life disruptions.

As a teacher I have seen the resilience of students who come back to playing violin after broken arms. They keep listening to professional recordings and work with whichever hand is functional until they can play again.

You have probably heard the description of success as ten percent inspiration and ninety percent perspiration. Having the idea is fabulous, but then how do you proceed? Some people set certain times for practice, painting, or writing. Making the creative process a habit makes it easier to complete projects. Others find that intense effort in bursts of days or even weeks works

for them.

Enjoy the process and work towards your goal even if the execution takes detours.

Resources are available for community art projects through the Cedar City Arts Council mini-grants up to \$500. The application is on our website at cedarcityartscouncil.org under the Support tab. Applications are due Feb. 28.

We are excited to see your art. Send us posters on performances and exhibits for the monthly arts newsletter.



Erin Shakespeare



Roland Williams

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ing both the joy and spontaneity of the world around her.

Zoë Petersen will share the progress on the Gumption magazine "made for and by girls with guts."

Local art leaders will have a chance to give a brief overview of upcoming

events.

The Socials are held to connect the public and local artists of all disciplines. CCAC Board Member Joe Howe helps coordinate the events. Refreshments will be provided.

Come and enjoy an evening of networking with your Arts Council. For more information contact cedarcity-artscouncil@gmail.com.



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USF Makes Special Announcement About 2025 Season

from Marlo Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

CEDAR CITY - The Utah Shakespeare Festival is excited to announce the addition of the play *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* by Ken Ludwig to its 2025 season. It joins the lineup of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, and *As You Like It*, as well as the Tony Award-winning musical comedy *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and the nostalgic *Steel Magnolias*.

Directed by Festival-

newcomer, Michael Perlman, *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* will preview on July 11, open July 12, and run through October 4 in the Festival's intimate Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre.

"We are thrilled to add a show in the Anes this summer," says Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "The intimacy of that space is an essential part of the Festival's repertory experience. *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* couldn't be a better fit for our 2025 lineup with its beautiful heart-wrenching, edge-of-your-seat storytelling. I can't wait for audiences to fall in love with this play."

Perlman, a New York-based writer and director, will lead the artistic and production team. He has directed at Barrow Street, Public Theatre,

Creede Repertory Theatre, Boise Contemporary Theatre, Goodspeed Opera House, and Cleveland Playhouse, among others, as well as directing his own plays *From White Plains* and *At the Table* off-Broadway at Roundabout Theatre. He has taught at Juilliard School of Drama and Brown University, where he earned his BA and MFA. He is a member of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC) and is a Drama League Directing Fellow.

"I'm so excited to bring *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* to the USF audiences," says Perlman. "[It is a] poignant reminder that the most important things in our lives are our relationships, and the ways in which those connections help us move through even the most challenging obstacles."

Executive Managing Director Michael Bahr agrees.

"It is a perfect addition and is a joyful, comic, tender, and moving love story that will touch our hearts, reminding us of our own dear ones in our lives."

This charming two-person show tells the story of the playwright's parents meeting during WWII. U.S. Army Captain Jack Ludwig is a military doctor who is stationed in Oregon. He begins writing to aspiring actress and dancer Louise Rabiner in New York City, hoping to meet her in person someday. Opposites attract and they can only hope the war doesn't threaten the relationship before it even has a chance to start.

Bahr continues: "The Anes is a perfect venue for this intimate story. We know audiences love this space and will really connect to seeing this play there."

For more information or to



Director Michael Perlman makes his directorial debut at USF with *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*.



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Iron County Faces Drought Conditions, Water District Urges Conservation Efforts

from Jessica Staheli

CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



Iron County, UT – As of February 14, the Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) at Webster Flat stands at a concerning 35% of the median. Recent storms have brought the SWE up slightly, but this year still marks the driest year to date in the past 131 years in Iron County. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, all of Iron County is in drought status, with the majority being classified as extreme or severe drought.

To address the drought and other local water challenges, the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (District) is urging all residents, businesses, agricultural producers, and government organizations to prioritize water conservation efforts.

"Without significant

precipitation, we are facing a record drought, and it's important that our community work together to conserve and manage

our resources," said Paul Monroe, General Manager of the District. "While we are actively pursuing solutions due to water challenges, we need everyone to contribute to making every drop count."

In response to the drought, the District is taking several steps, including:

1. Conservation

• Residential Water Efficiency:

Community members can make a large impact by focusing on outdoor water conservation. They can take advantage of rebates through Utah Water Savers, which will pay residents to remove lawn in their yard. Water-efficient landscape classes are a great way to learn about conser-

vation as well. The District is hosting two landscape classes this spring, and community members can register on the District's website.

• Agricultural Efforts:

The District is collaborating with Southern Utah University (SUU) Farm and Utah State University (USU) to study best practices for agricultural irrigation that optimize water use.

2. Recharge & Reuse

• **Recharge: The District** is working on capturing every available drop of water and replenishing the aquifer to reduce evaporation losses. Unfortunately, in a low-precipitation year like this, extra water to recharge is sparse, but the District continues to evaluate the best places to recharge water when the water is available.

• **Reuse:** In coordination with Cedar City, Enoch City, and Iron County, the District is working on an Effluent Reuse Project. This project will allow

treated effluent water to be used for irrigation, reducing groundwater pumping and providing a sustainable water supply for agricultural and landscape irrigation.

3. Source/Supply

• **Local Water Sources: The District** is continuing work on its Water Improvement Project to enhance and diversify local water infrastructure. This project has included waterlines along Iron Springs Road, 4000 N, and 6000 N. It will also include new wells, and currently the District is constructing a 4 million gallon water tank, the largest tank in Iron County, in the Eightmile Hills area, near Desert Mound Road.

• Pine Valley Water Supply:

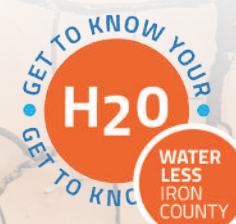
The Pine Valley (Basin 14) Water Supply Project is another critical initiative to bolster the county's long-term water availability. Environmental Studies are currently in progress to ensure that the project can sustainably provide water to

Cedar Valley.

"We ask everyone to actively participate in conservation measures. While we continue to explore long-term solutions, conservation efforts will determine how well we navigate this drought in the coming months," Monroe emphasized.

The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District encourages all residents to educate themselves on water conservation, reuse, and the importance of sustainable water management. For further details, please visit the District's website at cicwd.org.

For updates on local snow-pack conditions, please visit <https://nwcc-apps.sc.egov.usda.gov/awdb/site-plots/POR/WTEQ/UT/Webster%20Flat.html>.



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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary students have enjoyed dental presentations by the Southern Utah University nursing department and Cedar View Pediatric Dentistry over the past few weeks. Students

learned about the proper way to brush their teeth, how to use dental floss, and what kinds of nutritious foods will help with dental health. Each child got to take home a fun bag with their own toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss. Thank you to the nursing students Brooklyn Holt and Shaylee Evans from SUU and Alayna Marriott from Cedar View Pediatric Dentistry for taking time to teach our students how to take care of their teeth. Also, thank you to our school nurse Kari Abeyta for arranging these presentations.



