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Wins Prestigious Award
- #1 out of 2395 Offices
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Southern Utah University honored the Class of 2025



STORY IN NEWS



ERA Realty Center Agents and Staff Pictured with the Gene Francis Memorial Award they Won Last Month at the ERA Worldwide Convention in San Diego, CA

Cedar City's ERA Realty Center Wins Prestigious Award - #1 out of 2395 Offices Worldwide

spirit, Francis established a defining culture of service to which all ERA-affiliated companies aspire. Factored into the award selection are high customer satisfaction ratings, strong brand engagement and use of the ERA brand resources, and company growth.

The award has historically been awarded to large offices in even larger markets. Five of the 60+ agents at ERA Realty Center in Cedar City were ranked in the top 1% of ERA in 2024, as well as five ranked in the Top 25 Sales Associates nationally and three ranked in the Top 10 Sales Associates nationally for the ERA® brand.

Jennifer Davis, the top producing agent at ERA Realty Center, was present at the convention when their brokerage's name was called. "I was absolutely thrilled and stunned when our name was called," Davis said. "Despite being nominated multiple times, we'd always been outshone by larger brokerages, making this victory incredibly special," she said.

Beyond real estate, ERA Realty Center agents are familiar faces in the community and service is an important part of who they are and the kind of community they are trying to create. ERA Agents serve on the boards of The Children's Justice Center, the Holiday Tree Jubilee, the Chamber of Commerce, the Iron County Board of Realtors and volunteer in organizations including the Utah Shakespeare

Festival, the Cedar City Livestock and Heritage Festival, Dancing with the Community Stars and others.

"The ERA Gene Francis Memorial Award for Top All-Around Company honors those who truly embody the spirit of the ERA® network, and ERA Realty Center is a shining example," said Alex Vidal, president of ERA Real Estate. "With a team of more than 60 dedicated agents, their leadership continues to uphold the brand's foundational values that Gene Francis instilled, serving their clients and communities with integrity and heart in all aspects of the business. Their impressive, sustained growth, long-standing commitment to the ERA® brand, and unwavering dedication to giving back made them a standout choice for this prestigious award."

Ben Batty, realtor and another top producer at ERA Realty Center said, "Iron County is the best place in the nation to live and it's nice to have the recognition for this area. It's important to serve in the community where you live and work and ERA agents excel at that."

Roundy said she is so proud of the agents that all worked together to earn this award and counts the culture they have created in their office as the main factor in the success of this franchise. Co-Owner Michelle Jorgensen-Jones said she couldn't agree more. "The training we provide, the constant drive to evolve and change and the warm, family-like culture in our office all contribute to the success we've earned," she said.

from Carol Huff ERA Realty Center

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

When Heather Roundy, Managing Broker of ERA Realty Center, received word late last year that their franchise here in Cedar City was nominated for the Gene Francis Memorial Award for Top All-Around Company in all of ERA Real Estate, she was of course honored and excited, but didn't have her hopes up too high because they've been nominated before. Three times evidently was the charm and Roundy was blown away when their office was named number one out of 2395 offices in the world winning this prestigious award last month at the ERA convention in San Diego.

"What an honor it is to have the top producing agents in all of ERA," Roundy said. "We are competing against offices from all over the world so this shows the caliber of agents we have working for us."

The award, named after ERA Real Estate co-founder Gene Francis, is the highest honor given to an ERA® affiliated company and reflects the qualities most respected throughout the global ERA system and the real estate industry. Known for his forward-thinking business acumen and philanthropic

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A Challenge to Explore Trails for Wellness and Prizes

by **Marcus M. Lawrence**

PROGRAM DIRECTOR MS IN
SPORTS CONDITIONING &
PERFORMANCE

Vision Iron
County's Healthcare
Team will launch
#25Trailsin2025 on
May 2 with a table

presence at Cedar City's first Slow Roll event on Main Street. Participants of all ages in this year's campaign will be encouraged to utilize our area's extensive network of trails to promote their health and well-being while earning prizes for doing so.

According to Healthcare Team co-lead, Marcus Lawrence, "**#25Trailsin2025** underscores our team's commitment to fostering a healthy and vibrant community for all Iron County citizens." He adds that this initiative directly addresses findings from the 2022 Cedar City Hospital Community Needs Assessment which highlighted the need for promotion of active lifestyles within our community."

While incentivizing participants with prizes, Marcus says the primary goal of **#25Trailsin2025** is to highlight the significant health advantages of regular physical activity and spending time outdoors. He adds, "Scientific evidence overwhelmingly supports the positive impact of movement on our physical and mental well-being and plays a crucial role in reducing the risk of developing chronic diseases, including heart disease and cancer – the two leading causes of death in the United States."

To participate in **#25Trailsin2025**, individuals are invited to explore the numerous trails throughout Iron County and document their experiences by sharing photos and using the hashtag **#25Trailsin2025** on social media. A comprehensive list of local trails, categorized by difficulty and accessibility, will be available at visionironcounty.org and at upcoming community events.

Beyond disease prevention, physical activity offers a wide range of benefits, including reduced

stress, anxiety, and depression; increased energy levels, self-esteem, mood, and cognitive function; and improved sleep, bone health, and overall quality of life. Furthermore, simply being outdoors provides its own unique set of health advantages. Breathing fresh air supports respiratory health, while exposure to natural sunlight aids in vitamin D production. Spending time in nature has also been linked to improved mood, reduced stress and anxiety, enhanced focus, and a greater sense of well-being. The **#25Trailsin2025** campaign uniquely combines these powerful health boosters by encouraging residents to get active on our local trails.

Vision Iron County will hold two prize drawings, one for those who complete at least five trails in 2025, and another for entry into a grand prize drawing for those who complete 25 trails in 2025. This tiered system encourages participation for all ages and abilities.

Co-Lead Lawrence says, "The Vision Iron County Healthcare Team believes **#25Trailsin2025** will help to improve community health by encouraging residents to utilize local trails for well-being, nature connection, and active living. We invite all Iron County residents to join this journey to a healthier, happier community. Let's hit the trails in 2025!"

Vision Iron County is a 501(c)3 organization, organized by passionate community members, and serves as a collaborative hub, bringing together individuals, businesses, and organizations to address key community needs, implement impactful projects, and share resources for strategic future planning initiatives across sectors. These sectors include healthcare; economic development; community character; arts, entertainment, & tourism; education; infrastructure; land use/housing; parks, recreation, and open spaces; technology; and transportation. Visit visionironcounty.org for more information.

A Kanarraville man initially charged with multiple child sex crimes, including rape and forcible sodomy, has been sentenced to serve at least 10 years and up to life in prison following a plea agreement.

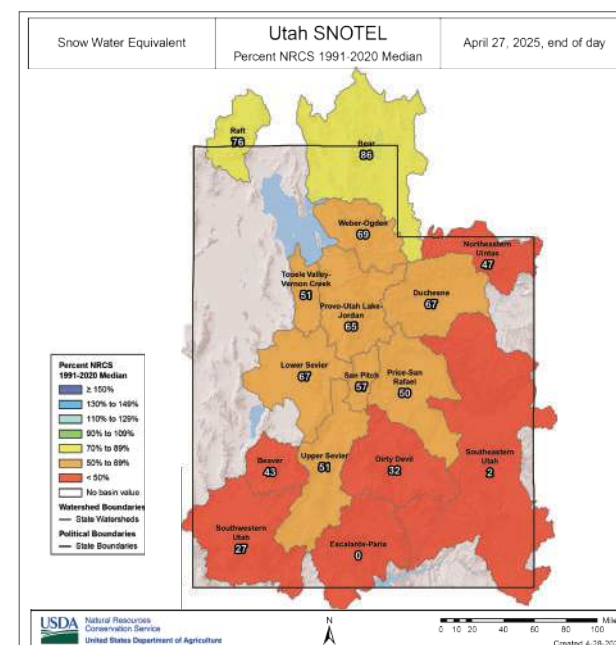
Jonathan Chance Murdock, 39, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated sexual abuse of a child after an investigation revealed allegations that he sexually abused a minor over a period

Kanarraville man sentenced to prison for child sexual abuse

by **Tracie Sullivan**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

THE WORK WEEK WILL BE ENDING WITH SUNSHINE AND MILD TEMPERATURES. THE WEEKEND WILL BRING COOLER AND WETTER CHANGES, ESPECIALLY SUNDAY AND MONDAY. DRIER AND WARMER CONDITIONS RETURN LATER NEXT WEEK.

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THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
68°/41°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: SW 5-10

FRIDAY
Partly Sunny
71°/40°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: S 15-25

SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny/Breezy
73°/43°
PRECIP: 5%
WINDS: W 15-25

SUNDAY
Rain/Snow Showers
50°/29°
PRECIP: 30%
WINDS: SW 5-10

MONDAY
Rain/Snow Showers
52°/29°
PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: NW 5-10

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
60°/31°
PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: NW 5-10

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny
69°/35°
PRECIP: 5%
WINDS: SW 5-10

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FROM THE EDITOR



**ESTHER
HAILSTONE**
OFFICE MANAGER

If you've noticed a different face in the paper this week, that's because I'll be filling in for many of Cassi's duties while she is away on maternity leave.

I'd like to take a moment to briefly introduce myself. I grew up in Cedar City and Enoch, and I've always loved calling this

area home. I come from a big family—I have nine siblings! You know how they say it takes a village to raise a child? Well, I can honestly say it took all of Cedar to help raise us, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Just recently, my sister and I were reminiscing about how, when we were little, we thought Cedar City and the surrounding mountains were the whole world. There's a kind of magic in growing up here.

My family has always been involved in the community—whether it's singing in the Messiah during the Christmas season or participating in the Fourth of July parade. It's been a joy to be even more connected through my role as Office Manager at Iron County Today. I've held this position for nearly two years now, and every day is a new adventure with a fantastic team.

I look forward to being part of your weekly read and keeping things running smoothly while Cassi enjoys this special time with her family. Thanks for welcoming me into your homes and routines—I'm excited for the weeks ahead!

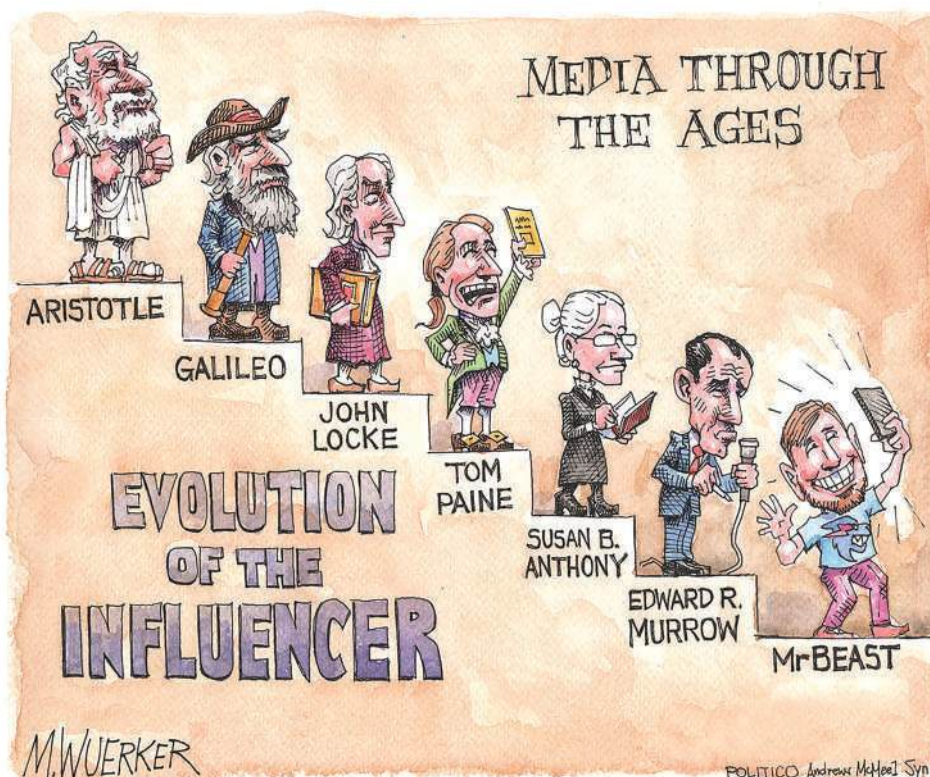
We are also excited to announce that we will be adding another 300 home route in Enoch starting this week. Our goal is to get the paper out to everyone and it is great to see us getting there one step at a time.

