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Shop with a Cop



STORY IN NEWS

Shop with a Cop gives nearly 100 children an early Christmas morning

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The lights were still coming on at Canyon View Middle School when officers began taking their places in the breakfast line.

Kids followed soon after, some still rubbing sleep from their eyes, and one by one they were paired with an officer before stopping for a quick picture with Santa. It was barely past six thirty but the room filled quickly.

The sound of trays, small conversations and the kind of nervous excitement that comes before a big morning carried through the cafeteria.

By 7:10 the convoy was rolling toward Walmart.

Sheriff's trucks, patrol cars and even a few vehicles borrowed for the county attorney's office moved through town with lights flashing.

"We grab the sheriff's cars the night before," Iron County Attorney Chad Dotson said. "We're just driving regular cars otherwise, and it's not as fun for the kids. They want the bells and whistles."

Inside the store, most groups began in the shoe department. The Elks Lodge covers a new pair for every child, which lets their shopping money stretch further.

Iron County Sheriff Lt. Shawn Peterson said his five-year-old partner chose his shoes and then, without hesitation, grabbed a book he wanted to give his sister.

"That was the part that really stuck with me," Peterson said. "Here's this kid with all this money, and the first thing he wants is something for her. I thought that was really cute."

Dotson saw the same kind of generosity. He and prosecutor Trajan Evans were paired with a six-year-old boy who walked straight to the toy aisle and began picking out Nerf guns and action figures.

"As we're heading to the wrapping station, he keeps saying, this one is for my brother, this one is for my other brother, this one is for my sister," Dotson said. "He knew exactly who he was shopping for. It kind of hits you when they're buying for other people and not just themselves."

SUU student athletes handled the wrapping station, sorting paper and ribbon while carts continued to roll in.

"Just about every athletic department helps," Dotson said. "It was a super smooth process and always is because they do such a good job."

This year each child received about two hundred dollars to spend, a significant increase from previous years.

Cedar City Police Sgt. Kirk Lovell said the final amount was about two hundred twenty-five dollars. Officers used Walmart's scan-as-you-go app to stay on track.

Dotson said the increasing funds reflects both inflation and the strength of the program.

"I think in years past we only had like \$100," he said. "And now I think we get more in part because of inflation but also because the program has grown so much that we get more money now to spend. There are so many generous people in this community."

The largest contribution again comes from the Jubilee of Trees, Lovell said.

Their annual donation typically reaches five figures and remains the backbone of the program. They also support the event for several days, help organize fund-

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Southern Utah University student-athletes volunteer to wrap gifts for children participating in the Shop with a Cop event.



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Local law enforcement officers teamed up with children during the annual Shop with a Cop event, which pairs kids with officers for a day of shopping, breakfast and holiday activities.

SHOP WITH A COP

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raising and work behind the scenes to make sure it continues to reach one hundred children.

Lovell had Jubilee coordinator Laura Albrecht with him Saturday morning to video part of the convoy as it headed down Main Street to the south end of town.

"She was in tears," he said. "Just seeing the line of police cars and knowing the good it does. You can't help but feel moved."

The experience also underscored, he said, what the morning represents for Cedar City.

"It's impressive to live in a community that is willing to step up," Lovell said. "People volunteer their time. People donate money. Sometimes the donors never even meet the kids they help. Everybody is just excited to do something good."

Peterson, who shops each year with his wife, said the morning always stays with him long after the last gift is wrapped. "It's one of those things that reminds you who we are as a community," he said.

And that's what keeps everyone coming back.

"It shows the best of our community and it's one of those things that just re-centers you," Dotson said. "You feel the Christmas spirit again, and it reminds you what the season is supposed to be."

The day ended with full carts, tired smiles and nearly one hundred children who will open gifts they might not have received otherwise.



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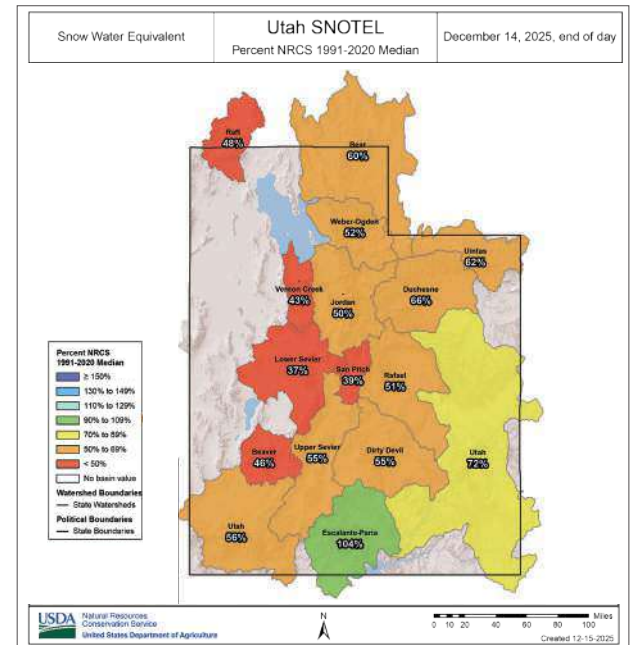
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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

