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STORY IN NEWS

Tax Cuts for All Utahns at Every Stage of Life

Legislature To Provide Tax Relief for Utahns – Again

from Aundrea Peterson
UTAH SENATE

SALT LAKE CITY – Utahns deserve to keep more of their hard-earned money throughout every stage of life. Whether it's retirees on fixed incomes, young families or hardworking individuals, this session's $127 million in tax relief offers meaningful financial support and fosters upward mobility for all. This targeted relief is designed to empower Utahns, strengthen their financial well-being and create a brighter future for everyone.

With this year's tax relief package, the Legislature has reduced taxes for Utahns by over $1.4 billion over the past five years, demonstrating a commitment to a tax structure that is designed to benefit all Utahns while remaining competitive and sustainable.

2025 Tax Relief for All Utahns:

- **Income Tax:** Reducing the income tax rate to 4.5%, promoting upward mobility for all Utahns.
- **Social Security Tax:** Eliminating social security tax for those earning up to $90,000, strengthening financial security for Utah's retirees.
- **Child Tax Credit:** Expanding the child tax credit by two years to help young families thrive.
- **Child Tax Credit for Businesses:** Encouraging businesses to invest in the future of Utah's children by providing tax credits for businesses that build and operate a childcare facility for their employees.

In addition to tax relief, the Senate and House are continuing to invest in key priorities, including education, with a direct salary increase of $1,446 for teachers, a $1,000 bonus for education support staff and a 4% funding increase for school districts – a $276 million investment. Public education funding in Utah has increased by $3.1 billion, a 112% increase from 2015-2025.

In December, the Executive Appropriations Committee set aside $165 million for tax relief. The remaining $38 million will be restored to the working rainy day funds, emphasizing lawmakers' commitment to fiscal prudence and planning ahead.

The proposed tax cuts by the Senate and House reaffirm lawmakers' unwavering commitment to providing meaningful tax relief to Utahns at every stage of life. Building on prior efforts, this comprehensive tax relief package will help families, seniors and individuals keep more of their hard-earned money, boost the economy and strengthen Utah's position as a state of opportunity for all—keeping Utah the best place to live, work and raise a family.

"Once again, we are prioritizing caring seniors on fixed incomes, supporting young families and championing upward mobility for all Utahns," said Senate President J. Stuart Adams. "Thanks to Utah's robust economy and our steadfast conservative policies, we're putting money back where it belongs—with the people who earned it. By cutting taxes for the fifth year in a row, we're ensuring more of Utahns' hard-earned dollars stay in their pockets, all while maintaining our commitment to essential services and fostering long-term economic growth for future generations."

"Utahns work hard for their money, and they deserve to keep more of it," said Speaker Mike Schultz. "This year, we will build on our long-standing commitment to lowering taxes for all Utahns and supporting families. The cost of living continues to rise; by continuing to reduce the tax burden, we're ensuring that Utah remains a place of opportunity and prosperity for generations to come."

As the nation's leader in economic strength, upward mobility and the best state overall, lawmakers are committed to ensuring that every Utahn thrives. These family-friendly tax cuts will deliver tangible benefits to Utahns, empowering them to succeed, strengthening families and fueling a sustained economic vitality.

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Southern Utah Braces for Dry Summer After Historically Low Snowfall

by Tracie Sullivan
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Southern Utah is heading into summer after one of its driest winters on record, raising concerns about water supply, aquifer sustainability, and wildfire risk.

While reservoirs in other parts of the state are already showing strain, Cedar City's reliance on groundwater offers some insulation from immediate shortages. Recent storms provided a small boost, but for most of the winter, the region's snowpack was at historic lows.

"We've had some storms, so we'll see if they bring us above the historic low, but in any case, it's been a very dry winter," Cedar City Councilman Tyler Melling said.

Low Snowpack and the Aquifer's Long-Term Outlook

Unlike Washington County, which largely relies heavily on surface water from rivers and reservoirs fed by snowmelt, Cedar City's water comes almost entirely from underground wells.

The city pumps its water from an aquifer, a deep layer of water stored in rock and soil beneath the surface. While this provides a more stable source, it still relies on snowfall and rainfall to replenish it over time.

"We have the blessing and curse of not having a reservoir," Melling said. "Coal Creek is so muddy that it would fill up any reservoir we built with mud and clay, so we can't use that water."

Officials estimate that between 10% and 25% of Cedar City's water comes from mountain springs, which are more directly affected by snow levels. The remaining supply

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comes from wells that pull from the aquifer. With little precipitation this winter, Melling said recharge efforts will be more difficult.

"If we have a dry year, we're still OK because we take from the aquifer that still has water in it from previous years," he said. "But we still have to be conscious of the future and make sure we're not overmining it. A dry year like this doesn't help us with recharge efforts."

The Utah Division of Water Rights implemented a 60-year plan in 2021 to manage Cedar City's groundwater use and prevent long-term depletion.

Previous studies showed that average annual groundwater withdrawals in Cedar City Valley exceed the estimated safe yield of 21,000 acre-feet per year, with average depletions around 28,000 acre-feet per year.

The plan phases in groundwater reductions over several decades, regulating water rights based on priority dates. The first phase begins in 2035, with additional reductions scheduled through 2080.

Cedar City and the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWCD) have worked for several years to address this issue through various projects and conservation measures.

One key effort includes the Aquifer Recharge Program, which diverts excess surface water into recharge basins to help replenish groundwater levels. The city has also implemented tiered water rates and other policies aimed at reducing overall water consumption.

While Cedar City residents may not immediately feel the effects of this year's winter, Melling cautions that conservation is still necessary.

"We're insulated from year-to-year fluctuations, but we still have to manage our aquifer long-term," Melling said. "There are people who water their grass two, three, even four times more than they need to. If you water properly — early in the morning or late at night— you can keep 3,000 square feet of grass green without overusing the water."

Fire Risk Increases with Dry Conditions

A lack of winter moisture isn't just a water concern—it also increases the risk of wildfires. Cedar City Fire Chief Mike Phillips said the lack of heavy snow left grasses standing that normally would have been pushed down with the weight of the snow.

"When grasses are flattened by heavy snow, they don't burn as quickly. But with the little snowfall we had this winter, those grasses remain standing, making them more likely to ignite," he said.

While it's always difficult to predict the severity of wildfire season, Phillips said several factors could

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Prison sentence handed down on aggravated assault case

by Tracie Sullivan
IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 5th District Court judge sentenced a man staying in Cedar City to prison last week after he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault in a violent incident that left the victim unconscious.

Judge Matthew Bell sentenced Joshua Leamon Jr. Tinkler, 28, to up to five years in the Utah State Prison on Wednesday after he pleaded guilty to a third-degree felony charge of aggravated assault producing loss of consciousness. Bell ordered Tinkler to be transported immediately.

The case stems from an attack that occurred Dec. 21, 2024, when Cedar City police responded to a call at a local hotel. According to the probable cause statement, the victim called 911 but struggled to speak clearly as she was being attacked.

When officers arrived, they found her with visible injuries, including signs of strangulation around her neck and contusions on her face and head.

The victim told police that when she first tried to dial 911, she was in a vehicle with Tinkler, who choked her to stop her from calling for help. He then choked her in the hotel, leaving her unresponsive.

Tinkler, who was intoxicated at the time, was uncooperative with police. Officers noted injuries on his knuckles and hands consistent with striking a hard object. When questioned about the assault, he did not provide a direct response, instead claiming the victim had been attacking him.

"What was I supposed to do when I was being struck as well?" he said.

The victim had to be hospitalized as a result of the incident, the affidavit stated.

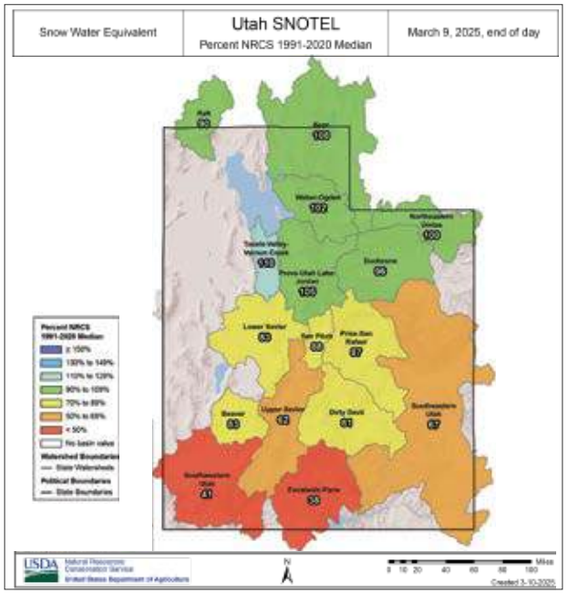
Police arrested Tinkler and booked him into the Iron County Jail on multiple charges including aggravated assault, intoxication, disorderly conduct and damage to a communication device. Under the terms of a plea agreement, prosecutors pursued only the aggravated assault charge, reducing it from a second-degree felony to a third-degree felony. Tinkler entered his guilty plea Jan. 22.

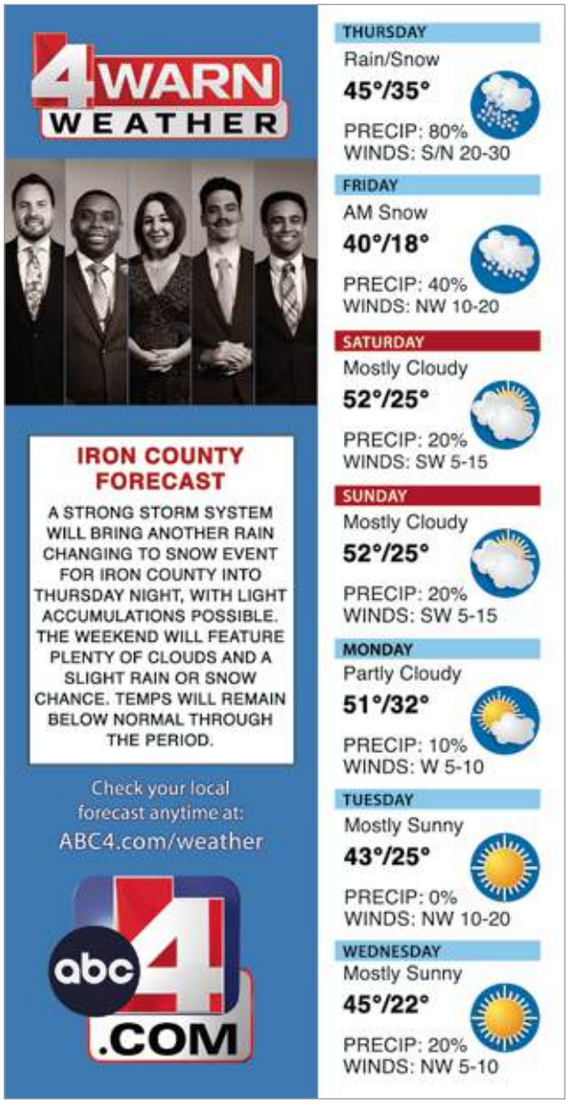
As part of his sentencing, Bell also ordered the defendant to receive domestic violence and mental health treatment while incarcerated.

Tinkler has a history of domestic violence offenses, including prior assaults for which he was still on probation. His new charges also violated protective orders against previous victims, according to court records. Prosecutors cited this pattern of behavior as a key reason for seeking a prison sentence.

Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson emphasized the importance of holding repeat offenders accountable.

"Domestic violence is a serious crime that has lasting effects on victims and their families," Dotson said. "We will continue to prosecute offenders to the fullest extent of the law to protect victims and prevent further harm."





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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

It's one of my favorite times of the year! Never have I appreciated spring more than in the last few years, and now, with the season just around the corner, I can't help but feel a renewed sense of excitement. While I've always considered myself happiest in the cooler, autumn months, there's something about March that holds a special place in my heart.

Maybe it's the unpredictability of the weather—one day, a fresh snowfall blankets the landscape, and the next, the grass begins turning green. Maybe it's the dark, moody clouds rolling over the mountains, setting the stage for vibrant bursts of spring growth. March keeps us on our toes, reminding us that change is always in the air.

And then there's St. Patrick's Day, a holiday I absolutely adore! I love the folklore, the traditions, and the festivities that come with it. It's the one time of year I get to prepare Corned Beef and Cabbage, and my ever-patient husband, despite strong feelings against the meal, smiles and eats a whole plate anyway. While I've been lucky enough to visit England and Scotland, Ireland remains at the top of my travel list, and one day, I will make it there!

As I've shared before, I don't have many traditions for Valentine's Day, but when it comes to St. Patrick's Day, I fully embrace the fun. What about you, Iron County Today readers? Do you celebrate with traditional Irish-American food or a cold glass of Guinness? To our teachers and young students—are you still on the lookout for leprechauns or a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?

WORD OF THE WEEK

PULCHRITUDE
[pul·chri·tude]
noun

Beauty: "the irresistible pulchritude of her friend"



Faithful Foremothers

PART I

by Edy Meredith
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Month of March is National Women's History Month. Throughout history, women have made significant contributions to society, and despite facing challenges, their bravery and resilience have changed the world. This month is an important time to celebrate and learn as Women's History Month offers a peek into the past in order to remember the plight of women around the world so that everyone in our society can keep moving forward as we recall how women have had to fight and struggle to assure that modern women are treated fairly and with equal access to life and liberty. Remember that in the United States women did not receive the right to vote in a federal election until 1920, just over 100 years ago. Let's celebrate Women's History Month together.

Most ancient cultures were patriarchal where societies and governments were controlled by men, even by upper class men where they often practiced customs that held women in low esteem and limited their freedom. Through the centuries, many courageous women have fought inequality to champion women's causes benefiting society and the women of the future. Their work to break down barriers and walls has allowed future generations of women to live their lives with freedom and less resistance. Women's History Month honors these women.