We're excited to announce that we are adding 300 more homes to our Enoch delivery route starting this week! Our goal is to make sure everyone receives the paper, and it's great to see us getting closer, one step at a time.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Make each day your masterpiece."

- John Wooden



Everyday Miracles

PART IV

by **Edy Meredith**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Have you experienced a miracle in your life? I have, but this is not about me.

It is about miracles from God. We know that we have just celebrated the greatest miracle ever, the rising from the dead of Jesus about 2,000 years ago, but miracles are happening today as signs and wonders continue to happen at Jerusalem's Garden Tomb in eastern Jerusalem. Do miracles intrigue you and draw you to want to know more? Two thousand years since Jesus rose from the dead, miracles are still happening not only at Jerusalem's Garden Tomb where Jesus rose from the dead, but across the world. We will review some of those miracles. Cesar Fleitas is the head guide at

the Garden Tomb in Israel. He tells of a Romanian man who came to the tomb suffering from incredibly poor eyesight. The man wanted to look at the symbol of a cross with Greek letters engraved on the wall, so he walked into the tomb and removed his glasses. All of sudden he began to yell, even scream in Romanian, his language, "I can see".

Another miracle witnessed by Cesar, the head guide, took place involving a boy suffering from hydrocephalus, an abnormal and dangerous buildup of fluid deep in the brain. Each year his family came from Ecuador to visit the place where Jesus rose from the dead. The young boy had been paralyzed from the waist down due to his disease. They came as a family

WORD OF THE WEEK

LIMINAL

[lim-i-nal]

Adjective

occupying a position at, or on both sides of, a boundary or threshold.

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EVERYDAY MIRACLES

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and brought their young son, named Giancarlo Rodriquez, with them inside the tomb. As they were praying, they heard their son crying. When they looked back to see why he was crying, they saw their son standing for the first time in his life. Many more miracles have happened at the Garden Tomb and throughout the world even to people who are not from a “Christianized” part of the world.

As more and more miracles are occurring across the world, the knowledge is spreading more and people are interested in miracles and the joy that comes from the God of Miracles, the Echad in ancient Hebrew, who the Bible teaches us created the heavens and the earth. The “heavens” is a translated word from the ancient Hebrew to mean the Universe that our Milky Way Galaxy inhabits. In our age of almost instant communication through the internet, sky link, and space age communication, we are no longer isolated even when we live in rural areas. So much knowledge and information are available that we are overwhelmed at times, and as the Messiah warned us during His earthly ministry, many would come in His name and attempt to mislead us.

I am including a list of books about miracles that I recommend. You can buy them through the internet or get them at the library through Interlibrary Loan. Please check the following out: 1) “Seeing the Supernatural: Investigating Angels, Demons, Mystical Dreams, Near-Death Encounters, and Other Mysteries of the Unseen World” by Lee Strobel a New York Times Bestselling author and former atheistic; 2) “Miracles: What They Are, Why They Happen, and How They Can Change Your Life” by Eric Metaxas; 3) “Miracles Today: The Supernatural Work of God in the Modern World” by Craig S. Keener who also wrote a two-volume work of over 1,000 pages about miracles. Then when you have satisfied yourself that miracles are surprising and welcome events that are not explicable by natural or scientific laws and are therefore considered to be the action and work of a divine agency that we call God the Great Creator (according to Genesis chapter 1: “In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth, And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, And God said, Let there be light, and there was light...And God saw every thing that He had made, and behold, it was very good,” please also check out the following website to find out what qualified and eminent scientists think: reasons.org

Then shout out Hallelujah and rejoice in the creation of our Universe and our home on Earth, made specifically for us demonstrating that we are favored and loved by the Great Creator. What a miracle is God’s love for us, and we are provided with remarkable hope as God Himself watches and helps us through miracles that we could never cause. The Great Creator is the Cause of all that is Good.

Cedar City businessman, husband accused of \$7M fraud; both held without bail

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

suspicious activity involving the company’s accounts, court documents state. Bank officials reported that Terry and Ryan Allen appeared to be engaged in an Automated Clearing House (ACH) float, or kiting scheme, using AMG’s bank accounts.

“When the transfer request came from Zions Bank to the Wells Fargo account, the Allens would deny the request and apply a stop payment on the Wells Fargo account,” the affidavit states.

An ACH transfer is an electronic movement of money between bank accounts, often used for direct deposits, bill payments, and business transactions.

The scheme allowed the Allens to make bank accounts appear to have money they did not actually possess. By initiating transfers and then stopping them before completion, the Allens allegedly gained early access to funds, withdrew the money, and left the accounts artificially inflated on paper.

“Because of the multiple and consistent ACH transfers, the Zions Bank account always had a float showing that funds were available, thus allowing the scheme to continue for at least a year,” court documents state.

Hundreds of such ACH transactions were made over the course of a year, many allegedly for amounts far exceeding the available balances, according to investigators.

When confronted by LGE executives, Terry Allen denied wrongdoing. However, investigators said that within 13 minutes of being placed on unpaid administrative leave from their operational roles at AMG, the Allens initiated a \$48,100 withdrawal from the company’s Wells Fargo account.

In the following days, Ryan Allen allegedly withdrew \$145,000 in cash from a Wells Fargo branch in Las Vegas. According to court documents, the withdrawal slip was

filled out by Allen, and bank records show the transaction occurred at 4:22 p.m. Pacific Time on Oct. 29, 2024.

Investigators also allege that the Allens attempted to lock LGE executives out of AMG’s financial accounts, rerouted revenue streams to new bank accounts, and edited financial documents to obscure fraudulent activity.

In one example, investigators said AMG funds were funneled into accounts under a company called “Vacation Offer Travel Club,” which was secretly owned by Terry and Ryan Allen. From November 2023 to October 2024, more than \$1 million was transferred into Vacation Offer accounts, and much of it was quickly moved into an account labeled “RJA Holdings,” belonging to Ryan Allen.

According to the court documents, Terry Allen had been responsible for providing monthly bank statements to Leavitt Group executives, but had allegedly edited out sections showing ACH activity. Investigators also found that hundreds of \$1 microtransactions were made each month, making the records longer and harder to audit.

The microtransactions were allegedly used to artificially lengthen bank statements, making it more difficult for auditors and company executives to identify fraudulent activity hidden among the numerous small transactions, the affidavit states.

Based on the allegations, the Iron County Attorney’s Office requested that both Ryan John Allen and Terry Joe Allen be held without bail, citing concerns they posed a flight risk and a danger to the community.

“There is clear and convincing evidence that the Defendant constitutes a substantial danger to the community and is a flight risk,” the affidavit states regarding Ryan Allen.

Officers reported speaking with Ryan Allen on April 10, 2025, after Terry Allen’s arrest. Ryan Allen allegedly told them he was in Las Vegas and would return “in a few

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

At the Cedar City Council meeting, the council addressed several key issues. The first significant discussion centered around well drilling, where they decided to proceed with a fourth well site in addition to three previously approved test wells. This decision came after discovering promising water sources during current drilling operations. The council also acknowledged recent appointments, including a new Finance Director, Terry Marsh, from Costa Mesa, California. Budget meetings were announced for May 6-7, and council members shared updates from their respective areas. Several property matters were addressed, including amendments to the general plan and zoning changes. The council unanimously approved changing a property at 1600 North Wedgewood Lane from residential to commercial zoning, with the property owner explaining that the odd-shaped lot was better suited for small business rentals than apartments. The council also adopted an American 250 resolution to create a community committee in preparation for upcoming celebrations, with one council member reporting growing community interest in participation. A significant portion of the meeting focused on amending sign ordinances for the historic downtown area. The council had extensive discussions about monument signs, freestanding signs, and height restrictions, particularly concerning parking lots and recessed buildings. After considerable debate, they approved parts of the ordinance while tabling sections related

to freestanding and pole signs for further review. Other approved items included the Northwest Water Reimbursement Area ordinance and a lease agreement for city property near Falcon Circle, though this final item passed with two dissenting votes. Public comments addressed concerns about the SHD zone, with a citizen suggesting confining building within the zone and finding compromise solutions similar to other development projects. The meeting also included announcements about the Utah Shakespeare Festival's open house and recognition of street cleanup efforts. The council concluded by approving the consent agenda, which included meeting minutes, bills, and a variance for Church Canyon PUD regarding cul-de-sac length.

Iron County School Board Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Iron County School Board meeting began with a discussion about facilities needs and funding options. The board explored two main financing mechanisms: general obligation (GO) bonds that require public votes and are funded through property taxes, and lease revenue bonds that carry slightly higher interest rates but don't require public approval. Board members expressed concern about public resistance to bonds, with one noting that many constituents automatically oppose any bond measure without examining the details. The board discussed potential strategies to make funding more

palatable, including possibly paying down existing bonds early to create a "tax neutral" approach where new bonds wouldn't increase overall tax burden. As an alternative to bonds, the board briefly considered implementing year-round schooling or dual sessions to address capacity issues, though most members expressed reluctance about this option due to its impact on teachers, administrators, and facility maintenance. However, they agreed to explore this option further. The meeting continued with policy discussions on a new mental health tracking tool, graduation logistics, and moving forms online. The board reviewed a sexual misconduct policy, updated personnel evaluations per state law, and revised leave policies to include parental, postpartum, and catastrophic sick leave. Updates were also made to concurrent enrollment and search and seizure policies, and outdated ones were considered for retirement. Consent agenda items were approved, public comments highlighted a fundraiser for homeless students, and board reports covered regional cooperation, water issues, and school programs like Canyon Creek Services. The meeting then focused on action items and policy readings. The first item was the approval of trust lands plans, including a detailed overview of school expenditures. These plans require community council input, board approval, and state review. Board members noted improvements in hiring school aides and confirmed backup plans for unspent aid salaries. The second action item involved approving district-wide esports sanctioning. The board clarified that while they had previously approved esports for Canyon View High School only, this motion would extend

approval to all district schools. The board acknowledged the substantial startup costs but noted that most infrastructure was already in place at many schools. The third action item covered a resolution approving an amended interlocal agreement for the Iron Springs Solar Community Development Project. David Johnson from the Office of Economic Development explained that the amendment would add battery storage to an existing solar project. The agreement was amended to reduce the tax incentive from 70% to 50%, benefiting the school district with increased tax revenue. The project is expected to generate approximately \$4.7 million for the district over 25 years. The fourth action item approved the guaranteed maximum price for the Canyon View High School addition project at \$11,538,363, which includes a weight room, wrestling room, and classroom addition. The board noted the importance of timing in the bidding process, as a similar project bid just a few weeks later cost over a million dollars more. The meeting then moved to policy readings. Several policies were advanced to second reading without opposition. Policy 718 on media was adopted after discussion, with a note to consider addressing AI-generated material in future updates. Policy 735 on school community councils was approved with reinstatement of language about annual safety discussions with district administrators. Policy 729 on student out-of-state travel was returned for a second reading with recommended changes, particularly regarding background checks for student participants.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

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days," but according to law enforcement, he failed to turn himself in and calls to his phone went to voicemail.

In the meantime, defense attorney Jack Burns filed a memorandum opposing the state's request for an arrest warrant for Ryan Allen, arguing that he had retained counsel and intended to appear voluntarily.

"The Defendant is specifically requesting this matter be set for initial appearance and represents that he will appear at said initial appearance. In other words, a warrant of arrest is not necessary," Burns wrote.

However, during a court hearing on April 15, Judge Matthew L. Bell rejected the defense's arguments and ordered Ryan Allen detained without bail. Both Ryan and Terry Allen are currently being held without bail at the Iron County Jail, pending further hearings.

KANARRAVILLE MAN

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of time, according to court documents.

The case against Murdock began in 2022 when Iron County sheriff's deputies responded to his home on a report of a suicidal man armed with a firearm. Deputies located Murdock in a nearby field after he suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

During the subsequent investigation, a juvenile disclosed allegations that Murdock had sexually abused her, leading to formal charges.

Following an extensive investigation that included interviews, forensic examinations, and medical evaluations, prosecutors charged Murdock with six first-degree felonies, including rape of a child, rape, two counts of forcible sodomy, and

two counts of object rape. As part of the plea agreement, all but one charge were dismissed in exchange for a guilty plea to aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

At sentencing Thursday, Judge Meb Anderson ordered Murdock to serve an indeterminate prison term of 10 years to life and denied him credit for approximately three years he had already spent in jail awaiting trial.

Deputy Iron County Attorney Trajan Evans, the lead prosecutor on the case, said the sentence honored the victim's courage.