South Elementary

This week, students at South Elementary presented a fun-filled Presidents' Day program honoring the history and leadership of U.S. presidents. Students also recognized that they, themselves, are an important part of this great country. Many songs, poems and recitations were included, as well as 3rd Graders sharing what they would do if they were President. We appreciate the hard work these students offered to make this day a special one.

Fiddlers Canyon Elementary

Our next Feed Your Family Fundraiser will be on Monday, February 24 at 2nd East. Watch your child's homework folder and the Fiddlers Canyon Elementary PTA Facebook page for more details.

On Thursday, February 27, there will be an informational meeting about the Chinese Dual Language Immersion program at 6 pm at Fiddlers Elementary. Parents of current kindergartners and 1st graders from any school in the district are welcome to attend and learn more about this unique program.

Dr. Seuss Week is coming up March 3-7. Be on the lookout for more information about the different dress-up days and reading activities.

North Elementary

North Elementary is wrapping up Kindness Week. Our school counselors have worked hard to integrate not only fun dress up days, but also focused lessons on skills like: sharing, helping others, and including others to play.



In January and February, North Elementary has once again opened its doors to collaborate with Johnny Oh from SUU in welcoming students from Korea for classroom placements. This exchange provides a unique opportunity for both our students and the visiting SUU participants. Our students gain valuable cultural insights, while the visiting students experience firsthand the innovative practices in our classrooms - insights they can take back to enhance their education programs in Korea. We are thrilled to foster this meaningful exchange and celebrate the incredible learning happening at our school.

We are looking forward to our Penny Wars and Read Across America Week in the next few weeks. Please check our website for more information.

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week



Student Government wearing orange for teen dating Awareness week

Get ready to relive an incredible week at Canyon View as Canyon View acknowledged Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week from February 10-14! It was a vibrant and engaging week packed with fun activities that brought the community together.

We kicked things off on Monday, February 10th, with Student Government spreading the message by putting up eye-catching posters all over the school. On

Tuesday, the 11th, the halls were flooded with a sea of orange as students showed their support by wearing this bold color!

Wednesday, the 12th, was a creative blast! Students grabbed their chalk and transformed the front area with uplifting messages about consent, turning the school into a colorful art display filled with encouraging words. Then on Thursday, the 13th, it was all about sharing the love! Students could buy crushed soda to surprise their friends and crushes, what a sweet way to show you care!

Then wrapped up the week on Friday, the 14th, with an exciting twist! Students received their crushes and took part in a thrilling rock-paper-scissors competition! It was a fantastic conclusion to an amazing week! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this week unforgettable!

Sterling Scholar Recognition Night

On February 12, Canyon View celebrated Sterling Scholar Recognition Night, a truly successful event that highlighted the achievements of our remarkable Sterling scholars. It was a wonderful opportunity to witness their inspiring stories and understand what makes them stand out. Each scholar had their own table to share their journey and present in front of the entire community. A heartfelt shoutout to all the Sterling scholars and immense gratitude to everyone who attended.



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SUU APEX: LECTURE (11:30-12:30PM) APEX
Presents Ward Wilson - Executive Director of RealistRevolt held in the SUU - Gilbert Great Hall (405 W University Blvd, Cedar City). Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information visit suu.edu/apex.

ICSUU INTERN. FILM FESTIVAL (5:30PM) @ THE
SUU Sharwan Smith Theater - ST 161D (351 W University Blvd, Cedar City). All films are subtitled, FREE, and open to the public! Organized by International Cinema and Southern Utah University (ICSUU), with support from the Department of Languages and Philosophy. For information and a list of films visit suu.edu/hss/languages/film-festivals/. Held February 20, 24, 25 & 27.

THE SECRET GARDEN (7:30-9:30) SUU'S
Department of Theatre, Dance, and Arts Administration presents The Secret Garden. Tickets are available at the Utah Shakespeare Festival Box Office and can be purchased online at bard.org/tdaa, by phone at (435) 586-7878, or in-person a half-hour before each performance. Held FEB. 20, 21, & 22.

UHSAA 4A STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
(8AM-10PM) SUU/USG will be hosting the 4A State Boys' and Girls' Basketball Championships in the America First Event Center. The championship games are scheduled for Saturday with the girls' championship scheduled to be played at 3 pm and the boys' championship game scheduled for 5:30 pm. Tickets are available for the event at gofan.co/app/school/UHSAA. FEB 20, 21 & 22.

FRI, FEB 21

FEBRUARY CHOIRS CONCERT (7:30-9PM) AT THE
Hertiage Center Theater. The SUU Choirs will perform, under the direction of Dr. Andrew Briggs and Kristin Briggs. The SUU Choirs are OPUS Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Luminosa Treble Choir.

COUGAR MAKERS MARKET & TALENT SHOW
(4-8PM) @ the Canyon View Middle School Gym (1865 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. The Market will run from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the Talent Show will run from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come to the first annual market and support the student entrepreneurs and local business vendors!

SUU: CHOIR & LUMINOSA CONCERT (7:30PM)
"Let Everything That Hath Breath" held in the Thorley Recital Hall (432 W 200 S, MU 208, Cedar City). The concert is FREE and open to everyone!

SAT, FEB 22

MIXED MEDIA DEMO (4-6PM) THE PUBLIC IS
invited to this free event. Join us at Gold River Gallery for a complimentary immersive event featuring our highlighted artist, Jenna Mae Lineweaver. Jenna skillfully blends mixed media- such as fabric, paper, buttons, and beads- into her creations. She will conduct an in-person demonstration to showcase her distinctive artistic style. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! 111 South Main Street #2A in Cedar City.

2025 SUU HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL
(7:30-9:30PM) in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Admission is FREE.. The High School Jazz Festival Concert features six Utah high schools' jazz band performances during the day and an evening concert featuring the jazz group. For information visit suu.edu/pva/music/jazzfestival

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET (10AM-1PM)
held every Saturday at 100 West Center Street (Cedar City), admission is FREE. Shop locally produced and grown fruit, vegetables, cheese, jam, bread, eggs, honey, farm products,hand crafted items, and more. For information emailfestivalcityfarmersmarket@gmail.com

SUN, FEB 23

BRIAN HEAD RESORT JUNIOR RAIL JAM
(12-4PM) held at the Brian Head Resort Giant Steps base area (329 S Hwy 143, Brian Head). This is a park competition just for little rippers ages 12 and under showing off their best tricks. The competition is open to all skill levels including both snowboarders and skiers. Registration and details are available at www.brianhead.com.

MON, FEB 24

SPRING CEDAR ARTS COUNCIL SOCIAL (7PM) YOU
are invited to the Spring Cedar City Arts Council Social! Located in the Frehner Hall of the Utah Shakespeare Festival Building near the Fred Adams statue. This is a free public event to celebrate the Cedar City arts community. Refreshments will be served.

