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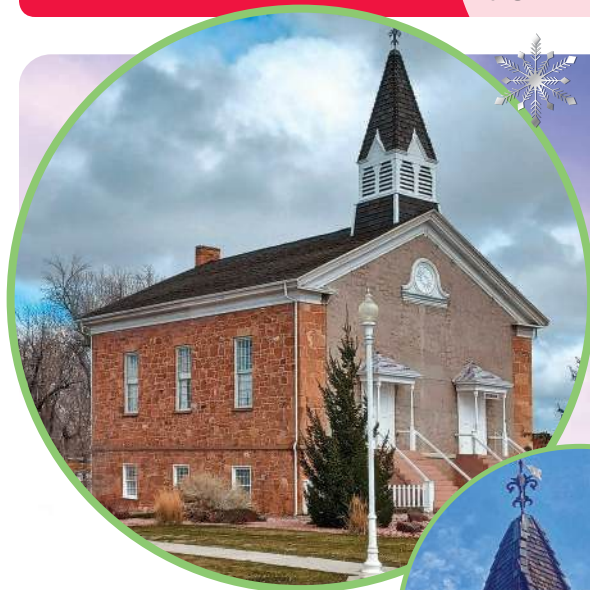
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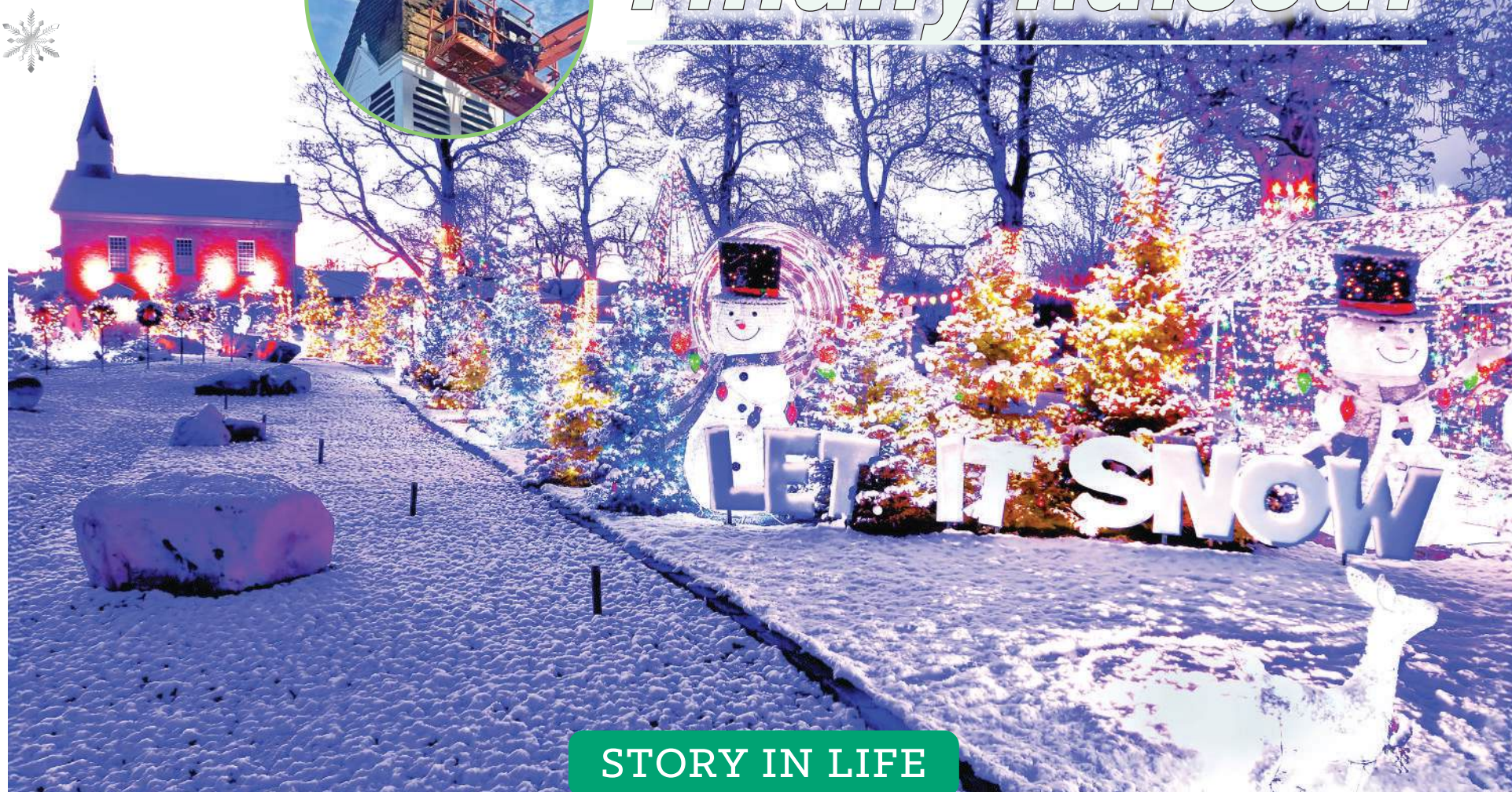
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STORY IN LIFE

MONUMENT TO HONOR K9 RETIRED HEROES

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Take a moment to reflect on just how amazing all working dogs are. From finding explosives and keeping us safe at sporting events to catching criminals on the street, these dogs make our communities much safer.

A monument honoring K9 officers who have served in Utah is located at the Cedar City Cemetery. This memorial is dedicated as a “powerful reminder of the loyalty, sacrifice, and service” these dogs provided to the community.

This past August, the Friends of Iron County Police K9s re-dedicated the Law Enforcement K9 Memorial at the Cedar City Cemetery. The original project came together years ago with the help of a young man completing his Eagle Scout

project. With guidance and generous donations from citizens and government agencies, the first monument was completed. However, weather damage over time created the need to re-design the monument.

Barry and Jordan Yost, who own a company based out of Las Vegas, designed and constructed the new monument. They donated their time, labor, and all associated costs to build it.

The monument lists the names of the police K9s who have served in Iron County. These dogs and their handlers come from various agencies throughout the county and represent bravery, honor, dedication, diligence, and professionalism—rising to a level of heroism few truly understand.

These dogs and their handlers complete hundreds of hours of initial training to become certified K9 teams in Utah. They then continue training for many hours each week to keep their skills sharp. Working police dogs are deployed in some of the most dangerous situations law enforcement officers face, and they do so willingly and without complaint.

K9 police dogs are essential for officer safety, locating lost hikers and missing persons, and detecting illegal substances and explosives with their superior sense of smell. They also participate in community outreach, such as school demonstrations and neighborhood events, to help build positive relationships with the public. Newer roles include “comfort dogs” or therapy dogs that provide emotional support to both officers and community members.

Honoring the Dedication and Sacrifice of All Military and Working Dogs

The police dogs who have served in Iron County have played a vital role in keeping citizens and law enforcement officers safe. They have helped seize thousands of pounds of illegal narcotics, apprehended fugitives and violent suspects, and performed for thousands of residents at public demonstrations.

K9 Motto: “Loyalty, Honor, Strength, Protect, Serve — A Team That Never Quits.”

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Gateway Preparatory Academy Announces Construction of the Andy Burt Center

by Amy Gibson

GATEWAY ACADEMY

Enoch, Utah — November 2025 —

Gateway Preparatory Academy is proud to announce the construction of the Andy Burt Center, a 26,000-square-foot educational facility. Featuring a full-size basketball court, two pickleball courts, a climbing wall, a STEM lab, two early learning centers, and six multipurpose classrooms, the new Center aligns

with several aspects of the public charter school's mission and goals for attainable, purposeful growth.

For the first time, Gateway will introduce a dedicated Montessori preschool program. This program will provide a nurturing environment where young learners can explore, build independence, and develop curiosity as they begin their educational

journey.

"Gateway's mission has always been to create an environment where every student can grow with purpose and curiosity," said Michael Bahr, chair of the Gateway Board of Directors. "The Andy Burt Center reflects that vision by providing a space for innovation, collaboration, and exploration, which are central to our Montessori philosophy."

The new Andy Burt Center will bring exciting opportunities for learning and physical activity through three key spaces. The STEM lab will expand hands-on, project-based experiences that foster curiosity and prepare students for future success in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The motor lab will introduce purposeful movement and climbing activities that build balance, coordination, and focus, supporting both physical and cognitive growth. The multi-use courts will provide flexible space for a variety of activities and offer students and the community a place to gather, play, and learn together.

"Every space in the Andy Burt Center reflects our commitment to providing children with an individualized education that blends practical life skills, curiosity, and respect for learning," said Dave Armour, Gateway's Executive Director. "This new building isn't just an expansion—it's a continuation of our mission to create environments where students can explore their potential and grow with purpose."

Groundbreaking was on November 19th, 2025, with completion anticipated by January 2027. Follow the progress of the Andy Burt Center on Gateway Preparatory Academy's social media channels. For more information on the school, visit www.gpacharter.org or contact the school office at (435) 867-5558.



The Andy Burt Center at Gateway Preparatory Academy to offer space for athletics and more.

Knife fight at nursery leads to attempted murder charge in Iron County

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A fight involving a knife at a rural Iron County nursery ended with one man facing an attempted murder charge after deputies said he pressed a blade to another man's ribs during the struggle.

Juan David Ramirez, 19, was arrested Sunday after deputies responded to reports of a fight in progress at Milgro Nursery near Newcastle.

Ramirez was initially booked on a felony charge of suspicion of aggravated assault along with two misdemeanors. Prosecutors amended the top count to attempted murder the next day after reviewing additional information obtained following his arrest.

According to charging documents filed in 5th District Court in support of the arrest, deputies arrived just after 11 a.m. to find witnesses describing a confrontation that began inside the nursery's break room.

One witness told police Ramirez entered the room and chased another man outside before the fight moved to the ground. The victim reported feeling the knife pressed against his rib during the struggle, though he was not cut or stabbed.

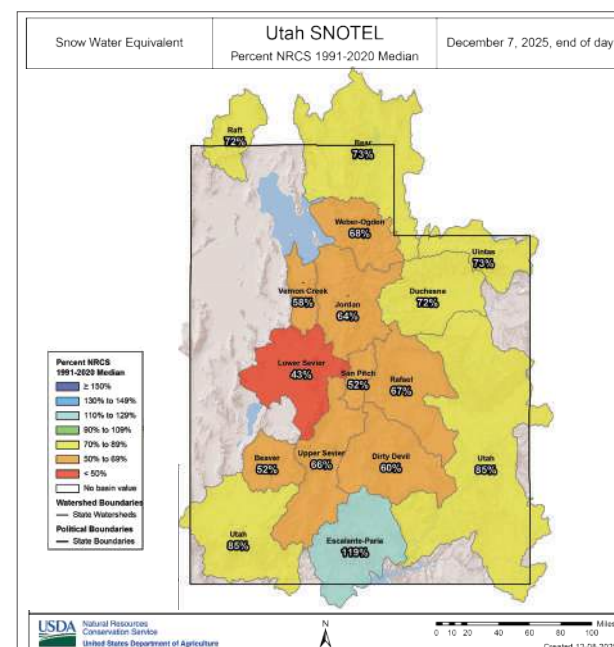
A second witness, who intervened, told deputies Ramirez ran when he saw law enforcement arriving.