"The Court ensured the victim's courage and perseverance was honored by a sentence that reflects the seriousness of the harm inflicted," he said. "This conviction and sentence would not have been

possible without the remarkable courage of the victim, the hard work of the Iron County Sheriff's Office, and the Children's Justice Center."

Evans said the plea agreement was reached after consulting with the victim and her mother, both of whom supported the resolution.

"After reviewing the case and the various options that were available with the victim and her mother, they were in support of the plea negotiations and the ultimate plea agreement that resulted in his conviction," Evans said.

Murdock remains in the Iron County Jail and is expected to be transported to the Utah State Prison sometime next week, Evans confirmed.

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RENEWAL-A BRIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Renewal requires opening yourself up to new ways of thinking and feeling. Be happy now. "You become what you believe." Unless you believe that you can become the best version of yourself, you never will. No matter where you are in life, the power of gratitude is key to renewing yourself. A true attitude of gratitude makes us feel renewed every moment of every day.

"If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten." Only when you recognize and break your patterns can you discover how to renew yourself emotionally.

There is a shortcut to renewal: get out of your comfort zone. Try something new. Volunteer your time and skills. Give to others—it will make you realize how abundant

your own life is. Only in the act of giving back will you ever learn how to renew yourself.

Springtime is an amazing time of year for renewal. The trees are blooming, and plants are starting to sprout. There's more sunshine to enjoy. We can go outside more and discover the new.

"Spring is a positive season of new beginnings in weather, agriculture, and self-awareness—to take care of ourselves and our surroundings."

Time to open the door and let some fresh air in. Let pain and old problems blow away in the breeze. Reflect on all the wonderful things in your life and renew your hope in yourself and the people around you. While renewal and resetting can improve your health, they can also help deepen your understanding of who you are and what is best for you.

When we undergo renewal, we can observe all the things that our body, mind, and soul have been missing—and this helps us gain a better ability to lead a good and healthy life.

This spring, as the planet renews life and flowers bloom once more,

let us understand the importance of renewal and resetting our lives. We should all appreciate the sight of flowers blooming again after winter. We all have winter seasons—but the beautiful part is that they are temporary. And we can always have fresh starts again—and fresh flowers.

While renewal can take some time and effort, it comes with great benefits. Like the nature around us, renewal is often a necessary part of life. Here are some benefits of self-renewal and resetting your life:

| Stress Less

When you reset your life, it means taking a step away from your usual daily activities. Go out and enjoy nature. Go for a walk in the fresh air. Take up photography and capture the beautiful scenery around you. Take a yoga class. Ride a bike. Go birdwatching.

| Rediscover Yourself

While renewal and resetting will improve your health, they can also help improve your understanding of who you are and what is best for you. When we undergo renewal, we

see all the things our body, mind, and soul have been missing. This helps us lead a better, healthier life.

| Keep Positive

An important part of renewal and resetting is remaining positive. This skill can greatly improve not only our lives but also our outlook on life. Think positively.

Smile more often. When you smile, you feel and act in a more personable way to everyone around you and project a positive attitude. Smile at someone—you might just make their day.

| Stay Healthy

Renewal and resetting are all about getting healthy. It often includes a greater focus on eating well—what you feed your body also feeds your mind. Drink lots of water. Stay active and fit—even mild exercise helps. Get your sleep and daily dose of sunlight. Change your mood, change your life.

By practicing renewal, we can remain healthy and improve our well-being. This can greatly benefit our mental and spiritual health.

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Stepping away from stress often leads to a healthier heart. As we regrow as people, we can also grow into healthier and safer versions of ourselves.

| **Learn to Adapt**

Renewal and resetting are all about change. This means that by going through a phase of renewal, we can better handle unexpected circumstances. Renewal and resetting teach us how to adapt to change and face it with resilience.

| **Learn New Skills**

An important step toward renewal is change. One of the best ways to embrace change is to take up a new hobby or skill. This opens us up to a new side of life. The skills we develop can inspire us and serve us in the future.

| **Change With Change**

Through all these

benefits, we understand that growth comes from change. Growth helps us become better people and lead the lives we want. It helps us learn, adapt, and move forward. With change, we understand what it means to be better.

Renewing and resetting our body, mind, and soul are important steps in personal growth. It's something everyone should practice, as it often leads to better health and habits that can greatly improve our lives. The world around us continues to grow and change, even when it doesn't seem like it.

In the end, the only thing that truly matters is our well-being and the well-being of those we care about.

The world would be a better place if we woke up wondering how we can improve ourselves and what we can do to make the people around us feel more appreciated and loved.

Renewal is opening

yourself up to new opportunities and possibilities—at any age!

Leave behind those who have disrespected or mistreated you. Let the strength and courage you once had shine again.

“Every day is a renewal, every morning the daily miracle. This joy you feel is life.

—Gertrude Stein



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SUU's Construction Management Team Wins *First Place* at National Competition



by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

CEDAR CITY, Utah – Southern Utah University's Construction Management club achieved a historic first-place victory in the Design Build category at the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) National Construction Management Competition in Reno, Nevada. This marks the first time SUU has won the competition since 2013.

SUU sent 28 students to compete in the prestigious event, which brought together over 1,800 students, 241 teams, and 57 universities from 22 states. Competing against some of the top construction management programs in the country, SUU's Design Build team outperformed 10 other teams to secure the win, earning both a team trophy, individual awards and school pride.

"Winning 1st place in a national

competition like ASC Reno is more than just a trophy, it's a testament to the strength, grit, and collaboration of SUU's Construction Management program," said Kayla Schaugaard, senior construction management student and Design Build team lead. "Competing against universities across the country and emerging at the top proves that SUU students aren't just keeping up—we're taking the lead."

SUU faculty played a critical role in preparing students for the competition, holding them to high standards and treating the event like a real-world job site.

"It can't be overstated the amount of work and dedication these students put in for this amazing opportunity," said Jared Baker, Construction Management Professor. "These students combine their shared coursework education, hands-on experience, and project logic and partner it with

collaboration and teamwork to work through an entire real-life project in approximately 16 hours. The experience of completing a well thought out project from concept to completion is the real reward; the win is the validation of their education and dedication".

"This win wasn't just about solving a construction problem, it was about coming together as a team to strategize and collaborate," added Schaugaard. "Our professors' guidance and belief in us laid the foundation for our success. They challenged us when we needed it, encouraged us when we hit roadblocks, and celebrated every breakthrough alongside us. Their deep industry knowledge helped us craft a proposal that was not only technically solid but professional and polished."

About the ASC Competition

The ASC competition is one of the most respected events in construction education, challenging students with real-world projects sponsored by leading construction companies. Over the course of two intense days, teams receive a project scenario and must:

- Develop a project estimate, detailed schedule, site logistics plan, safety protocols, value engineering, and risk assessment within 16 hours
- Submit their bid by Thursday night
- Deliver a professional presentation the following morning to a panel of industry professionals

The event also offers networking opportunities with over 180 construction companies, including a career fair attended by more than 60 employers actively recruiting top talent.

This victory highlights SUU's reputation as a leader in hands-on, career-focused education and underscores the dedication, skill, and teamwork of its students and faculty.

For more information on SUU's Construction Management program, visit <https://www.suu.edu/et/programs/cm/>



President Benson

Southern Utah University honored the Class of 2025

by Nikki Koontz

SUU AVP OF MARKETING COMMUNICATION

Southern Utah University honored the Class of 2025 at its 126th annual Commencement Ceremony on April 24, 2025, celebrating the hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments of this year's graduates.

The event recognized the dedication of 2,859 graduates who represent a rich tapestry of backgrounds—from 41 countries, 47 U.S. states, and all 29 counties within Utah. Graduates earned a total of 3,298 degrees, including 962 graduate degrees, 1,932 bachelor's degrees, 277 associate degrees, and 127 certificates. They ranged in age from 17 to 66 and maintained an impressive average GPA of 3.599.

This year's graduating class pursued a wide variety of academic disciplines, with the most popular undergraduate majors being general studies, nursing, psychology, accounting, and exercise science.

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At the graduate level, the Master of Business Administration, Master of



Higher Education Geoffrey Landward.

The Commencement Ceremony was led by SUU President Mindy Benson, who offered the following advice to graduates, "SUU is built on extraordinary

Education, and Master of Accounting were among the most sought-after degrees.

Special guests included Utah Governor Spencer J. Cox, Senator Evan Vickers, Representative Rex Shipp, and Utah Commissioner of

ordinary days. Ordinary days of students working on their education turn into extraordinary lives of engagement in the workforce and phenomenal career opportunities. The small, ordinary moments often hold the deepest joy. Don't rush past them. Let them fill you."

A highlight of the evening was the conferral of honorary doctorate degrees upon two distinguished individuals for their exceptional contributions to the state, region, and Southern Utah University: Jerry Anderson and Miles Killebrew.

Jerry Anderson received an honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts. A long-time resident of Silver Reef, Utah, Anderson has deeply integrated himself into the Cedar City and SUU community. His remarkable bronze statuary serve as enduring landmarks, embodying history, intellect, and courage throughout the SUU campus—most notably, the Monument to the Founders and the Centurium.

SUU alumnus Miles Killebrew received an

honorary Doctorate in Public Service. This recognition celebrates his outstanding achievements as a student-athlete at SUU, his leadership in the National Football League (NFL), and his unwavering commitment to community service through extensive work with youth initiatives in Detroit and Pittsburgh. Killebrew also served as the ceremony's keynote speaker, sharing insights and inspiration with the graduating class.

"Life isn't always going to feel like a highlight reel. Most of it is made of in-between moments: the parts where you're not quite sure what's next," Killebrew said. "But if you show up with heart, with humility, and with courage to carve your own way up the mountain, you'll find purpose—and often, you'll find success."

Abbie Cochrane, a student graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre, also addressed her peers, "Find the opportunities that speak to you—that make your heart sing and your soul shine," Cochrane advised. "And if you can't find those opportunities, invent your own! Dream something new every day and bring your dreams to life! They're your dreams—you know best how to make them happen."

SUU Alumni President Caytee Wankier led the Class of 2025 in the symbolic tradition of moving their tassels from the right to the left side. She encouraged graduates to recognize their personal "wow moments."

"Your biggest 'wow moments' won't show up on LinkedIn," Wankier said. "They'll happen in the quiet things: being brave when it's hard; showing compassion when it's unpopular; lifting someone else when they feel small... The world needs you."

Separate convocations for the university's colleges were held throughout the day on Friday, April 25.



Miles Killebrew

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Heading for the Finish line. What a season this has been!



by Marty Warburton

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City Music Arts has once again pulled off another fantastic year of bringing stellar performances of musicianship to Southern Utah. Beginning last September with none other than the Utah Symphony, to the upcoming May 7th season finale featuring The VIDA Guitar Quartet from The United Kingdom. A winning season.

For 95 years, the volunteers of Cedar City Music Arts have worked, planned, schemed, prepared, outlined, devised, scheduled and presented artists of every musical discipline to the good people of Cedar City and it's surrounding areas. The VIDA Guitar Quartet will take this season out in style.

The VIDA Guitar Quartet brings together four guitarists of exceptional artistry who share a passion for chamber music. Mark Ashford, Amanda Cook, both internationally renowned performers, and Mark Eden and Christopher Stell otherwise known as the Eden Stell Guitar Duo, one of the most innovative guitar duos in the world.

Since forming in 2007 VIDA has performed to critical acclaim in major UK venues including King's Place (London), The Purcell Room (London), The Sage (Gateshead) and St George's (Bristol). They are sought-after festival artists throughout the UK, Europe and North America. Since making their US débuts in Los Angeles and New York in 2012 they have appeared on some of North America's most prestigious stages for classical guitar, including the Long Island Guitar Festival and the Allegro Guitar Series in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Las Vegas. Adding Cedar City, Utah, "The Festival City" to their performance resume is a hand well played.

VIDA was also chosen as the key-note performers for the 2015 Guitar Foundation of America Conference, and toured extensively with "Live on Stage" USA touring network in 2016. 2017 marked the quartet's début in China as part of the Changsha International Guitar Festival where they were invited to play the closing night's concert. 2019 was a busy year for VIDA with extensive tours across multiple US states, and a first tour of China performing in concert halls in Shanghai, Haian, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Dalian and Nanchang. (and you thought Paragonah and Panguitch was a mouth full).