Some of the earliest traces toward freedom for all began in the early 1900's, with women finally being allowed to vote in federal elections in the United States in 1920. The following states and U.S. territories allowed women to vote earlier: Wyoming in 1869 called the "Equality

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
- Margaret Mead

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State." Utah Territory in 1870. Colorado unsuccessfully began their fight by forming the Colorado Non-Partisan Equal Suffrage Association although it took until 1893 before Colorado began the first state to pass women's suffrage by referendum. Idaho in 1896. Washington would have been the first state in the country to grant women's suffrage, but the bill was defeated by a single lawmaker's vote in 1854, finally won voting rights for women in 1883 which was overturned by the territory's Supreme Court twice with women finally winning the right to vote in 1910. In 1911 the people of California voted in favor of women's suffrage in a statewide referendum. Oregon inspired by Susan B. Anthony's tour of the Pacific Northwest finally in 1912 passed a constitutional amendment for women's voting rights after trying six times unsuccessfully. Montana passed a state constitutional amendment to grant women suffrage in 1914. In 1912 Arizona's male electorate voted to enfranchise women. Kansas allowed women to vote in local elections in 1887. Alaska was not a state so could not vote for the 19th Amendment in 1920 although Alaska did in 1914 recognize the right of indigenous men and women to vote. Illinois' legislature in 1913 passed a law granting women the right to vote in presidential and municipal elections becoming the first state east of the Mississippi where women could vote. North Dakota women after many unsuccessful attempts to pass women's suffrage finally in 1917 approved a law that gave women the right to vote for president and some municipal positions. In 1917 Indiana also passed a law that granted Indiana women the right to vote in presidential, municipal, and some state elections. Nebraska finally passed a law allowing women's suffrage in 1917. Michigan allowed women to vote in all elections in 1918. Arkansas, in 1917, passed legislation making women eligible to vote in primary elections with over 40,000 women voting in primary elections the next year. New York allowed women to vote in November 1917. South Dakota, in 1918, removed the word "male" from the state's constitution. Oklahoma granted women full women's suffrage in 1918.

While this recitation of laws allowing women to vote has been long and arduous requiring strenuous effort, this has been easy compared to the history of women's right to equality under the law. More information will follow as we discover women's desire for equal treatment in law and in the greater society underlined by the women's movement of the 1960's. We can no longer discount women's contributions to our society as women make up 50% of our population. Women's history is worth knowing. Women need to step up and know their history and vote their consciences to elevate our U.S. history and the worldwide status of women. Let's fight to help women worldwide because in some regions of the earth women are not even allowed to show their faces in public. Next week we will learn about how women have fought for freedom for all as I recommend books to read for both men and women and their children.

'It's money laundering': Utah state school board wants Cox to veto bill that diverts property taxes from local schools

SB37 would take the portion of revenue that schools earn through local tax levies and deposit it into Utah's general fund.

by Carmen Nesbitt

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

The Utah state school board passed a resolution Thursday urging Gov. Spencer Cox to veto a bill that would divert Utahns' property taxes away from local public schools and instead drop them into the state's general fund.

"It feels, quite frankly, really fishy," Utah State Board of Education member Sarah Reale said Thursday. "It's money laundering."

Under SB37, the state would still be responsible for allocating the minimum amount of money that each local school district requires, based on the "Weighted Pupil Unit" (WPU) that the state calculates each year — currently set at $4,494 per student for fiscal 2025.

But the bill allows lawmakers to solely use income tax revenue to do that, freeing up local property tax dollars for other state purposes.

School districts and education organizations across Utah have opposed the measure. But the bill's sponsor, Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, R-South Jordan, has argued it "isn't a clever way" for the state to "steal money from public education."

"The bill requires that whatever money is collected, the same amount of money in the exact same time frame, and with the exact same funding flexibility, is distributed to school districts as soon as it's collected," Fillmore said.

What would change under SB37?

Utah's "Minimum School Program" (MSP) is the primary way the state funds K-12 public education.

The program ensures that all schools receive at least a baseline level of funding — tallied using the WPU — regardless of a district's local wealth. It does that by combining state and local tax revenue; if local revenue doesn't meet the baseline funding amount, state funding makes up the difference.

(Schools with similar enrollment figures may ultimately receive different funding amounts based on factors like grade level adjustments and special education needs.)

Right now, when local property taxes are collected each November, each county then deposits that revenue into a "Public Treasurer's Investment Fund," which school districts can access. That fund also allows districts to earn interest on local property tax revenue, currently at a rate of about 4.5%.

If SB37 becomes law, local property tax revenue would instead go directly into the state's general fund, bypassing any accounts that school districts can access.

The Utah State Board of Education would then have 35 days after receiving the money to transfer an equivalent amount — taken from the state income tax fund, not the general fund — into each district's investment account.

"It's up to almost over $800 million that could be potentially [put] into the general fund," Reale said Thursday.

SB37 won't change "Truth in Taxation" procedures — a public hearing process that allows residents to learn about and comment on proposals to increase property taxes.

But the revenue collected may not go to education. That's why those opposed to the bill have argued it could sow division between local school boards and their communities.

"It will be a little bit different to have a basic levy school tax that can be used for purposes that are not education funding," said Dale Frost, the Minimum School Program's administrator, to state school board members Thursday.

USBE's resolution passed 9-3 Thursday. A spokesperson for Cox did not immediately respond to The Salt Lake Tribune for comment.

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Planning Commission

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The commission addressed two main agenda items. The first item was a public hearing for a zone change request from R3M to SHD (Student Housing Development) at 366 South Dewey Avenue. A representative from Watson Engineering presented the request for a property contiguous with an existing SHD zone. This led to an extensive discussion about the SHD overlay zone and its ongoing expansion in Cedar City neighborhoods.

Commission members debated R3M and SHD zoning, noting SHD permits taller buildings, reduced setbacks, and lower parking requirements. Some raised concerns about its gradual expansion.

During public comment, a resident strongly opposed the change, calling SHD a “cancer” harming neighborhoods and forcing longtime residents to sell.

Despite objections, the commission voted 4-2 to recommend approval, citing the need for high-density housing near the university and the existing density allowances of R3M zoning.

The second agenda item concerned three related applications for a property at 2605 South Old Highway 91. A representative from Brown Consulting Engineers presented plans for a 19.5-acre parcel within the Cedar Trails RDO (Resort Development Overlay) master plan area. However, it was determined that proper public notices hadn't been sent for this meeting, so the commission tabled the item until their March 18th meeting.

During the public hearing, concerns were raised about rapid development in Cedar City, questioning the sustainability of growth due to water supply limitations and infrastructure constraints.

Commissioners acknowledged concerns and emphasized that halting development could hurt the local economy. It was noted that property owners have the right to develop land if they meet requirements, including water rights, and that the city is working on water and infrastructure projects.

Cedar City Council

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Mayor Green introduced Tyrell Eddie, a new school board member nominated for the downtown economic development committee. The council will vote on his appointment next week.

The council discussed a traffic concern near North Elementary, where parked cars on 200 North obstruct visibility for drivers entering from 600 West.

Police Chief Adams swore in new officers Austin Astyle and Garrett Wilson, bringing the department closer to full staffing.

Representatives from Teen X, a nonprofit, requested support for their "Space Race" 5K fundraiser on May 3rd at Veterans Park to benefit over 350 homeless students. Mayor Green invited them to the Youth City Council meeting and offered to promote the event in the city newsletter.

The council considered creating centralized storage for parade floats and city equipment, with Councilman Wilkey proposing a metal building near Bulldog Road. An ad hoc committee will be formed to address the issue.

Several agenda items were presented and approved for next week's consent agenda:

- A $99,000 change order for ongoing airport terminal construction, primarily involving TSA room modifications. The FAA will cover 95% of the costs.
- A new FAA grant (AIP 054) for runway maintenance at the airport, including seal coating, crack sealing, and restriping. The city will be responsible for 5% of the costs.
- A design contract for Fiddler Park was awarded to the Terracon Company. The comprehensive design includes utilities, grading, drainage, landscaping, irrigation, and playground amenities, along with a bridge connecting to a planned outdoor classroom area.
- An $89,000 consulting agreement with Schuler Shook for the Heritage Theater renovation project. The consultants will provide specialized theater expertise for modernizing the facility, with construction planned for 2028. The council will need to revise the budget.
- A bid for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project was awarded to Perco Rock Company. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will reimburse most of the project costs.

During public comments, a citizen expressed appreciation for the community spirit of Cedar City, highlighting the importance of preserving historic downtown. The meeting concluded with all agenda items approved for next week's consent agenda.

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

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UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



REP. CARL ALBRECHT
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

Rep. Albrecht's Last Week of Session

The 2025 General Legislative Session has officially come to an end. This all-out sprint of the final week was a great cap to seven weeks of hard work.

My colleagues and I worked diligently for in Rural Utah and the rest of the state to pass bills that strengthen our economy, invest in education, enhance public safety, and secure Utah's future. Personally, I ran 10 bills this Session to help further these efforts in our state. I will review each of these bills below.

Bill Review

HB 41: State Water Policy Amendments. This bill aims to turn more attention and study to groundwater. It adds groundwater to lakes and rivers in their study of water quality to ensure it complies with state drinking water status and public health guidelines. It was signed by the Governor.

HB 47: Public Lands Watering Rights Amendments. This bill will protect our grazers who use water on our public lands from a Federal Agencies water filing. It is now waiting for the Governor's signature

HB 72: Electricity Rate Amendments. **HB 72** aimed to save money for Utahans and operate as an extra layer of protection against bad rates and expenses from Rocky Mountain Power. We ultimately pulled this bill to negotiate further in interim and find a better way to address this issue. As a result of negotiations with the state's largest utility, other energy bills can now go forward and other concessions were made.

HB 174: Water Rights Restricted Account. **HB 174** simplifies restrictions around the restricted water account use for legal funds. As Utah's water rights systems grow and become more complex, they require more legal support. This gives the state engineer the ability to do this. It passed through unanimously and is waiting to be signed by the Governor.

HB 202: Private Landowner Big Games Revisions. We are aiming to protect private landowner's rights and promote a healthy wildlife population through a landowner draw for elk tags. This encourages landowners to allow wildlife on their land despite the potential damages they may cause and gives them a chance to possibly earn some monetary benefits for their sacrifice. It passed through the Legislature and is now waiting for the Governor's signature.

HB 239: Disaster Funds Revisions. This bill will help funds in the disaster relief program become more accessible to disaster prevention efforts. These funds will go a long way in helping our at-risk communities, particularly rural communities, prepare for disasters and mitigate damages, such as monsoon season flooding. It passed through and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

HB 249: Nuclear Power Amendments. This bill addresses the future of all energy projects in Utah by creating different working groups dedicated to developing energy projects in the state, and specifically to bring nuclear energy to Utah. This is a great step forward for the future of our state. HB 249 took some negotiations to get past the finish line, working to get the language the Utah Associations of Counties wanted, ensuring that local powers had a say in projects in their local areas. After some hard work and negotiation, we got it through. It is now on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

HB 253: Agriculture and Food Amendments. This is a clean-up bill for the Department of Food and Agriculture that was worked on extensively during interim, with all groups working hard to get the correct language in the bill and accomplish all that was needed, making clarifications that better our state in agriculture. It is awaiting the Governor's signature after passing unanimously.

HCR 1: Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Grand County Water Conservancy District. HCR 1 transfers the ownership of water infrastructure owned operated by the DOE for the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action project to the Grand County Water Conservancy District. This secures water infrastructure in a rural area that is badly needed. It passed and was signed by the Governor.

HJR 3: Joint Resolution Regarding State Prisoner Placement in Iron County Correctional Facility. This bill allows for much needed expansion in the Iron County Correctional Facility, allowing the jail to acquire more bedding for prisoners. The prison is short on space and bedding, and this bill will address that issue. It passed through legislation and is awaiting the signature of the Governor.

Intern Message from Joe Boyle

It was an honor to assist Rep. Carl Albrecht in serving the people of District 70. I'm from Monticello and I love Rural Utah. In addition to working hard to better the lives of his ~~constituents, we also worked to better the lives of all in~~ Rural Utah. District 70 will always hold a special place in my heart, and I wish you all the best!

2025 Session Conclusion

It was a session full of tough bills and good energy legislation. Even though the Session has come to an end, my work is far from finished. Look out for different townhalls and events I will be attending in your area. The work I do is for the people of District 70. Please take advantage of these opportunities to voice your concerns to me. It was a privilege to once again represent you on the hill, I'm looking forward to more diligent work during interim to help our great state and Rural Utah. Contact me through phone or email; carlalbrecht@le.utah.gov, (435) 979-6578.

Thank you for your support!
Rep. Carl Albrecht



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Friends and Neighbors,

With week 7 done, the 2025 Utah Legislative session is now at a close. There are some key highlights from this busy, successful legislative session last week to review.

Bullying has no place in our schools. Not only does it disrupt a student's ability to learn and build positive relationships, but it can have serious and long-lasting consequences when left unchecked. S.B. 223 strengthens efforts to stop bullying by updating its definition in code, making it clear for both students and staff what behaviors are unacceptable and when it's time to step in. By empowering educators to intervene early, this bill helps create a safer environment where every student can learn without fear of harassment or intimidation.

Firefighters put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe, often facing dangerous conditions that expose them to harmful chemicals and carcinogens. Tragically, cancer has become the leading cause of death among firefighters. H.B. 65 takes a crucial step in addressing this crisis by expanding the list of cancers presumed to be work-related, making it easier for firefighters to access workers' compensation and the care they need. It also establishes a cancer screening program to promote early detection and treatment—measures that could be lifesaving. Our firefighters dedicate themselves to protecting us, and with this bill, we are strengthening our commitment to protecting them.