When deputies found Ramirez, he reportedly became agitated and told officers the other man "was lucky" they arrived when they did because he would have killed him, according to the affidavit.

During a search, deputies said they found a small bag of methamphetamine in Ramirez's pocket. He allegedly told officers the substance was "crystal."

Ramirez also told officers he was part of the 18th Street gang and said he works at the same job as people he believed were members of MS-13.

Ramirez was booked into the Iron County Jail, where he remained as of Tuesday. The case is still under investigation.



IRON COUNTY FORECAST

A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE WILL KEEP THE BEEHIVE STATE DRY AND MILD THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER. ANY STORM SYSTEMS LOOK TO OUR NORTH ALONG WITH THE COLDER TEMPERATURES.

Check your local forecast anytime at: ABC4.com/weather

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SATURDAY
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FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Common yuletide debates circulate every year about both Christmas movies and Christmas music. Usually, the carol controversy is all about timing. There are the year-round listeners who keep "Jingle Bells" on standby in July. Then there are the November

1st purists who hit play the second Halloween ends. And finally, the traditionalists who insist that Christmas music belongs to December and December alone.

But when it comes to movies... things get a little more heated.

There are husbands who *claim* to endure Hallmark movies (though I would argue many secretly love them). Then there's *It's a Wonderful Life*. Is it uplifting or depressing? Yes, the final sentiment is unmatched, but my goodness. It is long. And it is bleak. You endure nearly two hours of gravitas for ten minutes of joy at the end. If it must be watched, let it play quietly in the background while we bake cookies. I simply cannot dedicate a December evening to emotional whiplash.

And then of course, the Big Debate: *Is Die Hard a Christmas movie?* Quite possibly the most controversial question I've posed in Iron County Today during my tenure. I'm convinced many a Christmas Eve dinner has been derailed over this very topic. As for me? I'll preface this by saying I am a big Die Hard fan. I understand there are Christmas decorations in the background. I understand the timing. But...it's just not a Christmas movie. I said what I said.

What do you think? I fully expect (and welcome!) an inbox full of Letters to the Editor passionately arguing the other side. Whatever your movie persuasion, I hope you get to enjoy your favorites with family close by, presents to wrap, and cookies warm from the oven. Merry watching!

WORD OF THE WEEK

TRANQUIL

[tran-kuil]
adjective

free from agitation of mind or spirit

SHENEMAN THE STAR LEDGER



"THE DOJ REDACTED IT."

Dear Fellow Utahns,
As we navigate the fallout from Utah's redistricting debacle, I want to speak directly to you.

Like many of you, I am deeply unhappy-frustrated, even— with how this mess played out.

Naive promises of "fair maps" and "bipartisan reform" through initiatives like Better Boundaries and Prop 4 have inevitably resulted in a court-imposed map.

The truth is, some Republican leaders co-chaired Prop 4, but now decry what their actions produced. Meanwhile, the Utah GOP's decision to import out-of-state signature gatherers at great expense—millions in donor funds for flights, hotels, and paid harvesters—skips over our abundant, local volunteers.

It raises serious questions about our State Party.

This isn't the volunteer-driven, unifying process that Utahns deserve. Instead, it depends on outsiders, an out-of-state PAC, and on spending a lot of other people's money.

That said, despite my deep dissatisfaction with the origins of this chaos, I am signing the petition to repeal Prop 4 and put it before voters in 2026. Why? Because the people of Utah, not judges or lobbyists, should have the final say. Because the people of Utah, not judges

or lobbyists, should have the final say. Getting it on the ballot is the best way to make sure your voice is heard loud and clear.

For those considering whether to sign: Do your research. Look into the facts—the constitutional roles of our legis-

lature, the origins and influences behind Better Boundaries, and why our party is in this position. In other words, verify, verify, verify. If, after doing your due diligence, you choose to sign and advocate for repeal, I support you.

However, if your research leads you to a different conclusion and you decide not to sign, I respect that as well. Utah's strength comes from informed citizens making principled choices, not blind allegiance. Don't be a Sheeple! Let's transform this frustration and chaos into a united effort. Utahns have come together before, and we can do so again now.

Together, we must demand more from our leaders, hold individuals accountable, and rebuild trust in the process. The path ahead is ours to create, and it is a privilege to work and serve alongside each of you!

If you want information or locations to sign the petition, please email lymanforutah@gmail.com

Phil Lyman

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Now I Have A Machine Gun. Ho Ho Ho."

—John McClane's Message, *Die Hard*

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Who is the Forgotten Man?

PART 1

by **Edy Meredith**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The forgotten man, Joseph, is primarily detailed in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke where the accounts highlight his righteousness, obedience to God, and his role in the early years of the life of Jesus. He is introduced as the fiancé and husband of Mary (Miriam) who became the mother of Jesus. When Joseph is introduced as the son of Jacob, his lineage establishes the legal right of Jesus to the throne of David. In Matthew, Joseph is shown as righteous and obedient. Joseph was not afraid to lose his standing in his community due to gossip or loss of community approval. While Joseph is shown as a mature man, Mary his betrothed is believed to be of an age that we would call Mary a teenager. In Matthew 1:18-25 we find: "Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah (Christ) was as follows: after Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit" (according to the Law in the Old Testament Mary would be stoned to death for infidelity and unrighteousness). "Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a published example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.' So, all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin

shall be with child and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.' Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus." Jesus from the Greek means the one who saves. Joseph's response to the angel's message showcases his faith and willingness to follow God's plan despite societal expectations. He believed what the angel said, and faithfully followed the Angel's instructions.

Joseph continues to play an important role in the early life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament; however, the Bible provides limited information about his life and eventual fate. We will explore more about what the New Testament says about Joseph, examining his life through historical and traditional perspectives, considering the theological implications of his life and his disappearance from the biblical narrative. If only males were as faithful as Joseph and females as faithful as Mary.

Next week, we will consider Joseph's additional actions taken to protect Mary and Jesus from destruction by jealous religious, political, and ruling authorities. Joseph's legacy extends beyond his narrative absence in the later Gospels. His life holds significant theological implications for understanding righteousness, obedience, and the human aspect of the upbringing of Jesus, including aspects of age and life span, Joseph's role in Jesus' life, and the status of women as we look more at the life of Joseph. While the New Testament provides limited information about Joseph's later life and eventual fate, his role in the early life of Jesus is clearly significant. Please take out your Bible and re-read the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John while looking for significant information about Faithful Joseph. Why was Jesus known as a carpenter early in His ministry?

Think about what Joseph provided for Jesus: 1) A legal lineage to King David and his throne, 2) a stable and sound family environment, and 3) a model of righteous living. Joseph's obedience to God's guidance ensured the safety of Jesus during His early years, fulfilling various prophecies and divine plans. I also suggest that you may want to purchase the following book by Howard Edington: "The Forgotten

Man of Christmas" whose title also provided the title for this series of articles. Let's learn from Joseph and Mary in the Christmas story. Next week, more about Joseph's legacy and theological significance. Christmas is a memorial to the first family of Christmas. Remember the reason for the season!

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Annexation of Property Near 3000 North

A request was presented to annex about 18 acres near 3000 North by the school bus garage. The property is within the city’s annexation boundary and is expected to be developed for light industrial use.

Much of the land falls under airport overlay zones, which heavily restrict residential construction — in some areas allowing only one home per five acres, and in others prohibiting housing entirely due to aircraft safety concerns.

The commission discussed whether annexing an isolated parcel was beneficial. Staff noted that 3000 North is already annexed and that water and sewer are available, though sewer depth makes industrial development more practical than residential.

Concerns were raised about nearby homeowners, as the general plan already designates the area for future light industrial use. Any future development or zone changes would require separate applications and additional public input.

A local resident also noted that airport restrictions and county rules already limit residential use, making industrial development the only realistic option.

The commission voted unanimously to forward a positive recommendation for annexation.

Building Materials Ordinance Discussion

The commission reviewed proposed updates to commercial building material standards for Main Street and 200 North. The changes aim to replace unclear terms like “preferred” and “discouraged” with clear “permitted” and “prohibited” materials to improve enforcement.

Key proposed updates include:

- Allowing stucco on up to 60% of facades
- Allowing aluminum composite materials as accents
- Requiring at least two approved materials on each building
- Applying requirements only to street-facing sides and reducing the side-wrap rule from 30 feet to possibly 5–10 feet
- Adding flexibility for materials that closely resemble approved ones

The downtown core (200 North to 200 South) would still have stricter rules, limiting buildings to natural stone, brick veneer, and composite lap siding, with other materials capped at 25%.

A local developer shared cost and design concerns, noting that current requirements affect lease rates and project feasibility. They supported most of the updates and strongly recommended reducing the wrap requirement to avoid awkward design constraints.

Commissioners discussed how much architectural regulation the city should impose. Most agreed some standards are needed to protect the look and feel of major corridors, which support tourism, business attraction, and community identity. Residential areas are exempt from such rules under state law.

Staff will revise the proposal and return in January after gathering input from the downtown economic committee. The discussion reflected efforts to balance city character, development costs, and long-term planning goals.

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Mayor’s Report

As the mayor nears the end of his four-year term, he reviewed major accomplishments and reflected on his direct leadership style and professional background.

Key Accomplishments

Infrastructure:

The administration focused on creating a north-south corridor along 100 East to ease Main Street traffic. The project is now out for bid, with construction planned to 900 North.

Parks:

Projects included rebuilding Discovery Park, improving West Canyon Park, and securing land for a long-promised park in the Fiddler’s Canyon area. A 93-acre land donation west of town also enabled new soccer fields and a pond.

Recreation:

The mayor supported small neighborhood gyms, while the council preferred one large recreation complex.

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	\$30,800,000,000	\$132,282,649	\$221,113,931	\$77,269,263	67,617	2.7
ANNUAL INCREASE	10.7%	15.5%	17.8%	0%	3.4%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Although funding has been allocated, construction hasn't started. The city did complete an outdoor pickleball complex.

Commercial Development

Two major grocery chains have committed to new stores on the north and south ends of the city, improving access for rapidly growing neighborhoods.

Water: Main Focus

Water remained the top priority. The city advanced plans for a deep well in Cedar Canyon, worked with northern landowners on Rush Lake water resources, and purchased rights that will tie into a western pipeline system.

Water Rights:

Nearly 3,000 acre feet of senior water rights were purchased, boosting the city's reliable supply, an important step given the basin's over-allocation.

Wastewater Reuse

The city upgraded its wastewater plant to produce irrigation-quality water. A new treatment building is nearly complete, and a future pipeline will return reclaimed water to the city.