The VIDA Guitar Quartet is proud to present music from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story in one of their most exciting arrangements to date. Along with masterpieces by Schubert and Vivaldi, this concert promises to be a musical experience

not to be missed, taking a fresh look at some of the world's most loved music through the lens of four seasoned classical guitarists.

As special guests, opening for VIDA on May 7th will be the Classical Guitar Students from *The Utah Arts Academy* located in St. George, Utah. The students will begin their performance at 7pm prior to the evening's featured artists. Come early and enjoy!

As has been proven over the last 95 years, CCMA continues to present a wide array of musical styles and genres to the citizens of Southern Utah both young and old. As has become tradition, The VIDA Guitar Quartet will host a special 10am Matinee for hundreds of Iron County School District students, courtesy of Cedar City Music Arts.

As a token of appreciation, all CCMA season ticket holders are invited to bring a guest at no charge. And, a season finale "Buy One – Get One" promotion is offered to the general public as well. For tickets, go to cedarcitymusicarts.org, call 435-865-2882, or purchase tickets at the Heritage Center Theater Box Office.

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Cultivating Creativity: Cedar City Arts Council Awards Spring 2025 Mini-Grants

by Ann Oberhelman

MINI-GRANT DIRECTOR

The vibrant arts scene in Cedar City continues to flourish, thanks in

part to the CCAC Mini-grant program. This award cycle marks another successful round which provides crucial funding to local artists and projects. Since its inception in 2008, the program has injected a remarkable \$97,960 into the community, nurturing a diverse array of creative endeavors.

This latest cycle saw eight deserving recipients receive funding, each poised to enrich the cultural landscape and education of the region. In efforts to support ongoing education, we have awarded LuAnne Brown for the never-ending maintenance of instruments for the Escalante Valley Elementary String Program to supplement funding already provided by the school.

Jill Spatafore demonstrated intense dedication to hosting music and movement workshops geared toward adults with disabilities and has been awarded a mini-grant this cycle.

Andrea Donovan and Halie Bahr have been awarded a Mini-grant to be used to host a dance

expression/poetry therapy project geared towards trauma support of its participants.

Zoe Shakespear is an up-and-coming saxophonist desperately in need of her own instrument instead of renting one. While the grant cannot purchase the full amount of a professional saxophone, we hope this helps bridge the gap.

By providing financial assistance, the Arts Council enables artists to bring their visions to life, fostering innovation and accessibility within the arts. To this end, Shane Egan has been awarded funds for the upcoming production of an intriguing documentary about local artists.

Elaine Vickers received a mini-grant for framing to create a vibrant art wall in the SUU Science Center. This addition has the intent of weaving together the arts and the sciences.

An award was given to the skilled dancer and choreographer, John Mead, to produce a professional dance concert for the community.

Nina Hansen put forth robust research to locate the upgrades for a sound system for Cellomania and this has been funded so the group can perform in

outdoor venues with great audio.

As I have served on the council, I have seen the deep understanding amongst its members that even modest financial support can be transformative for artists. Stepping into the shoes of the interminable Mary Anne Anderson has been truly eye-opening to the great and everlasting impact she fostered within the community. Her support of the Mini-grant program extends far beyond the individual artists. It ripples through the community, offering residents and visitors alike opportunities to engage with a wide spectrum of artistic expressions.

The success of the program is a testament to the Cedar City Arts Council's unwavering commitment to fostering a thriving artistic community. The dedication of its members to supporting local talent not only enriches the lives of individuals but also strengthens the overall cultural identity of Cedar City. As the spring 2025 recipients embark on their funded projects, the community can look forward to a fresh wave of artistic experiences that will undoubtedly inspire and engage. The Arts Council's continued investment in the creative spirit ensures that Cedar City remains a vibrant hub for arts and culture for years to come. The next application deadline is August 31.



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Three Places to fish for Bass in Southern Utah



from Faith Jolley

UTAH DNR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

SALT LAKE CITY — With warmer temperatures in the air, many anglers may be planning their next spring or summer fishing trips.

If you want to target largemouth or smallmouth bass, Utah has three stunning locations that not only offer great fishing, but that also need more bass harvest.

Gunlock and Sand Hollow reservoirs are both state parks in Washington County that offer largemouth bass fishing. Lake Powell is primarily located in Garfield, Kane and San Juan counties in southern Utah, with a small portion in Coconino County in northern Arizona. Lake Powell lies within the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and offers fishing for both largemouth and smallmouth bass.

“We would like to see an increased harvest of bass at Sand Hollow, Gunlock and Lake Powell,” Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Southern Region Warmwater Biologist Jonathan Hudson said. “Increasing harvest at Sand Hollow will help improve the size, age structure and condition of the bass there. Recent fishery surveys showed evidence of a stunted largemouth population — with few larger than 20 inches — and angler groups have voiced support for trying to improve fish growth and condition at these waterbodies. But arguably the best reason for harvesting bass is how delicious they are! Bass have a light, mild-tasting meat that takes on flavors well and doesn’t have a strong ‘fishy’ taste.”

If you want to take home some of these tasty fish, here is some information to help you target them in Utah:

Time of year

Largemouth bass can be caught throughout most of the year, but fishing success really improves when the water temperatures warm up. Largemouth bass are a warmwater fish species, and they start to move into shallower habitats to spawn as the water warms in the spring. In the northern part of the state, bass spawning typically occurs in late May or early June. In the southern part of the state, spawning typically takes place in mid-April.

Smallmouth bass are considered a coolwater fish — preferring slightly cooler temperatures than largemouth

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bass — and they are more difficult to catch through the ice. They tend to spawn later than largemouth bass.

In general, April through June and September through October are the more productive fishing seasons for both smallmouth and largemouth bass in Utah.

Equipment

Both of these species will aggressively respond to plastic lures, which are typically inexpensive. If the water is really clear, focus on using more natural-colored lures, like browns and blacks, with colorful flecks that will get the fish's attention. If the water is more turbid, then brightly colored lures can be a good option. (This also applies if you are fishing deep later in the summer where the light doesn't penetrate as far). There are many other lures you can use successfully, however, including crank baits, buzz baits and spinner baits, depending on the time of year.

Techniques

The most successful fishing techniques will depend on the time

of year when you are targeting bass and also on which species of bass you are targeting. Largemouth bass typically prefer vegetative cover, and smallmouth bass really like rocky habitat.

"Typically, techniques for one species will work for the other, but imitating small crayfish in rocky habitat will help you better target smallmouth, while using bigger,

moving baits near brushy areas will draw more large-mouth," Hudson said.

If you are bass fishing in early spring (between mid-March and mid-April),

you can typically find the bass in 20-30 feet of water, so a boat can be helpful. Once you locate a school of fish, cast swimbaits and drop-shot rigs and work them slowly. As water temperatures warm to the mid-50s, you can find bass in 10-15 feet of water near spawning areas, and they typically react to jigs, spinnerbaits and swimbaits.

When water temperatures hit the 60s, you can often see bass in shallow water, actively fanning and guarding their nests during spawning season. They will react aggressively to any baits that come near their nests, including topwaters and jigs. After spawning ends — typically in mid-May — the bass will return

to 10-15 feet of water. Fishing early and late in the day, with moving lures like cranks and swimbaits, can be effective at this point, as the bass are typically feeding on sunfish and crayfish.

During the hot summer months, bass will move into deeper water near contours and other structures. Anglers will find the most success targeting them early or late in the day when it's cooler, and they may be a little shallower. While boats make bass fishing easier, shore anglers can also have good success targeting them during the spring and fall when the fish are in shallower water.

"Bass are a really popular sportfish around the country and even around the world — and it is no different here in Utah, because who doesn't love the thrill of fighting a bass on the end of your line?" DWR Sportfish Coordinator Trina Hedrick said. "They are also typically a low-maintenance fish for us because we only need to stock bass for a few years in a waterbody before they take off on their own and start naturally reproducing. Because of this, bass are an efficient species for us and free up more of our fish hatchery space. The greater issue for us is getting enough harvest. Anglers who keep the bass they catch are actually helping the overall population. Without harvest, there will be an abundance of smaller fish competing against each other for a limited supply of food. If anglers are concerned about overharvesting at a bass fishery, they can contact their local DWR office for more information."

While Gunlock and Sand Hollow reservoirs and Lake Powell are great places to fish for bass in Utah, you can find other waterbodies that also offer bass fishing by visiting the Fish Utah map on the DWR website.

schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Three Peaks Elementary

Second grade

classes had the opportunity to attend the Bard's Birthday Bash at SUU. They ate cake with Queen Elizabeth, played jousting games, learned a dance, participated in a performance on stage, and decorated masquerade masks at SUMA.

Later that evening, the 2nd grade students in Mrs. Hunter's class and Mrs. Parker's class performed a student version of "Midsummer Night's Dream" to parents and family members. Each class did a great job with their speaking parts and acting skills.

Fire Safety

It was Life Safety Week for 2nd-grade students in Iron County School District. Firefighters

and other public safety partners educated hundreds of students. Every April, Station #1 takes students through fire prevention tips and introduces them to 911, ambulance services and more. The visit includes tours of the fire station, equipment demonstrations, and bicycle safety tips with law enforcement. The highlight for students is trying their hand at the fire hose and jumping out of the window of the Life Safety House as they learn the importance of a home escape plan. It truly is one of those field trips students can't wait to attend.

Math Fair

Students at Canyon View High School showed off their math skills in the annual Math Fair Competition. Individual students or teams presented a project that demonstrated the importance of mathematics in every day life. From Pixar animation to juggling, students shared their findings with judges, visiting students, and family members. Advisor Alisha McCann said students often ask her "when will we use this." The projects help demonstrate the idea that there is math in just about everything people encounter each day.



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schools

Gateway Students Embark on Memorable Field Trips Full of Discovery and Delight



by Magie Powell

GATEWAY ACADEMY

This week,

Gateway

students stepped out of the classroom and into a world of immersive learning experiences on two unforgettable field trips.

Our Kindergarten and 1st Grade students traveled to Southern Utah University to join in a joyful celebration of William Shakespeare's birthday. They were transported to the Bard's world through a variety of engaging activities, including courtroom role-play, Renaissance dancing, jousting, dramatic performances, and hands-on arts and crafts. The highlight? Enjoying birthday cake with Queen Elizabeth herself! The day was a perfect blend of education and entertainment—truly a Shakespearean celebration to remember.

Meanwhile, our 2nd Grade students paid a visit to the local fire station, where excitement and curiosity filled the air. Students had the opportunity to step inside a real ambulance and learn firsthand how paramedics respond in emergencies. Firefighters shared essential safety tips—like “stop, drop, and roll” and how to safely exit a building in case of fire. The visit also included a fun and practical lesson on bike safety, reinforcing the importance of always wearing a helmet. It was a day packed with valuable knowledge, inspiring appreciation for the everyday heroes in our community.

From the stage to the firehouse, our students experienced the joy of learning in action—an inspiring reminder that education goes far beyond the classroom walls.



NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Delaney Richards

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Baseball

On April 24th, the Canyon Views baseball team took on Cedar in an exhilarating town rivalry showdown! It was an intense battle, and Canyon View's thrilled to announce that Canyon View emerged victorious with a nail-biting score of 6 to 5. With every pitch and swing, the tension ran high, but the Canyon Views team showcased incredible skill and determination to snatch the win at the last moment. What an unforgettable game! Go Canyon View!

Daddy Daughter Dance

On May 9th from 7-9 p.m., there's a Daddy and Daughter dance. This event is hosted by Canyon View Cheerleaders! This event will take place at Canyon View High School in the commons. The ticket price is \$20 for dads and \$5 for each daughter. You can purchase these tickets at the door! Make sure to support your Canyon View cheerleaders and show up!

Grads

On May 10 is grads! Grads is girls' choice and the last dance of the year for most grades. 8-11 p.m. at CVHs in the commons. This dance is semi-formal and the Canyon View High School Cheer team has been working hard in putting this fun event together. To show support and to help the cheerleaders out show up to grads!

history

From Tragedy to Triumph

An Introduction to Henry's Place here in Iron County

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Every so often a friend will suggest to me a special person or place in

Iron County that is truly something interesting, inspiring and worthy of sharing with our readers. Just recently, I heard about a near-by summer camp and retreat center down in the foothills just south-west of Hamilton Fort. It's a youth camp called Henry's Place and this is the story of how it got its name.