WE CAN EXPECT A MIX OF CLOUDS AND SUNSHINE TO CLOSE OUT THE WEEK. A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS WILL BE POSSIBLE OVER THE WEEKEND, WITH A STRONGER SYSTEM POSSIBLE AS WE MOVE THROUGH CHRISTMAS WEEK.

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WINDS: N 5-10

FRIDAY

Partly Cloudy

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PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: S 10-20

SATURDAY

Isolated Showers

57°/34°

PRECIP: 20%
WINDS: SW 5-15

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy

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WEDNESDAY

Scattered Showers

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WINDS: S 15-25+

opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



CASSI SCHMUTZ
COPY EDITOR

Merry Christmas, everyone

I hope that by the time you're reading this, your Christmas shopping is finished, your plans are settled, and you're able to spend the final days of the year simply celebrating the season with those you love. There is always a mad dash in the week leading up to Christmas, and it's easy to get swept up in the chaos of errands, wrapping paper, and last-minute to-do lists. While it can be a joyful kind of chaos, I find myself craving the peace, quiet, and coziness that this time of year offers. A chance to slow down and be present.

In this week's edition, you'll find Christmas tidings sprinkled throughout our pages. Whether you're in the market for Christmas tamales, looking for a church service to attend, or searching for a local event to add to your holiday traditions, we've gathered the wheres and whens to help guide you through the season. One of the things I love most about this community is how many opportunities there are to celebrate, serve, and come together.

If you're searching for stories that lift the spirit or tug at the heart, don't miss our coverage of *Shop with a Cop* and *Wreaths Across America*. Reading about local children shopping alongside our law enforcement officers brought a huge smile to my face. These moments of gener-

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

-Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*



osity and remembrance are powerful reminders of who we are as a community. Our year-round traditions help bind us together, but this season, marked by gratitude, service, and kindness, is when Iron County truly shines.

As the year comes to a close, I find myself, like many of you, taking stock of the past 12 months. And let me tell you, this year has brought countless blessings and tender moments, along with very real trials that required more grit than I expected. 2025 was jam-packed with upheaval and change, stretching me in ways I didn't know I was capable, but it was worth every bit of it. Watching my toddler and very active eight-month-old play beneath the glow of the Christmas tree in our new home feels utterly surreal. Though that feeling may be heightened by the fact that I'm fairly certain I've logged about 40 hours of sleep total this year.

This Christmas season, I'm deeply grateful and relieved to be spending these final weeks settled into relative peace, contentment, and routine with my family. I'm savoring the season alongside my soon-to-be four-year-old, watching his excitement grow as he anticipates our

holiday traditions and eagerly explains what happens next to his little brother. Requests for Christmas stories, morning excitement as we rush downstairs to update our nearly absurd number of countdown calendars, and the pure joy of hearing my son belt out every lyric to *"Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer"* have already made this our cheeriest Christmas yet. These are the moments that linger, the ones I know I'll carry with me long after the decorations come down.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives and for supporting *Iron County Today* throughout the year. We are grateful for our readers, our advertisers, and our community partners who make this paper possible week after week. We wish you a very safe and Merry Christmas, filled with joy, warmth, meaningful moments, and whatever brings you peace.

Please note that there will be no publication the week of Christmas, but you can look forward to a fresh paper in your mailbox the following week, just in time for the New Year.