Closing

The mayor thanked the community and acknowledged remaining challenges. The council then proceeded with routine business, including ordinance updates, fee changes, and approval of a monument concept for the Cross Hollows Event Center.

Board Appointments and Annexations

The council appointed a new member to the Board of Adjustments and accepted a petition to annex 5 acres near 3000 North for future medium-density housing.

Sidewalk Installation Debate

The council discussed whether developers should be allowed to delay sidewalk installation until homes are built to avoid damage from construction equipment. While the Planning Commission opposed the idea over concerns about long-term gaps, developers argued that repairs are costly. A possible compromise included

allowing delays but requiring installation within a set timeframe, along with stronger bonding requirements.

Zone Changes and Development

A property on North 400 West was rezoned from commercial to medium-density residential to match existing use. The council also reviewed a proposal to rezone 19 acres near 3000 North and 400 West to light industrial due to airport-related restrictions on housing.

Water Conservation and Planning

The council reviewed an update to the city's water plan, noting reduced per-person use but ongoing groundwater limits. Proposed strategies include smart irrigation controllers, education efforts, and balancing conservation with residents' desire for green spaces. There was some concern that conservation policies may be viewed as encouraging more growth.

Infrastructure Projects

The lowest bid for the 100 East reconstruction project was accepted. Staff noted that the contractor has improved since previous issues. The project includes full pavement reconstruction and chip seal work.

A separate agreement allows a supplier to provide materials and install sidewalks, as part of their development obligations.

Traffic and Safety Improvements

Plans for a new traffic signal at Kittyhawk Drive and Bulldog Road focus on adding warning systems and adjusting timing rather than major intersection changes, addressing visibility issues near the overpass while keeping truck and pedestrian movements in mind.

Budget and Future Planning

Budget revisions redirected funds toward new sports field facilities, and the council stressed the need for more road connections between growing subdivisions. The meeting ended with approval of the 2026 meeting schedule and authorization to purchase a Type 5 brush truck.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



REP. REX SHIPP
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 72

Wrapping Up the Interim Process

With our final interim meetings now behind us, I'm proud of the steady,

detailed work we've done throughout the year to prepare for the upcoming 2026 General Session. Interim is where much of the real governing happens—months of studying issues, reviewing data, meeting with stakeholders, and refining ideas long before any bill reaches the House floor. Throughout the year, our committees dug deep into topics ranging from education and water policy to tax reform, transportation, public safety, and family well-being.

Now that interim has officially wrapped, the Legislature will not convene again until the General Session begins on **January 20, 2026**. Thanks to this year-long effort, we're entering the session ready to move meaningful, well-informed legislation that strengthens our communities and supports Utahns across the state. I'm excited for what's ahead—and grateful for everyone who engaged in the process along the way. As always, I encourage you to stay engaged—whether by attending in person or tuning in at le.utah.gov—and I hope to see you at the Capitol next year.

Redistricting Update

There's been a lot of confusion around Utah's redistricting process, so here's the bottom line: the Legislature is actively appealing Judge Gibson's ruling. A single unelected judge attempted to take mapmaking authority away from Utah's elected representatives and imposed a map drawn by outside political operatives with no public input. While her deadlines and delays create challenges for the 2026 election, we are not slowing down or giving up.

Redistricting is a constitutional responsibility of lawmakers who are accountable to voters. When courts take over this process, Utahns lose their voice. We are also pursuing a long-term solution: a proposed constitutional amendment for the 2026 ballot that would safeguard Utah's lawmaking process and keep decision-making aligned with Utah values.

In the meantime, the Legislature will continue to push back on this ruling and defend the integrity of our system, ensuring that Utahns remain at the center of decisions that affect their elections.

Utah's Fiscal Discipline Continues to Pay Off

A new report highlights what many of us already know: Utah's commitment to strong, conservative financial stewardship is working. Our state now ranks 45th in the nation for lowest total debt per person—far below the national average—and we've paid down our debt by an impressive 66% since 2021. This didn't happen by accident. It's the result of years of disciplined budgeting, living within our means, and planning ahead instead of kicking problems down the road. I'm committed to continuing this approach: protecting your tax dollars, keeping our state financially resilient, and ensuring Utah remains one of the best-run, most fiscally responsible states in the nation.

More Access, Less Burden: Higher Education in Utah

A new report brings great news for Utah families: our state now ranks #1 in the nation for the lowest higher-education cost burden, with college expenses averaging just 27% of median income—far below states like Pennsylvania, where costs exceed 72%. Even better, enrollment in Utah's public colleges and universities continues to grow, rising 4.2% this year to more than 216,000 students. This is a strong sign that our investments and

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reforms are working. As your state representative, I'm committed to building on this progress by keeping higher education affordable, accessible, and aligned with the workforce needs that strengthen Utah's future.

Investing in Recreation and the Outdoors

Utah is making a major investment in our outdoor future, directing \$21 million toward 38 new recreation projects across the state. From regional bike parks and trail expansions to campground improvements and land acquisitions, these grants will help strengthen community recreation, boost local economies, and preserve Utah's incredible natural landscapes. I was proud to help support this funding in the Legislature. These projects aren't just about making things prettier — they're long-term investments in quality of life, stewardship, and outdoor opportunity for every Utahn.

Merry Christmas

As we celebrate this Christmas season, I want to share my heartfelt gratitude with each of you. Serving our community is one of the greatest honors of my life, and I'm truly thankful for your trust, your involvement, and your commitment to making our district such a wonderful place to call home. This time of year reminds us of the things that matter most—family, faith, generosity, and the simple joy of gathering with the people we love. I hope your holidays are filled with peace, warmth, and meaningful moments, and that the new year brings health, happiness, and renewed hope to every household. Merry Christmas and happy holidays from my family to yours!

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Utah House of Representatives Report Rep. Carl Albrecht December 2025



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

REP. CARL ALBRECHT
UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 70

As 2025 comes to a close, I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve you in the Utah Legislature.

This year has been full of thoughtful work, important decisions, and meaningful progress on issues that impact every Utah family. From the careful preparation during Interim Meetings to defending our constitutional processes and advancing fiscally responsible policies, it's been an honor to represent our communities. Here's a quick look at some of the key highlights:

- **Wrapping Up Interim Meetings:** Our Committees spent the year preparing for the 2026 General Session, studying issues from education and water policy to tax reform, energy, transportation, public safety, and family well-being. The Legislature won't convene again until January 20, 2026, but the groundwork we've laid ensures we're ready to pass meaningful legislation.
- **Redistricting Update:** We are appealing Judge Gibson's ruling that attempted to take mapmaking authority from Utah's elected representatives. Redistricting is a constitutional responsibility of lawmakers accountable to voters. We're also pursuing a long-term solution—a proposed constitutional amendment for the 2026 ballot to protect Utah's

lawmaking process.

- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Utah ranks 45th nationally in total debt per person and has paid down 66% of the state's debt since 2021. Our disciplined budgeting and financial stewardship keep Utah strong and resilient, protecting taxpayer dollars while supporting essential projects and services.
- **Higher Education:** Utah families continue to benefit from affordable higher education, with costs averaging just 27% of median income—lowest in the nation. Enrollment in public colleges and universities is up 4.2%, showing the success of our investments and reforms.
- **Investing in Recreation:** The Legislature directed \$21 million toward 38 outdoor recreation projects, from trail expansions to campground improvements, strengthening communities and preserving Utah's natural beauty for future generations.

As we enjoy this Holiday Season, I want to thank you for your trust, your engagement, and your commitment to our community. Your involvement—whether attending meetings, providing feedback, or simply staying informed—helps make Utah stronger and more vibrant. I encourage you to stay connected, attend sessions in person, or watch them online at le.utah.gov, and I hope to see you at the Capitol next year.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Here's to a bright and hopeful 2026!

With gratitude,
Carl Albrecht
Utah House of Representatives
District 70

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Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games to Host 2025 Cafe Sabor Thunderbird Drill Invitational

by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

CEDAR CITY, Utah (December 3, 2025) - The Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games will host the 2025 Cafe Sabor Thunderbird Drill Invitational Dec. 12-13 in the America First Event Center on the campus of Southern Utah University.

"Our department has great excitement in welcoming 30 of Utah's best high school drill teams to Cedar City and Southern Utah University for this year's 'Cafe Sabor Thunderbird Drill Invitational,'" said Jon Oglesby, Executive Director of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games. "We are excited to showcase the beauty of Cedar City in

December, while featuring some of the state's best high school dancers and celebrating their accomplishments on the SUU campus."

Among this year's top-notch participants are local schools, Canyon View High School and Parowan High School, as well as other teams from across the state ranging from the 2A to 6A level.

The two-day event will begin with solo performances starting on Friday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. and running throughout the evening. On Saturday, Dec. 13, team competition for 5A and 6A will begin at 7:30 a.m. and 2A, 3A, and 4A will follow in the afternoon. The full schedule of events can be found on the USG website. Fans interested in attending

the invitational can purchase tickets online. Tickets will be sold separately for solo and team competition.

In addition to the traditional awards given at the competition, the new HOPE Award will be presented at the Café Sabor Thunderbird Drill Invitational, recognizing the team in each classification that donates the most weight in food and full-sized toiletry items to the Southern Utah University HOPE (Helping Our People Eat) Pantry, which serves SUU students experiencing food insecurity. Requested items include peanut butter, canned meat, canned soup, pasta/sauce, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, and deodorant. Participating schools can drop off their donations in a designated box in the SUU Student Center Rotunda on Saturday, Dec. 13, with the official weighing to determine the winner taking place after the Military routines for each pod and classification. Parents, fans, and team supporters are welcome to participate on behalf of their teams.

Fans are also reminded about the clear bag policy that is in place for this event. More information on the policy can be found on the SUU website.

Judge urges lifetime imprisonment for Parowan man convicted of child sexual abuse

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 5th District Court judge this week issued the harshest penalty allowed under Utah law for a child-sex crime, recommending the defendant never be released from prison.

Judge Matthew Bell imposed a sentence of 15 years to life on Dylan Christian Stubbs, 30, who was convicted in June of sexually abusing a six-year-old girl at an in-home daycare in Parowan.

The case returned to court after months of post-trial motions and a failed attempt by the defense to overturn the jury's verdict.

"These are difficult and sad cases," Bell said. "Given the history of repeated instances of sexually victimizing children and the defendant's failure to take accountability, he presents an extreme and unmanageable risk to the community. Therefore, this court will recommend that the defendant never be released."

Prosecutor Shane Klenk urged the court to impose the maximum sentence, outlining what he described as a long pattern of predatory behavior that continues to pose a serious risk.

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bly sexually deviant, and has been since a very young age,” he said. “This extreme deviancy is amplified by a complete lack of empathy or remorse, an insatiable desire to perpetrate on any child he has access to, and a keen ability to manipulate vulnerable victims, trusted adults and even the therapists meant to rehabilitate him.”

Klenk outlined what he called an “incalculable wake of destruction,” beginning when Stubbs was a juvenile.