A tragedy that occurred on February 1st, 2006 and shattered the family of Henry Pendres, a Las Vegas Metro Division Sergeant who was cut down in the line of duty on that night, has inspired a foundation with this story that begs to be told. Sergeant Henry Pendres patrolled a down-trodden part of Las Vegas with a high crime rate. A fascinating and heart-breaking chain of events began on the tragic night that Henry Pendres was gunned down in the doorway of a violent domestic abuse suspect.

So, born from that tragedy, Henry's Place was

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established as a summer camp for inner-city youth. The mission of Henry's Place is much more than just a "fun summer camp", their goal is to provide life-changing experiences, instruction, and opportunities to at-risk and underprivileged children and youth – experiences that will equip them to succeed in facing the challenges of growing up in the inner city. Each summer Henry's Place partners with Las Vegas area and Southern



Sgt. Pendres

Utah faith-based and secular community groups to identify approximately 500 at-risk youths and provide them week-long life changing camp experiences here in Iron County.

Camp Director Tony Spatafore and the staff at Henry's Place encourage youth to place their faith in Jesus Christ and turn to faith as an answer to the challenges that their life circumstances present. Henry's Place is a Christian camp, but they do not screen children based on

their faith. They welcome children from all faiths or whatever background they come from. At camp, the counselors present what they believe is true, but do not expect the campers necessarily to agree with them or embrace their faith, just listen with an open mind.

Executive Director of Henry's Place, Dan Maruyama, told me the story that began with the worst level of crime: An officer who lost his life in the line of duty, and that tragedy was so ironic because Henry had spent the better part of his 15-year career determined to turn around the many at-risk kids that he encountered in that crime-ridden part of town.

The incredible irony is that Henry and his wife Dawn had all along planned that after his retirement they would establish such a foundation for kids whose lives were close to the line of becoming criminals. Their original plans were to start a camp up in Montana but that dream was cut short by Henry's death.

No sooner had Dawn recovered from the shock of Henry's death, when plans were put in motion to build a kid's camp and retreat here in Iron County to help keep these kids away from a life of crime. In 2010, Dawn began in earnest to find a suitable location in Southern Utah. They first rented a local house then utilized a

camp off Highway 89, called Camp Lutherwood. In 2013 Iron County approved Dawn's request to use their existing 13-acre property south of Cedar City in the foothills off Bumblebee Road as a camp. They completed their camp buildings in 2023 which included cabins, a lodge, and staff housing and lots of land to roam and play in.

Campers come for a 5-day summer program that generally alternates between boy's week and girl's week. Along with 3 hot meals a day, their programs include horse-back riding, hiking, archery, camp skills training (e.g. fire crafts and first aid), a trip to Cedar

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City Aquatic Center, a challenging obstacle course emphasizing team building and a host of activities that develop skills, friendships and camaraderie. In addition, children are introduced to a biblical world view through curricula that are designed to teach them that God is real, that their lives have purpose, and that with good choices they can hope to rise above their circumstances. According to Maruyama: "Study by respected researchers, including Harvard University have shown that children growing up in difficult circumstances are beset by hopelessness and typically focus only on the immediate needs of today. Our programs help these at-risk kids to look beyond today with genuine hope for the future – our goal is to teach them how to make choices that break the cycle of poverty and poor life outcomes, and in our 9 years of running the camp we have seen so many heart-warming successes".

Campers are usually 6th and seventh graders and some are invited back for a second, third and fourth year so that the councilors can continue to invest in them as they finish middle and then high school.

Henry's Place is also determined to become a good neighbor within its Iron County home. During their week-long activities

the kids can sometimes be found doing volunteer work in the Cedar City area. As an

example, last summer a band of happy campers arrived at the local Care & Share where their mission was to remove the old worn-out mattresses from the beds at the shelter and replace them with new ones provided by funds from the State of Utah.

Coming later this month, on May 10th, the folks at Henry's Place will be holding a Volunteer Day from noon to 4:00 pm for people who are willing to volunteer to help prepare for this summer's kids. Henry's Place is located beyond Hamilton Fort, at 3542 Bumblebee Drive, or you can call Dan Maruyama at (229) 415-2999 with questions. If you are looking, or know someone who is looking for a meaningful volunteer program this summer, there are plenty of opportunities available, and you are invited to come take a look at a very worthwhile foundation that is always in need of help and donations. Staff will be on hand and will welcome any help you can offer for the 2025 summer session. You may find a front row seat to watch a young person's life change for the better.

A \$25,000 donation was recently received from Hirschi Masonry Company, a company started

by New Harmony resident Bill Hirschi. Henry's Place is a 501(C) organization and any and all donations are greatly appreciated and go to a very good cause.

Henry's wife Dawn is still an active Board member along with Lin Drake, Cedar City resident, and former president of Southern Utah Home Builders Association and the current President of the Board of Henry's Place.

During the non-summer months, the facilities continue to be utilized as a retreat center for Christian churches in the local community as well as the Las Vegas area. Call Dan at the above number if that is of interest and please do join us at the volunteer weekend coming soon if you too want to help make a positive difference in a young person's life.

Please have a look at the photos of these at-risk kids enjoying their time at camp.



celebrations

Wedding Announcement



Nathan and Amber Westwood are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Audrey Grace Westwood to Andrew Marshall Kruse, son of Brad and Jennifer Kruse of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The wedding took place March 21st in the Payson LDS Temple. The bride graduated from Cedar High

School in 2021 and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ in Baltimore, Maryland speaking Spanish. The groom is a 2021 graduate of Broken Arrow High School. He served a church mission in Portugal and is now attending BYU and plays on the BYU soccer team. Following their marriage the newlyweds will reside in Provo and continue with their education.



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

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

Red Creek Group • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E,

Parowan • (435) 477-8925

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

All are welcome

Al-Anon

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

Easy Does It • Tues, 6-7 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.

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

Reel Mental Health

1st Tues, 6PM • The Rambouillet Barn 197 W. 200 S, Parowan, Utah 84761 • A fun interactive support group focused on your mental health and well-being.

Senior Blind/Visually Impaired

3rd Thurs, 1:30 pm • Cedar City Library

Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.

1st Thurs, 7 pm • Westview Christian Center, 2624 W Hwy 56, Cedar. INFO: Chuck Waddell 907-252-1365.

Southwest Parkinson's Alliance

2nd Tues, 1:30-2:30 pm • Cedar City Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • Kristy 435-559-9681.

Widows Ministry

2nd Sat, 11-1 pm • New Journey-Widow's Ministry @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sunrisechurch.net, sunrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities

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

Bingo & Lunch

Fri, lunch @Noon, Bingo @3 pm. Free for Seniors @ Our House Assisted Living (995 S Regency Rd, Cedar). INFO: 435-867-0055.

Book Club

2nd Thurs, 6 pm • Cedar Library 303 N 100 E.

Boy Scout Troop 1848

5th-17 yrs • Thurs 6:30 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west door. Text Sheila 805-208-4545

Cars & Custard

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

Cedar Breaks Model A/Vintage Car Club

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle

enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or email cedarmodela@gmail.com.

Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun. Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. cedarchestquiltersguild.org

Cedar City ESL

Wed, 6:30 - 7:30 pm • Free ESL lessons offered at Cedar Library, Rare Book Room (303 N 100 E). No pre-registration required.

Cedar City Toastmasters

Thurs, 7 am • Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main. Find your voice, shape your future. Be the leader & speaker you want to be. (603) 731-0116

Cedar 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, 8 am • Canyon Park West 133 S 400 E Cedar City. 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 sign up: 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 Suite

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

calendar

THURS, MAY 1

5-MILE PICNIC AREA GRAND OPENING (1PM) ON behalf of the Iron County Commission, Natural Resources and the Parks & Recreation department, we are cordially inviting you to attend the grand opening of the 5-Mile Picnic Area, in Parowan Canyon. Directions to 5-Mile Picnic Area: From Parowan City Main Street, turn onto Center Street and head southeast along SR-143 for about four miles. Turn left (east) at the Forebay Pond onto Forest Road 049 towards Yankee Meadow Reservoir. Go approximately 1 mile on the paved road, you will see the 5-Mile fence and gate on the right.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (7PM) COMMUNITY Presbyterian Church 2279 N Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City. Come enjoy an evening of musical presentations and prayer. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Cedar Area Interfaith Alliance.

SAT, MAY 3

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET (9AM-2PM) @ the IFA parking lot (905 S Main St, Cedar City). admission is FREE. Come for the farmers, food, and artisans as well as drawings, bingo, and more! For information visit them on Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or call Nancy (435) 463-3735.

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

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET (9AM-2PM) 909 S Main St., Cedar City - (Right next to IFA) Local vendors are bringing fresh bakery items, Local eggs, pickles, jams & butters, freeze dried treats, candles, soaps and facial products! One of a kind crafts and second hand treasures, live plants, herbs and cedar planter boxes!

SAT, MAY 5

CEDAR CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT RIBBON CUTTING (12-1:30PM) YOU'RE INVITED: Join us to celebrate and tour the newly expanded airport terminal at the Cedar City Regional Airport. There will be a brief ceremony featuring speakers, a formal ribbon cutting, followed by a tour of the facility improvements. Refreshments will be provided.

TUES, MAY 6

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (1-2PM) MUSIC & Art Workshops. At The LIGHTHOUSE Art & Learning Center (between Sweet Basil & Subway restaurants). Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151

WED, MAY 7

CCAC BOOK CLUB (7PM) @ MAIN STREET Books in Cedar City. This months book is *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, by Alexander McCall Smith (fiction). We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us.

Thad M. Torgersen



Thad M. Torgersen, age 95, passed away Easter morning, April 20, 2025 at his home in Cedar City, Utah. He was born February 7, 1930 in Koosharem, Utah to Elmer Levi and Leona (Winget) Torgersen. He grew up in Koosharem where he went to school through the eighth grade and then attended and graduated from North Sevier High School. He married his sweetheart Cleola Hatch on November 7, 1952 in the Manti LDS temple.

Thad was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in the Western Canadian Mission from 1950 to 1952. He has a strong testimony of Jesus Christ and was unwavering in his devotion through his

example. He served faithfully in many callings in the auxiliaries of the church including: Scout Master, Bishopric, Group Leader and High Councilman. He served on the Town Board in Aurora, Utah. Thad served his country in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Germany. He was the Chaplains assistant and also served as the LDS Group Leader for those stationed in and around Frankfurt. Cleola was able to join him for 9-months during his time in Germany where they made life-long friends and explored Europe together making memories to last a life-time.

Dad had an amazing garden and produced enough vegetables to feed his family throughout the year and share with others. He was a prolific journal keeper. Earlier in life he was a sheep herder (age 14) where he was entrusted with Elmer's entire herd. He loved agriculture and was a farmer/rancher, a cheese maker and later in his career worked for the Utah State Department of Agriculture as a Compliance Officer.

He is survived by his children Gloria (Richard) Bratton, Dianne (Rick) Hadlock, Stanley (Janet Matheson) Torgersen, Shari (Kelly) Oppenheimer, Connie (Randall) Murray and Merilee (Mark) Robinson, sister Lois (Delbert) Christensen, sister-in-law Velma Torgersen, sixteen grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Cleola, his parents Elmer and Leona and siblings Kyle, Milen, Louise, Neldo (Nick) and Alden.

The family would like to express special thanks to Maree Prince and the professional staff at Iron County Home Health who attended to both Mom and Dad in their moments of need. The family would also like to acknowledge special friends and neighbors whom Thad has known in the 53 years he lived in Cedar City.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, April 26th at the LDS Chapel, 400 North 500 W, Cedar City Utah at 11am. Viewings will be held on Friday, April 25th from 6pm to 8pm at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 North 300 West, Cedar City, Utah and prior to services at the aforementioned LDS chapel on Saturday from 10 to 10:45am. Interment in the Koosharem Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary, Saturday at 3pm. Online condolences and the live stream of the services will be available at www.mortuary.org.

obituaries

Charles Marvin Brinkerhoff



Charles Marvin Brinkerhoff, a Cedar High School driver education teacher for over 42 years (from 1963 to 1995) drove off into the sunset on April 21st 2025 to join parents and siblings in the eternities. He not only drove out; he used his two good legs to run across the finish line, leaving behind his trusty wheel chair that was his companion for the last 35 years. Charles was born on June 19, 1941 in Kanab, Utah, crying and screaming as the 2nd child, and the first-born son to Charles Wilbur and Kathleen Reese Brinkerhoff. He grew up in Glendale, Utah where he tended the sheep, milked cows and attended six years of elementary school in the Rock School House and was known as the "tall one" because he was always a head taller than other students. During his childhood, he enjoyed the foothills, and the meadows around Glendale, where he and his friends explored, hiked, camped, and loved the fresh mountain air. He and his friends got into trouble once in a while and learned life lessons as they had a chicken roast with stolen chickens, had to return stolen items from the candy store, and at times teased the girls. The lessons that Charlie learned from these mistakes stuck with him and taught him to become a better man and devout disciple of Jesus Christ.