Water is one of our most valuable resources, especially in our district, where managing water rights is critical for farmers and ranchers. However, the process of transferring a water deed has been unnecessarily complicated. Currently, the grantee (recipient) can sign electronically or by fax, but the grantor (original owner) cannot—creating delays and extra paperwork. S.B. 33 fixes this by allowing both parties to sign electronically or by fax. For Utahns who rely on water rights for agriculture, business and community development, this modernization will save time, reduce hassle and ensure transactions can move forward smoothly. By cutting red tape, we're making it easier for water rights owners to do what they do best—manage and use this essential resource effectively.

A strong economy needs skilled accountants, but unnecessary barriers have made it harder for qualified professionals to enter the field. S.B.15 removes the 150-hour education requirement, allowing candidates with a bachelor's degree in accounting or business to qualify. It also streamlines the process for out-of-state and international CPAs to get licensed in Utah and lets individuals take the CPA exam right after earning their degree. Additionally, it gives DOPL the authority to enforce fines for unlawful CPA practices, ensuring industry integrity. These changes make licensure more accessible while maintaining high professional standards, strengthening Utah's workforce in the process.

Thank you for your strong support this legislative session. More to come as the work continues through the year. We live in the best area in all the world and it is because of each of you. Thank you.

Sen. Vickers

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Amanda Ott's Journey from SUU to Goldman Sachs

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Cedar City, UT - For many students, choosing a major can feel like a daunting decision. But for Amanda Ott, a 2022 graduate in finance from Southern Utah University, the clues were always there—she just had to connect the dots.

Originally from St. George, Utah, Ott had had a natural curiosity about numbers. While spending her childhood dancing and reading she was also intrigued by how money works. She was fascinated by how money moved, how businesses operated, and what made markets tick.

"I remember one of my professors saying that if there's something you loved at 12 years old, you'll probably love it for life," Ott said. "For me, that was money—I wanted to understand how it worked."

This passion led her to SUU. The small class sizes and the strong sense of community at the Dixie L. Leavitt School of Business were exactly what she needed to succeed. Ott took full advantage of the opportunities at the Dixie L. Leavitt School of Business. She joined the Investment Scholars and Corporate Finance group and participated in employer visit trips, which played a significant role in shaping her career aspirations.

"I got to see firsthand how the things we were learning in class applied in the real world, and those experiences were priceless," she said.

Today, Ott works as a Folio Integration Associate at Goldman Sachs, diving deep into the world of finance. Her advice to current SUU students is to ask questions, and often.

"I spent a lot of time in my professors' office hours, going over test questions, practicing problems, and talking about career options," Ott reflected. "That support made a huge difference."

Ott's journey proves that SUU is about more than just earning a degree—it's about the experiences and the opportunities gained along the way. Whether you're still figuring out your major or preparing to graduate, Ott encourages students to take full advantage of everything SUU has to offer.

"College is about more than just classes. It's about making connections, stepping out of your comfort zone, and embracing the opportunities that come your way," Ott said. "Follow what excites you, ask questions, and don't be afraid to get involved."

The Dixie L. Leavitt School of Business is committed to supporting its students in and out of the classroom. With small class sizes, enthusiastic faculty, and a variety of experiential learning opportunities, students and alumni are bound to succeed. Apply here to join the business school community.



Sen. Mike Lee and Rep. Thomas Massie Introduce Bill to End the Fed

From The Office of Senator Mike Lee

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

WASHINGTON – Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) and Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) have introduced the Federal Reserve Board Abolition Act, legislation that dissolves the United States Federal Reserve and transfers its assets and liabilities to the Department of the Treasury.

> The Federal Reserve has not only failed to achieve its mandate, it has become an economic manipulator, directly contributing to the financial instability many Americans face today," said Sen. Lee. "We need to protect our economic future, end the monetization of federal debt that fuels unchecked federal spending, and put American money on solid ground. We need to End the Fed.

> Americans have suffered under crippling inflation, and the Federal Reserve is to blame," said Rep. Massie. "During COVID, the Federal Reserve created trillions of dollars out of thin air and loaned it to the Treasury Department to enable unprecedented deficit spending. By monetizing the debt, the Federal Reserve devalued the dollar and enabled free money policies that caused high inflation.

> Monetizing debt is a closely coordinated effort between the Federal Reserve, Treasury Department, Congress, Big Banks, and Wall Street," Rep. Massie continued. "Through this process, retirees see their savings evaporate due to the actions of a central bank pursuing inflationary policies that benefit the wealthy and. If we really want to reduce inflation, the most effective policy is to end the Federal Reserve."

To read the full bill please visit ironcounty-today.com and visit the article by the same name.

Want the chance to hunt big game in Utah in 2025?

The application period opens March 20



by Faith Heaton Jolley

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SALT LAKE CITY — If you're interested in the opportunity to harvest your own deer or elk meat this fall, be sure to take note of the upcoming application period and apply for a permit before the deadline.

As in recent years, the application period for Utah's big game hunts will again be held in March and April, so hunters can see the proposed permit numbers prior to applying. The application period opens on March 20 at 8 a.m. MDT, and it runs until 11 p.m. MDT on April 24. To be included in the drawing for the hunts, you can apply online or over the phone by calling the nearest Utah Division of Wildlife Resources regional office.

The results of the drawing will be released on May 15. You'll be notified by email, but you can also get the drawing results online or by calling 800-221-0659.

Big game hunts are held in Utah for the following species:

- Bighorn sheep (desert and Rocky Mountain)
- Bison
- Elk
- Moose
- Mountain goat
- Mule deer
- Pronghorn

"We don't have the data from the winter big game captures, the previous fall hunt harvest rates, and other big game surveys until March each year," DWR Wildlife Licensing Coordinator Lindy Varney said. "After we receive that data, we put together the permit recommendations for the upcoming fall big game hunting seasons. In 2023, due to public request, we shifted the application dates from January to March so that hunters will have information about the proposed permit numbers prior to applying. Hunters can access the proposed permit numbers for each hunt unit beginning in April on the Utah Hunt Planner. The final permit numbers will be approved by the Utah Wildlife Board during their public board meeting on May 1."

Starting March 20, applications will be accepted for most of Utah's 2025 big game hunts. However, there are a few exceptions — permits for the state's general-season bull elk hunts won't be available until July. Permits for the gener-

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determine how bad it gets.

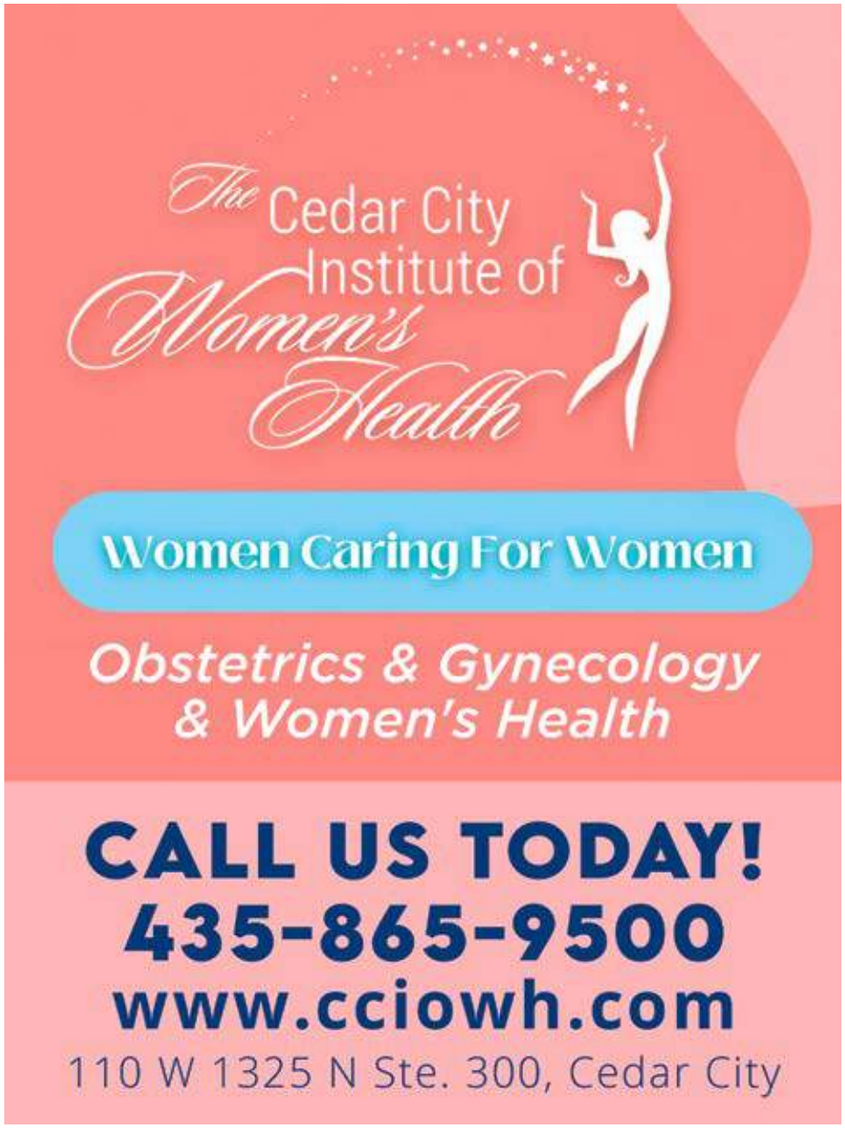
"It really all comes down to ignition sources," he said. "Do we have a dry lightning season? Do the monsoons come early or late? We can try and predict what's going to happen, but we don't really know until all the factors play out."

Despite dry conditions, officials say Cedar City has a stable water supply for firefighting

"We always have a water source — fire hydrants, ponds— so we don't worry too much about that," Phillips said. "Right now, we're focused on getting ready for fire season, running training exercises, and making sure our equipment is prepared."

As fire season approaches, officials are also urging residents to be mindful of fire risks, avoid unnecessary burning, and be prepared for potential restrictions.

"We don't ever know how bad the fire season is going to be," Phillips said. "But with the dry winter we've had, people need to be extra careful this summer."



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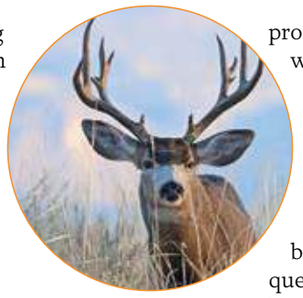
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al-season archery bull elk hunt go on sale July 8, the any-bull elk permits go on sale July 10 and the spike bull elk permits go on sale July 17. Those elk permits will be sold online, at all DWR offices and at license agent locations.

Changes to hunting units

In December 2024, the Utah Wildlife Board approved some new hunting strategies on four deer hunting units as part of a multiyear research study. As a result, hunters should be aware of some important changes when applying for deer permits on the following units, beginning this year and remaining in effect until 2028:

- There will be restricted muzzleloader and restricted rifle general-season buck deer hunts on the Beaver, West; Boulder/Kaiparowits and Cache hunting units. For restricted muzzleloader, the ignition system is limited to traditional flintlock, wheellock, matchlock, musket cap or percussion cap. (All other ignition systems, including 209 primers, are prohibited.) And it contains only open sights or peep sights. For restricted rifle, it contains only open sights or peep sights, and cannot be semiautomatic. Archery would not be restricted, and the restrictions would not apply to limited-entry late muzzleloader hunts.



- There will be restricted archery, restricted muzzleloader and restricted rifle limited-entry buck deer hunts on the Thousand Lakes hunting unit. For restricted muzzleloader, the ignition system is limited to traditional flintlock, wheellock, matchlock, musket cap or percussion cap. (All other ignition systems, including 209 primers, are prohibited.) And it contains only open sights or peep sights. For restricted rifle, it contains only open sights or peep sights, and cannot be semiautomatic. For restricted archery, it must be a single stringed long bow or recurve bow with no cables, pulleys or cams, it has no sights, and it has a draw weight of 40 pounds or more.

Join the Dedicated Hunter program

If you want a chance to hunt all of the weapon seasons for a particular hunting unit, you should consider applying for Utah's Dedicated Hunter program. You can learn more about the program, and how to join it, on the DWR website.

Utah Hunt Planner

If you're thinking about hunting in a new area — or going after a species you've never hunted before — you will likely have a lot of questions. The Utah Hunt Planner is an interactive, online map that provides valuable information from DWR biologists to help answer a lot of those questions.

The Hunt Planner provides in-depth, hunter-focused information about all of Utah's hunts. Use it when you're researching hunts you want to apply for or use it after you draw a permit for a particular hunt. You can learn the best spots to find animals, see what the terrain is like, identify blocks of public land in the unit and locate the primary access points.