He reminded the court that during trial, Stubbs’s own mother testified that he “did not feel any remorse and he would never stop.” She also described seeing a handwritten list her son created, naming dozens of children he had victimized.

“He boasted that it would not matter because he was a juvenile and there would not be serious consequences,” he said. “She was absolutely correct

about his lack of remorse, and she was absolutely correct that he would never stop.”

Klenk said the girl at the center of the case, now fourteen, and her family made choices that changed the course of the investigation and likely prevented further harm.

“But for the courage of the victim and her family in this case, the defendant would be free and he would still be victimizing,” he said. “Our community owes them a tremendous debt of gratitude.”

Several individuals who were abused as children by Stubbs in earlier years also testified during the June trial. Klenk said their willingness to return to traumatic memories played a crucial role in establishing the pattern necessary for the jury to understand the full scope of the case.

“One voice became many,” he said. “They chose to participate and

return to a chapter of their lives they never wished to revisit.”

The grandmother of one victim sat in the courtroom during sentencing. Klenk thanked her specifically, saying she was “instrumental” in bringing the case forward.

Defense attorney Sean Hullinger did not dispute the prison recommendation. He joined Adult Probation and Parole in asking the court to follow the mandatory sentence and noted that Stubbs is also facing a second, unrelated first-degree felony case involving sodomy on a child.

Because of that pending case, Hullinger said Stubbs would not make a statement.

Stubbs has remained in the Iron County Jail since his arrest in December 2021. Before trial, his attorneys filed a motion challenging Utah’s Rule 404(c), which allows jurors to hear evidence of uncharged acts in child-sex cases.

In that filing, they argued such defendants were treated like a “protected class” under discrimination laws, a comparison prosecutors sharply criticized.

After the conviction, Stubbs’s attorneys asked the court to overturn the jury’s verdict, claiming improper arguments in closing statements and constitutional violations.

Judge Meb Anderson, who inherited the case after the original judge retired, held a hearing on those issues in August and ultimately rejected the defense’s request.

In addition to the prison sentence, Bell imposed a maximum fine of \$10,000 and a \$53 court security fee. No restitution claims have been filed, but the court left the statutory window open.

Stubbs was remanded immediately to the Utah Department of Corrections.

His second case remains active. The court scheduled a WebEx hearing for March 4 at 1:45 p.m. to determine next steps in that matter.



Running for reelection to the Utah Senate *I Ask for Your Vote in 2026*

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Serving you in the Utah State Senate has been one of the greatest honors of my life. After much thought and encouragement from many of you, **I am announcing my decision to run for re-election.** It’s a critical time in our state that needs proven, successful leadership, someone who knows and loves our area, and will fight tirelessly to protect what makes us the best place in the world to live, work, and raise families.

Together, we’ve made real progress. I’ve worked to **strengthen our education system, invest in critical water and transportation infrastructure, support small**

businesses, and ensure our rural communities get the resources and attention they deserve. As a leader in the Legislature, I’ve helped shape policies that reflect our values of fiscal responsibility, local decision-making, and practical problem-solving.

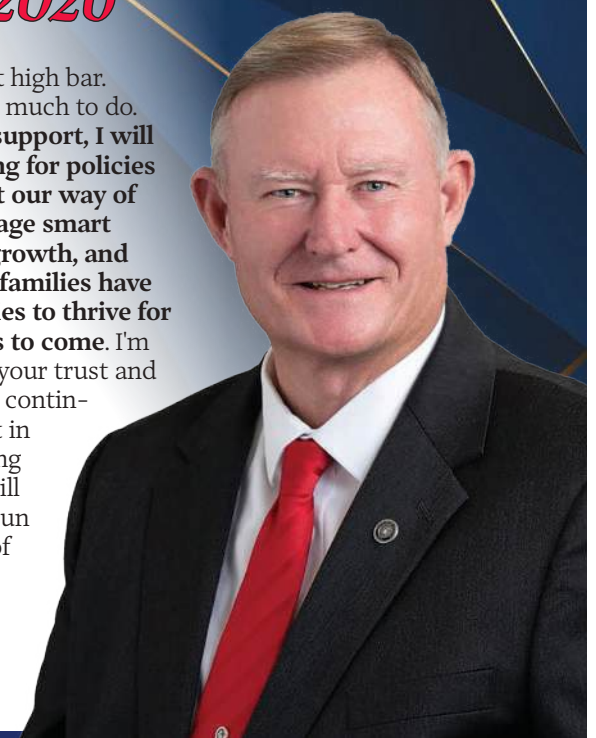
As important, and maybe even more so, **we need leaders with integrity who are willing to lead as strong examples of what is good and right in our community.** There has been much discord politically in our world and in our area. How we move through that is by choosing leaders who are willing to live the harder, higher road of civility and good will,

who seek to build instead of tear down. This is something that by example I have lived my entire life. There is a better way forward, and it comes from the good people I represent in Juab, Millard, Beaver, Iron, and Washington counties, the people who work hard every single day to make our area the best it can be, coming together to choose the leaders who cherish and prioritize the values that founded this blessed area we call home. My number one priority has been to make sure the people I represent have a say in the Utah Legislature. It is so critical that those of us from rural Utah have someone representing them who is a trusted and respected leader. I have done my very best

to meet that high bar.

There is much to do. **With your support, I will keep fighting for policies that protect our way of life, encourage smart economic growth, and ensure our families have opportunities to thrive for generations to come.** I’m grateful for your trust and ask for your continued support in the upcoming election. I will be filing to run in January of 2026.

Sincerely,
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HELLO December

A Season of Reflection, Joy, and
New Beginnings

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

As winter settles across Southern Utah and the holiday season begins to glow, December arrives with a familiar sense of wonder. It is a month wrapped in lights, crisp air, and cozy memories—inviting us all to slow down, bundle up, and appreciate the simple magic this time of year brings. With its first snowfalls and sparkling mornings, December encourages us to tie up the loose ends of the year and step forward with renewed clarity. As one reflection beautifully notes, “December has the clarity, the simplicity, and the silence you need for the best fresh start of your life.” It is a season that reminds us to leave a little sparkle wherever we go, embracing a mindset of hope and possibility.

Winter has always belonged to imagination. While spring may color the world with flowers, December paints with creativity—through twinkling lights, festive traditions, and the quiet stillness that inspires reflection. And for those born in this month, research even suggests a special perk: December birthdays are linked to longevity and academic strength, adding a fun touch of trivia to the seasonal cheer. But beyond the weather and whimsy, December carries deeper meaning. It is the month that brings Christmas home—uniting families, lifting spirits, and fostering gratitude. It offers a chance to redirect our focus from the rush of gift-giving to the true essence of the season: love, connection, and giving of ourselves. The fondest holiday memories aren’t wrapped in paper but in warmth—the smell of homemade

cookies, the crunch of snow under our boots, cozy quilts, and the laughter of family gathered together. These are the gifts that linger long after the holidays fade.

As we approach the close of another remarkable year, December invites us to look inward with intention. It encourages compassion for those who struggle, mindfulness in our own actions, and a commitment to live each day with purpose. It reminds us that the truest treasures we offer are kindness, time, and memories—gifts that outlast anything money can buy.

So as the final month unfolds, may we all use it wisely. Let us cherish family, nurture friendships, create traditions, and greet each day with gratitude. After all, as the saying goes, “Hello December, you are the last one, so be the best one.”



Love, Loneliness, and the Peanut Guy

by Russell Wrangle

GUEST COLUMN

My mom died alone in an assisted living home. Before that, she had lived with my sister, my sister who was on the front lines, exhausted, and stretched so thin. One day, while my sister was at work, my mom fell in the driveway. An unknown neighbor called the ambulance. Returning home from work, mom no where to be found, my sister spent the afternoon and evening calling hospitals and morgues, trying to find her. Eventually, she located her in a hospital, with a huge gash on her forehead. Even though we knew it would be the beginning of the end for her, we transitioned my mom from the hospital to the assisted living home. My mom died a Dodgers fan. She never missed a game on TV. Growing up, we went to Dodger Stadium as a family, the names of third baseman

Ron Cey (the Penguin) and first baseman Steve Garvey easily come to mind when I think of those days. I think my mom had a girl crush on the "Penguin". We ate dodger dogs and peanuts and watched the crowd as much as the field.



Today, I heard a story about the Dodger Stadium peanut guy, whose signature behind-the-back and between-the-legs tosses made him a local celebrity. I hadn't thought of him in fifty years, but

I realized he was the same man who once tossed a bag of peanuts to me. His iconic peanut tossing was halted in 2024 due to a stroke, the first season he missed since the year after the stadium opened. He spent months alone in a rehab hospital, all but forgotten, unable to work, until someone heard what happened and sent him a get-well card. Then another person did. And another. Before long, his room was filled with cards, flowers, and love. He started to recover, and now, in his 80s, he's back at the stadium, tossing peanuts again.

Not from twenty rows down anymore, but still connecting and still bringing joy. He says it was all the cards and letters that saved him. He was no longer alone.

There's a well-documented study that says loneliness is as deadly as smoking two packs of cigarettes a day. In other words, isolation literally kills us. Connection,

even small gestures of it can heal. At Shape Theory, we see this every day. People walk in, sometimes alone, sometimes with a friend, and leave having laughed, shared stories, touched clay, and connected through a material that's ancient and profoundly human. The humanities and art teach us that making and meaning are inseparable, that to create is so deeply human, and to create with peers and acquaintances is to belong, to be seen, to exist in relation to others.

Clay, like life, responds to touch.

When I think of my mom and the peanut guy, I think of how both were shaped by connection, one who lost it, one who regained it. Both remind me why third spaces, community gathering places like Shape Theory, your local coffeeshop, or yoga classes matter: because being seen, cared for, and creatively engaged is not only a luxury, it's also survival.



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by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

For the past three summers I have written many stories about our historic Old Rock Church here in Parowan. You have probably read way too much about all the needed fundraising that has been going on for these three years....well the goal is finally met and the work is complete!

After the many auctions, bake sales, memorial brick placements and ORC Days memorabilia, cash and Venmo donations, and with special thanks to the Anne and Dixie Leavitt Foundation matching fund, the goals for the restoration of the Old Rock Church have been met. So, as of this writing, the on-going theme of "Raise the Roof" is finally completed, along with the exterior painting last year and the straightening of the steeple and now, the biggest project of all: a new roof for an old church and museum.

Back in mid-October, a partnership between local contractors, Pendleton Builders and Stout Roofing Company tore into the old roof of the historic

church and began to remove tons of old wood shake shingles, 30+ feet above the ground, working at warp speed. For those of you who have waited endlessly for a contractor to complete a job on your own house, this was a rare treat. As I drove by every day, first, the old shingles were gone, then sheets of plywood beefed up the old structure and a plastic moisture barrier over everything was completed within a week or so and new composite shake shingles began to appear as the old church took on a new look.