In 7th grade, Charlie took the 4-mile bus ride daily to Orderville to attend Valley High School, and start his secondary education. Charlie excelled in Basketball and gained his fame on the court. Summers during high school were spent at the sheep camp and hauling hay. At age 14, he spent the summer alone on Cedar Mountain herding two thousand ewes and lambs with only a tent, a horse, a dog and a camp fire. He made seven dollars a day. At the end of the summer, he turned his pay check over to his mother to help take care of household needs. He graduated from Valley High School in 1959 and he worked that summer at Kaibab Lumber to earn money for his education at Dixie College. Charlie played football and basketball at Dixie College. He became engaged to and married Darlene Heaton on September 3, 1960 in the St. George temple.

After graduation from Dixie College, Charles, Darlene and their new baby, Tracy, traveled to Provo, Utah to attend BYU, graduating in 1962 with a major in Physical education, and Driver's Education. Charlie began his teaching and coaching career at Escalante High School. After one year, he moved to Parowan, Utah to teach and coach for three years at Parowan High School. After Parowan, he started teaching at Cedar High School where he remained for over 30 years until his retirement in 1995. During his time at Cedar High School, he completed a masters' degrees in Special Education and another masters' degree in Education administration. He served as the vice principal at Cedar High School for the last eight years of his career. He enjoyed teaching students how to drive, he laughed at many experiences, and he came home each night with tales of fright as many accidents were avoided. Mr. Brinkerhoff truly loved his association with the students, faculty, and staff of the schools where he taught and the communities in which he lived.

Upon retirement, Charles and Darlene served two full time missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Their first mission was in the Oregon Eugene Mission from January 1997 to July 1998, and second mission was in The Family History Mission in Salt Lake City, Utah from 2007 to 2009. Completing these two missions was the fulfillment of a lifelong goal. Brother Brinkerhoff was a faithful member of the Church, serving as the Bishop of the Cedar 8th Ward, a high council representative in the Cedar West Stake and the University Stake, along with filling other responsibilities in Young Men, Elders Quorum, Scouting, Primary and Cub Scout organizations. He received the Silver Beaver and Extra Miler awards in scouting.

Charles was officially diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1990, after several years of health challenges. He is excited to leave this disease behind him and the complications that it caused including the full-time use of a wheel chair.

Charles leaves behind his precious family of whom he is most proud: his devoted wife and caregiver, Darlene Brinkerhoff. His daughters and their spouses: Tracy and Moyle Johnson of Tropic, UT, Tori and Randy Forsyth, Cedar City, UT, and his sons and their spouses: Tad and Michelle Brinkerhoff of Pittsburgh, PA, Tyler and Jennifer Brinkerhoff, Cedar City, UT, and Tosh and Amy Brinkerhoff of Sartell, MN. At the time of his death, he has 27 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

Charles' siblings include: Marilyn and Isaac Johnson, Elaine and Lee Sorensen, Ellen and Dee Sorensen, Lapriel and Lyle Clark and sister-in-law, Sally Brinkerhoff.

Family member who proceeded him in death are: two infant children, his parents, Charles Wilbur and Kathleen Reese, his infant brother, James William Brinkerhoff, his sister Norma Safel, his brother Leon Brinkerhoff and his granddaughter, April Johnson Roberts.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for donations to the April Johnson Roberts (his granddaughter) Memorial Scholarship fund at State Bank of Southern Utah or the Humanitarian Fund (providing wheelchairs worldwide) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in memory of Charles Brinkerhoff.

April Johnson Roberts Scholarship Fund:

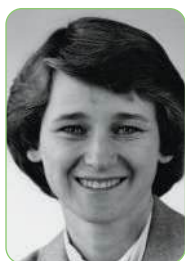
Please call State Bank of Southern Utah and reference Tracy B. Johnson or venmo: @tracy-johnson-358

Humanitarian Fund Website: <https://philanthropies.churchofjesuschrist.org/humanitarian-services/funds/>

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 10:30 AM in the Cedar City West Stake Center, 725 South 1100 West, Cedar City. Viewings will be held Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00-10:00 AM, both at the Stake Center. Burial will be in the Alton Cemetery under the direction of Mosdell Mortuary.

obituaries

Mary Galbreath Shurtleff



Mary Galbreath Shurtleff passed away peacefully after battling a 23 year fight with debilitating fibromyalgia and succumbing to bowel leaking issues. She was also an 8 year breast cancer survivor.

Mary was born on May 9, 1951 to Glenn & Dorothy Galbreath and grew up in Mt. Vernon Illinois. From child age she had a fascination with the French culture. She studied the French language in middle & high school then continued classes at Southern Illinois University. Her dream was accomplished when she landed a teaching position in Caen France for one year. When Mary returned to the USA she

continued with a Master degree program at the University of Missouri. Next was employment as a French Teacher at Kearney High School in Nebraska.

That's where she met the love of her life, Marty Shurtleff, at a disco on a cold and snowy January night. They were married on May 29, 1976 and spent their honeymoon in France visiting all of Mary's favorite places from her year in France. Her next goal was to enter the business world and relocated to Glendale, Arizona, earning her Masters in International Management degree at Thunderbird School of Global Management. After a few more years in the Phoenix area, Mary relocated to Las Vegas, NV, for 23 years entering the training management fields working for major utilities, casino hotels, and financial institutions. She opened her own company, "Training for Results", offering customer service and management programs. During this time she also became a volunteer at Nathan Adelson Hospice with her pet therapy dog, Copper. She also published her first book, "Building Trust" A Manager's Guide for Business Success, selling thousands of copies worldwide by Crisp Publications. She also served as President of the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Society for Training and served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Society of Human Resource Management for 4 years.

Next was an early retirement to Duck Creek Village, Utah, in 2005 where she was one of the founders of the new Duck Creek Community Church. In 2010 she relocated to her new home west of Enoch, Utah. She entered the Community Presbyterian Church family continuing her love for ushering, special projects shepherd, book/bible studies and reading the liturgy on various Sundays. Mary also provided the original funding that started the very successful OARS program (Open, Authentic, Relevant, Spiritual) Young Adult Ministry focusing on people ages 18 to 30. This program creates space for these young adults to be transformative while discovering a life of faith.

Mary is preceded in death by her father, mother and 10 wonderful beagle girls. She is survived by her husband Marty, her 3 beagle girls (Kristy, Winnie and Kelly) and her two male cats (Butch & Tommy).

Mary's memorial service will be held on Saturday May 3, 2025 at 5pm at the Community Presbyterian Church (CPC), located at 2279 North Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, UT 84721, phone (435) 586-8891. The service will also be streamed live at www.cedarpres.org. Join us following the service for the After Party including dancing and dinner. A private interment will be at the Parowan City cemetery at a later date.

Funeral services are being handled by Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation. Comments can be posted at <https://cedarvalleyfuneral.com>. Marty would also like to thank Rev. Schuyler Rhodes and Sherry Larson who gave freely of their time and prayers while holding Mary's hand at the moment of her passing. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the OARS program at CPC, sent to the attention of Pastor Robin Eddy at the address above.

CoraLe Gibson J. Bruhn



CoraLe Gibson J. Bruhn passed away peacefully on April 20, 2025 in Cedar City, Utah at the age of 85.

Cody as she was affectionately known was born on August 17, 1939 in Cedar City, Utah to Joseph Hunter and Lela Goodwin Gibson. She grew up in the beautiful little town of Enoch, where she spent a happy childhood on the farm. She

loved riding horses, helping with the chores, feeding chickens and occasionally milking cows.

Cody graduated from Cedar High School and attended College of Southern Utah, now SUU. She was called on a mission to the Southern States where she served faithfully, touched many lives and made lifelong friends.

Cody Married Floyd D. Jackson in 1968. She not only became a wife that day but also a mother to Floyd's four children, whom she loved and cherished. Although she was later divorced she always had a special love and bond for "her kids" and loves them to this very day.

Cody later married Mark Vee Bruhn. This new chapter in Cody's life was filled with much love and happiness. Cody and Vee traveled the western states, went on cruises, rode bicycles and enjoyed life together. Vee passed away in 1997.

Cody was a beloved school teacher at North Elementary for 30 years. She loved teaching with all her heart. She loved those 3rd graders and had a special place in her heart for all her students and they in turn loved her.

Cody was the ultimate jokester and prankster. She was always full of mischief and shenanigans. She loved a good practical joke and had an infectious laugh and sense of humor, which she so lovingly shared with all who knew her.

Cody was preceded in death by her husband Vee Bruhn, her parents Hunter & Lela Gibson, her siblings Alene Chamberlain, Garrie Gibson and Yvonne Robinson and stepdaughter Virginia Higbee.

Cody is Survived by her sister Virginia Naegle and her stepchildren Stephen Jackson, Julie Andrus, Cecile Thomas and Camile Morris as well as many grandchildren, nieces and nephews who all love her dearly.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 1:30 pm at the Cedar Valley Funeral Home located at 2086 North Main Street in Cedar City, Utah. A viewing will be held before the services from 12:00-1:15 pm. Interment will be at the Cedar City Cemetery following her services. Services are entrusted to Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation. Online condolences can be sent to her memorial page as well as the live streaming of her service at cedarvalleyfuneral.com

Marvin "Jay" Hunt



Marvin "Jay" Hunt passed away on April 22, 2025. Jay was born in Enterprise, UT on November 22, 1936 to Edward Lorin Hunt and Alvaretta Jones. On December 23, 1958, he married Sharon Alene Iverson in the St. George, UT Temple.

They made their home in Enterprise and shared 55 years of marriage and 7 children before Sharon's passing in 2013. Jay's work was his play. A true cowboy at heart, Jay spent his life doing what he loved most—working the land,

tending to his cattle, and riding horses.

From an early age, Jay demonstrated a deep connection to the ranching life, breaking his first horse as a young child. His work as a cattle rancher was not just a profession, but a passion he deeply enjoyed and cared about.

Known for his unconventional sense of humor, Jay could always make you laugh, whether you were looking for it or not. He had a quick wit and a sharp tongue, but it was all part of his infectious charm. If you spent enough time with him, you'd hear a story or two that would leave you chuckling and shaking your head long after you'd left his company.

He loved traveling with his family, reading the newspaper, farm magazines, and watching vintage western movies and TV shows. After Sharon's passing, Jay was extremely lonely and was lucky enough to find the talented and lovely, Jane Ann Fitzgerald Joy. They dated for several years before marrying on July 30, 2020 in the Cedar City, UT temple.

Jay is preceded in death by his wife, Sharon, his parents, Edward and Alvaretta, his siblings, Lorin, Alva, and Eldon, children Brad and Brenda, and grandchildren, Brazos, Alkali, Cole, and Tristen. He is survived by his wife, Jane, siblings, Zola and Larue, children, Scott (Cindy), Anette (Ryan), Brice (Audrey), Colby (Rusty), and Edward (Rosina), 27 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday May 3rd, 2025 at 12:00 PM at LDS Church located at 451 East Midvalley Rd. Enoch, UT with a viewing at 10:30 AM. Graveside services will be at 3:00 PM at the Enterprise Cemetery. Under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral. Online condolences can be sent to his memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com

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.



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by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Heading into its crosstown rivalry game April 23, the Cedar Reds got off to a slow start. When the bats found the groove, the team left the field with a Senior Day to remember.

Hayley Ennis and Sloane Fielding homered on consecutive pitches to highlight a six-run second inning, and Kyla Johnson hit a sacrifice fly to score Kate Lopez with the game-ending run in the bottom of the sixth as Cedar shut out the Canyon View Falcons, 10-0 to improve to 20-5 on the season. Sadie Parson held CV (6-16 overall) to just two hits, walked two and struck out nine.

"We had to kind of prod them a little bit, but they did what they were supposed to do," Cedar head coach David Koontz said. "Sadie pitched another gem, and it makes it easy as a coach."

Shaylee Johnson hit a double and Kaitlyn Bulloch reached on an error to put two runners on base with one out. After Kinzie Hawkins popped out, Ennis took a pitch from Elli John over the fence in left-center field to put the Reds on the board. When Fielding followed suit, Cedar had a 4-0 lead. Kyla Johnson followed with a double that scored Lopez, and Parson doubled to complete the rally.