ALZHEIMERS DISEASE & DEMENTIA AWARENESS
(6PM) @ Christ the King Church, 690 S. Cove Dr., Cedar City. Dr. Kirsten Graham, a licensed psychologist and assistant professor of psychology

at Southern Utah University, will team with Alzheimer's Association of Utah staff to present an information program on Alzheimer's disease. For more information on the free program contact Tracy HeavyRunnerat theavyrunner@alz.org.

MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM) CEDAR
City Library, 303 N 100 E, East room. Come and learn easy and fun Judeo-Christian dances. Info @ (702)460-2317.

TUES, FEB 25

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10-11AM) PAM AND
Catherine lead beginning level Family History class at 10 AM at the Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E in Cedar City). This class will explain how the Family Search Wiki can help guide your personal research with location information, language helps and Record selection tables for online data-bases. They will present an overview of the Books available on the Family Search website and the records accessible in the Ancestry.com Databases. All classes are free!

WED, FEB 26

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES
(11AM) The Dance Historian is in: New York Public Library lecture series presents Barbara A. Jones on Mama Lu Parks and Lindy Hop. All of these sessions will be streamed from the Sharwan Smith Center Theatre, 161. You can watch from home by visiting registering through Eventbrite. If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Danielle Lydia Sheather at daniellesheather@suu.edu.

COSMIC SKATING (7-9PM) AT KJS ICE BARN
(2550 E Pinnacle Way, Enoch). Everyone is invited to come get funky with Freddy with flashing lights, grovy music, cosmic fun, and more!

SUU DANCE HISTORIAL LECTURE SERIES (11AM)
in the Sharwan Smith Student Center Theatre, Room 161 (351 W University Blvd, Cedar City). These events are FREE and open to all! For information visit suu.edu/arts. Topic: Barbara A. Jones: Mama Lu Parks and Lindy Hop.

THURS, FEB 27

AUTHOR MEET & GREET (6-9PM) THE STARDUST
Effect author meet and greet event by Bookdom Apothecary located on 1579 North Main Street. Come meet our small town local Author K.W. Gardner. Pickup "The Stardust Effect" in store today!

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET (FEB 27, 28 & MARCH

1 @ 7PM) American Crossroads Theatre presents Million Dollar Quartet. Million Dollar Quartet will play at the Heritage Center Theater in Cedar City. [...] Tickets for both the Winter performances of Million Dollar Quartet and the Summer Season are on sale now. For performance times and ticket information, go to ACTPlayers.com or call 435-267-0194.

IRON COUNTY MOMS FOR AMERICA (7PM) AT
2321 W Cove View Dr, Cedar City. Call or text Kami Merrill for info 435-592-4152.

SUU OPUS CHAMP CHOIR & STRING ENSEMBLE
(7:30PM) Presents Johann Sebastian Bach's Magnificat at Christ the King Catholic Church (690 Cove Dr, Cedar City). Admission is free and open to all.

SUU POLYNESIAN SHOW (6PM) IN THE SUU
Auditorium Theater (S 300 W, Cedar City). Tickets are \$10 for General Admission, \$5 for Children under 12 yrs, and \$7 for students with ID. For tickets venmo @CedarCityPLSA. Come and experience the cultures of Fiji, Hawaii, Tonga, Samoa, Tahiti, and Aotearoa. The money raised will be used to sponsor scholarships for Polynesian students to come and study at SUU.

TEEN SCIENCE CAFE (6-7:30PM) PARASITES AND
Disease at Southern Utah University - Bristlecone Hall, Room 121 (S 800 W, Cedar City). Teens from 8th to 12th grade are invited to join the Teen Science Cafe and learn from Julia Craft.

FRI, FEB 28

CCAC ARTISTS' MINI GRANTS DUE - CEDAR CITY
Arts Council Artists' Mini-Grants are awarded semi-annually to individuals, groups, or organizations in the visual, performing, and literary arts to support creative endeavors that will strengthen communication between artists and the community. Typically, 16 to 20 grants are awarded annually.

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.

calendar

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 6 pm • City Hall, 35 E 100 N • (435) 477-3331

SERVICE GROUPS

American Legion Post 74

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Tris Colman (805) 268-4287.

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter

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

Elks Lodge #1556

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

Lion's Club

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

Marine Corps League

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

Rotary Club

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

1st Tues, 6PM, Post 10846 meets @ Elks Lodge, 111 E 200 N. Email: VFWinCedarCity@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829 KKCBClub (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 KKCBClub (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm

Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm

It Works - How and Why • Thurs, 7:30-8:30 pm

Live and Let Live • Fri, 8 pm

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

Women Only • Sun, 11 am

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

OARS (Open, Authentic, Relevant, Spiritual) Young Adults Meeting

Every Tues. 6-8PM @ Cedar City Library in the Park - excluding holidays. Includes dinner, faith-oriented discussion and prayer. Info: text 541-579-1554 or pastorschuyler@gmail.com.

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@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

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 City Unitarian Universalists

2nd Sun.,11:00am @ 1280 E Midvalley Rd. Leave a message at 435 590-0596 if interested.

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

4th Thurs, 7pm at 2321 V Cove View Dr, Cedar City. Join a growing number of women throughout the nation to strengthen and preserve liberty. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

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.

Parkrun

Sat 9am - Canyon Park West. A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! www.parkrun.us

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/SmGytCfVQ1tS2pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club

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

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild

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

Senior Yoga Classes

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

Sewing Group

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

Southern Utah Woodturners

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

StrongBoard Classes

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

Tai Chi For Health

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

Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping

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

TOPS–Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

Wellness Place

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

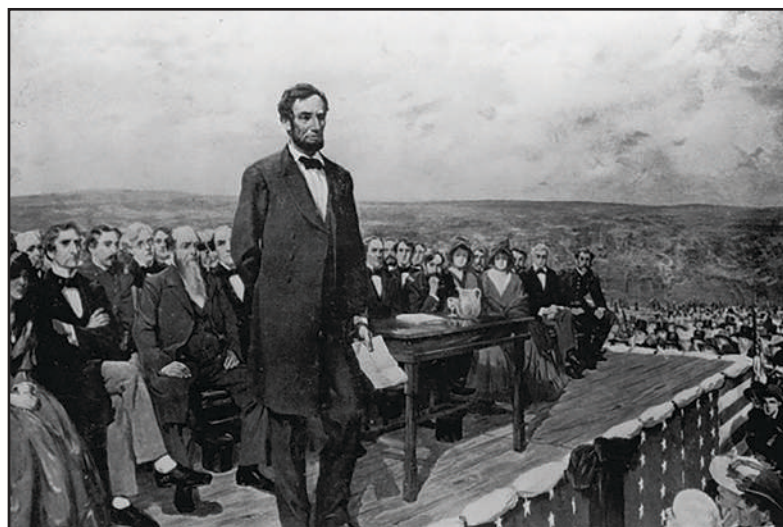
Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

history



Abraham Lincoln: Gettysburg Address, 1863

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor

power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863

obituaries

Dale LeFevre



On February 5, 2025, Dale LeFevre completed his mortality. He was born on November 2, 1932, to Leslie and Flora Johnson LeFevre in Tropic, Utah.