For those who are not familiar with our landmark church, the work on it began in 1861 by the original Parowan Pioneers. It took 13 years to complete the work. Forklifts and backhoes were nowhere to be seen back then! The ORC was **"The center of the public square"** built from local stones and timbers and was used for worship, a meeting hall, school dances and the Parowan class of 1917-18 was taught there. A larger church replaced it in the early 20th century, and the ORC was deeded to the City in the mid 1970's. It is still the proud face of the Mother Town and now serves as a museum that is curated by

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. The historical artifacts on display are a time machine to a bygone era.

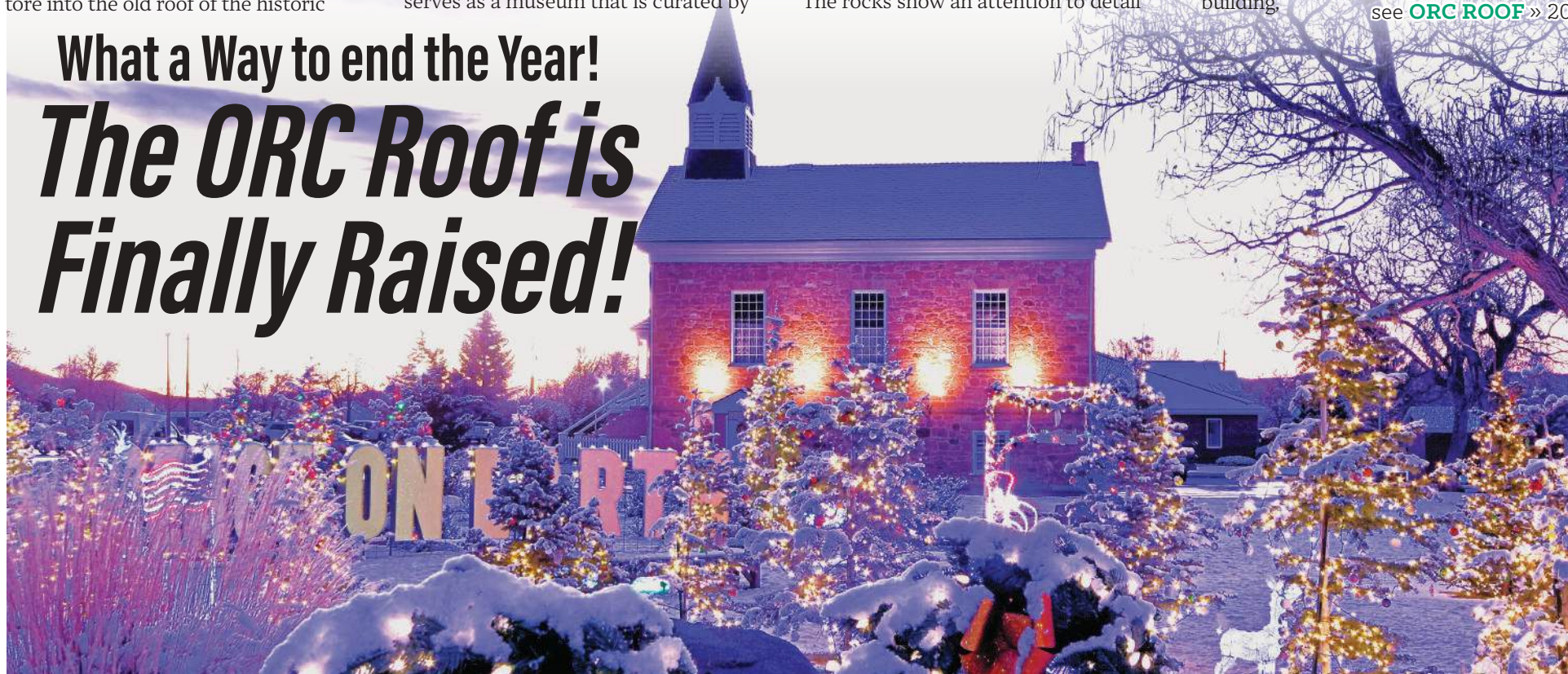
City Manager Dan Jessen noted to me that the pioneers who designed and built the Old Rock Church were basically boat builders and you can see the influence of that style of craftsmanship throughout the building but especially in the roof structure. Large, sturdy planks are hand fitted with old construction style mortise and tenon joints and impeccable handmade nails are found along with other innovative carpentry techniques evident of high skill levels and careful attention to detail. The planks along with the other lumber used were all locally sourced and of high-quality pine, that even after over 150 years and lots of wind, rain, snow and weather shows almost no water damage or dry rot and are in nearly pristine condition. The rocks show an attention to detail



and sturdiness that makes this iconic structure the focal point and gem of Parowan architecture and heritage. The Old Rock Church, built in the 1800's, and other two church buildings on the public square, 1 built in the 1900's (built by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright) and the newest building.

see **ORC ROOF** » 20

What a Way to end the Year! *The ORC Roof is Finally Raised!*



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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.ironcountyrpublicanwomen.com

Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 5:30 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

Kiwanis Club of Iron County

1st Tuesday of each month at the Cedar City library. ironcountykiwanisclub@gmail.com

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 Thurs, 6PM, Post 10846 meets @ Elks Lodge, 111 E 200 N.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

(435) 635-3603 • www.utahaa.org. Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829 KKCBC 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-caringiving to bereavement and rebuilding welcome. INFO: Kat at 702-292-9911.

Embrace Grace

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Grief Support Group

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

Helproom

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

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Narcotics Anonymous

www.nasouthernutah.org • (435) 635-9603

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

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 • Mountain View Lodge 625 W 200 S Parowan UT 84724 • 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 @ Sonrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, info@sonrisechurch.net, sonrisechurch.net.

CLASSES, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Adult Barre/Modern Dance

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

Arthritis Foundations Exercise

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

Bingo & Lunch

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

Book Club

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

Cars & Custard

2nd Mon., 6-8 PM at Culver's Treasures Thrift Store is: 1093 S Main Street, Cedar City, UT. 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 parkrun

Saturday 9 am • West Canyon Park, (133 S 400 E) • Free 5K for runners, joggers & walkers. Volunteers welcome. Info: Bruce @ 435-301-5480 or coalcreektrail@parkrun.com

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 Sundays at 2:00pm @ 1280 E Midvalley Rd. Leave a message for Bonnie 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.

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

Iron County Democrats

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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.

Labyrinth Walk

Last Saturday, 12:00-2:00. St. Jude's Episcopal Church (70 N 200 W, 1 block north of W University Blvd). No Charge. Please join us in a sacred, calm environment for walking prayer on the largest indoor labyrinth in the state of Utah. No experience required, facilitators are present.

Local Cub Scout Pack (K–5th).

Wednesday @ 6 p.m. For more information, go to myscouting.org or contact local Cubmaster Tristin L. at CubScoutTroop1848UT@gmail.com

Parowan Pickleball

Mon, 6-8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9-12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and signup: Season: October 21 to July 25. Parowan Rec, 35 E 100 N, Parowan, UT 84761. 435-600-1597.

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/BZiePW63pR6Zd8k9

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.

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

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Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Youth Group

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

celebrations



Welcome Home, Hermana Roundy!

Sister Abigail Roundy, daughter of Lee & Suzanne Roundy, is returning home after faithfully serving in the Peru Lima South Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She will give her homecoming talk on Sunday, December 14th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cedarview Ward chapel, located at 1925 West 320 South.

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PAROWAN FESTIVAL OF TREES

(4PM-7PM) and Saturday Dec 13 (11AM-4PM) Festival of Trees, Santa, Hot Cocoa, Family Activities, and a Family Movie. Held at Cedar Rose Estate (995 W Old Hwy 91, Parowan)

SAT, DEC 13

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (2PM) @

Cedar City Cemetery. This event honors our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes, saying their names, and thanking each one.

PICTURES WITH SANTA - PRIME

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We are excited to bring this timeless tradition to Cedar City, Utah for the fourth annual production. Canyon View High School Auditorium. 1pm and 7pm. Tickets at available at: communitynutcracker.com

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SUN, DEC 14

HANDEL'S MESSIAH (7:30PM)

The Orchestra of Southern Utah will present its 85th annual performance of the holiday tradition of Handel's Messiah on December 14 and 15, 2025, at the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT) Admission is free, but tickets are required and can be reserved at www.myosu.org.

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF THE CHRIST CHILD (4PM-8PM) @ 1985 N Main St. Cedar City. Please join us: Display of Hundreds of Nativities from around the word. Live children's nativity, live musical performances.

TUES, DEC 16

WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS WITH

Disabilities (1-2PM) The Art of Making Music & Motion. Held at The LIGHTHOUSE Art & Learning Center (between Sweet Basil & Subway restaurants). Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151

FRI, DEC 19

JUNIOR BALLET - THE NUTCRACKER

(7:30PM) Dec 19th through the 20th. Enjoy the classical ballet company designed to involve community talent of all ages. Heritage Center Theater. Tickets available at Heritage Center Box Office or online at cedarcityjuniorballet.org

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schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

East Elementary

East Elementary is soaring into its new building with an exciting addition of an all-new eagle mascot costume, proudly named Easton by the students. The naming vote brought plenty of enthusiasm, and since then, Easton has quickly become a beloved figure around campus. Adding to the fun, the identity of the person inside the costume remains a closely guarded secret, creating buzz



and curiosity among students. Easton is lifting spirits, spreading joy, and bringing a renewed sense of school pride to the East Elementary community.

South Elementary

4th graders at South Elementary participated in their first ever GET GOATED Multiplication Competition. Classes were divided into three divisions and battled against other 4th grade classes to see who came out on top as the GOAT. Mrs. Sherratt's class won not one but two of the coveted first place GOAT trophies made by our very own South Alumni Keaton Payne and Mrs. Runolfson's class won the other. Congratulations to all our amazing 4th graders who worked so hard! Way to go 4th Grade Eagles!!!

Canyon View Middle School

Percussion students at CVMS had the incredible opportunity to attend a master class with the renowned drummer and educator, Mike Mixtaki. The focus of the session was on learning and executing complex Afrocaribbean rhythms. In math, 6th graders applied their knowledge of measurement, ratios, proportions, and scale factors to make large versions of their favorite candy bar wrappers. It sure was a sweet way to learn!

Three Peaks Elementary

On November 24, we held their eleventh annual Turkey Calling Contest. The winners were: Maelee Langford, Branch

Mayne, and Lennox Jensen. Grades 3-5 winners were: Grayson White, Lexi Oliver, and Aubrey Schenke. 5th grade students graduated from the DARE program on December 2. Classes were taught to students by local law enforcement. The students were taught about various situations and how to apply it in life situations. The Iron County Sheriff's Department spoke about the importance of avoiding drugs and alcohol, students watched a K9 demonstration, and were presented with graduation certificates, and other DARE reminders. We would like to thank everyone who made these activities successful.