"Ever since those two losses to Desert Hills, they've been on an upward trend," Koontz said of his team's effort. "That's the mark of a good team. They came back against a

Reds get big inning, blank Falcons



Cedar's *Shaylee Johnson* makes contact with a pitch during the Reds' game against the Canyon View Falcons on April 23.

good team, and now they're starting to feel confident."

Cedar added a run in the fifth and clinched the win early with three runs in the bottom of the sixth. Ennis led the Reds offense with three hits, two runs scored and three RBI, while Parson and Lopez added two hits apiece in a 13-hit attack.

The Reds started the week April 21 with a 7-3 road victory over the Snow Canyon Warriors, which was the completion of a rainout from the previous Thursday. Cedar finished their Region

9 season with a 10-2 record.

When play resumed, the Reds had a 5-0 lead and added on with a run in the top of the third and the other in the sixth. Shaylee Johnson went 2-for-4 and homered in the win while Hawkins and Kyla Johnson finished with two hits each for Cedar.

Parson held the Warriors to two earned runs, didn't walk a batter and struck out six.

Cedar wrapped up the week with a road game at 6A American Fork, ranked No. 13 in the RPI, on April 25.

The Reds scored a pair of runs in the fourth and fifth innings to back the pitching of Parson in a 4-2 win over the Cavemen to improve to 21-5, matching their win total from last season.

Mya Bishoff led the offense with three hits and a run scored, and the Reds took advantage of six American Fork errors to earn the win. Parson struck out 10 in the circle and walked one.

Cedar completed the regular season with a road game at Enterprise on Tuesday.

Canyon View started its week with a home game against Emery on April 22, scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh and producing the winning run with no outs in the bottom of the eighth inning for a thrilling 8-7 win over the Spartans. Down to the final out, pinch-hitter Brooklynn Fuller drew a walk and Payton Castillo followed on the very next pitch with a home run that tied the score.

In the bottom of the eighth, Alina Sluder led off and drove in the winning run with a double that scored Kyla White, who was at second base for the extra-inning tiebreaker rule.

For its Senior Day home finale April 24, CV faced the Juab Wasps in a doubleheader and lost both games. The Wasps won Game 1 in five innings, 20-9, and rallied for five runs in the top of the seventh inning to earn a 10-9 victory in Game 2.

The Falcons wrapped up the regular season with road games at North Sanpete on Monday and Richfield on Tuesday.

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SCORES

Baseball

Region 9

- 04/21 Snow Canyon 4, Cedar 3
Crimson Cliffs 13, Pine View 1
- 04/22 Cedar 3, Snow Canyon 2
Crimson Cliffs 10, Pine View 6
Dixie 14, Hurricane 2
- 04/23 Snow Canyon 14, Desert Hills 2
Dixie 6, Crimson Cliffs 5
Pine View 3, Hurricane 1
- 04/24 Canyon View 6, Cedar 5
- 04/25 Desert Hills 11, Snow Canyon 1
Dixie 9, Crimson Cliffs 8
Pine View 7, Hurricane 4

Region 12

- 04/21 Payson 7, Juab 4
- 04/22 Canyon View 8, North Sanpete 2
Manti 9, Delta 5, Carbon 1, Juab 0, 8
innings, Richfield 10, Emery 5
- 04/23 Delta 13, Millard 2, Spanish Fork 5,
Emery 0
- 04/24 Canyon View 6, Cedar 5, Juab 11,
North Sanpete 1, South Sevier 9,
Richfield 2
- 04/25 Canyon View 10, North Sanpete 4
Emery 9, Richfield 3, Manti 12, Delta
2, Juab 10, Carbon 2

2A West

- 04/22 Enterprise 9, Parowan 2
Kanab 25-19, Water Canyon 0-1
Beaver 5, Milford 2
- 04/23 Delta 13, Millard 2
- 04/24 South Sevier 9, Richfield 2
- 04/25 Enterprise 10, Parowan 1
Beaver 12, Milford 3
South Sevier 18, Millard 0

Softball

Region 9

- 04/21 Cedar 7, Snow Canyon 3
Crimson Cliffs 13, Pine View 2
- 04/22 Desert Hills 16, Snow Canyon 1
Hurricane 18, Pine View 11
Crimson Cliffs 7, Dixie 1
- 04/23 Cedar 10, Canyon View 0
- 04/24 Dixie 11, Crimson Cliffs 1
Hurricane 14, Pine View 3
- 04/25 Cedar 4, American Fork 2
Hurricane 24, West 8

Region 12

- 04/22 Canyon View 8, Emery 7, 8 innings
Richfield 14, Delta 0, Carbon 14, Juab
3,North Sanpete 6, Manti 5
- 04/23 Cedar 10, Canyon View 0
Emery 6, Duchesne 5, 9 innings
Carbon 11, Richfield 1
Delta 15, Milford 11
- 04/24 Juab 20-10, Canyon View 9-9
North Sanpete 11, Richfield 1

- 04/25 Carbon 10, Delta 1, Emery 7, Manti 1

2A South

- 04/21 Grantsville 10, Enterprise 0
- 04/22 South Sevier 7, Millard 0
Kanab 14, Water Canyon 4
Enterprise 19, Parowan 1

- 04/23 South Summit 11, Millard 1
South Sevier 13, Beaver 2

- 04/24 Beaver 9, Duchesne 8, 8 innings

- 04/25 Enterprise 15, Parowan 0
South Sevier 16, Millard 1

Boys Soccer

Region 9

- 04/21 Crimson Cliffs 5, Cedar 0
Desert Hills 4, Pine View 1

- 04/22 Crimson Cliffs 2, Snow Canyon 0
Desert Hills 7, Hurricane 1

Region 12

- 04/21 Juab 3, Richfield 2, OT
- 04/22 Canyon View 3, Juab 2, 2 OT
Richfield 3, Providence Hall 2
Manti 6, Delta 0
Carbon 6, North Sanpete 0
- 04/25 3A playoffs, first round
Emery 4, Providence Hall 0
Grantsville 3, Summit Academy 0
- 04/30 3A playoffs, second round
(scores will appear in the May 8
edition)
Delta at Canyon View
Emery at Ogden
Judge Memorial at Richfield
Juan Diego at Ben Lomond
Grantsville at Manti
Union at Juab
North Sanpete at Carbon
South Summit at Morgan

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Baseball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (1)	9-3	21-4
Dixie (6)	9-3	16-9
Snow Canyon (2)	8-4	18-6
Crimson Cliffs (7)	8-4	16-8
Cedar (12)	5-7	11-12
Pine View (14)	3-9	12-11
Hurricane (18)	0-11	6-15

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (1)	12-0	20-3
Juab (3)	9-1	16-5
Manti (5)	6-4	10-9
Carbon (8)	6-6	8-13
Richfield (10)	5-6	7-13
Emery (12)	2-6	6-13
North Sanpete (11)	2-9	8-12
Delta (9)	0-10	9-11

2A West

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver (1)	12-2	19-3
Kanab (3)	11-3	16-6
Enterprise (4)	11-3	17-6

South Sevier (5)	10-4	18-5
Milford (7)	6-8	14-11
Parowan (11)	3-11	6-12
Millard (13)	2-11	3-19
Water Canyon (14)	0-13	0-15

Softball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills (2)	11-0	25-2
Cedar (7)	10-2	21-5
Hurricane (12)	7-5	11-14
Crimson Cliffs (11)	6-6	11-11
Snow Canyon (18)	3-8	9-15
Dixie (19)	4-8	11-16
Pine View (23)	0-11	5-17

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Emery (6)	12-2	17-11
North Sanpete (8)	11-2	14-11
Carbon (9)	7-6	10-14
Manti (10)	6-6	7-17
Richfield (11)	5-7	8-15
Canyon View (12)	5-7	6-18
Juab (16)	4-10	6-13
Delta (18)	1-12	2-21

2A South

	REGION	OVERALL
South Sevier (1)	12-0	24-1
Enterprise (5)	10-2	17-9
Beaver (4)	7-4	19-8
Millard (10)	6-6	11-12
Parowan (14)	3-9	5-22
Kanab (13)	2-8	5-13
Water Canyon (19)	0-10	0-17

Boys Soccer

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Dixie (3)	9-0	10-2
Crimson Cliffs (4)	9-1	11-2
Snow Canyon (12)	4-4	5-6
Pine View (19)	4-5	5-6
Cedar (22)	3-6	3-9
Desert Hills (18)	3-7	6-9
Hurricane (27)	0-9	1-12

Region 12

	REGION	OVERALL
Manti (2)	13-1	14-3
Carbon (3)	11-3	11-3
Canyon View (7)	10-4	10-4
Juab (4)	10-4	10-6
Richfield (8)	6-8	9-8
Delta (13)	3-11	5-11
North Sanpete (14)	3-11	4-11
Emery (17)	0-14	1-16

Delgado Deals, Ramirez Rolls as Southern Utah Smashes UTA on Senior Day

by **Regan Hunsaker**

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah — The Thunderbirds wrapped their final home stand of the season with an 8-3 victory on Sunday afternoon. Despite falling behind on a first-inning home run, the T-Birds came soaring back to take the game and the series. Southern Utah improves to 10-11 against Western Athletic Conference opponents.

The Thunderbirds finished with 16 hits, including multi-hit games from Arianna Ramirez, Kassidy Munoz, Tawnie Mozeris, and Ariyana Miranda, showing off the depth and power of their lineup. Ramirez continued to impress going four for four on the day with three RBIs, and Munoz was stellar as well, racking up three hits and three RBIs.

Freshman Maddie Moreno got the start in the game, going two innings, surrendering two runs on one hit, and striking out three. Sophomore Emily Delgado came into the game in relief, pitching five innings, allowing just one run on three hits and fanning six batters to earn the win.

Coach Don Don Williams Said



"I'm incredibly proud of our team — to not only win the series against UTA but to win every series at home this year is really special. Doing it on Senior Day made it even more meaningful. Our seniors have given so much to this program, and it was an amazing way to honor their commitment and hard work."

Home Sweet Home

The Thunderbirds finished the season having won every home series for the first time since 2017. The Thunderbirds finished with an 8-4 record at Kathryn Berg Field, the first winning record at home since 2021. Sophomore Arianna Ramirez has been incredible in home games with a .595 batting average, six doubles, eight home runs, and 27 RBIs.

Game Summary

UTA jumped out to a quick lead in the top of the first when McNulty launched a two-run homer to center field, giving the visitors a 2-0 edge. But the Thunderbirds wasted no time answering. In the bottom half of the inning, clutch two-out hits from Munoz and Amayah Boostedt tied the game at 2-2, setting the tone for the rest of the afternoon.

After a scoreless second, the Thunderbirds took control in the third. Miranda led off with a double, and Ramirez followed with another double to drive her in. Munoz kept her bat hot with an RBI single up the middle, and Mozeris capped the rally with a run-scoring single to push the lead to 5-2.

Thunderbird pitcher Emily Delgado settled in after a threat in her first

inning, retiring nine of the next 11 batters she faced to keep the Mavericks off the board and protect the lead.

In the sixth, Southern Utah put the game away. Miranda drove home a run, and Ramirez crushed a two-run homer to

left field to stretch the advantage to 8-2.

UT Arlington managed to scratch across a run in the top of the seventh on an RBI single from Spriggs, but it was too little, too late. Delgado struck out Maldonado looking to slam the door and secure the win.

Senior Day

Following the win, the Thunderbirds took time to recognize the outstanding seniors for the 2025 team. Each one of these players has made an impact on this team, and they will leave a legacy of hard work and perseverance for future T-Birds.

On Deck

Southern Utah will travel north to Utah Valley next weekend to take on the Wolverines in the final WAC series

of the regular season. The teams will square off with a doubleheader on Friday, May 2, beginning at 3:00 p.m. MT. The series finale will take place on Saturday, May

3, at 1:00 p.m. MT. The games will be broadcast on ESPN+, and live stats can be found on the schedule page.



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Sluder signs letter with CSN softball

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

When she went on her official visit to the College of Southern Nevada, Canyon View infielder Alina Sluder knew she had a good feeling about what she was getting into. Sluder admitted she “never had a connection with a coach” like the one she had while on campus.

“The second I stepped on that field and campus, I knew that was where I wanted to go,” said Sluder, who had interest from schools in Kansas, Idaho and California.