Shortly after completing high school, he served in the US Navy for four years. On October 15, 1955, Dale and Olene Pollock were married in the St. George Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Dale earned a BS, MEd and EdD degrees. He had a career in education, first as a schoolteacher and later as a college professor.

He and Olene served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Kingdom Tonga. They were also privileged to serve as temple ordinance workers in Tonga. Dale never turned down a church calling and particularly enjoyed serving in the young men's programs.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, two sisters (one in infancy), and his beloved wife Olene. Dale is survived by his children, Sam (Marie), Dawn (Brad) Kelley, Antone (Julie), Belinda (Ken) McCormack, Wendy

Betterton, and Patrick (Linda), 25 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, his brother, Reed, and his sister, Velma, as well as extended family members. Dale and Olene were expecting their first great-grandchild this coming spring.

Funeral services are planned for February 21, 2025. Southern Utah Mortuary is assisting with the arrangements. A more detailed obituary along with locations and time can be found at their website. Burial will follow at the Cedar City Cemetery. The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of All Seasons Senior Living Home for their care of Dale during the last few months of his life.

Wanda Sorensen Sevy



Wanda Sorensen Sevy passed away at home on February 13, 2025. She was born in Richfield, Utah on January 12, 1928, to Joseph Ezra Sorensen and Iris Winnifred Sorensen. She grew up in Antimony, Utah, the youngest of three children with brother LaMaun and sister Varis, spending many happy days with her best friend, Coy Gleave. They somehow survived without running water, electricity and bathroom fixtures which came later. She attended Piute High School where she won the 8th grade spelling bee. She was an accomplished pianist, seamstress, and artist. After graduation, she moved to Cedar City to attend BAC. Never did she imagine she would meet the swashbuckling sheep rancher, Russell McKee Sevy. They married in Las Vegas, November 6, 1948, and were later sealed in the St. George Temple.

They raised two children, Julie Anne and Robert McKee Sevy. Robert was born with an incurable skin ailment, and she spent every day of his life caring for him until his passing in 2004. She was active in the Lady Wool Growers Association. She was an avid reader and had a love for learning, eventually going back to Southern Utah State College to complete her Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics, graduating in 1986. She served in many church callings throughout the years including Relief Society Secretary, Stake Primary, pianist, and quilt committee chairman (being the only member). She was an excellent cook, seamstress, and pianist and was always willing to share her talents whenever needed. She selflessly cared for her children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren, spoiling them with delicious meals and occasional toys.

She is survived by her daughter Julie Anne (Steve) Winslow, grandchildren Winston (Tiffany) Young, Lee Anne Winslow, Chris (Kassy) Winslow, and great-grandchildren Samuel and Kelly Young and Maddex and Averie Winslow. She is preceded in death by her husband Russell McKee Sevy, her son Robert McKee Sevy, and great-grandson Beckem McKee Winslow.

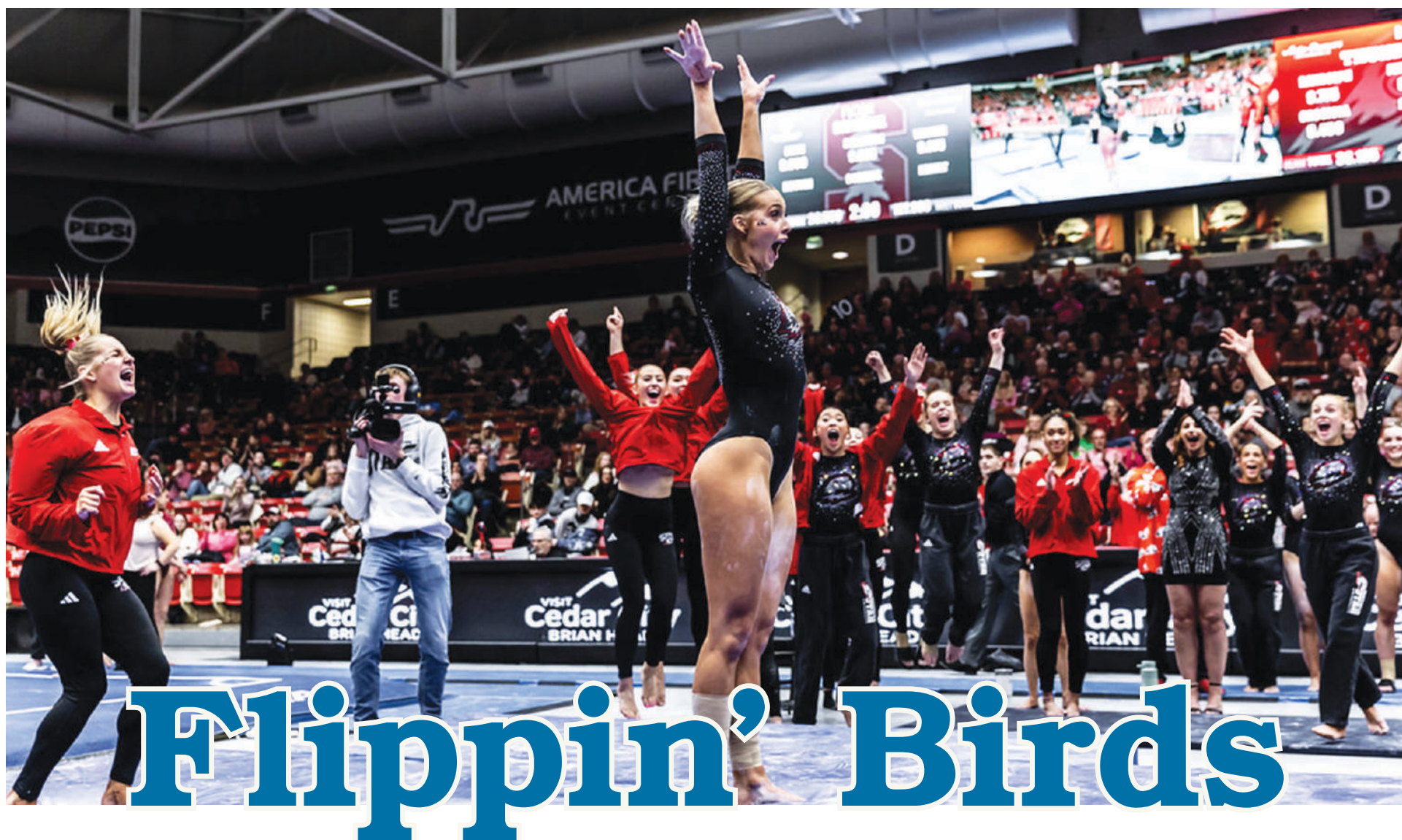
Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W Cedar City, Utah). A viewing will be held February 22, 2025, from 9:30-10:30 am, a service will follow at 11:00 am. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be sent at www.mortuary.org. To view the livestream of Wanda's service or to share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

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Flippin' Birds

Bring Heart and Hustle in Valentines Battle with Stanford

by **Regan Hunsaker**

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah — The Flippin' Birds wrapped up a busy week with a tough meet against #13 Stanford on Friday night. The Thunderbirds came away with another solid score of 196.125 and finished just behind the Cardinal, who posted a 196.775. The loss brings the Flippin' Birds' overall record to 9-4 on the year and sends the team into a short break before

they hit the road again at the end of the month.