North Elementary

We were thrilled to have so many families join us for our Title I Family Literacy Night last

month. A huge thank-you goes to our teachers and instructional coach, Robyn Brown, for organizing such engaging classroom literacy activities. We were delighted to send families home with so many wonderful books to enjoy together. Our 5th graders put on a Veterans Day assembly honoring our veterans. We appreciated former Principal Whittier for serving as our guest speaker and thank those who were able to attend and support this meaningful event. Our 2nd and 5th grade buddies also had the chance to attend a Future Thunderbird SUU basketball game. Before the trip, SUU team members visited North to teach students how to be great spectators and to build excitement for the upcoming field trip.

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ORC ROOF

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constructed in the 2000's, have given reason to coin this town square **"the Court of the Centuries"** and it is a sight to see year-round, especially at sunrise and sunset!

Each day of the renovation I could see the progress when I picked up my mail

at our nearby post office. After a few days I decided to call our City Office to get some details about the ongoing work. Mayor Mollie Halterman was more than happy to help. She filled my phone with dozens of progress photos that she, along with Dan Jessen, had taken from 30+ feet in the air while clinging onto a construction basket at the end of a forklift.

Contractor Larry



Pendleton described the roof attachment process to me:

In a nutshell: the 150-year-old roof structure was never anchored to the 16" thick stone walls of the building...it's a bit of a miracle that the many years of high winds have never moved that enormous structure out of place. So, the workers stripped off all the wood shingles thus revealing the original roof planks (see photo). They cut out 1 section of planks to access the area where the roof trusses touch the top of the stone wall on the east and west walls. They drilled about 24" down into the walls and inserted a threaded rod down into the stone, which was cemented with commercial grade epoxy resin. They then bolted their custom-made brackets to the trusses in 19 spots around the roof perimeter and secured the brackets onto the rods. Somewhere during my interviews, I recall hearing one of the crew confidently declare: "That baby ain't going anywhere now". Or, as my father, an aircraft engineer, would have said: "I love it when a good plan comes together."

Thanks to so many people, including all those who donated

time and money, contractors and City officials who made it happen, **the roof has finally been raised at the ORC.** As it turns out the job was completed just in time for the final city event of the year: Christmas in the Country, including: The candlelight-walk to the park, the Winter Wonderland lighting, hundreds of townsfolk caroling at the live nativity and a Christmas variety show at the historic Aladin Theatre. Every year that we have attended these seasonal events it has always felt as if you are walking through a Hallmark Christmas card. This year was even more special because all of these events in Town Square and now feature our **new** Old Rock Church looking like a pioneer lady with a new bonnet and serving as an ever-present backdrop for the Christmas festivities that have become such a much-loved tradition, here in Parowan. You are certainly welcome all year round here in Parowan, and maybe plan a trip for next year's Christmastime festivities.



obituaries

Alan Smith Grimshaw



Alan Smith Grimshaw, 75, returned home on November 26, 2025, in Cedar City, Utah—the same place where his remarkable life began on October 26, 1950. Born to George and Elizabeth Grimshaw, Alan was the youngest of nine children and arrived so many years after the rest that his brothers and sisters jokingly became his "extra mommies and daddies." Raised on

the family farm in Enoch—known lovingly as "Grimshaw-ville"—he grew up surrounded by music, work, laughter, and the kind of family affection that shaped him for life.

He attended Cedar High School, where he met his lifelong friend Lance Whetten. The two formed a band in their teenage years and reunited as adults to create the well-known Southern Utah band The Clique, a group still remembered with fondness.

Alan studied child development at SUSC (now SUU), and during those years he met Dawna Denise "Deedy" Sheppard. They married and welcomed a son, Alan Oliver, who passed away shortly after birth. With deep courage they moved forward and raised three more children: Tami, Teresa, and Rob.

Alan worked on a drilling company before moving to Las Vegas, where he served as a foreman painter at both the Union Plaza and Hard Rock Hotel. Whatever the job, he brought integrity, humor, and a willingness to jump in with both feet.

But music was the language of Alan's soul. Gifted from childhood, he played guitar, piano, and harmonica, yet his voice—often compared to Don Henley—was the gift that left the deepest imprint. He performed with numerous groups including The Clique, The Refugees, Crossfire, the Choral Artists of Southern Nevada, and Gladys Knight's Saints Unified Voices, and he even appeared on American Idol. His harmonies, his tone, and the emotion he poured into a song made every performance memorable.

Life brought sorrow as well as joy. When his youngest son Rob passed away at age 30, Alan's grief was profound. Music helped him heal, and he stepped into the loving role of father-figure for his granddaughters. Later, when their mother remarried, Alan welcomed her new husband as family without hesitation. His heart was big enough for everyone.

Alan adored his six grandchildren—Kayla, Alyssa, Vance, Preston, Joslyn, and Savannah—and his five great-grandchildren, each of whom brought light to his later years. His laugh filled a room, his smile softened hearts, and his music touched souls.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Deedy, his sons Alan Oliver and Robert Alan, and brothers Robert, Kent, and Richard.

Alan is survived by his daughters Tami and Teresa (Mark), daughter-in-law Amber, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his extended Grimshaw family—and, astonishingly, Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones, who somehow outlives us all.

Alan lived with heart, humor, and harmony. His absence leaves a silence only his music could fill. Memorial Services will be announced at a later time.

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James Dean Rasmussen



James Dean Rasmussen was born June 19, 1931 in Provo, Utah. He was the 3rd child of 12 born to F. Blaine and Eva Jane Aiken Rasmussen. He was 94 years old when he passed away on December 1, 2025. He was recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and was at home under the care of Hospice and his family in Cedar City, Utah at the time of his death.

"Jim" as he was known to all of his family and many friends was a strong natural athlete, hard worker, a faithful man of God and a servant to all those around him. He was always an interested, attentive and supportive son, brother, father, grandfather, great grandfather, home teacher and neighbor. Dad attended school in Provo, Utah where he set track and field records and played football while at Provo High School. When he was 10 years old he heard the circus was coming to town. He soon realized there would be no money for a ticket. The word

spread that if you came and worked to set up the tents, seating and attractions you could get into the circus for free. Even at that young age he showed up and did such a good job working not only did he get free admittance; but, also an invitation to join the circus and work for them. As tempting as that sounded to an adventurous little boy he decided against it after imagining the face of his Mother when she found out that he had run away with the circus.

Dad met our Mother, Donna Jean Ellison, at a basketball game. He would ride his bicycle from Provo to Spanish Fork to date her. After he graduated, he bought a car without telling Mom. Drove it to Spanish Fork and parked it a few blocks from Mom's house. He went to the house and invited her on a walk in the direction of the car. When they got to the car Dad suggested it was a nice car and that they should take it for a ride. Mom protested that they would get in a lot of trouble. Dad said the keys were in it and he wanted to take her for a ride. The car episode did not dissuade her and they were married on January 3, 1951 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

Jim joined the Utah National Guard where he drove truck and operated heavy equipment. He carried this experience into his life and made a career out of it. His love of trucks and heavy equipment spilled over into a hobby as well. His son, David, created a museum worthy display of his extensive scale model collection. Dad's other hobby was target practice and shooting his guns. Which he loved to do with his children, grandchildren, siblings and friends.

After Donna's death in 1997 he met and married Kathleen Dedrickson and made his home in Cedar City, Utah. He grew to love Cedar City very much and was so happy living close to his daughters, son and siblings. Cedar City is where he became acquainted with Charlie and Donna Cooley's Happy Factory project. Dad always had a love of woodworking; so that, coupled with his empathy for the less fortunate and all children, The Happy Factory was a perfect fit for him. He looked forward to the 20 hours a week he spent volunteering there for over 20 years. His family is so proud of what he gave for this wonderful cause. There were also many friendships made because of The Happy Factory. He was famous for saying: "If I don't work my shift 100 kids won't get their car."

Our Dad was literally a human google. He knew something about everything and loved to share his knowledge. He was thrifty and has always lived within his means. Jim was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he participated in Boy Scouts of America, held many callings and faithfully attended and served in the Temple.

He is survived by his children: Bonnie(Bob) Wischmeier, David(Hisami) Rasmussen, Debra(Dale) Morris, DeAnn(Russ) Behrmann, and Maureen(Kevin) Hunt. His siblings Byron Rasmussen, Joy Lloyd, Craig Rasmussen, Lorraine Douglass and Steven Rasmussen. His sister-in-law, Ann Tarbet. 17 grandchildren and their families, numerous beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services are under the direction of the Cedar Valley Funeral and Cremation and will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 11:00 am with viewing beginning at 9:30 am. Held at the Cedar North Stake Center 95 N 2125 W Cedar City, Utah. A graveside service will also be held Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 1:00 pm at the Orem City Cemetery located at 150 E 1600 N Orem, Utah. Online condolences can be sent to his memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com

Jack Anderson



Jack Anderson, born June 27, 1940, passed away at home in Cedar City, Utah on November 29. The son of Mable Carter Anderson and John Leonard Anderson, he grew up in Salinas, California. After graduating from Salinas High School, he joined a construction crew and built military housing in Hawaii, San Antonio, and Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Missouri, where he met and married Beverly Matthews after a whirlwind five-month courtship.

The couple settled in Las Vegas in 1962, and Jack worked as a contractor in the fast-growing city for over 30 years, responsible for projects such as the Renaissance Centers, The Plazas on Sahara, and the Heart Institute. He retired in 2005 and moved to Cedar City.

He was a lifetime member of the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn Sheep and participated in building dozens of water projects for wild sheep throughout Nevada. He completed the Bighorn Sheep Grand Slam, an achievement that took fifty years, requiring skill, patience, and perseverance. His successful hunts took him across rugged and isolated terrain in Alaska, British Columbia, Nevada, and Utah.

His 70th birthday was a special occasion, gathering over 30 friends and family to hike Wheeler Peak, in Great Basin National Park, over 13,000 feet tall. The weekend was spent hiking, storytelling around the campfire, with friends from all eras of his life.

Jack loved listening to Willie, Waylon, and the boys, reading mysteries, skiing, waterskiing, camping, riding ATVs, and hiking. One of his adventures was driving from south to north across Nevada without using a paved road. He loved spending time with his family, and was a bonus father to his children's friends, instructing, mentoring and coaching many children over the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Diane Anderson Urrey, and niece Suzanne LaTourette. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Beverly Anderson; his children John Matthew Anderson (Allison) and Dawn Yvonne Anderson; and grandchildren Hannah Anderson, Noah Anderson, and Sarah Anderson McDowell (David), nephews Kenny, Jeff, Philip, and David LaTourette and their families, and many friends. To leave online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Rodger Donald Chambers



Rodger Donald Chambers, age 87, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2025, in Cedar City, Utah. He was born on October 9, 1938, in Ogden, Utah, to Frederick Donald and Helen (VanBuren) Chambers.