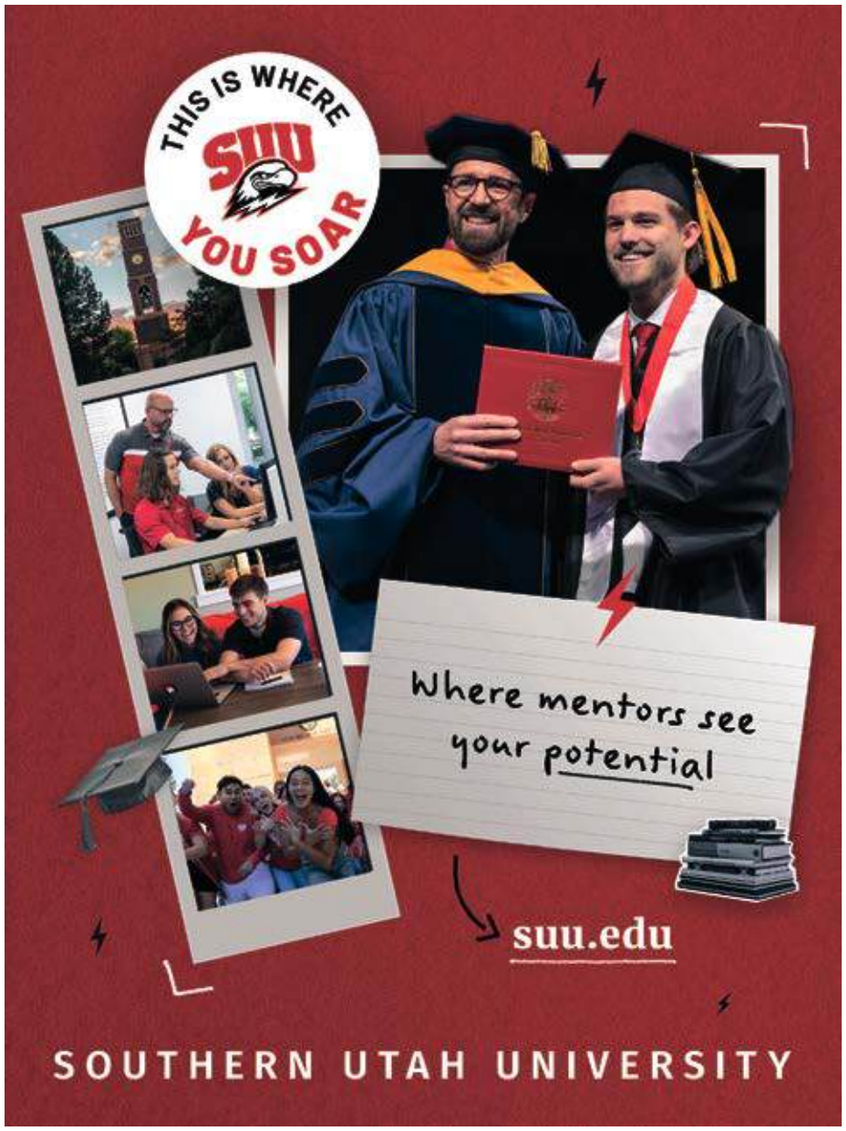
Visit the DWR website for more information about how to use the Utah Hunt Planner.

Applying for a bonus point or a preference point

If you're not planning to hunt big game in 2025, you can still apply for a bonus point or a preference point. Earning a point increases the chance you'll draw a permit the next time you apply. Your application for a point must be received no later than 11 p.m. MDT on April 24. However, you will also have an opportunity to apply for a bonus or preference point during the antlerless application period from June 4-18. You must have a hunting license or a combination license to apply for a bonus/preference point or a big game hunting permit.

Visit the DWR website for more information about bonus and preference points.

For more information about applying for a 2025 Utah big game hunting permit, see the 2025 Utah Big Game Application Guidebook or contact the nearest DWR office.





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Finalists Announced for 2025 Cedar City Star Search



from Gabbie Costello

CEDAR CITY OFFICES

CEDAR CITY, UT - Twelve finalists have just been announced for Cedar City Star Search, where they will have the chance to win $250 in their respective age category or division at the Heritage Theater on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The finalists will compete in front of an esteemed panel of local celebrity judges, including Cedar City Mayor Garth O. Green, Southern Utah University President Mindy Benson, and Cedar City Children's Musical Theater Founder and President Jewly Krause. The 12 finalists who will compete in the 2025 Cedar City Star Search talent competition are:

GROUP CATEGORY:

- ★ Sheila Rains and Lydia LeFevre
- ★ Cruise Louthan and Ethan Templin
- ★ Ling Yu, Michelle Hall, Ying Wang, Yi Yang, Ruohan Gao, Jiazhen Yan

YOUTH CATEGORY:

- ★ Layla Carnesecca
- ★ Vivienne Hugie
- ★ Jianna Anuhea Ng

TEEN CATEGORY:

- ★ Sydney Rasmussen
- ★ Sophie Heaton
- ★ Reagyn Reynolds

ADULT CATEGORY:

- ★ David Lee Williams
- ★ Collin Englebright
- ★ Ren Carter

Cedar City Events is looking forward to partnering with Canyon Creek Services for another year of philanthropic efforts to raise money and awareness for the life-saving services they provide. Donations will be encouraged at the door,along with silent auction opportunities and concession sales. Cheer on the finalists at this free community event by reserving your ticket online before they are all gone at www.cedarcityut.gov/starsearch. Tickets must be reserved in advance. We hope to see you there!

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET TELLS A STORY

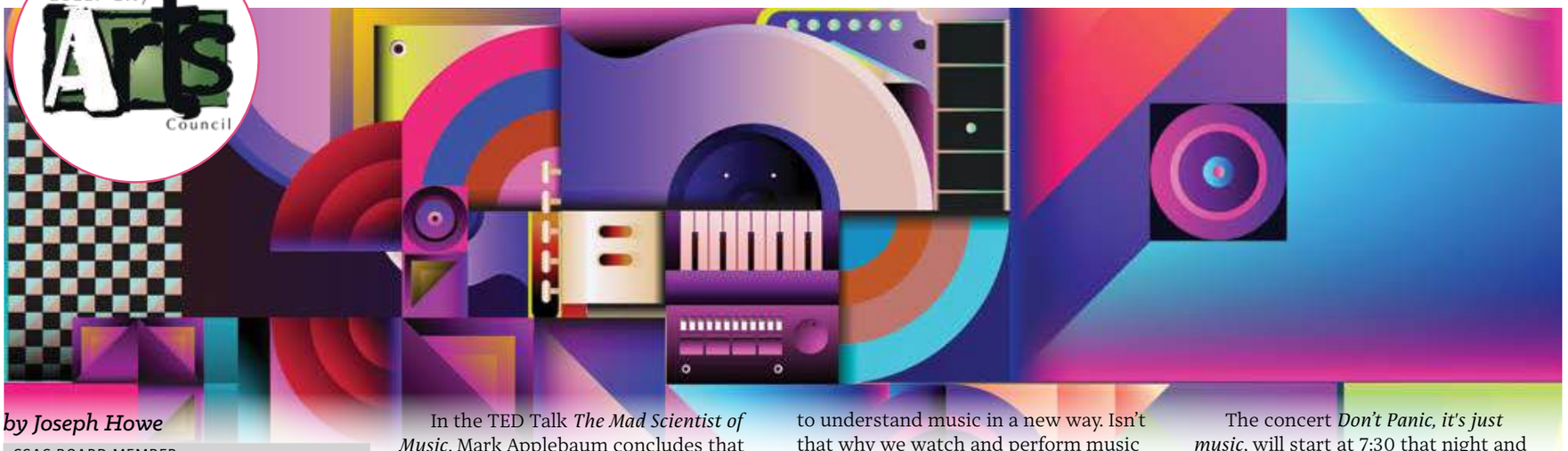
by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Rockin' Celebration: American Crossroads Theatre, (formerly SimonFest), performed a sold-out production of "Million Dollar Quartet". The audience was toe tapping and singing along to

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What is Music?



by Joseph Howe
CCAC BOARD MEMBER

This may seem like a very simple question. However, any two given people will most likely have different definitions. A simple definition could be **"sound that is organized by an individual"** or just simply **"sound."** The first could be easily countered with examples of birds like meadowlarks and nightingales. Additionally, the absence of sound accounts for some of the most impactful moments in music. Examples include Beethoven's *Fifth and Ninth Symphonies*, as well as the *Adagietto* from Mahler's *Fifth Symphony*. Yet, most would not consider silence alone to be music. It seems that any one person's response to the question *"What is music?"* can be easily challenged, making its validity questionable.

The avant-garde music movement seems to have been born out of the necessity to challenge—and thereby understand—these definitions. From Igor Stravinsky's polytonality in *Petrushka* and *The Rite of Spring* to the graphic notation works of Iannis Xenakis and George Crumb, from Arnold Schoenberg's twelve-tone music to John Cage's 4'33", composers push music creation and composition to the extreme, seemingly trying to find this answer. Because the definition of music is subjective to each individual, there are no boundaries—and therefore no definitive answer. Perhaps, then, we are asking the wrong question.

In the TED Talk *The Mad Scientist of Music*, Mark Applebaum concludes that the better question to ask is, "Is it interesting?" This simple shift in perspective removes our preconceived, judgmental attitudes about the quality of music. It doesn't matter whether we think of it as music because that is not the question. Instead, we are invited to reflect on what we have experienced with an open mind, and most importantly, we become teachable.

Too often, we seek to define something in order to assess its quality. "Is it music?" "Is it good?" Or perhaps the more honest question: "Do I understand it so that I may judge it?" Music, like any art, is sometimes meant to be experienced, not explained. Some music makes us ask questions to expand our understanding, while other music simply elevates us. Neither of these things can happen if we close our minds based on preconceived definitions.

For the upcoming APEX lecture featuring Mark Applebaum and the concert of his music, I invite you to open your mind and prepare to experience some truly "interesting" things. Whether you are watching conductors conducting with virtually no sound, listening to pianists playing the same chords yet seemingly disconnected, observing the creation and interpretation of graphic notation, or watching a performer move from setup to setup without playing a single note, you will witness something new. If you allow yourself, you may come to understand music in a new way. Isn't that why we watch and perform music in the first place? One does not need to understand something to be changed by it.

Mark Applebaum will be giving an APEX presentation on March 20 at 11:30 AM in the Great Hall of the R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center on the SUU campus.

The concert *Don't Panic, it's just music*, will start at 7:30 that night and will be in the SUU Auditorium. The concert will feature Mark Applebaum, Terry Longshore, Joseph Howe, and the SUU Vanguard Ensemble with guests Dr. Jed Blodgett and the SUU Percussion Ensemble.

Both events are free and the public is invited.



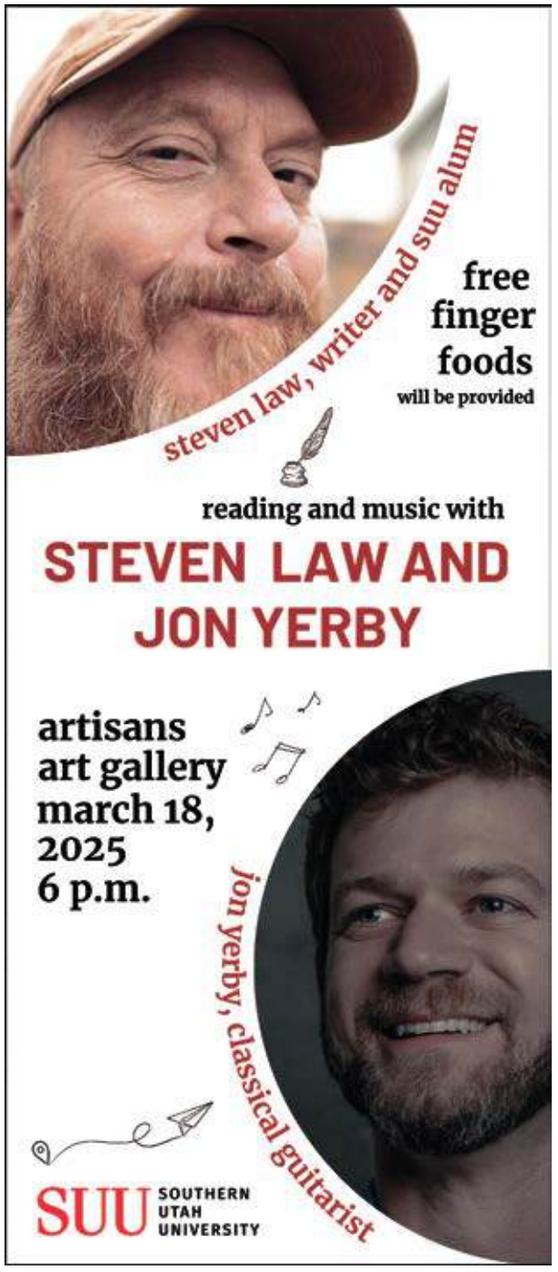
Steven Law and Jon Yerby to engage with literary and music community

SUU alumnus and professor to engage at Artisans Art Gallery

Sponsored by Southern Utah University

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City, UT — Southern Utah University alumnus Steven Law and professor Jon Yerby will be at Artisans Art Gallery at 6 p.m. on March 18 to read and perform. Finger foods will be provided, and the event is free to attend.



Law is a poet, essayist, storyteller, festival founder, and podcast host. His travel writing is highly awarded by the Travelers Tales Solas Awards and Arizona Newspaper Association. Outside of his literary life, he has worked as a farmer, Grand Canyon river guide, overland guide, and a public relations director. Law's latest work, an essay collection entitled Gone, was released in October 2024.

Acclaimed recitalist and chamber musician Yerby has performed across four continents. His classical guitar prowess has earned him various prestigious faculty positions, awards, and touring opportunities. Originally from Celle, Germany, he has spent many years in Utah and currently calls Cedar City home. Outside of SUU, he teaches all ages music at Yerby Music Studios.

This event has been arranged by creative writing professor Danielle Dubrasky in conjunction with Artisans Art Gallery. Questions can be directed to her at dubrasky@suu.edu or Shauri Thacker at shaurithacker@suu.edu.

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

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by Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash. How did it all come to be? It started as a chance meeting that turned into an unforgettable, impromptu jam session that would go down in Rock 'n' Roll history. Million Dollar Quartet recreates that electric moment on stage, delivering all-ages, a high-energy tribute to these amazing musicians. For all those who grew up with this music to the younger audience that discovered the sheer fun and creativity that sparked this brand-new American sound that still lives on in all our hearts.