Southern Utah topped Stanford on both the vault and floor, but it wasn't enough to overcome the strong beam and bar rotations by the Cardinal. Sophomore Niya Randolph continued to wow in the all-around, finishing second overall with a 39.300. Randolph also tied with fellow T-Bird Ellie Cacciola for the top score on the floor with a 9.875. Sophomore Rylee Miller

scored an impressive 9.875 on the beam to tie for first.

Meet Recap

Vault (49.175)

Southern Utah began the meet on vault, with senior Ellie Cacciola setting the pace by matching her season-high

9.875. Sophomore Mackenzie Kelly followed with a sharp 9.825, while freshman Mia Hampton added a solid 9.825. Junior Trista Goodman matched that effort with a consistent 9.775. Sophomore Niya Randolph contributed a strong 9.825, and sophomore Brinlee Christensen anchored the lineup with a powerful 9.825. The team total of 49.175 marks the second

FLIPPIN' BIRDS

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straight meet that the T-Birds have improved the season-high score on the apparatus.

Bars (48.900)

Moving to bars for their second rotation, the Thunderbirds trailed the Cardinal by a slim Margin of .050. Christensen led off, but a slip on the release landed her with a 9.050, setting a steady rhythm. Senior Isabella Neff followed with a clean 9.825, while Hampton executed a poised routine for 9.800. Goodman delivered a controlled set, earning 9.800. Randolph followed with an excellent routine, also scoring 9.825. Sophomore Maria Ferguson wrapped up the event with a 9.650. The team's impressive efforts brought their cumulative score to 98.075 after two rotations.

Beam (48.750)

The Thunderbirds continued on beam for their third event. Randolph opened with a composed 9.775, setting a steady foundation. Sophomore Alyssa Fernandez got the late add to the beam lineup and, due to a fall, scored 9.100, while sophomore Elliot Bringham secured a precise 9.800. Cacciola gave a gritty performance, scoring 9.450. Sophomore Rylee Miller took the team's highest mark of the rotation with a poised 9.875 before sophomore Maria Ferguson closed out the event with a 9.850, her season-high.

Floor (49.300)

The Flippin' Birds took to the floor for their final rotation, holding a narrow lead over the Aggies. Hampton ignited the momentum with an electrifying 9.850. Sophomore Alyssa Fernandez followed with a polished 9.850 to match her season-high, while Randolph brought the energy with a dazzling team high of 9.875. Cacciola continued the strong showing for the floor team with a dynamic 9.875. Senior Taylor Gull delivered a brilliant 9.850, and Miller finished with an outstanding 9.850 in her first floor performance of the season. The T-Birds wrapped up the meet with a final team score of 196.125.

Next Up

The Flippin' Birds will be on the road again for back-to-back conference meets in California, beginning with a showdown at Sacramento State on February 28 at 8:00 p.m. MT. The Thunderbirds will then make the short trip to Davis, California, to take on the Aggies on Sunday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m. MT. Both events will be available on overnht.com, and live stat links will be available on the schedule page.

Ludlow signs letter to join T-Bird football

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

From the time he was a kid, Bubba Ludlow had dreams of suiting up and playing football at Southern Utah. When the coaching staff saw the Canyon View wide receiver last season, they offered a walk-on spot.

On Feb. 11, the offer became reality when Ludlow signed his official letter of intent to join the T-Birds in a ceremony held in front of friends, family and teammates inside a packed CV school library.

"I didn't understand how hard it was. I thought it was easy," Ludlow said. "I always wanted to play at SUU, and I got the opportunity."

Ludlow finished his senior season for the Falcons with 13 touchdowns – eight receiving, two punt returns, two kickoff returns, and a rushing score – as the team ended up 6-6. He'll be heading to an LDS Church mission after graduation, but will have ample opportunity to keep in touch with the program and continue to improve over the next two years.

"I'll be able to lift and hopefully gain some weight," Ludlow said. "I should be able to keep in touch and see what they're doing."

Among his favorite memories from high school, Ludlow counts the Falcons' 20-17 win over Cedar in his junior season at the top of the list. When it comes to pregame preparation, one food and one artist's music is always on the agenda.

"It's Nutter Butters before every game and Katy Perry's music for me," he said. "It always gets me going."

For head coach Burke Miller, the biggest goal he wanted for Ludlow was to carry on what graduated seniors Jaxon Jensen and Traie Buhler left behind.

"It was all about taking on more of a leadership role, and that was outside of his

comfort zone," Miller said.

"It was something he worked on and got better at throughout the year. He's a hype guy and gets excited about big plays."

As he gains weight and grows more, Miller said Ludlow has a strong instinct not all receivers have.

"Bubba's got a unique ability to track the football," Miller said. "When a pass looks like it can't be caught, he can catch it. You don't see that from high-school kids a lot. His game translates well to college football."

Ludlow plans to be a pre-med major when he enters school at SUU and hopes to follow in his dad's footsteps to become a dentist.



Canyon View's **Bubba Ludlow** signed his letter of intent to play football at Southern Utah University in a ceremony held at the school library on Feb. 11.

Sanders brothers lead CV in playoff rout

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

It may have taken a while for the Canyon View boys basketball team to find its rhythm in its second-round home game at the 3A state playoffs, but once Jeter Sanders got started, the sophomore and the rest of the Falcons were nearly impossible to stop.

Sanders hit three straight 3-pointers – two long-distance, one conventional and-1 – to key a 21-2 first-quarter run, and Canyon View rolled to an 85-34 rout over the Ben Lomond Scots on Feb. 15 at the Nest. Jeter scored 19 of his game-high 26 points in the first half as the Falcons won their 20th game of the season (20-4).

“We understand what’s at stake with this being the last run for our seniors at home and trying to get to the state tournament,” CV head coach Kim Blackner said. “It took us a bit to settle in and figure (Ben Lomond) out. When you play an opponent you don’t see all the time except on film, it took us a few possessions.”

Leading 8-6 early in the first quarter, the younger Sanders went to work and Blackner showed his appreciation for the effort that helped turn the game into a runaway.

“Jeter was great out of the gate. Some of our sets have him involved in them, and he made shots,” Blackner said. “I really love the way Jeter has handled the season as a sophomore. The maturity is coming in, he under-

stands who he’s playing with and his role in (the offense). Today was a display of his capabilities.”