Rodger was raised in Enterprise, Utah. He spent most of his time going to school, hunting, fishing, and working with his dad. Rodger graduated from Enterprise High School. After graduating, he joined the United States Navy where he spent 3 years on the USS Aeolus ARC Ill as a Radioman. After the Navy, he returned home to Enterprise where he met the love of his life, Marjorie Moyle. They were married and sealed in the St George LDS Temple. Rodger was a faithful member of the LDS Church. He worked for Mountain Bell and eventually started his own business called Southern Utah Business Telephones which he owned until he retired in 2010. He loved his family, and they were all his pride and joy. Rodger was an avid hunter and fisherman and thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors with his entire family. He was also the founder of The Great American Stampede Rodeo that he was always proud of.

Rodger was preceded in death by his father, Fredrick Donald Chambers; Mother, Helen (VanBuren) Chambers; Sisters, Carol Lynne Barlocker; Celia Chambers; and Emma Chambers; Brother, Douglas Steven Chambers. Grandson Brodie Lewis. He is survived by his wife Marjorie (Moyle) Chambers; Sons; Bradley Donald Chambers; and Rod Gordon Chambers; Daughters; Angela Michelle (Collin) Twitchell; Charisse (Warren) Lewis and Steffanie (Clint) Coates. 24 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. He will be missed by many other relatives and friends.

Viewing will be Friday December 12, 2025 at 9:30 to 11:00 Am. Followed by the funeral at 11:00-12:00 Am. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Enoch 1st ward Building- 2233 East Village Green Road, Enoch, Utah, 84721.



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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

CV boys hoops sweeps three games

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View's boys basketball team started its week on the rough side, but rallied and finished with three straight victories at Bear River High to even its record on the young season.

The Falcons started the streak Dec. 4 with an 80-78 victory over the Ogden Tigers in double overtime. Jeter Sanders led three players in double figures with 30 points, and the teams finished regulation with the score tied at 60-60 before CV had just enough of a final push to earn the win.

Jack Meyer added 15 points and Brennon Chavez had 12 for the Falcons, who overcame a 38-point showing by Ogden's Jackson Maw and outscored the Tigers 13-11 in the second OT period.

On Dec. 5, the Falcons used a 19-4 third-quarter run to pull away and beat Bear River, 57-46. Meyer led the way with 18 points, Anthony Camba added 15 and Sanders delivered 13 points in the victory.

CV completed the three-game sweep with a 49-34 victory over the Uintah Utes to improve to 4-4 on the season. The Falcons trailed the Utes 12-10 after the opening quarter, but held them to single digits over the final three quarters to secure the win.

The only speed bump on the week for Canyon View came when Pine View posted a 61-44 win at the Nest on Dec. 2. The visiting Panthers built a 22-7 lead after the first quarter and didn't look back. Meyer and Zach Maine scored 12 points each for CV in the loss and Sanders added 10.

The Falcons started this week with a home game against the Manti Templars on Wednesday, and they will travel to face the Snow Canyon Warriors on Saturday night.

Falcon girls rally, beat Mustangs



by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

It was a clear case of Jekyll and Hyde for the Canyon View girls basketball team when it faced the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs on the road Dec. 2. The Falcons were held without a field goal for the first 10 minutes and fell behind by as many as 18 points in the first half.

When all was said and done, Tayla Blackner came through with the shot that mattered and CV was able to rally for an impressive win.

Blackner got inside for a layup with less than 30 seconds left, and Canyon View beat the Mustangs, 42-41 for their second victory of the season. Head coach Jaycee Barnhurst credited a simple motivation that led the comeback after her team trailed 25-12 at the half.

"We just decided at halftime we weren't going to take it anymore," Barnhurst said. "If we wanted to get back in the game, we had to put pressure on them. All of a sudden,

we got a couple of steals and a couple of rebounds, and that led to easy points. Then, all of a sudden, the rim got a little bit bigger."

CV took the lead for the first time late in the third quarter and ended the period with a 21-6 scoring edge to lead 33-31 heading to the fourth. There were several lead changes over the final eight minutes before Blackner hit the winning basket, but she missed two free throws with seven seconds to play that gave Crimson Cliffs one more chance.

When a shot from the Mustangs fell off the rim as the buzzer sounded, the Falcons could finally exhale.

"We've got to figure out how we can put the pressure on from minute one, not just minute 17," Barnhurst said. "It was a good growth step for this team."

Kambree Potter led Canyon View in the win with 10 points and Erin Hallows added 9.

Canyon View finished the week with a trio of games at the Southern Classic played at Pine View High. They opened with a 49-38 loss to the host Panthers on Dec. 4, falling behind 19-7 after the first quarter and rallying to within 33-31 after three before Pine View put the win away with a 16-7 effort in the fourth quarter.

Torry Taylor led CV with 14 points and four 3-pointers in the loss and Tera Banks added 11.

Canyon View got back on the winning track with a 57-51 victory over the Sky View Bobcats on Dec. 5. Taylor led four players in double figures with 16 points and three 3-pointers as the Falcons built an 11-point halftime lead at 31-20 and stretched it to as much as 15 before holding on in the closing moments.

In their final game of the week, Canyon View built on a six-point halftime lead by scoring 30 points after the break and beating the Carbon Dinos, 49-40 on Dec. 6 to even their record at 4-4 on the season.

CV returned to play Tuesday with a road game at Desert Hills before returning home to face the Manti Templars on Thursday;

Canyon View's **Tayla Blackner** makes a move against two Crimson Cliffs defenders during the Falcons' matchup against the Mustangs on Dec. 2.

(Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)



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Canyon View - Hallows 9, T. Taylor 7, N. King 3, B. Taylor 4, P. King 5, Potter 10, Blackner 4. Totals 16 6-12 42. 3-pointers - Hallows 1, T. Taylor 1, Potter 2.

Crimson Cliffs - Alofipo 13, Hahl 11, Reddish 4, Myers 13. Totals 16 5-13 41. 3-pointers - Alofipo 1, Hahl 1, Myers 2.

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Boys Basketball

Region 9

12/1	Virgin Valley 61, Cedar 51
12/2	Orem 76, Hurricane 58 Pine View 61, Canyon View 44
12/4	Hurricane 75, Sky View 43 Ridgeline 59, Desert Hills 41 Crimson Cliffs 66, Green Canyon 55
12/5	North Sanpete 55, Cedar 51 Syracuse 69, Pine View 57 Juan Diego 53, Snow Canyon 46 Hurricane 69, Mountain Crest 40 Ridgeline 62, Crimson Cliffs 57 Green Canyon 57, Desert Hills 51
12/6	Pine View 62, Juan Diego 50 Desert Hills 67, Logan 43 Syracuse 70, Snow Canyon 51 Ridgeline 56, Hurricane 46

Region 14

12/2	Pine View 61, Canyon View 44 North Summit 71, Juab 63
12/3	Providence Hall 47, Maeser Prep 40 Juab 59, Grantsville 51 Delta 49, South Sevier 41
12/4	Canyon View 80, Ogden 78, 2 OT Providence Hall 51, Salt Lake Academy 44
12/5	Canyon View 57, Bear River 46 Richfield 67, South Sevier 55 Manti 54, Delta 53
12/6	Canyon View 49, Uintah 34 Delta 65, Deseret Peak 30

Region 18

12/1	Draper APA 60, Grand 38
12/2	Kanab 81, Page (AZ) 59 Green River 71, Grand 64
12/3	Beaver 42, North Sevier 39

Delta 49, South Sevier 41

12/4	Enterprise 53, Duchesne 32
12/5	Kanab 82, Parowan 66 San Juan 46, Panguitch 29 North Summit 53, Enterprise 43 Richfield 67, South Sevier 55 Beaver 47, Duchesne 37 Wayne 69, Grand 47
12/6	North Summit 62, Beaver 43 Piute 79, Grand 67

Girls Basketball

Region 9

12/1	Canyon View 42, Crimson Cliffs 41 Dixie 72, Delta 58
12/4	Wasatch 73, Cedar 53 Pine View 49, Canyon View 38 Desert Hills 65, Soda Springs (ID) 43 Dixie 58, Monument Valley (AZ) 24 Crimson Cliffs 66, Carbon 44 Draper APA 57, Hurricane 33 Snow Canyon 38, Springville 35

12/5	Timpview 50, Cedar 47 Desert Hills 48, Springville 43 Crimson Cliffs 42, Viewmont 38 Lehi 37, Pine View 27 Snow Canyon 59, Salem Hills 33
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12/6	Provo 65, Cedar 52 Snow Canyon 42, Richfield 16 Desert Hills 73, Green Valley (NV) 8 Dixie 64, Rancho (NV) 23 Pine View 68, Viewmont 37 Lehi 75, Crimson Cliffs 30
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Region 14

12/2	Canyon View 42, Crimson Cliffs 41 Dixie 72, Delta 58 North Summit 52, Juab 18
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12/4	Pine View 49, Canyon View 38 Providence Hall 42, Salt Lake Academy 11 Delta 55, Manti 36
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12/5	Canyon View 57, Sky View 51
12/6	Canyon View 49, Carbon 40 Snow Canyon 42, Richfield 16

Region 18

12/2	Kanab 62, Page (AZ) 44 Millard 40, South Sevier 31
12/3	Bryce Valley 35, Parowan 27 Enterprise 57, Valley 25
12/4	Enterprise 67, Sierra Vista (NV) 49 Beaver 52, Millard 48 Emery 66, South Sevier 29
12/5	Milford 55, Parowan 11 Grand 48, Logan 30 Enterprise 73, Rancho (NV) 38
12/6	Enterprise 59, Monument Valley 31 Kanab 44, Draper APA 39 Beaver 38, Duchesne 30

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

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

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Providence Hall	0-0	4-1
Richfield	0-0	3-1
Delta	0-0	5-2
Canyon View	0-0	4-4
Juab	0-0	1-3

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
San Juan	0-0	3-1
Kanab	0-0	3-1
Beaver	0-0	4-2
Enterprise	0-0	2-1
South Sevier	0-0	2-3
Parowan	0-0	1-2
Grand	0-0	0-7

Girls Basketball

Region 9

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

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Delta	0-0	4-1
Canyon View	0-0	4-4
Providence Hall	0-0	2-4
Richfield	0-0	1-2
Juab	0-0	0-4

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Enterprise	0-0	6-0
Kanab	0-0	6-0
Beaver	0-0	3-0
Grand	0-0	2-3
San Juan	0-0	0-2
Parowan	0-0	0-4
South Sevier	0-0	0-4

Kelling, Wankier win Player of Year honors

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



The Cedar Reds finished with an undefeated season and won the 3A state football title for the first time. Two seniors stood out and were rewarded with Player of the Year honors for Cedar in its first season as a 3A South member.

Quarterback Everett Kelling was named Player of the Year, while Dax Wankier won Defensive Player of the Year as the Reds finished 13-0 for their perfect season. Here are the other honorees from the 2025 season (Note: the names of Manti's all-region players – including the Offensive Player of the Year – were not available).

For 1st Team All-Region: Cedar – Slade Parsons, Max Gines, Case Jones, Brent Martin, Keaton Cox, and Dominic McGarvey.

Canyon View – Ryder Miller, Cooper Urie, and Colt Rushton.