Million Dollar Quartet, a smash Broadway hit was inspired by the true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time.

The tapes of the session were lost in history for many years. The tapes actually sat in the Sun Capital Records vaunt until 1969, when a Nashville record producer bought Sun Capital Records.

By then all four artists were larger-than-life icons. But the magic of that afternoon in 1956 was to be found only in those amazing recordings. It is enjoyed today by all audiences.

American Crossroads Theatre is dedicated to bringing Broadway comedies and musicals. They are held at the beautiful Heritage Center Theatre in Cedar City's historic downtown. The plays are presented in repertory with both matinee and evening performances.

Visit simonfest.org (in transition of the new name). Mark your calendar for upcoming events. July 2-August 2, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Little Women, The Who's Tommy.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2025

Wear Your Green!

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th. In 2025, the event will fall on a Monday. Whether you're Irish or not, St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate the culture, heritage, and traditions of Ireland. It's a day to honor the contribution of Irish immigrants to communities around the world and show the unique and vibrant culture of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated to commemorate the life of Saint Patrick, he was a patron saint of Ireland, and to celebrate Irish culture. St. Patrick was a Christian missionary who brought Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century. The holiday was originally celebrated as a religious feast day by Christians celebrating the life and death of St. Patrick. The holiday originated in Ireland. The shamrock, Ireland's national plant, is often worn. The tradition of wearing green is said to make people invisible to leprechauns, today it is simply to wear green on St. Patrick's Day so you won't get pinched. When Irish immigrants brought St. Patrick's Day to the United States, it became a secular celebration of Irish culture. It's a day to connect with cultural heritage and to feel a sense of community.

The Catholic Church established St. Patrick's Day as a feast day in the early 1600s, and the first recorded celebrations were in Boston in 1737. The holiday's traditions and popularity have grown over time. The celebrations became a way for Irish immigrants to connect with their roots after they moved to America. In the 19th century, the day was just a religious holiday. In the 20th century, the day became a public holiday with a military parade. Celebrations include parades, festivals, wearing green, and eating Irish Food and drink. In the United States, St. Patrick's Day is a celebration of Irish heritage and pride. Irish immigrants in the 19th and 20th centuries used the holiday to show their contributions to American society. St. Patrick's Day has become a global celebration that passed Irish culture and tradition down through generations.

The holiday is celebrated around the world, including Australia and Brazil.

May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more And nothing but happiness come through your door-

IRISH BLESSING.
HAPPY ST. PATRICKS'S DAY!

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THURS, MAR 13

BRIAN HEAD TOWN 50TH
ANNIVERSARY (MAR 12-15) Join us as we celebrate Brian Head Town's anniversary with four days of events in March. The events are free to the public, so come and support the local community. For more information, refer to the official Brian Head Town website. brianheadtown.utah.gov or by calling the Town offices at (435) 677-2029 M-F - 9-5.

SAT, MAR 15

REEL MENTAL HEALTH SILENT
AUCTION (2-6PM) @ The Valor Hotel Conference Room 1650 W 200 S Parowan, Ut. 84761. Reel Mental Health is a fun interactive support group. Topics include Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Suicide Prevention and so much more. To keep the group thriving, we need your help! Nick's Smokehouse & Cafe is donating a 6hr event rental at The Rambouillet Barn for up to 50 guests, along with a 25% disc. for catering by Nick's. This package is valued at 3,000 dollars. More than 8 local vendors are participating. Hope to see you there.

CAIRN WOMANS CONFERENCE
(8:30AM-5:00PM) @ The Heritage Center, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City, Utah. THECAIRNWOMENSCONFERENCE.ORG

FEED UTAH FOOD DRIVE (9AM) IN
March, organizations and residents throughout Utah will collaborate with Utah Food Bank for the annual statewide Feed Utah food drive. Utah Food Bank asks the public to help by placing a bag of non-perishable food outside their front door by 9:00 am on the morning of the food drive for pickup by volunteers. Donated food will be distributed to Utah Food Bank and local food pantries throughout the state. You can also take food donations directly to Lin's grocery store or Canyon View Stake Center 1985 North Main St, CEDAR CITY, UTAH 84721-9757 between 9-12. For more info visit https://www.utahfoodbank.org/feedutah/.

RELIEF PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP
(6-9PM) Join us at Bookdom Apothecary for a hands-on Relief Printmaking Workshop. Cost: $35 (30 seats available) - Purchase Tickets In Store - Guided by talented instructor Bailey Powell, this immersive experience will introduce you to the fascinating world of relief printmaking - a centuries-old art form that transforms carved surfaces into striking, high-contrast prints.

CEDAR CITY STAR SEARCH (7PM) @
Heritage Center Theatre: The annual Cedar City Star Search is a vibrant community event showcasing the best local talent from Cedar City and Iron County. Twelve finalists will perform live, competing in front of community celebrity judges for a chance to win a cash prize. The audience gets to join in the fun by voting for the Audience Choice Award. With music, dance, and more, it's a free night of excitement and entertainment for all ages! Reserve free tickets in advance online.

MON, MAR 17

St. Patrick's Day

TUES, MAR 18

FAMILY HISTORY CLASS (10AM) @
Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E). Pam and Catherine will dig deeper into Vital Records teaching about Bible, Church and Cemetery Records. They will demonstrate where to find these records and how to examine and utilize the information those records contain. They can help you get started and answer any questions you might have regarding your Family History Research. All classes are free!

ICSD GIFTED & TALENTED PARENT
NIGHT (6:30PM) Join Lisa Van Gemert, the Gifted Guru, at Canyon View Middle School, 1865 N. Main Street, Cedar City.

ARTISANS ART GALLERY (6PM) SUU
alumnus Steven Law and professor Jon Yerby will be at Artisans Art Gallery to read and perform. Finger foods will be provided, and the event is free to attend. Questions can be directed to her at dubrasky@suu.edu or Shauri Thacker at shaurithacker@suu.edu.

THURS, MAR 20

First Day of Spring

LITTLE WOMAN AT PAROWAN
THEATER (7PM) at the Aladdin Theater on Main Street Parowan. All tickets $10 and can be obtained at the Parowan Visitor's Center 5 South Main Street or at 435-477-8190. March 20-22, 24, & 27-29

APEX PRESENTATION (11:30AM)
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DON'T PANIC, IT'S JUST MUSIC
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FRI, MAR 21

SUU DANCE TEAM SHOWCASE
(6:30PM) @ America First Event Center. Free Admission!

THE SUU DANCE TEAM WILL PER-
form routines from this season for all fans to enjoy!

SOUTHERN UTAH STRING FESTIVAL
GOLD CUP RECITAL (6PM) at the LDS church by Family Dollar in Enoch, Minersville/Midvalley intersection.

SAT, MAR 22

SUU SPRING DANCE CLINIC
(10AM-1:30PM) @ America First Event Center. Spring Dance Clinic Registration Link: https://forms.gle/Sso8Vdx9V8mPtKYb8 . $50 cash or venmo. Contact Averi Rutherford at averirutherford@suu.edu for more information.

ART ADVENTURE W/ HANNA DAWSON
(5-6:30PM) at the Johnson Art Center, 59 North 100 West. $15 per ticket. Limited seating available! First come, first served. Start with an inspiring presentation by Hanna, owner of Prussian Bleu Studio, then enjoy an hour of hands-on creativity to rediscover your own happiness through painting. Zero experience ENCOURAGED.

COMEDY HYPNOSIS (7-9PM)
THE LAUGHS ARE BACK FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY! Join Austin for an evening of family friendly and gut wrenching laughter that will have you sore the next morning! The critically acclaimed show returns to the Heritage Center Theater!

Want your event on our calendar?

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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

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

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings
3rd Thurs., 6:30pm. 710 S. Westview Drive

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

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

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

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

Iron County Republican Women
3rd Wed, 11:30 am. Tickets $20, https://www.ironcountyrepublicanwomen.com

Parowan City Council
2nd & 4th Thurs, 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
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed
Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon
Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am
Red Road to Sobriety • Mon, 6 pm Paiute Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307
Misfits • M – F, 6 pm
Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm
The Great Fact • T, F, Noon. True Life Center 2111 N. Main. (702) 802-1332 or (702) 533-7856
Red Creek Group • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925
Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am
My Story • Sat, 8 pm
Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am
What a Way to Start the Day • Su, W, F 7-8 am • All are welcome

Al-Anon
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed
Easy Does It • Tues, 7-8 pm • (435) 559-3333
Hope for Today (Family Groups)
Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333
Key to Harmony (Online/Email Meeting) Sun & Tues 435-704-4979 • https://keytoharmony.org/

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

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

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

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

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous
www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed
Basic Text Study • Mon, 8 pm
Just for Today • Wed, 8 pm
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 @ Sonrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisehurch.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 W Cove View Dr, Cedar City. Join a growing number of women throughout the nation to strengthen and preserve liberty. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

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/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7
Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wellness Place
583 S Main Suite #5, Cedar City. (435) 592-5308. Classes: 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. @ Sonrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisehurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

schools

Gateway Academy Celebrates Love of Reading Week in Seusstacular Style!



by Joni O'Hanlon

GATEWAY ACADEMY

Last week, Gateway Academy turned into a literary wonderland as students, staff, and families came together to celebrate Love of Reading Week. From wacky outfits to green eggs and ham, the school was abuzz with the magic of books and the joy of storytelling!

The festivities kicked off Monday night with a special family event dedicated to the beloved Dr. Seuss. Parents and children gathered at Gateway Academy for an evening of fun, honoring the legendary author. But that was just the beginning!

Each day brought a new theme, keeping the excitement alive as everyone eagerly anticipated what was next.

One of the week's biggest highlights was Friday's grand celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. The entire school participated in a lively parade, with staff and students dressing up as their favorite book characters. They ended with an assembly celebrating reading!



Parents played a crucial role in the festivities, joining classrooms to read beloved stories to students. Among the special guests was renowned author Micah Player, who shared his love of storytelling and read his new book to the student's. He inspired young readers with his work.

The spirit of reading was visible everywhere—literally! Every classroom door was transformed into an artistic tribute to a favorite book, adding even more excitement to the school's literary celebration.

Of course, Love of Reading Week wasn't just about books—it was about fun, too! From silly games like Pin the Bubblegum on Violet Beauregarde to science experiments with Oobleck, students enjoyed hands-on activities that brought their favorite stories to life. K/1 students even graphed goldfish snacks in honor of *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*.

Gateway Academy truly embraced the joy of reading, making this year's Love of Reading Week one for the books. With laughter, learning, and a whole lot of literary fun, students and staff proved that the magic of reading is alive and well at Gateway.

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On March 5, Unified Sports held an incredible game in Saint George, where Canyon View's unified sports team triumphed! Some dedicated students from the Canyon View student body government had the opportunity to assist and engage with our extraordinary athletes. Congratulations to Unified Sports for an inspiring event!

Exciting Announcement! Student body officer applications are now open! If you're a junior ready to make your senior year unforgettable, this is your chance to shine! There are so many amazing positions available, including mascot, historian, technician, service representative, student representative, Media Chair, Fine Arts Representative, Spirit Rep, Sports Rep, Publicity Chair, Student Body Secretary, Vice President, and President.

Don't hesitate to step out of your comfort zone and dive into this incredible opportunity! Being part of student government is a fantastic way to connect with new friends and expand your network in ways you never imagined. Plus, it's a perfect chance to develop your leadership skills and take on new responsibilities. Let's make this year one for the books! Apply now and be a part of something great! If you are interested go talk to Mrs. Rigby.

Current Student Government, want to be a part of all this fun?



Spring sports are back and the excitement is undeniable! That's right, folks, spring sports are officially underway! Softball kicked off its season with an electrifying first game on March 4, and baseball joined the action on the same day. But that's not all; Boys tennis also launched into the competition! There's so much more thrilling action ahead, so stay tuned for all the fantastic moments to come!



Unified Sports Team

schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Iron Springs Elementary

We had a fantastic Day March 3 while celebrating Read Across America. We had special visitors from Dr Seuss books including Thing 1, Thing 2, and the Cat in the Hat!! Our visitors loved reading books to each grade level and joining them for a Seusstastical Lunch.



Escalante Valley Elementary

The Ogden Nature Center recently visited our 1st grade class to teach them about animals, habitats and adaptations. For most students, their most memorable moment was meeting Harry, a Great Basin Gopher Snake. They learned that these snakes, often called Blow Snakes, like to mimic rattlesnakes, smell with their tongues and burrow in gopher holes to find food & shelter.

Three Peaks Elementary

We hosted our 6th annual STEAM Festival Night on February 27. Thank you to the SUU STEM Center, SUU Animal Ambassadors, SUU Department of Chemistry and Physics, SUU Planetarium, SUU Geo Club, SUU Biology Club, Southwest Technical College, Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), artsFusion, and all of the Three Peaks teachers/staff for helping with these activities. The students and parents had a wonderful time interacting and learning all about science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

Canyon View Middle School

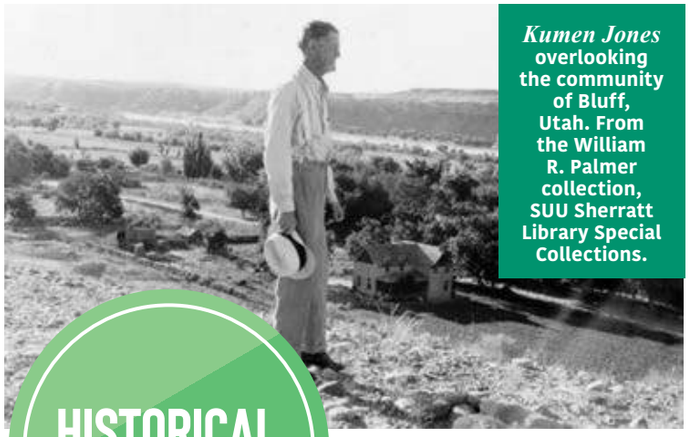
CVMS is incredibly grateful for the beautiful new additions to the school—orchestra, band, and choir rooms. The ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 21 was an exciting time to celebrate with our amazing students and community.