Jeter’s older brother, senior Felps Sanders, added 18 points in his final home game at the Nest, and the Falcons built a 49-18 lead at the half. Bubba Ludlow added 12 points as the starters rested through much of the fourth quarter

with a running clock in effect.

“It’s always great to have an example, a brother who lives in the gym and pushes himself to be excellent,” Blackner said of Felps. “He wants to play at the next level, and it’s easy for the little brother to tag along.”

Canyon View will advance to face the defending 3A champion Judge Memorial Bulldogs on Feb. 24 at the UCCU Center in Orem. With the team’s first 20-win season since the state title year of 1999 secured, Blackner was appreciative of every step.

“Right now, I appreciate what this team’s been able to accomplish. I like the fact that we’re 20-4, and that’s a hard thing,” Blackner said. “We need to be grateful for all the time our staff and players have put in to get us to this point.”

The Cedar boys saw their season come to an end in the opening round of the 4A playoffs Feb. 12. Jaxon McCuiston led four players in double figures with 19 points as the No. 9 seed Timpanogos Timberwolves rolled to a 79-52 victory over the Reds in Orem. Cedar fell behind 21-11 after the first quarter and never recovered as they finished with



Canyon View's Ethan Hallows goes up for a layup during the Falcons' 3A state playoff game vs. the Ben Lomond Scots on Feb. 15. CV won, 85-34, and will play Judge Memorial in the quarterfinals at UVU on Feb. 24.



Canyon View
85



Ben Lomond
34

Ben Lomond	8	10	10	6	-	34
Canyon View	29	20	26	10	-	85

Ben Lomond – Aytah 5, Holland 6, Whetten 3, Rentmeister 1, Stephens 2, K. Vanbeekum 11, J. Vanbeekum 6. Totals 10 9-15 34. 3-pointers – Holland 1, Whetten 1, K. Vanbeekum 3.

Canyon View – Ludlow 12, Attig 8, F. Sanders 18, Hallows 2, Maher 4, J. Sanders 26, Maine 6, Slack 5, Roundy 2, Winters 2. Totals 34 11-12 85. 3-pointers – F. Sanders 2, J. Sanders 3, Slack 1.

a 3-21 overall record.

Taylor Davis led Cedar in the loss with 16 points and Hayden Kee added 15.



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Canyon View vs. Judge Memorial
Richfield vs. Union
Morgan vs. Emery
South Summit vs. Juab

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Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (7)	10-2	16-8
Dixie (4)	8-4	17-7
Hurricane (6)	8-4	15-8
Pine View (10)	8-4	17-8
Desert Hills (15)	5-7	12-13
Snow Canyon (23)	2-10	5-19
Cedar (24)	1-11	3-21

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	12-2	20-4
Richfield (3)	12-2	18-5
Juab (5)	10-4	18-6
Emery (9)	8-6	12-12
Manti (13)	5-8	7-14
Delta (10)	4-9	11-11
Carbon (14)	2-12	5-19
North Sanpete (16)	2-12	4-17

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (1)	12-0	20-4
South Sevier (2)	10-2	20-4
Enterprise (6)	7-5	15-11
Parowan (15)	6-6	10-15
Beaver (14)	4-8	11-12
Millard (21)	3-9	5-17
Water Canyon (24)	0-12	3-15

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon (2)	12-0	24-0
Cedar (8)	8-4	14-8
Desert Hills (7)	7-5	12-9
Dixie (12)	6-6	15-10
Pine View (14)	4-8	13-12
Crimson Cliffs (19)	3-9	5-16
Hurricane (20)	2-10	5-19

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (2)	12-2	19-5
Emery (5)	10-4	14-10
Richfield (6)	9-5	14-11
Juab (7)	9-5	14-8
Manti (10)	8-6	12-11
North Sanpete (13)	4-10	7-17
Carbon (14)	4-10	7-18
Delta (17)	0-14	4-18

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	11-1	22-2
South Sevier (3)	11-1	21-3
Beaver (6)	8-4	17-7
Enterprise (11)	6-6	12-12
Millard (17)	4-8	6-15
Water Canyon (16)	2-10	8-13
Parowan (24)	0-12	0-23

CV girls repeat as 3A wrestling champs

For the longest time, the Canyon View girls wrestling team knew it was in a serious battle in its quest to repeat as 3A state wrestling champion. When Tilisa Matakaiongo took to the mat in the 190-pound final at the UCCU Center in Orem, only a pin would make the championship dream come true again.

Not only did Matakaiongo come through with the third-round pin to earn her fourth

straight individual title, but it was good enough to lift the Falcons to a second straight 3A championship by just two points over the Grantsville Cowboys on Feb. 15. CV finished with 246 team points to 244 for the Cowboys.

Matakaiongo pinned Juab junior Macee Ercanbrack at 46 seconds of the third round to finish with a contribution of 28 team points to the victory. Brooklyn Barney (125), Gemma Carter (130) and Adrianna Sierra (170) also won individual titles for Canyon View.

Here are all of the finishers from Canyon View at the 3A state championship:

100 – Raelynn Kaniho, 4th; 105 – Mayra Castillo, 4th; 110 – Taylor Whittom, 5th; 115 – Brynlee Lauritzen, 4th; 125 – Barney pinned Juab's Makynlee Watkins at 2:36; 130 – Carter pinned Grantsville's Reagan Pitt, 5:18; 135 – Nellie Carter, 2nd; 140 – Lizbet Rodriguez, 2nd; 145 – Jackson Kippen, 5th; 155 – Tatyana Hernandez, 3rd; 170 – Sierra def. Carbon's Rickelle Collins, 16-6; 190 – Matakaiongo pinned Juab's Macee Ercanbrack, 4:46; 235 – Maitae Cardenas, 6th (medical default).

Cedar had three strong individual finishers at the 4A state meet. Jerri Togiai was runner-up at the 235-pound final when she was pinned by Bear River's Brighton Wise at 3:03 and teammate Sophia Johnson finished fifth, while Taiana Palmer was fourth at 145 pounds for the Reds.

Also from last week, the Canyon View swim teams finished second to Judge Memorial at the BYU pool Feb. 8, but a record-setting performance by BYU-bound Kurt Morgan told most of the story.

In the final meet of his high-school career, Morgan set a new state record in the 50-meter freestyle at 20.45 seconds. Not only did Morgan do it in the preliminaries the day before to set

the mark, he duplicated the time in the final to stand atop the medal podium. For the boys side, CV finished with 267.5 points and the girls had 275. Judge finished with 366 and 382, respectively, to win a 4th straight 3A title. Parowan siblings Sydni Lauer and brother Ty Lauer won individual events for the Rams at the meet.

Sydni Lauer won the 100 butterfly and Ty Lauer won the 500 freestyle. Next season, the Deseret News reported the UHSAA plans to hold a one-day 2A swimming meet using timed finals.

Here are all the individual champions from Canyon View at the 3A state swim meet:

Boys
200 free: Sean Cannon, 1:47.14; 50 free: Kurt Morgan, 20.45 (new state record); 100 free: Morgan, 45.06; 500 free: Ty Lauer, 5:00.70; 400 free relay: Canyon View (Sean Cannon, Ryker Poulous, Timmy Biggs, Kurt Morgan), 3:12.41.