North Sanpete – Rafael Contreras, Maddox Madsen, Jesse Nuttal, Ayden Akee.

Richfield – Tevin Vakautakakala, Trey Yardley, Cord White

Carbon – Maddox Wilson, Trace Crespin, Tayger Timothy

Juab – Jayden Heap, Brock Richards, Wyatt Downard, Tavin Hopoate
For 2nd Team All-Region: Cedar – Dylan Crowley, Braxton DeMille, Jax Olmstead, Stockden Ramos, Maddox Harris, Payton Ludlow.

Canyon View – Brextin Roundy, Caden Greenland, Wyatt Copp
North Sanpete – Chaetton Osborne, Parker Horrocks, Dalton Christensen, Jaxton Blackham
Carbon – Caleb Sorenson, Dax Mower, Andy Kifer

Juab – Payton Myers, Koen Mattinson, Price Armstrong, Carter Wilson
Honorable Mention: Cedar – Royce Jolley, Braden Crain, Gavin DeMille, Cody Stevenson, Junior Bloomfield-Togiai, Daxton DeMille

Canyon View – Brock Neighbors, Ben Vest, Cam Sheridan, Jace Floyd, Kayl Hutchinson, Quinton Hansen, Kohen Carlson, Preston Higgins.

North Sanpete – Braden Palmer, Dalton Poulson, Wyatt Hobush, Milo Hendry, Evan Burningham, Tayden Diches, Seth Burningham.

Juab – Quentin Robinson

Carbon – William Hinckley, Rickey Sandoval, J.J. Roden, Jordan Nichols

If you missed it over last weekend, BYU did not fare well in the Big 12 Championship game played Dec. 6. The Cougars scored first, but it was all Texas Tech after that as the Red Raiders rolled to a 34-7 rout and finished

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 Thanksgiving 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. Of 50, 57, or 60 million, what was the number of viewers who watched the Thanksgiving Day game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys, setting a new NFL record?
2. After defeating the Golden State Warriors on Dec. 2, the Oklahoma City Thunder improved to 21-1 on the NBA season, but it's not the best start in league history. How many consecutive wins did the Warriors start the 2015-16 season with on the way to a 73-9 record?
3. On Dec. 3, the Philadelphia 76ers were fined \$100,000 by the NBA for filing an incorrect injury report. What 76ers player was reported as "out," but was dressed and ready to play in a Nov. 30 game against the Atlanta Hawks?
4. Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts told the "Good Sports" podcast last week he's open to a salary cap in Major League Baseball, but what did he propose to get the "bottom-feeder" teams to spend money as well?
5. What Cincinnati Bengals kicker hit six field goals and two extra points in his team's 32-14 win over the Baltimore Ravens on Thanksgiving Night?
6. What NFC North team is the No. 1 seed heading into Week 14 after it beat the Philadelphia Eagles on the road on Black Friday?
7. With two goals scored in his team's 7-1 win over the San Jose Sharks on Dec. 3, Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals now has 911 goals in 21 NHL seasons. What Pittsburgh Penguins great ranks second among active players on the all-time list with 643?
8. Scottie Scheffler topped the money list on the PGA Tour in 2025 with six tournament victories and over \$27 million in earnings. What winner of the Tour Championship – his first PGA Tour victory – came in second at more than \$18 million won?
9. In the College Football Playoff era, what Baltimore Ravens running back

is the only player to win a Heisman Trophy and the national title in the same season (2015)?

10. Who resigned as head football coach at Ole Miss last week to take the same position at LSU and will not be coaching the No. 6 Rebels in the College Football Playoff?
11. In his 21st NBA season, Chris Paul was sent home by what NBA team last week in the middle of a road trip at Atlanta?
12. What two teams ranked at the top of the College Football Playoff rankings faced each other in the Big Ten championship game played Dec. 6?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Matt Eberflus.
2. Jacksonville Jaguars.
3. Tennessee Titans.
4. 2006. The Kansas City Chiefs beat the Denver Broncos, 19-10 in the official debut of Thursday Night Football.
5. The Philadelphia Eagles beat the Arizona Cardinals, 48-20. The Cardinals gained its revenge by beating the Eagles, 32-25 in that season's NFC Championship.
6. True.
7. Turkey Leg Award.
8. The Miami Dolphins beat the New York Jets, 34-13, in the debut of the Black Friday game on Nov. 24, 2023.
9. The Rams defeated the Detroit Lions, 20-0, on Thanksgiving Day in 1975.
10. The Coin Toss Game.
11. Miami beat the Cowboys, 16-14.
12. Jim Harbaugh coached the 49ers and John Harbaugh coached the Ravens.

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Cedar girls drop three on road

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar Reds girls basketball team got 13 points from Brooke Vargas and 10 from Mya Bishoff, but they fell 73-53 to the Wasatch Wasps on Dec. 4 in the first game of a three-school road trip to Northern Utah. The Wasps (6-0) broke the game open by outscoring the Reds 28-7 in the third quarter to earn the win.

Mahala Speredon led the way with 26 points and 12 rebounds for Wasatch. Danielle Garner added 11 points and Filifaesea Leava'a helped with 10.

Cedar's leading scorer, Gabby Gomez, was held to four points in the loss.

On Game 2 of the trip, Gomez rebounded with 20 points and five 3-pointers, but the Timpview Thunderbirds held on in the fourth quarter and beat

the Reds 50-47 on Dec. 5 to earn its first win of the season (1-4). Tasi Galeai led three players in double figures for Timpview with 16 points.

Jaylin York added 12 points for the Cedar effort in the loss.

To wrap up the trip Dec. 6, Cedar fell 65-52 to the Provo Bulldogs and are now 2-4 on the season. Bishoff led the way for the Reds with 16 points and Gomez had 14 in the loss.

The host Bulldogs (5-0) pulled away from Cedar over the final eight minutes, outscoring them by a 20-14 count that kept them unbeaten on the young season.

The Reds started Region 9 play Tuesday with a road game at Crimson Cliffs and will face Desert Hills at the Thunderdome on Thursday night.

Reds boys drop pair of close games

Owen Ryan led the way with 11 points, but the
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IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar Reds couldn't hold a first-quarter lead and fell to the North Sanpete Hawks, 55-51 on Dec. 5 in the non-region home game played at the Wolf Den. The Reds led through the first three quarters, but the visiting Hawks rallied in the fourth to leave town with the victory.

James Clayton led all scorers for North Sanpete

(3-3) with 13 points and 7 rebounds. Nine different players found their way on the stat sheet for the Hawks, who outscored the Reds 17-12 in the final period.

Nine players also scored points for Cedar (2-4) and they made seven 3-pointers as a team.

On Dec. 1, Cedar played its home opener and fell 61-51 to the visiting Virgin Valley Bulldogs. Ty Rowley had a double-double of 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Reds, who trailed 28-27 at the half.

Virgin Valley outscored Cedar 16-8 in the third quarter to take control and secure the victory.

For the week ahead, the Reds started Region 9 play Wednesday at home with a game against the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs. They will host Desert Hills on Friday, then play a non-region game at home against the Ogden Tigers on Saturday.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

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the season as the No. 4 seed for the College Football Playoff.

When the pairings were announced Sunday morning, BYU was not included among the 12 teams who will play for the national championship Jan. 19 in Miami. While things did not go well on the field for the Cougars, the coaching situation stabilized pretty quickly after head coach Kalani Sitake declined an offer to become the next head coach of the Penn State Nittany Lions. The school gave Sitake – a BYU alum – a new long-term contract extension that will bring more stability for the program.

Sitake has an 83-44 record at his alma mater, where he's been head coach since 2016.

With this being time for preseason high-school basketball tournaments, it's all about finding whatever means necessary to win games, whether by one point, one possession, or a blowout. In the NBA, it's been stressful to be a player or fan of the Detroit Pistons. While the team owns the second-best record in the league at 19-5, the outcomes have been in doubt more often than not. Of the 19 wins, 11 have come by single digits – nine points or less. So let this be a lesson. Winning by large margins is one thing, but as long as you have one more point than your opponent when the clock reaches all zeroes, that's the most important thing. All adjustments can be made later.

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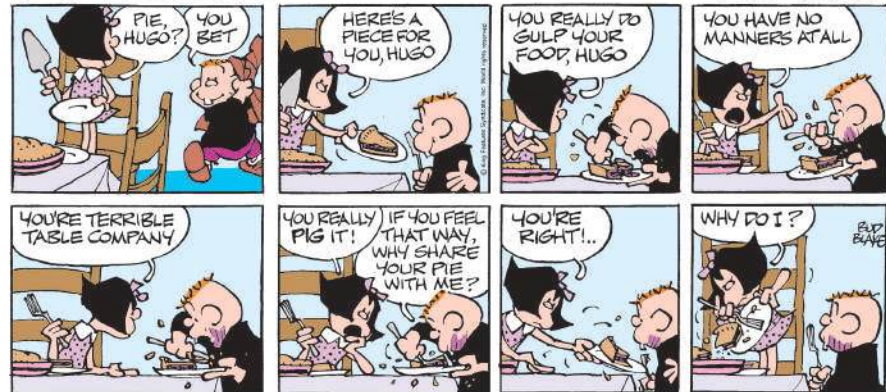
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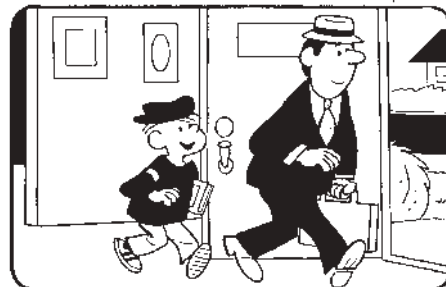
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Trivia Test Answers

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- Bickering
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- Tabula —
- Sheer fabrics
- Santiago resident
- Playful sea critter
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- Cooking fuel
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- "Levitating" singer Lipa

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- Rolling stone's lack
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- Central points
- Asner and Harris
- Sounds of relief
- Telly network
- Fan's cry
- Sashimi fish
- Automobile
- "As I see it," in a text
- Fish-fowl insert
- Oodles
- Hereditary unit
- Cold War initials
- Part of TNT
- Truthful
- "Holy cow!"
- Con job
- Columbus' home
- Evergreens
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- Bator
- Lima's land
- "Shoo!"
- Quirky
- Tom Collins liquor
- "My word!"
- Stages
- Ritz

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- Artist Chagall
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- Virtuoso violinist Hilary
- 2001, to Cato
- Traveled the rapids

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Answers

King Crossword



- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bloodhound featured on the sitcom "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
- HISTORY: Which Chinese dynasty mostly built the Great Wall?
- MOVIES: Which 2003 movie is about juveniles who are sentenced to work at a desert camp?
- MUSIC: Which famous song begins with the line, "Hello darkness, my old friend..."?
- ANATOMY: What's another name for the patella?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Chile?
- FOOD & DRINK: Who perfected the Champagne method?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the national flowers of Japan?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Love in the Time of Cholera"?
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