North Elementary

Seventeen of our 5th graders were excited to attend Southern Utah Science and Engineering Fair at SUU for their Junior Fair. We are so excited for the eight students that placed in 2nd or 3rd place for their categories!

history

The Hole in the Rock Expedition
PART 2



Kumen Jones **overlooking the community of Bluff, Utah. From the William R. Palmer collection, SUU Sherratt Library Special Collections.**

HISTORICAL THREADS

by Jay Jones

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Families from Iron County made up a large portion of the pioneers that blazed a trail to the San Juan River country in Southeastern Utah in 1880.

The route they took became known as the Hole-in-the-Rock trail because of a steep and narrow passage forged through a crevice in the rock cliffs above the Colorado River, about 60 miles southeast of the town of Escalante.

The Hole-in-the-Rock trail is not to be confused with the "Hole-in-the-Wall" gang associated with Butch Cassidy or the "Hole-N-the-Rock" tourist stop south of Moab.

Safely reaching and crossing the Colorado River was not the end of the challenges faced by these hardy pioneers. Difficult terrain on the east side of the Colorado River required road-building and team sharing.

In his book "Fort on the Firing Line," Albert R. Lyman summarizes the painfully slow progress made on the journey to begin the settlement of Bluff, Utah:

"Three hundred miles in six months amounts to somewhat less than two miles a day, and this snail's pace accomplished only by tremendous exertion."

The colonizers finally reached the site of Bluff, Utah in April of 1880. Building a town based on farming at that location proved to be a difficult task.

Getting water from the San Juan River to irrigate the fields was a frustrating challenge. Flood waters would wash out head gates and fill the ditches with sand. River levels in the summer would drop too low. Crop failures resulted.

An important mission of the community was to maintain positive relations with the Native American neighbors – Navajo, Ute and Paiute. This was usually achieved, although it was not always easy for the natives or the newcomers.

Thirteen years after the founding of Bluff, a team of anthropology researchers from the Eastern United States that were in the area studying ancient ruins came upon the community of Bluff. In the 9 December 1893 issue of Harper's Weekly, the following comments are made by journalist Remington Lane:

"Is it possible in any fertile spot in Utah, no matter how remote from civilization, not to find a prosperous band of Mormons? I cannot imagine a finer example of Mormon enterprise than these 200 people leaving their good homes and facing the dangers and hardships of an unknown country. From the oldest inhabitants I learned that the founding of Bluff City was attended with greater suffering and more arduous labor than any other like scheme of colonization."

Historian David Miller wrote:

> *"No pioneering company ever built a wagon road through wilder, rougher, more inhospitable country. None ever demonstrated more courage, faith and devotion to cause.*

Cedar City native Kumen Jones noted, "The good Father had a kind watch care over the whole company of pilgrims, bringing us through without death or serious sickness or accident."

faith

First Presidency Announces April 2025 General Conference

Annual global broadcast will consist of five unique 2-hour sessions on Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6

from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Newsroom

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced the upcoming 195th Annual General Conference on Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6, 2025.

"General conference provides an opportunity to receive personal revelation as general Church leaders give counsel and direction from the Lord," states a First Presidency letter to congregation leaders dated March 6, 2025, to be read aloud in sacrament meeting.

"We encourage all to listen to, study, ponder and apply the counsel given. The messages will be published in the Gospel Library app, on ChurchofJesusChrist.org, and in Church magazines for further viewing and study."

The conference event notice from the Church states, "The gospel of Jesus Christ teaches that He lives and that God loves, hears and speaks to His children. His personalized guidance and inspiration may be experienced through the counsel of living prophets, apostles and leaders …

"All are welcome and invited to hear messages of hope, peace and the joy of eternal life made possible through the atoning sacrifice and Resurrection of Jesus Christ during the annual broadcast of general conference."



President Russell M. Nelson (center) stands with his counselors, President Dallin H. Oaks (left) and President Henry B. Eyring (right), prior to the Sunday afternoon session of general conference at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 6, 2024.



The resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ, stands at the entrance to the Garden Tomb in the painting "He Lives" by Simon Dewey.

The global broadcast, which originates from the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, consists of five unique 2-hour sessions:

Saturday, April 5
Morning session:
10 a.m. to noon

Afternoon session:
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Evening session:
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 6
Morning session:
10 a.m. to noon

Afternoon session:
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All conference sessions will be streamed live on the broadcasts page of ChurchofJesusChrist.org in 80 languages. Participants may also watch and listen on the General Conference YouTube channel in 14 languages, the Gospel Stream app in 11 languages, Gospel Library in 80 languages, and other radio, television, satellite and digital channels.

Following the broadcast, the messages will be available in text, audio and video formats on multiple channels in up to 98 languages for on-demand viewing and studying. These channels include Gospel Library, Media Library, the General Conference YouTube channel, Gospel Stream and the Church magazines.

How to Attend a Session in Salt Lake City

Latter-day Saints who live in the United States or Canada can ask local ward or branch leaders about obtaining tickets to attend a session. Tickets are distributed electronically to stakes and districts. Stake leaders can reference this guide to learn how to access their accounts and distribute tickets to stake members.

People who live outside of the United States or Canada should ask their stake or district president to submit a request for tickets on their behalf. See Temple Square Event Guidelines for more information and restrictions on attending a session in person.

obituaries

Michael John Middleton



Michael John Middleton, 56, passed away on March 6, 2025, in Cedar City, UT. He was born on May 15, 1968, in Lander, Wyoming, to Gary and Marva Middleton. He spent his early years in Battle Mountain, NV, and Houston, TX, before settling in Cedar City, UT, where he attended elementary, middle, junior, and high school.

Michael had a strong work ethic and took pride in his career. His first job was at Bradshaw Auto Parts, and he later worked as an equipment operator for Las Vegas Paving. He also spent time installing satellite dishes, always enjoying the challenge of hands-on work.

Outside of work, Michael had a deep love for the outdoors. Some of his favorite pastimes included boating, fishing, and driving up the mountain, where he found peace and joy in nature. He had an adventurous spirit and cherished time spent in the great outdoors with family and friends.

Michael will be remembered for his great sense of humor, which brought laughter and joy to those around him.

He is survived by his mother, Marva Carter Middleton; his brother, Jeff Middleton; his sister, Stacey Middleton; many nieces and nephews; and countless friends who were like family to him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Middleton; and his grandparents, John and Afton Middleton, and Ward and ReVou Carter.

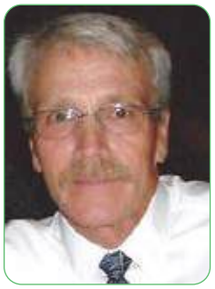
A viewing will be held at Southern Utah Mortuary on March 15, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a graveside service at Cedar City Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Want to submit an obituary?

There is a charge of $100 for obituaries to be published. Submissions can be made online at ironcountytoday.com, emailed to news@ironcountytoday.com or brought in typed/digitized format to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City. A single submission may be up to 600 words and may include up to two photos. Submitted obituaries over 600 words will be charged an additional 10¢ per word. The deadline for submissions is Monday at 11 am for Thursday's publication.

obituaries

Russell Dee Miller



Russell Dee Miller, age 79, passed away on the morning of March 2, 2025. He was born September 26, 1945, in Cleveland, Utah to Dee and Doris {Tucker} Miller.

Russ graduated from Cyprus High School in Magna Utah with the class of 63 where he was a member of the Cyprus Swim Team. During his senior year he met Marie Johnson on a blind date and after corresponding for a year they were married in September of 1963. Russ and Marie recently celebrated 61 years of marriage, most of which were spent living in Cedar City.

Russ worked for many years as a technician, lineman and supervisor with Mountain Bell / US West. He also spent over 25 years as a member of the Iron County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team where he volunteered countless hours helping with search, rescue and recovery operations. He loved his time spent searching for and rescuing lost children, hikers and hunters. He also aided in recovery of unfortunate people lost in airplane crashes and automobile accidents. Russ was certified in first aid and rappelling and used those skills many times. He served in many leadership positions and was eventually elected to serve as the National Search and Rescue Commander from 1988 to 1989.

Russ loved being outdoors hunting, fishing and camping. He also enjoyed seeing new country so he did a lot of traveling and enjoyed cruises to Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii. He never met a dog he didn't like (well maybe one, psycho you know who you are). He loved horses and tried his hand at raising almost every type of barnyard animal.

Russ will be forever missed and leaves behind his eternal companion Marie, his sons, Clint (April) and Jason and his daughter Kelly (Jeff) along with 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren with another on the way. "He was preceded in death by his father Dee, his mother Doris, an infant daughter DeAnn, his younger brothers Kenny and Kerry and many uncles, aunts and cousins."

Russ was a simple man and didn't want a funeral or graveside service but a meet and greet will be held for family and friends to remember him, share memories and swap tall tales. Only casual dress will be allowed and it will be 15 March 2025 from 2 to 5:00 PM at the Cedar City Three Peaks Ward Chapel 70 East Midvalley Road, Enoch Utah in the Relief Society Room". Please no flowers but cards and letters are great and appreciated.

April Marie Phelps



April Marie Phelps of Enoch City Utah was welcomed by angels at the age of 56, after a long hard fight of 31 days in intensive care, due to health complications. April will be severely missed. Everyone close to her are saddened, but grateful she's not suffering anymore.

April, even though small in stature, had a larger than life personality. She was a nurturing, kind, compassionate, caring and loving woman. Willfully strong, independent and a spitfire when she needed to be. She was one step ahead of others, always striving to learn and do as much as she could to get ahead in life.

April was born July 27th of 68, in LA California. Daughter of Jess and Sally Lopez. She was a sibling to Rula Lopez-Sulphur LA. Barbara and Gary Longoria, Patricia and Dave Hillman of Hanford CA. Sister-in-law Gracie Miramontes, along with several nieces and nephews. April is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband Chad James Phelps, her son Aaron James Phelps and grandchildren Braxtyn James, Kylie Savannah and Jazzie Marie Phelps.

April loved being a Grandma to her grandbabies they were her world. I, Tanna Williams, became a daughter she never had. My best friend had a love for life. A love to make others laugh. You never left ma's house sad. April had a way of making everything better. God broke the mold when he made this incredible woman. Her hobbies were spoiling and spending time with her grandchildren. Laughing with friends and family.

In keeping her wishes, a service will be held by immediate family members and friends. April will live in eternity in our hearts we will carry on her legacy with pride. Her name will never be forgotten, only cherished and remembered by everyone's life she's touched. We love you April and miss you tremendously.

Final arrangements are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be shared at www.mortuary.org.

Doris Le Bunn Lowry



Doris Le Bunn Lowry peacefully passed away into the arms of her sweetheart March 5, 2025 in Cedar City, Utah. This was a much anticipated reunion after a 25 year wait. We can only imagine her joy surrounded by those who have gone before her.

She was born in her family home, April 27, 1928, in Lanark, Idaho, to Thomas Edgar and Lila Ann Bunn. She was raised in Lanark through the fourth grade, before the family moved to Boise Idaho.

She married Lee R. Lowry Jr., December 27th, 1945 in Long Beach, California, after a whirlwind romance with her returning sailor from WWII. She had found the light of her life and was thrilled to have the role of being his wife. She put her whole heart into building their family. Their marriage was solemnized July 21st, 1962, in the Manti Temple.

Together, she and Lee had the opportunity to see the world through a variety of job opportunities, which took them and their 5 children to live in many states and led them on further adventures in British Columbia, Newfoundland, and Cienfuegos, Cuba. While she was content to stay in the background due to her quiet nature, she recognized doors of opportunity for her family with each move.

Her creative spirit as a homemaker helped us all to realize that wherever you were, as long as it was with the people you love, it was home. She was an extraordinary homemaker, cook, seamstress and loved needle work. Flowers and nature were a source of delight. She was an artist, and we count ourselves lucky to have her paintings in our homes. An avid reader, she built her knowledge over the years, and her passion for literature has been passed down through the generations. No grandchild has ever been with "Grandma Pink", that hasn't enjoyed a snuggle, song or a story. Her magic was felt. She celebrated, believed in and completely loved each one.

Doris was a member of the LDS Church, proud of her pioneer heritage, and served faithfully in her callings. She has always had an abiding faith in her Savior, Jesus Christ and believed firmly in an eternal plan.

She is survived by her five children: Kathleen Lowry, Cedar City, UT. Micheal Lee (Jeniel) Lowry, Helena, MT. Shannon Lea (Burt) Poulsen, Cedar City, UT. Kelley Ann (Mont) Forsyth, Bicknell UT. Lee Robert (Jo) Lowry, Merlin, Oregon. 27 grandchildren. 66 great grandchildren. 10 great great grandchildren, plus one on the way. One sister-in-law Marion Eliason, Brookings, SD. Two sisters Maxine Stark, Boise Idaho. Lenis Pedregal, Chicago, Illinois. Numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Lee R. Lowry Jr, Cedar City, UT. Her parents Thomas Edgar and Lila Ann Bunn Boise, Idaho. Three beloved grandchildren, Issac Forsyth, Roy UT. Jacob Peter Lowry, Helen MT. Emily Lowry, Helena MT.

Funeral services will be held Monday March 10th, 2025 North Cedar Stake Center (95 North 2125 West Cedar City UT). Viewing 10am to 11:30am funeral at 12pm. Interment Cedar City Cemetery next to her loving husband under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences www.mortuary.org. Funeral will be live streamed.