Girls
100 butterfly: Sydni Lauer (Parowan), 1:02.64.



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Cedar senior Trace Oveson signs his letter of intent to join the football program at SUU in a signing ceremony held Feb. 13 at the CHS campus. (photo courtesy Chris Holmes)

Oveson finds fit, signs with SUU football

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar senior football player Trace

Oveson had a week to remember. On Feb. 11, he received his LDS Church mission call to Africa. On Feb. 13, Oveson found his college football fit as he signed his official letter of intent to join the T-Birds at Southern Utah before friends, family and teammates on the CHS campus.

It all began for Oveson when he visited the campus during the season.

“I went on the visit, talked to the coaches, loved them, and it just felt right,” Oveson said. “Coach (Tye) Hiatt played a role in that.”

The moment left a big impression for Hiatt after one season as the Reds’ head coach. Hiatt was an assistant

coach at SUU under DeLane Fitzgerald before coming to Cedar High.

“Probably as a coach, the biggest thing is seeing how these guys develop. Trace is a great football player,” Hiatt said. “I’m even more proud of the fact he got the President’s scholarship to go to SUU and get everything paid for with his schooling. In the end, it’s the most important thing that you set yourself up for later in life.”

Oveson finished his senior season for Cedar with 27 catches for 347 yards with five touchdowns and added seven interceptions on defense. After he returns from his mission, Oveson will likely be used as a free safety for the T-Birds and plans on a pre-med major.

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

- 1. As the NBA headed to the All-Star break, what two teams – one from each conference – had the league’s best records?
- 2. Who was named Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl LIX?
- 3. After suffering through an injury-riddled season in 2024, what Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher signed a new one-year deal and will return to the team for an 18th season?
- 4. Major League Soccer (MLS) may be in a crowded landscape among soccer leagues, but it has reached a milestone birthday in 2025. How old is MLS?
- 5. True or False: Through Feb. 11, the Washington Wizards are the only NBA team that has not reached 10 wins on the season.
- 6. What two SEC teams known more for being serious football rivals are on top of the latest college basketball rankings?
- 7. UCLA and USC have taken women’s college basketball by storm, but which of these schools is the only undefeated team in the nation and No. 1 in the latest rankings?
- 8. What BYU athletic director announced his retirement last week after more than 20 years in the role?
- 9. What Philadelphia Eagles running back said the following in defense of Taylor Swift after she got booed during Super

Bowl LIX: “We’re trying to expand the game, and her being a part of it is only helping it.”

- 10. What former NFL head coach has been hired by Ohio State to join Ryan Day’s staff as defensive coordinator?
- 11. The New York Yankees didn’t win the World Series in 2024, but it was the team’s first trip to the Fall Classic since 2009. Who did the Yankees beat that year to win the championship?
- 12. Where is this year’s NCAA Women’s Final Four being played?

LAST WEEK’S ANSWERS

- 1. Luka Doncic.
- 2. Golden State Warriors.
- 3. Kirby Smart.
- 4. TPC Scottsdale for the WM Phoenix Open.
- 5. Eli Manning.
- 6. Ovechkin needs 15 goals to tie Gretzky, 16 to break the record.
- 7. Sidney Crosby.
- 8. Chip Kelly.
- 9. Pete Alonso.
- 10. William Byron
- 11. Joey Logano.
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Falcon girls soar over Eagle



Canyon View's Emery Miles battles for a rebound with two Juan Diego defenders during the Falcons' 3A playoff game Feb. 14. CV defeated the Soaring Eagle, 64-38.

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

As time ticked down toward the end of the first half, Canyon View senior Maya Nichols had the ball in her hands with one mission. Get the best shot possible, watch it go in the hoop, and celebrate a buzzer-beater that ended up making a huge difference for the Falcons in their 3A playoff opener.

Nichols scored 11 points, but three 3-pointers provided a big boost as CV broke the game open after halftime and went on to beat the Juan Diego Soaring Eagle, 64-38 on Feb. 14 in the second round of the 3A playoffs at the Nest. Maylee Spencer led all scorers with 19 points and added three 3-pointers of her own as CV improved to 19-5 on the season.

For head coach Jaycee Barnhurst, seeing Nichols make the shot that pushed CV's halftime lead to

35-18 was satisfying for the confidence boost it provided.

"My favorite part of the whole play was we had been talking with (Maya) the whole season about her confidence. She's a great shooter, but sometimes she forgets that," Barnhurst said. "I loved how she came off the first screen, she looked, and she was not gonna give that ball up. She was confident, and she pulled the trigger."

Nichols admitted she wasn't aware of the clock, but knew what to do when the sound of the buzzer was getting close.

"To be honest, I wasn't sure what I was doing," Nichols said. "I had been hitting buzzer-beaters before, so I just thought I would let it fly. I wasn't making as many as usual, but this one went in."

Bethanee Vargas was the other CV player in




Canyon View
64

Juan Diego
38

Juan Diego	12	6	5	15	- 38
Canyon View	23	12	13	16	- 64

Juan Diego – Sebit 8, Fry 4, Hernandez 2, Halvorson 1, Brown 5, Tita 2, Kuath 16. Totals 11 12-20 38. 3-pointers – Sebit 2, Fry 1, Brown 1.

Canyon View – Hallows 2, Sorenson 3, Spencer 19, Nichols 11, King 3, Blackner 1, Bailey 1, Vargas 10. Totals 24 8-16 64. 3-pointers – Sorenson 1, Spencer 3, Nichols 3, Vargas 1.

double figures with 10 points. Canyon View built their lead to as much as 31 points in the second half and finished with a 24-11 edge in made field goals.

The Falcons earned a trip to the quarterfinals and will face Region 12 rival Juab for the third time this season Feb. 24 at the UCCU Center in Orem. The Wasps handed CV one of their two region losses on the season, winning 51-44 at home Dec. 17, but the Falcons returned the favor and won 58-43 at the Nest on Jan. 23.

In the 4A playoffs, the Cedar Reds shook off a slow start and beat the No. 9 seed Mountain View Bruins, 66-53 at the Wolf Den to advance to the quarterfinals. Jaylin York led the No. 8 seed Reds (14-8) with 14 points and Gabby Gomez added 13 with three 3-pointers.

Cedar fell behind early at 11-6, but closed the first quarter with an 11-2 run to take a four-point lead and stretched the advantage to 32-20 at halftime. Mya Bishoff added 9 points and two 3-pointers, including one that beat the first-quarter buzzer.

The Reds will face the undefeated and two-time defending 4A champion Ridgeline Riverhawks on Feb. 20 at the America First Event Center on the Southern Utah University campus. The Riverhawks (25-0) are led by Duke commit Emilee Skinner, who is averaging 26.6 points per game on the season.