That feeling became reality April 21 when Sluder signed her official letter of intent to play for the Coyotes of CSN in front of friends, family and teammates in a ceremony held at the school library. As a second baseman, Sluder is hitting .326 for a Canyon View team that has a 5-15 overall, but a 4-5 mark in Region 12 play.

“As an athlete, you always learn new things each game,” Sluder said. “I can learn off of this season, for sure.”

Going from the altitude of Cedar City to the desert in Las Vegas, Sluder welcomed that change with open arms.

“I like the heat a lot. It’ll be nice to get out of the snow and the cold,” she said.

CV head coach Hailee McDonald said the Coyotes are getting an ideal player with the signing of Sluder.

“She’s a player with a fantastic attitude and great personality,” McDonald said. “A great teammate, the fastest bat speed you can think of and a great defender. She was a solid player as a freshman, and she’s put in all the effort and work you can put in.”

The Falcons returned to play after Spring Break on April 22 with a home game against the Emery Spartans and faced the Cedar Reds on April 23. They faced the Juab Wasps in a doubleheader April 24, and the recap from those games can be found elsewhere on these pages.

Late rally keeps CV winning streak alive

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

For the first five innings of its baseball rivalry game against the Cedar Reds, Canyon View’s bats were mostly silent. When the sixth inning came around, the Falcons found a way to soar and got the clutch pitches late to keep a growing winning streak alive.

Bubba Ludlow homered to highlight a six-run sixth inning, and CV held off a Cedar rally to earn a hard-fought 6-5 victory over the Reds on April 24. The Falcons extended their winning streak to 16 straight games and improved to 19-3 overall.

On the strength of two home runs from Jacob Boyer, Cedar led 3-0 after five innings behind starter Cooper Payne. With the winning streak on the line, CV head coach Jason Jacobsen knew his team wasn’t nervous in the least.

“The kids stayed calm and never panicked,” CV head coach Jason Jacobsen said. “Just kept barreling up on balls.

“A win is a win. On to the next one.”

Price Atwood led off the inning with a double and came around to score on a pair of passed balls to get the Falcons on the board. After Jake Thomas drew a walk, he was erased

when Cannon Williams grounded into a double play.

When Ludlow homered on the first pitch he saw, the momentum was restored, the deficit was down to one, and CV was just getting warmed up.

Asher Slack drew a walk and starting pitcher Brady Anderson doubled to send him over to third. Jarron Bradshaw singled to score both runners, and CV had the lead for the first time. Zach Maine was hit by a pitch, and C.J. McClellan doubled to pad the lead to 6-3.

As it turned out, McClellan’s hit became invaluable when Cedar had its final chance in the bottom of the seventh.

Boyer led off with a walk and Karver Tom singled him over to third. With one out, Peyton Ludlow followed with a single that scored Boyer, and Gavin Mackert added a single that scored Tom to add to the tension.

With his pitch count nearing the limit, Anderson settled down and got a pair of ground-outs – the last coming off the bat of Jake Burgess – to retire the side and keep the streak alive.

The potential tying run was left stranded at third base, and the Reds finished the regular season with an 11-12 record.

Canyon View’s winning streak reached 17 in a row April 25 when they scored in all six innings and beat North Sanpete at home, 10-4. Maine homered to back the pitching of McClellan, who allowed only one run to the Hawks in six innings.

The Falcons (20-3) started the week April 22 with an 8-2 road win over the Hawks. CV snapped a 1-1 tie with a run in the third inning and four more in the fourth to take control. Ludlow hit for the cycle in the win, going 5-for-5 with two doubles, a triple and a home run.

Canyon View closed the regular season with a home game against Juab on Tuesday and will travel to face the Wasps on the road Friday afternoon.

In Cedar’s other games from the week, they split a pair of close games against Region 9 co-leader Snow Canyon, a 4-3 road loss on April 21 and a 3-2 win over the Warriors on April 22. The Reds scored all of their runs in the bottom of the first and held on after Snow Canyon scored single runs in the fourth and fifth.

Brent Martin didn’t allow an earned run over 5.2 innings of work, and Jeter Fieldsted came on to get the final four outs in relief and earn a save.

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. On April 22, former NFL kicker Jay Feely announced he was leaving his broadcasting role with CBS Sports to run for the House of Representatives in what U.S. state that's also a Utah neighbor?
2. Alexander Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals scored two goals, including the game-winner in a 3-2 overtime win over the Montreal Canadiens on April 19 in the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. True or False: Both goals scored by Ovechkin count toward his career total.
3. Of the five Canadian teams in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, which two faced each other in the opening round?
4. Among the eight Game 1s played in the opening round of the NBA Playoffs, how many were won by single digits (less than 10 points)?
5. What Boston Celtics player was named the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year for the 2024-25 season?
6. What NASCAR short track is set to host a Major League Baseball game between the Atlanta Braves and Cincinnati Reds on Aug. 2?
7. What former ESPN broadcaster, who had a 36-year career as a play-by-play voice for everything from Sunday Night Football to college football and men's and women's basketball from 1982-2017 passed away April 22 at the age of 80?
8. What two teams have the worst records in Major League Baseball through games played April 22 (one in each league)?
9. John Korir and Sharon Lokedi were the men's and women's race winners at the 129th Boston Marathon that was run April 21. What African country are Korir and Lokedi from?

10. When the Detroit Pistons beat the New York Knicks in Game 2 of the first-round NBA playoff series, Dennis Schroeder hit a go-ahead 3-pointer in the final minute that broke a 94-94 tie and sent the Pistons to a 100-94 win, their first playoff victory since 2008. Including the Pistons, how many teams has Schroeder played for this season?
11. The Toronto Maple Leafs are off to a 1-0 series lead in the opening round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. True or False: The Leafs have gone the longest without winning a Stanley Cup.
12. Of the teams in this year's NBA Playoffs, how many have never won an NBA title?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Lee Corso.
2. Sacramento Kings.
3. Travis Hunter.
4. Tennessee Titans.
5. Florida Panthers. The defending champs are facing the Tampa Bay Lightning in the opening round of this year's Stanley Cup Playoffs.
6. The Pistons reached the Eastern Conference Finals for the sixth straight season before losing to the Boston Celtics in six games.
7. Pickleball.
8. Plaid. The jacket went to Justin Thomas when he beat Andrew Novak on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff at this year's tournament.
9. Winnipeg Jets. So far, the Jets have a 2-0 series lead over the St. Louis Blues in the opening round after a 2-1 win at home April 21.
10. Miami Heat. The Heat became the first No. 10 team to advance out of the play-in tournament.
11. Damian Lillard.
12. Joe Dumars.

Your guide to all things NBA

The NBA playoffs started April 19. For the next two months, we'll be slogging through a lot of games – some exciting, others that make you say “what in the world did I just watch?” – and we're even-tually going to get our winner of the Larry O'Brien Championship trophy for the 2024-25 season some-time before the first day of summer... maybe.

To prepare us all for the long road ahead, here are some news nuggets to chew on. Dipping sauce optional, but not required. –As of this writing, five of the eight first-round playoff series have played two games. Seven of the eight Game 1s were won by at least 10 points, and Oklahoma City – winners of 68 games in the regular season – have kept up the momentum and may finish off the Memphis Grizzlies in a four-game sweep.

–On the flip side of said coin, the series between the Denver Nuggets and Los Angeles Clippers is moving toward an instant classic. The teams have split the first two games, and the combined winning margin has been five points. The Nuggets won Game 1 in overtime by 2 and the Clippers evened the series with a 3-point win in Game 2.

–For the first time in 17 years, the Detroit Pistons won a playoff game, getting a clutch 3-pointer from Dennis Schroeder with less than a minute remaining and beating the New York Knicks, 100-94. Let's admit something here...this was a big relief after Detroit gave up a 21-0 run in the fourth quarter of Game 1 as the Knicks won going away, 123-112.

At long last, a 15-game playoff losing streak has died. The Pistons' last postseason win prior to Game 2 happened May 26, 2008 when they beat the Boston Celtics in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals.

–In his first year with the Pistons, head coach J.B. Bickerstaff led a team that improved by 30 games from the previous season. From a 14-win disaster to the playoffs is impressive, and Bickerstaff

should get serious consideration for NBA Coach of the Year.

–Wild fact that blew me away when I saw it: Twins Amen and Ausar Thompson were drafted side-by-side in 2023 – Amen going first to the Houston Rockets with the fourth pick of the first round and Ausar landing with the Pistons on the very next pick. Two years later, and both

are in the NBA Playoffs.

Let's clarify a point before we go any further. As nice a storyline as it would be, the odds of the Pistons and Rockets reaching the NBA Finals are astronomically long, if not impossible this time around.

–The NBA Draft Lottery is rapidly closing in (May 12, to be precise), and the Utah Jazz have excellent odds of being drawn as the team with the No. 1 pick when the draft happens June 25. The prize for next season is Cooper Flagg, Duke's standout freshman who led the Blue Devils to the Final Four before losing to Houston in the national semifinals.

The Jazz join the Washington Wizards and Charlotte Hornets as the teams with an equal 14 percent chance to win the right to pick the 6-foot-9 one-and-done freshman. While having two Duke stars on the roster feels promising, the Jazz have many more issues to address as they look to improve from a 17-65 record, worst in franchise history, including the New Orleans days. The good news if the No. 1 pick doesn't come through? Utah will pick no worse than fourth when the 2025 NBA Draft starts June 25 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. The realistic expectation here is the Jazz will show at least some progress next season, especially if they can land Cooper Flagg. Even if they can't, there's nowhere else to go but up.



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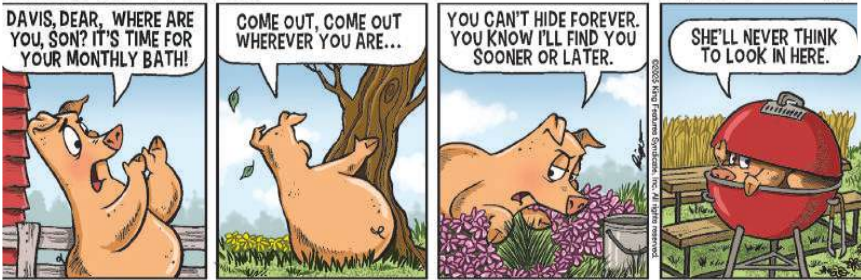
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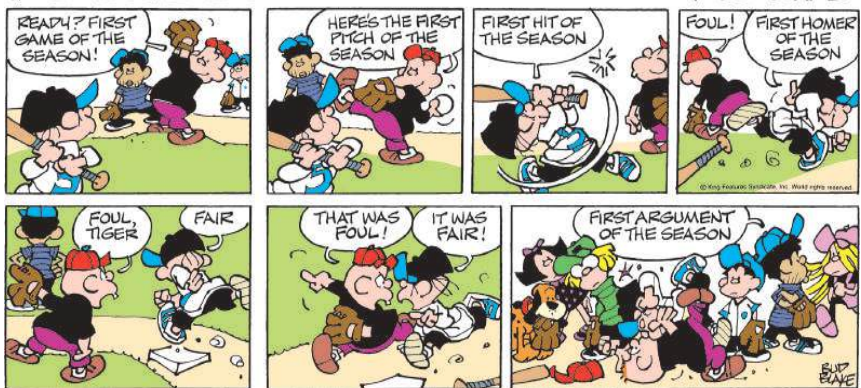
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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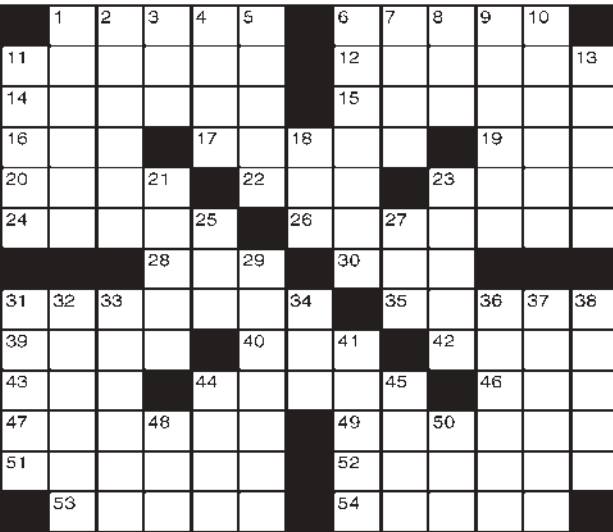
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Answers

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- MOVIES: Who was the first actor to refuse an Oscar award for Best Actor?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which modern city is in the shadow of the active volcano Mount Vesuvius?
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