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SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON HIGH SPELLS VICTORY FOR SOUTHERN UTAH



by Regan Hunsaker

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah — The Flippin' Birds returned to Cedar City Friday night for senior night in the America First Event Center. The Thunderbirds took down Boise State 196.900-196.300 in a close matchup. Southern Utah set new season highs on vault, beam, floor, and in the overall score.

Southern Utah was led in the all-around by sophomore Niya Randolph who tied her season high with a 39.450. Randolph also took first on the floor with an incredible 9.925. Sophomore Brinlee put together a complete meet coming in second in the all-around with a 39.300. Senior Ellie Cacciola earned a tie for the top spot on the vault with a 9.875 and Maria grabbed a first place finish on the bars.

Meet Recap

Vault (49.200)

Southern Utah began the meet on vault, setting an energetic tone. Senior Ellie Cacciola led the charge with a commanding 9.875. Sophomore Mackenzie Kelly followed with a crisp 9.850, while freshman Mia Hampton executed a clean 9.800. Sophomore Niya Randolph secured a composed 9.850, and sophomore Brinlee Christensen kept the momentum going with a steady 9.825. Senior Taylor Gull wrapped up the rotation with a 9.650. The team finished the first event with a total score of 49.200.

Bars (49.250)

Transitioning to bars for their second rotation, the Flippin' Birds continued their strong performance. Randolph kicked things off with a stellar 9.875. Senior Isabella Neff followed with a composed 9.825, while freshman Mia Hampton delivered a routine scoring 9.800. Sophomore Maria Ferguson captivated the crowd, sticking the landing for a 9.900.

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The seniors and their families following the 196.900-196.300 win over Boise State

HIGH SPELLS VICTORY

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Sophomore Alex Routsis contributed an 8.925, and sophomore Brinlee Christensen wrapped up the rotation, adding a confident 9.850. The team ended the rotation sitting at 98.450.

Beam (49.100)

The Thunderbirds moved to beam for their third event, demonstrating precision and control. Randolph started strong with a composed 9.800, laying a solid foundation. Christensen followed with a graceful 9.775, while sophomore Elliot Bringhurst secured an impressive 9.850. Cacciola continued to be strong, earning a 9.825. Sophomore Rylee Miller delivered a reliable 9.825 before Ferguson finished the rotation with a 9.800, setting up the team with a 147. 550 heading into the final event.

Floor (49.350)

Closing out the competition on floor, the Flippin' Birds brought high energy to their routines. Hampton ignited the momentum with a vibrant 9.825. Sophomore Alyssa Fernandez followed with a confident 9.800, while Christensen contributed a well-executed routine, earning a 9.850. Randolph electrified the audience with an animated 9.925 matching her career high. Cacciola showcased an expressive final performance in the AFEC, receiving a 9.900. Senior Taylor Gull anchored the lineup with a dazzling 9.850, securing the team's final score of 196.900.

Next Up

The Thunderbirds will now make the return trip to Boise, Idaho to take on the Broncos on Friday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. MT in ExtraMile Arena. The meet will be available to watch on Mountain West Network, and the live stat link can be found on the schedule page.



Bella Neff, ***Kennedi McClain***, ***Ellie Cacciola***, and ***Taylor Gull*** watch heartfelt video presentation from Coach Scotty Bauman during the senior presentation.

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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. What Las Vegas Raiders defensive end signed a 3-year contract extension March 5 for $106.5 million, making him the highest-paid non-quarterback in NFL history?

2. Heading into the Utah Jazz March 5 road game at Washington against the Wizards, how many total combined wins did the two teams have?

3. As if the Dallas Mavericks didn't have it bad enough after the stunning trade of Luka Doncic, what Mavs point guard was lost for the season after suffering an ACL tear in his left knee during a loss to the Sacramento Kings on March 3?

4. One of the most successful players in the team's history, what Seattle Seahawks wide receiver was released March 5 after a 10-year run, finishing with 661 catches for 8,594 yards and 61 touchdowns?

5. As of March 5, Leon Draisaitl leads the NHL in goals scored with 45 on the season. What Pacific Division team does Draisaitl play for?

6. While Draisaitl is the goal scoring leader, he trails what Colorado Avalanche player, who has one more point (93-92)?

7. True or False: Utah's Walker Kessler is averaging 12.1 rebounds per game, tied for fifth with Milwaukee's Giannis Antentokounmpo.

8. What SEC school earned its first men's basketball win over a No. 1 team when it beat Auburn on March 4?

9. What Joe Gibbs Racing driver has won the last two NASCAR Cup Series races at Atlanta Motor Speedway and Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, respectively?

10. As play began March 5, did the Cleveland Cavaliers or Oklahoma City Thunder hold the NBA's best overall record?

11. For the first time since 1986, the USC women's basketball team reached a No. 2 ranking heading into last week's play. What SEC team was No. 1?

12. How many Big 12 women's basketball teams were ranked in the top 25 last week?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Michigan State beat Maryland with the first buzzer-beater, and Michigan defeated Rutgers the next day.

2. Steph Curry.

3. Indianapolis.

4. Calgary.

5. Anthony Edwards.

6. Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers.

7. 59. Knapp carded a 72 in the final round and finished tied for 6th, four strokes behind winner Joe Highsmith.

8. Northwestern.

9. True. USC is No. 2 and UCLA is No. 4.

10. Boston Celtics.

11. 8 p.m. Tokyo is 16 hours ahead of Mountain time.

12. As of Feb. 28, Ovechkin needed 12 goals to break Gretzky's record. He scored one goal in a 3-1 loss to the Tampa Bay Lightning on March 1, so he now needs 11.

CV baseball wins three at B-Elite



It's been a busy week following the 3A state title won by the Canyon View girls basketball team, but baseball and softball didn't waste any time getting to work playing games that counted. A pair of teams got off to flying starts, and the CV baseball team made a big impression by winning three of four games at the B-Elite Classic played at Snow Canyon.

For openers, the Falcons held on for dear life and survived a seventh-inning rally to beat the Lehi Pioneers, 6-5, on March 6. The Falcons had built a 5-0 lead after scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth, but the defending 6A champion Pioneers chipped away with single runs in the fifth and sixth.

After Asher Slack reached on an infield single in the bottom of the sixth, CV added what proved to be a valuable insurance run. Lehi would score three times in the top of the seventh, but the potential tying run was cut down at the plate for the final out that secured the victory.

Bubba Ludlow and Jake Thomas drove in two runs each with two-out hits – Thomas on a first-inning single and Ludlow on a fourth-inning double – to help the Falcons' effort.

Canyon View posted a 10-4 win over Syracuse on March 7, scoring three runs in each of the first three innings. Jarron Bradshaw hit two doubles and drove in two runs and Slack added two hits, including a double, in the victory.

And in the first of two games played March 8, the Falcons did the improbable, illogical and absolutely unthinkable. After being shut down on just one hit through the first six innings, CV exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the score, and the winning run crossed the plate on a throwing error in the bottom of the eighth that gave Canyon View an 8-7 victory over the Spanish Fork Dons.

Thomas started the winning rally when he was hit by a pitch. Cannon Williams was also hit to put two runners on, and Thomas easily scored from second base when a ground ball off the bat of Ludlow was thrown past third and down the left-field line.

In the final game of the week, CV was brought back down to earth as the Snow Canyon Warriors used a pair of three-run innings to beat the Falcons, 9-2. The defending 4A state champions built a 6-0 lead after

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two innings before the Falcons scored both of their runs in the top of the third. Snow Canyon added a single run in the bottom of the inning on a fielder's choice groundout and put the win away with two runs in the bottom of the sixth before the two-hour time limit was reached.

The Falcons returned to play with two tough road games against undefeated Desert Hills (4-0) on Tuesday and Dixie (3-1) on Wednesday.

After an 0-2 start, the Cedar softball team, under new head coach David Koontz, rebounded and won five straight games in the March Warm-up played at the Canyons Complex in St. George. The Reds opened play March 7 with big wins over Bountiful (10-0), Granger (10-1), and Parowan (17-0). On March 8, Cedar beat Green Canyon, 8-2, before finishing off the run with a 4-3 win over Cyprus. The Reds survived a late-inning rally from the Pirates before holding on for the victory.

Cedar started Region 9 play with a home-and-home series against the Hurricane Tigers. The teams played at Hurricane on Tuesday before traveling to Cedar for the Reds' home opener Thursday.

Speaking of the Canyon View girls basketball team, the Falcons swept the top awards from a 22-5 season, led by senior Maylee Spencer, who was named Region 12's Most Valuable Player. Spencer averaged 13.2 points per game for the 3A champions, shooting 46 percent from the floor and 39 percent from 3-point range.

Bethanee Vargas was named co-Defensive MVP on the strength of 94 steals – nearly 3.5 per game – 207 deflections and 113 assists. She joined Spencer on the all-Region 12 first team along with Juab's Hailee Hall, Katelyn Nielsen and Kali Jensen from 3A runner-up Emery, June Olsen of Manti, and Richfield's Abbie Albrecht.

Maya Nichols was CV's only representative on the second team. Joining Nichols were Juab's Maggie Rosenbeck and Ashlyn Wright, Jacie Jensen of Carbon, Manti's Catie Alder and Delta's Joslyn Christiansen. Falcon senior Emery Miles and junior Kambree Potter received honorable mention along with Jordan Bagley of Richfield, Malia Schlappi of North Sanpete and Emery's Kabree Gordon.

Adding to the busy time ahead, I'm heading to Las Vegas Motor Speedway for the 21st consecutive year to cover another tripleheader NASCAR race weekend. The fun begins with the EcoSave 200 Camping World Truck Series race that starts Friday at 7 p.m. on FS1. The Saturday XFINITY Series race is the LiUNA that starts at 2:30 p.m., and the Pennzoil 400 Cup race finishes the weekend Sunday starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Truck and Cup races will be carried on FS1, but all XFINITY races are being aired on the CW (KUCW, Channel 30 locally). If you cut the cable/satellite cord, you may be in a world of hurt if you want to see any other races on broadcast TV.

For the trucks, all races will air on FS1 except Michigan on June 7 and Lime Rock (yay, road course!) on June 28, which will be carried on Fox. The only Cup race that will be aired on Fox comes at Talladega on April 27.

When NBC joins the NASCAR broadcasts, the only Cup races that will air on the network will be the Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona – the regular-season finale – on Aug. 23, and the final three races of 2025 at Talladega (Oct. 19), Martinsville (Oct. 26) and the championship race at Phoenix (Nov. 2). Otherwise, check your listings for the races that will air on Prime, TNT or USA.

Follow Tom Zulewski on Threads @TommyZee81 or email tominator19@yahoo.com.



PREP SCOREBOARD - SPRING STANDINGS

SCORES

Baseball

Region 9

03/3 Beaver 10, Hurricane 5

03/4 Virgin Valley 10, Cedar 4
Enterprise 8, Hurricane 0

03/6 Westlake 6, Crimson Cliffs 5
Desert Hills 16, Park City 9
Maple Mountain 4, Dixie 1

03/7 Cedar 2, South Sevier 1
Pine View 12, Cedar 2
Dixie 13, Box Elder 3
Dixie 12, Bear River 2
Lehi 13, Snow Canyon 3
Snow Canyon 13, Spanish Fork 0
South Sevier 2, Pine View 1
Crimson Cliffs 4, Timpanogos 2
Crimson Cliffs 15, Ogden 1
Hurricane 5, Northridge 4, 8 innings
Hurricane 4, Sky View 1
Desert Hills 4, Green Canyon 2
Desert Hills 10, Cyprus 0

03/8 Snow Canyon 9, Canyon View 2
Wasatch 12, Hurricane 6
Crimson Cliffs 3, Juab 2
Dixie 9, Springville 4
Desert Hills 5, Foothill 4

Region 12

03/3 Grand 16, Carbon 2
Juab 8, Tooele 2

03/4 Union 6, Emery 3
South Sevier 17, North Sanpete 6
Duchesne 3, Richfield 2
Delta 11, Hillcrest 1
Manti 6, Tooele 3

03/5 Uintah 10, Carbon 1
Richfield 20, Millard 0

03/6 Canyon View 6, Lehi 5

03/7 Canyon View 10, Syracuse 4
Delta 6, Grand 0
Delta 23, North Summit 1
Am. Leadership Gilbert (AZ) 8, Juab 3
Juab 7, Ogden 0
Beaver 4, North Sanpete 2
North Sanpete 7, Manti 6
Morgan 7, Manti 2

03/8 Canyon View 8, Spanish Fork 7, 8 innings
Snow Canyon 9, Canyon View 2
Beaver 14, Manti 4
North Sanpete 11, Summit Academy 0
Crimson Cliffs 3, Juab 2

2A West

03/3 Enterprise 12, Gunnison 0
Beaver 10, Hurricane 5

03/4 South Sevier 17, North Sanpete 6
Enterprise 8, Hurricane 0

03/5 Richfield 20, Millard 0

03/6 Virgin Valley 15, Enterprise 5
Morgan 5, Kanab 2

03/7 Parowan 15, North Summit 2
Parowan 4, Aztec (NM) 1
Milford 13, Spring Valley (NV) 0
Milford 11, Beaver Dam (AZ) 0
Enterprise 13, San Juan 0
Enterprise 8, Mountain View 0
Morgan 6, Beaver 4
Beaver 4, North Sanpete 2
South Sevier 2, Pine View 1
Cedar 2, South Sevier 1
Kanab 11, Providence Hall 3
Kanab 8, Am. Leadership 3

03/8 Parowan 10, Grand 5
Delta 5, Parowan 2
Beaver 14, Manti 4
Milford 20, Spring Mountain (NV) 1
Milford 10, GV Christian (AZ) 0
Virgin Valley (NV) 7, Enterprise 5
Kanab 4, Gunnison 2