SUU to host UHSAA 4A State Basketball Tournament at America First Event Center Feb. 20-22

by Brooke Heath

SUU COMMUNICATIONS

CEDAR CITY, Utah (Feb. 13, 2025)

— Southern Utah University, through its Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games department, will host next week's Utah 4A State Basketball tournament.

SUU will host the Utah High School Activities Association 4A State Boys'-and-Girls' Basketball Championships from Feb. 20 – 22, with all games taking place inside the America First Event Center. The championship games are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, with the girls' championship scheduled to be played at 3 p.m. and the boys' championship game scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

"We are thrilled to welcome the state to Cedar City and Southern Utah University for the UHSAA 4A State Basketball tournament,"

said Jon Oglesby, Executive Director of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games.

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Fans are encouraged to park in Lots 2, 10, 11, 12, and 14 for the event, which are designated free parking lots on campus. Fans are also encouraged to enter the America First Event Center through the west doors of the arena, or through the east arena entrance connected to the Sharwan Smith Student Center.

Tickets are available for the event at <https://gofan.co/app/school/UHSAA>. Fans are encouraged to pre-buy tickets through the UHSAA's online ticket provider prior to arriving at the venue.

Brackets, online programs, and other information on the UHSAA 4A State Basketball Tournaments can be found at <https://uhsaa.org/tournaments/>.

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The following storage units are to be sold in accordance with Utah Code 38-8-4. Each unit will be sold as an entire unit to the highest bidder. Inventory was taken from outside the unit. The unit was sealed and will remain sealed until the auction ends on the above date.

1502- Contents belonging to Kotoni Sekona. 97 N 1150 W Cedar City, UT 84720

- Shovel, weedwacker, duffle bag, rake, hose

1904- Contents belonging to Logan Johnson. 354 N 300 W #15 Cedar City, UT 84721

- Clothes, side table, dresser, boxes

4061- Contents belonging to Katielynn N Williams.

1248 N 6525 W Cedar City, UT 84721

- Tupperware, lid, small hanger, large hanger, a box, child toy

352- Contents belonging to Henry Jessop. 1247 S 96th St Apt 127 Mesa, AZ 85209

- Tv stand, desk, part of wooden bed frame, mattresses

556- Contents belonging to Emily Rick. 4300 W Medicine Man rd Pahrump, Nevada 89048

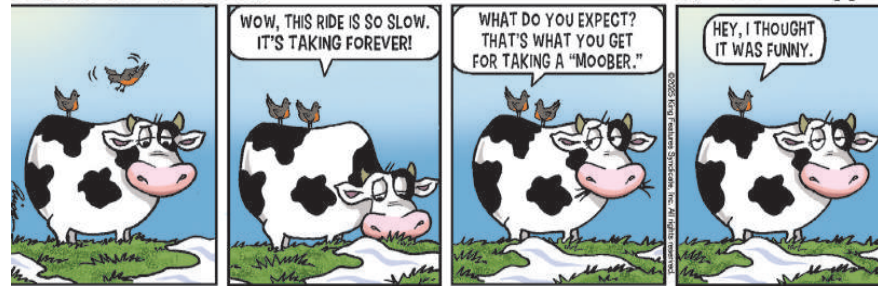
- Giant beanbag, tie down/ratchet straps, standing lights, children's toys, dog gate, mattress

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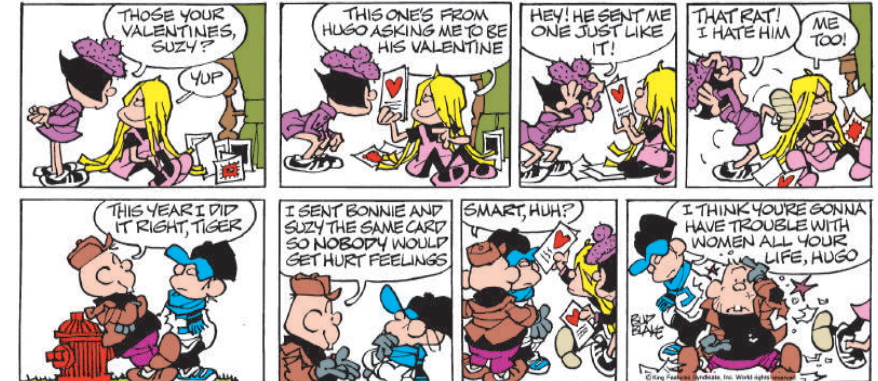
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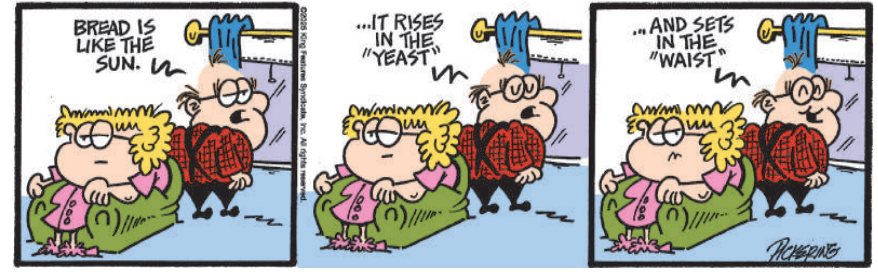
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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1. Seven; 2. Bhutan; 3. Joanne; 4. An insulator; 5. Alaska; 6. Two; 7. Griffith Observatory; 8. Movement and balance; 9. Atlanta, Georgia; 10. 1666

Trivia Test Answers

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Actress Hatcher
5 Slender
9 Venomous viper
12 — Bator
13 Director Wertmuller
14 Cutesy-
15 Beau
17 "Nova" aier
18 Oodles
19 Media mogul Winfrey
21 Brother of Moses
24 Concerning
25 Large amount
26 Novelty dance at a wedding
30 Pampering, for short
31 Sri —
32 Tokyo's historic name
33 Quarantines
35 L-Q bridge
36 Baseball legend Willie
37 Mission man
38 Arizona city
40 Pants part
42 Flamenco cheer
43 Exceed
48 — -Manuel Miranda
49 Clump of grass

DOWN

1 Vat
2 "Xanadu" band
3 Comic Romano
4 Cash received
5 Skirt feature
6 Fibs
7 Hostel
8 "Vogue" singer
9 Collar, as a suspect
10 Japanese noodles
11 Ritzy
16 Director Howard
20 Snoop
21 Sparkling Italian wine
22 Shakespeare title starter
23 Advise
24 Pen fluids
26 Cave creatures
27 French article
28 Air freshener target

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which Asian nation's nickname is "Land of the Thunder Dragon"?
- LITERATURE: What is author J.K. Rowling's real first name?
- SCIENCE: What is a type of material that can't carry an electrical charge?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Last Frontier"?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many quarts are in a half gallon?
- MOVIES: Which famous landmark is featured in the movie "Rebel Without a Cause"?
- ANATOMY: What does the cerebellum control in the human brain?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where is the late Jimmy Carter's presidential library located?
- HISTORY: When did the Great Fire of London occur?

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