WORD OF THE WEEK

UBIQUITOUS

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Seeing Joseph

PART 2

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Joseph, the stepfather of Jesus, left a legacy with theological significance in the early Gospels helping us to understand righteousness, obedience, and the human aspect of the upbringing of Jesus' childhood. Since many scholars and traditions suggest that Joseph was significantly older than Mary, we should not be surprised that Joseph is not mentioned in the scriptures during Jesus' adult life, especially at crucial moments like the crucifixion. While Joseph remains as a minor figure, he models character traits that we all should emulate. He is a model of righteousness and caution as shown in Matthew 1:19 when he decides not to make Mary a public spectacle, setting an example of compassion for us all. Joseph and Mary both lived in the same town and were brought up in the same community. When we compare Luke 1:26 and Luke 2:4 we learn that both lived in Nazareth. While it is believed that Joseph had likely been born in Bethlehem 65 miles south of Nazareth later in the Bible when Joseph is called to Bethlehem for Roman census and taxing purposes. Joseph demonstrates obedience to God's will when he consistently obeys divine instructions, whether it's taking Mary as his wife, fleeing to Egypt, or returning to Nazareth and thus enabling the fulfillment of prophecy. His life exemplifies faithful obedience to God's guidance. Through Joseph's actions, several Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled, such as Jesus being called a Nazarene (Matthew 2:23) and the reference to God calling His Son out of Egypt (Matthew 2:15). Very Important is Joseph's example as the earthly father of Jesus, as Joseph's faithful influence shaped the human experience and growth of Jesus. Joseph's presence as a faithful father figure in the formative years of Jesus is important as shown by the fact that

Jesus is known by His contemporaries as "the carpenter's son", raised by Joseph who was a carpenter. In Matthew 2:19-23, we learn why it was safe for Mary, Joseph, and the young Jesus to return from Egypt where they had fled during the killing of the babies in Bethlehem by Herod who had heard from wisemen from the East of the rising star announcing the birth of a king. In Matthew 2:19-23: "Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying: 'Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, 'He shall be called a Nazarene.'" Joseph's return to Israel and settling in Nazareth fulfills prophecy and continues to demonstrate his obedience to divine guidance. It could not have been easy to be Joseph, the earthly stepfather of Jesus, following divine guidance through dreams and visions to protect Jesus, the true offspring of Mary and the Holy Spirit. How do you respond to that as a father? Let's remember that Mary and Joseph were humans, like us, although with special callings from God the Father of All. It had to be a crazy adventure for Joseph that started quickly, changing the future for him and for all humanity. How do you prepare to be the stepfather of the long predicted Jewish Messiah—the one who offers forgiveness of sins to those who would believe in His miraculous birth, calling, death, resurrection from the dead, and ascension to Heaven, who scripture promises will return in judgement and glory. What father comes prepared to raise the sinless Son of God to even though Jesus was fully human, aspects of His

desires and motivations had to be at odds with contemporary lifestyles and expectation. Joseph essentially had joint custody of Jesus with the God of the Universe. How does that work? In human terms, as the oldest son, Jesus would have been expected to take over the family business, but He had no desire to do that. He spent most of His time in the synagogue reading the scriptures or alone in prayer with

His Heavenly Father. This may have caused tension with His human family. His brothers and sisters and mother and father struggled to understand His path. Tradition anticipated a great leader like King David. No one at that time realized that the Messiah would first come as a Suffering Servant and die for their sins on the Cross. It was unbelievable!

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Iron County Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Building and Zoning Report

The commission received an update on development activity. The county issued 495 permits this year, slightly fewer than last year, with commercial and industrial projects helping offset slower residential growth. Staff also completed over 500 plan reviews and nearly 5,000 inspections.

Parowan created its own building department this year, reducing the county’s workload by roughly 7-10%.

Major projects include ongoing construction at the new jail, continued expansion in local industrial parks, and progress on three battery energy storage systems, with one coming online soon and two more early next year.

Data Center Developments

The commission reviewed several large data center proposals, including one major project west of Cedar City planned over a 5-10 year timeline.

If approved, the project would require paving about seven miles of roadway. Water-use questions were discussed, with the company noting that newer technology uses far less water through recirculating systems, though no exact numbers were given.

Engineering Department Update

The county avoided major flooding this fall, though crews cleared silt from County Line Road. A new retention pond in the Painted Desert area is finished.

Iron Springs Road improvements are moving forward with funding secured, and construction is expected to start in early spring. Bid packets will go out next month.

The department ordered new ditch-clearing equipment and plans to test a goat-based vegetation project. The sign shop is running well and plans to add an assistant next year.

Public Works and Road Department

Updates included road maintenance and landfill operations. About 90% of roads requiring striping under new regulations have been completed. Engineering continues on Gold Springs Road relocation, and Summit Road is being surveyed for chip sealing to reduce freeway dust.

Budget constraints led the county to rent crushing equipment instead of purchasing. The landfill handled 92,000 tons through November, with lithium-ion batteries posing ongoing fire hazards and high disposal costs. A statewide committee is seeking solutions.