Softball

Region 9

03/4 Hurricane 16, Canyon View 1
Enterprise 20, Pine View 18

03/5 Ridgeline 11, Cedar 0

03/6 Grantsville 9, Cedar 1
Desert Hills 10, Herriman 2
Dixie 9, Sky View 6
Cedar Valley 17, Dixie 2
Mountain Crest 23, Pine VIew 3

03/7 Cedar 10, Bountiful 0
Cedar 10, Granger 1
Cedar 17, Parowan 0
Desert Hills 12, Canyon View 1
Desert Hills 16, Mountain Crest 1
Crimson Cliffs 5, Tooele 4
Westlake 10, Crimson Cliffs 2
Bear River 8, Crimson Cliffs 1
Maple Mountain 16, Hurricane 10
Hurricane 11, Herriman 7
Copper Hills 15, Hurricane 5
Union 7, Dixie 0
Beaver 10, Dixie 4
North Sanpete 12, Snow Canyon 1
Mountain Crest 8, Snow Canyon 2

03/8 Cedar 8, Green Canyon 2
Cedar 4, Cyprus 3
Crimson Cliffs 9, Canyon View 6
Crimson Cliffs 4, North Sanpete 2
Bear River 8, Crimson Cliffs 1
Bountiful 19, Hurricane 7
Davis 13, Hurricane 0
Pine View 12, Kanab 3
Gunnison 9, Pine VIew 2
Pine View 15, Piute 0
Pine View 15, Wayne 0
Bear River 9, Desert Hills 3
Desert Hills 9, Wasatch 1
Desert Hills 15, Tooele 0
Olympus 7, Dixie 1
Juan Diego 10, Dixie 5
Dixie 10, Millard 0
Dixie 7, Juab 0
Snow Canyon 11, Tooele 5
South Sevier 5, Snow Canyon 4

Region 12

03/4 Hurricane 16, Canyon View 1
Gunnison 12, Richfield 2

03/5 Millard 13, Delta 10

03/6 Manti 19, Parowan 3
Enterprise 10, North Sanpete 5

03/7 Desert Hills 12, Canyon View 1
Bear River 7, Canyon View 3
Westlake 11, Canyon View 3
Juab 13, Kanab 4
South Summit 8, Juab 3
Juab 12, Millard 11
Box Elder 10, Manti 0
Davis 7, Manti 5
Cyprus 12, Manti 0
Uintah 10, Emery 4
North Sanpete 12, Snow Canyon 1
North Sanpete 11, South Sevier 3
Bear River 12, North Sanpete 2

03/8 Crimson Cliffs 9, Canyon View 6
Crimson Cliffs 4, North Sanpete 2
Wasatch 11, Canyon View 1
Grantsville 16, Manti 0
Bountiful 9, Manti 2
North Sanpete 7, Mountain Crest 0
Skyridge 9, Emery 7
Beaver 11, Juab 0
Dixie 7, Juab 0

2A South

03/4 Virgin Valley (NV) 20, Parowan 8
Enterprise 20, Pine View 18

03/5 Salem Hills 9, South Sevier 8
North Sevier 22, Water Canyon 0
North Sevier 22, Water Canyon 7
Millard 13, Delta 10

03/6 Manti 19, Parowan 3
Cedar Valley 13, Beaver 2
Enterprise 10, North Sanpete 5

03/7 Herriman 23, Parowan 0
Granger 12, Parowan 3
South Sevier 10, Tooele 0
South Sevier 3, North Sanpete 2
South Sevier 16, Wasatch 0
Juab 13, Kanab 4
South Summit 21, Kanab 5
Clearfield 20, Kanab 2
Milford 14, GV Christian (NV) 0
Milford 24, Beaver Dam (AZ) 0
South Summit 16, Millard 3
Juan Diego 13, Millard 2
Juab 12, Millard 11
Union 7, Beaver 2
Beaver 10. Dixie 4

03/8 Maple Mountain 19, Parowan 9
Box Elder 23, Parowan 3
Enterprise 5, Cedar Valley 4
Union 5, Enterprise 2
Kanab 8, Piute 4
Pine View 12, Kanab 3
Kanab 16, Wayne 4
Gunnison 14, Kanab 4
South Sevier 7, Westlake 5
Milford 18, GV Christian (AZ) 2
Milford 17, Beaver Dam (AZ) 1
Millard 11, Clearfield 9
Dixie 10, Millard 0
Sky View 6, Beaver 1
Beaver 11, Juab 0

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Baseball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills	0-0	4-0
Dixie	0-0	3-1
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	3-1
Snow Canyon	0-0	2-1
Pine View	0-0	1-1
Hurricane	0-0	2-3
Cedar	0-0	1-2

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Delta	0-0	3-0
Canyon View	0-0	3-1
Juab	0-0	2-2
Richfied	0-0	1-1
Manti	0-0	1-2
North Sanpete	0-0	1-2
Emery	0-0	0-1
Carbon	0-0	0-2

2A West

	REGION	OVERALL
Milford	0-0	4-0
Parowan	0-0	3-1
Beaver	0-0	3-1
Kanab	0-0	3-1
South Sevier	0-0	2-1
Enterprise	0-0	3-2
Water Canyon	0-0	0-0
Millard	0-0	0-1

Softball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills	0-0	5-1
Cedar	0-0	5-2
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	3-2
Hurricane	0-0	3-3
Pine View	0-0	3-3
Dixie	0-0	3-4
Snow Canyon	0-0	1-3

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
North Sanpete	0-0	3-3
Emery	0-0	1-1
Juab	0-0	2-4
Manti	0-0	1-5
Delta	0-0	0-1
Richfield	0-0	0-1
Carbon	0-0	0-2
Canyon View	0-0	0-6

2A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Milford	0-0	4-0
South Sevier	0-0	4-1
Enterprise	0-0	3-1
Beaver	0-0	3-3
Millard	0-0	2-4
Kanab	0-0	2-5
Water Canyon	0-0	0-2
Parowan	0-0	0-5

Southern Utah Earns Series Win With Saturday Split

by Regan Hunsaker
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

CEDAR CITY, Utah — The Thunderbirds continued to play well against the Texans, splitting the Saturday doubleheader. Southern Utah won game one 8-5 but fell in the final game of the series 6-5. However, the T-Birds earned the series victory to bring their record to 7-15 on the year.

Ariyana Miranda led the Thunderbirds at the plate this weekend with an incredible .545 average. She picked up six total hits and four RBIs in the three-game series. Miranda blasted a double and a home run to help the cause. Freshman Tawnie Mozeris also posted an impressive weekend with a .429 average with three singles. Arianna Ramirez had a solid series at the plate, picking up four hits, including a double and a home run. The Thunderbirds as a team batted .330 for the series, racking up 15 total runs.

Sophomore Emily Delgado had an outstanding series in the circle for Southern Utah. Delgado earned two wins on the rubber without allowing an earned run in 8.2 innings pitched. She allowed three walks but struck out five in the effort. Senior Keimon Winston also posted impressive numbers for the T-Birds, pitching eight innings while allowing two earned runs and striking out eight batters.

Game One Summary

Tarleton State started the scoring early, capitalizing on a pair of walks, when Duke crushed a home run to right field to make the score 3-0. The Thunderbirds were able to stop the rally.

The Thunderbirds loaded the bases in the bottom of the second but the Texans got out of the jam with a pair of outs on the infield.

The Thunderbirds broke through in the bottom of the third inning, scoring two runs on a double to the left center gap by Arinna Ramirez. Southern Utah tied it when Amyah Boostedt delivered a single to score Ramirez. The T-Birds took the 4-3 lead on a sacrifice fly by Michelle De La Cruz.

The Texans answered in the top of the fourth inning on a solo shot to left field by Germain. Sophomore Emily Delgado shut down the threat and sent the game to the bottom of the fifth tied at four.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the T-Birds recorded two quick outs before loading the bases up for Ariyanna Miranda who delivered a base hit to score two runs. Two more runs came across the plate on an error to make the score 8-4.

The Texans put a run on the board in the top of the sixth inning on an RBI single by Hill, making the score 8-5. The Thunderbirds held on with solid pitching and defense to win the game.

Game Two Summary

The Texans once again scored first with a solo home run by Hill in the top of the first inning. The Thunderbirds answered when Kassidy Munoz picked up an RBI to tie the game at 1-1.

In the top of the second inning, the Texans opened it up, scoring three runs to take a 4-1 lead. Tarleton added a run in the top of the fifth and the top of the sixth to extend the lead to 6-1.

Southern Utah picked up a run in the bottom of the sixth inning when Ariyana Miranda blasted a solo home run to center field. In the bottom of the seventh, the Thunderbirds added a run when Laurie Cooke poked a base hit through the left side, scoring Mozeris. Miranda then laced a single through the right side to score another, making the score 6-4. Southern Utah Manufactured the next run on a stolen base when the Catcher threw the ball into center field, allowing Cooke to score from third. Shultz held firm for the Texans retiring the next two batters to earn the 6-5 win.

On Deck

Southern Utah will hit the road again next weekend to take on Abilene Christian University in a three-game set. The two teams will square off in a doubleheader on Friday, March 14, beginning at 1:00 p.m. MT. The Thunderbirds will continue the series with a single game on Saturday, March 15, at 10:00 a.m. MT. All three games will be broadcast on ESPN+, and a link to the live stats will be available on the schedule page.





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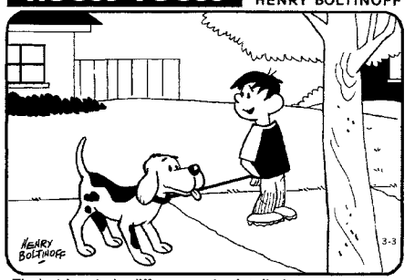
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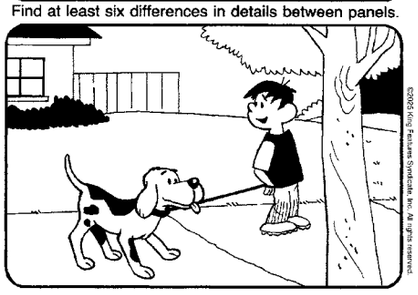
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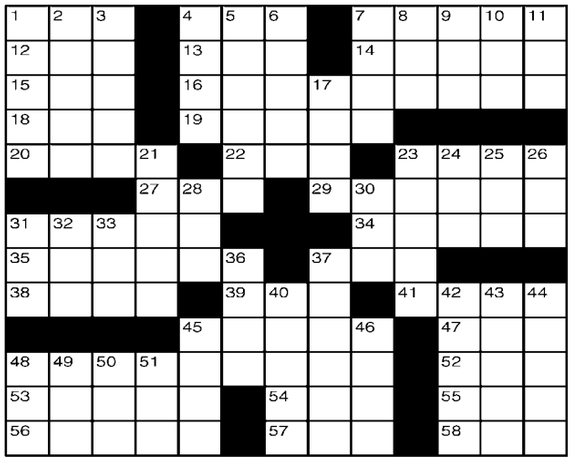
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Trivia Test Answers

1. "The Dick Van Dyke Show"; 2. Skittles; 3. The Green Lantern; 4. Sweden; 5. Two; 6. "The Shining." It's the word "murder" spelled backward; 7. Epidermis; 8. Warren Harding (1921); 9. 1947; 10. Paddington Bear and the Brown family

King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Solo of "Star Wars"
4 Dandy guy
7 Sir's counterpart
12 Coach Parseghian
13 Lab eggs
14 Mountain crest
15 Roulette bet
16 "Absolutely not!"
18 Genetic letters
19 Long journeys
20 Informal pronoun
22 JFK's predecessor
23 Slightly wet
27 Id counterpart
29 Small burger
31 Majestic
34 Paris school
35 Diocese part
37 Iota
38 Tennis score
39 Author Umberto
41 Slightly open
45 Stand-in
47 Japanese sash
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53 Love, Italian-style
54 Indian lentil dish
55 Citric beverage
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58 French salt

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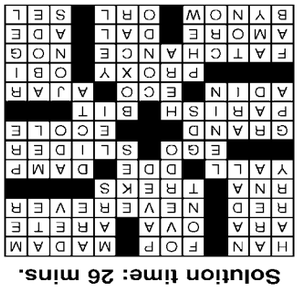
1 Wizard Potter
2 Sports venue
3 Tennis star Rafael
4 Type choice
5 Go too far
6 Macadamized
7 Earth's neighbor
8 Common verb
9 "Lion" actor Patel
10 Chowed down
11 Sea, to Henri
17 Stretches (out)
21 Bolshevik leader
23 Formal decrees
24 Fuss
25 Singer Torme
26 Season opener?
28 Dept. store inventory
30 Luau souvenir
31 Transcript no.
32 "Awesome!"
33 "Entourage" role
36 Olympian queen
37 Freight train unit
40 Homebuyer's option
42 Singer Nick
43 Home
44 Star in Orion's foot
45 "Close one!"
46 Holler
48 "Terrif!"
49 Author Tan
50 Heavy weight
51 — -Magnon

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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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King Crossword — Answers



Solution time: 26 mins.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which 1960s sitcom was about a TV comedy writer, his job and his family?
2. AD SLOGANS: Which candy slogan urges consumers to "Taste the rainbow"?
3. COMICS: Which superhero gets his power from a ring?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the most islands?
5. MEASUREMENTS: How many cups are in a pint?
6. MOVIES: Which scary 1980 movie contained the phrase "red rum" and what does it mean?
7. ANATOMY: What is the outermost layer of human skin called?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to ride in a car to his inauguration?
9. HISTORY: When did India gain its independence from Great Britain?
10. CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: Who lives at 32 Windsor Gardens?

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