Budget Amendments and Approvals

The commission approved the 2025 budget amendments, including major changes driven by an unexpected increase in geothermal lease revenue. These one-time funds were set aside for long-term needs like the capital facilities plan and a future flood-mitigation project.

Other adjustments covered higher-than-expected costs for courthouse cleaning, unemployment claims,

a water rescue grant, and fire warden expenses. Updates were also made to library and tourism funds to match actual tax revenues. Funding for Iron Springs Road engineering was approved, with most costs paid through a federal grant.

After a public hearing with no comments, the commission unanimously approved the 2025 budget amendments and the 2026 final budget.

Southern Utah University Partnership

The commission approved a multi-year agreement with Southern Utah University for facility improvements, including the events center, funded through tourism taxes to ensure public benefit.

The county gains priority scheduling, two free facility bookings per year, and recognition in the venues. Multi-day sporting events generate over \$1 million each, with potential for more tournaments as facilities expand. The agreement also secures space for key county events. The total three-year contribution was approved unanimously.

Pioneer Legacy Production Presentation

The commission received an update on the July 24th musical and fireworks event celebrating pioneer heritage. A video highlighted the synchronized fireworks and water show. Organizers emphasized local youth participation and honoring pioneers, noting the event is not yet profitable but remains committed to promoting pioneer spirit.

Administrative Matters

The commission approved the 2026 meeting schedule, continuing with meetings on the second and fourth Mondays at 9:00 a.m., except for one adjusted date in May due to Memorial Day. Personnel updates included a promotion within the sheriff’s department and a

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

new part-time hire for the Council on Aging.

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar Hotel Development Update

City staff provided an update on the long-planned Cedar Hotel remodel. The property owner intends to convert the historic building into a mix of mercantile, office, and banquet space. After a recent meeting with city officials, everyone is aligned on the steps needed to move the project forward.

Key issues include bringing the fire suppression system into compliance, replacing the backflow preventer, and addressing possible accessibility upgrades. An elevator may be required, though historic-building provisions could offer some flexibility. The owner has also appointed a local representative to oversee the remaining work.

Emotional Farewells

Mayor Green and Councilman Ron Riddle delivered farewell remarks marking the end of their service.

Councilman Riddle thanked Mayor Green for his leadership and urged the incoming administration to stay focused on water infrastructure, public safety, and distinguishing true needs from wants. He reflected on why he first ran for office and expressed gratitude to his family and the community he believes makes Cedar City special.

Mayor Green followed with his own reflections, acknowledging his imperfections but emphasizing that

he always worked for the good of the city. He thanked staff, contractors, and friends for their support, especially the City Manager. Green again warned about the city’s serious water challenges, noting that major upgrades will require careful planning and bonding.

City Engineer added his own tribute, praising both Green and Riddle for their years of service and their lasting impact, particularly in water planning.

The council approved updates to the city’s water use and preservation plan and a reminder that the swearing-in ceremony for new leadership will take place on January 5, 2026.

Sidewalk Installation and Warranty Debate

The council discussed updating sidewalk rules for new subdivisions and PUDs after the state increased the warranty period from 12 to 18 months. Members debated who should be responsible for damage during construction, developers or builders, and whether responsibility should tie to the Certificate of Occupancy or end once the city accepts improvements. They also considered treating public subdivisions and private PUDs differently. Ultimately, the council rejected ordinance changes and will follow the state’s 18-month requirement, with further review planned after consulting home builders.

Utility Easements and Zoning Changes

The council approved updates to public utility easement rules in commercial and industrial areas. Easements will still default to 20 feet, but can be reduced to 15 feet when engineers and utility providers agree it’s appropriate. This allows needed clearance for equipment while giving properties more flexibility in site design.

Several zoning changes were also approved. These included shifting land near 4500 West and 800 North to Industrial Manufacturing, rezoning properties on 400 West from commercial to multi-unit residential,

and adjusting the general plan for property on South Cedar Boulevard from open space to commercial. Staff noted that keeping private land labeled as open space without compensation can amount to “eminent domain by zoning.”

100 East Road Project Controversy

A discussion centered on deferral agreements tied to improvements on 100 East. Two nearby properties already have agreements allowing them to delay frontage work. A property owner offered \$109,000 in in-kind contributions, materials and sidewalk installation, instead of paying the actual bid cost of \$72,489.

Council members questioned the bidding process, possible conflicts of interest, and whether the in-kind value was accurate. Staff supported the in-kind option because it offered more value to taxpayers. After a debate over transparency and oversight, the council

had a 3-2 vote.

Road Improvements and Chip Seal Plans

The council also approved a \$900,214 contract with Intellects LLC for the 100 East road project. There was initial confusion about chip-seal limits, but it was clarified that the temporary chip seal would only cover the former drive-in theater property up to Null Street. A nearby developer remains responsible for installing full improvements on his section within 30 days of the city finishing its portion.

Council members expressed increased confidence in Intellects LLC, noting the company’s growth and improved staffing since earlier challenges.



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Cedar City man in double-murder case receives new consecutive prison terms for youth-facility attack

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man convicted in a 2022 double

homicide received new consecutive prison sentences Tuesday for attacking staff members at the Southwest Utah Youth Center.

Prosecutors said the July assault was planned in advance and left several employees bloodied and hospitalized.

Daniel Martinez, 21, was sentenced to one to fifteen years for aggravated assault by a prisoner and zero to five years for assault by a prisoner.

Fifth District Court Judge Meb Anderson

ordered the terms to run consecutive to each other and consecutive to the lengthy sentences Martinez is already serving for double aggravated murder. Consecutive time requires Martinez to serve each sentence one after the other, extending the total length of his imprisonment.

According to court documents filed in support of the charges, Martinez and co-defendant Turner Simons were housed at the secure youth facility on July 31 when they carried out a coordinated attack during a staff transition.

Surveillance footage showed the pair assaulting three employees, including one staff member whose facial bones were fractured and another who was strangled with a lanyard and repeatedly kicked in the head.

A third staff member was also injured while trying to intervene. Officers arriving on scene found victims bleeding heavily, and all required medical treatment.

Iron County prosecutor Trajan Evans said the staff kept the situation from

escalating further while waiting for help.

"I'm grateful that the staff members were able to hold off their attackers for what probably felt like an eternity," Evans said. "Officers with the Cedar City Police Department, including Chief Darrin Adams, arrived within minutes to render aid and detain Martinez and Simons."

Evans told the court Martinez showed no remorse during or after the assault. EMTs reported that Martinez laughed while first responders documented the injuries and yelled, "that's how we do it," Evans said during closing arguments.

Officers also said he bragged that staff members "couldn't stop them" and referenced his already substantial prison time, telling police he did not care what additional charges he faced.

"I was shocked at their callousness and lack of remorse," he said. "They made it very clear they did not care who they hurt."

Evans asked the court to impose consecutive sentences, citing the severity of the attack, the number of victims, and Martinez's criminal history.

Martinez had been convicted in late May of killing two people at an Airbnb party in Draper in April 2022.

A 3rd District Court judge sentenced him in July to 25 years to life on each of two aggravated-murder counts, ordering the terms to run consecutively for a combined 50 years to life in prison prior to this week's sentencing.

"His history, character and conduct show he is not interested in rehabilitation," Evans argued.

He noted that even after being transferred to the Utah State Prison, Martinez has continued picking up violations, including possessing a weapon inside the facility.

Anderson agreed that consecutive time was warranted, noting the planned nature of the assault, the extent of the injuries and the defendant's prior record.

Simons, charged in the same incident, was sentenced in January to one to fifteen years plus an additional zero to five years, also ordered to run consecutively.

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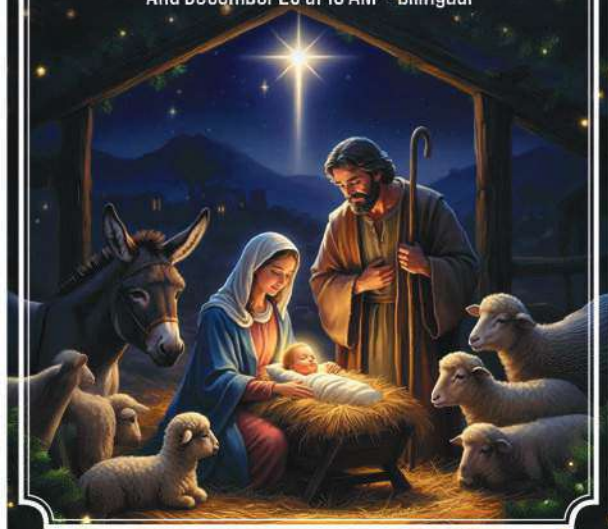
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ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT IN IRON COUNTY

Your Reading List for 2026

by Samuel Wells

CCAC BOARD MEMBER

The Cedar City Arts Council

(CCAC) would like to invite all Iron County book-lovers to join us in reading six books this coming year. If you haven't already written out your reading goals, you might want to consult our list (below) and join in some of our discussions. We understand that bibliophiles often have big plans over the holidays. We make long lists and maybe join too many reading groups (I am currently part of three). But I have come to really value our CCAC discussions and want to make sure that you all are aware of when we meet and what we are reading. I'm very happy with our lineup this year.

Several excellent titles were submitted as recommendations and the six books listed below made the final cut. Our first book (that we will be discussing on January 7) is Daphne de Maurier's classic *My Cousin Rachel*. The author, of course, needs no introduction. More than 3 million copies of her 1938 Gothic novel *Rebecca* have been sold. It has never been out of print. Alfred Hitchcock himself directed the subsequent film version that won an academy award for best picture. *My Cousin Rachel* is another of de Maurier's famous Cornish novels. It is set along the southern coastline of Britain's mystical Cornwall - that legendary peninsula that is bordered by the Celtic Sea to the north and the English Channel to the south. This, of course, is also the land of Arthur, of pirates, and of Celtic myth. Daphne de Maurier has captured the mystery of this land in its 19th and 20th Century colors perhaps more than any other novelist.

We hope you can join us as we talk about this award-winning book, and enjoy each other's company. If you can't join us in

January, our next book (Irving Stone's *Lust for Life*) is next on the list. We meet on the first Wednesday (usually) of every odd-numbered month at Main Street Books (in Cedar City) starting at 7:00 PM. We alternate between fiction and non-fiction titles. We are a welcoming and accommodating group and would love to have you join us. The titles for the coming year are as follows:

- January 7, 2026 - *My Cousin Rachel*, by Daphne de Maurier
- March 4, 2026 - *Lust for Life*, by Irving Stone
- May 6, 2026 - *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, by James McBride
- July 1, 2026 - *Two Years Before the Mast*, by Richard Henry Dana
- September 2, 2026 - *James*, by Percival Everett
- November 4, 2026 - *Three Wild Dogs (and the Truth)*, by Markus Zusak

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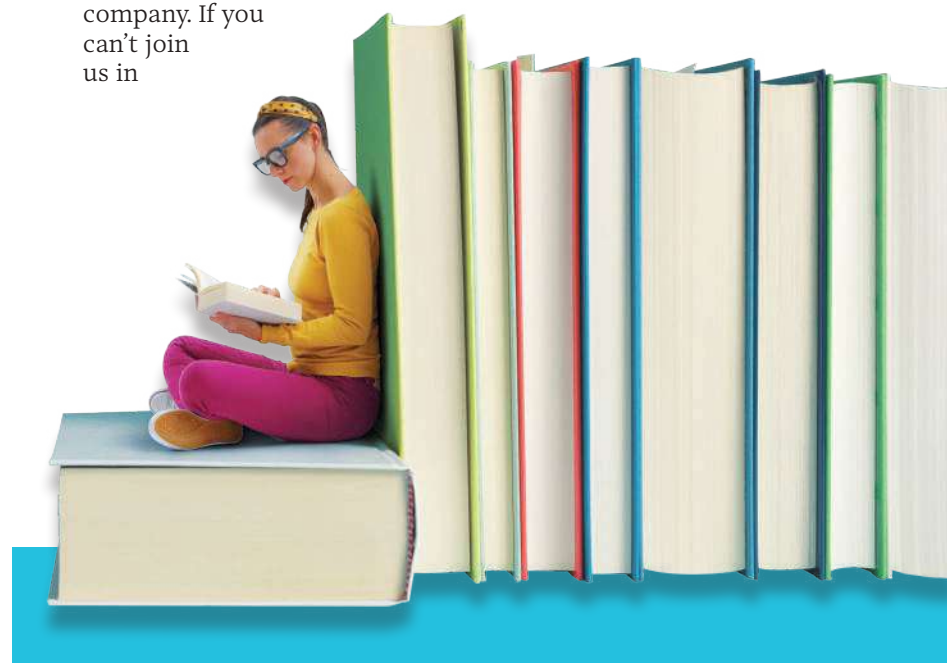
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Dear Citizens of Iron County,

As we wrap up Thanksgiving and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, I want to express my gratitude for each of you and for the strength of our Iron County community.

This year has reminded me how important faith, family, and community truly are. Many of you know the struggles our son Blake has faced with bipolar disorder and addiction. His choices are his own, and he is accountable for them, yet your compassion during our hardest moments meant more than you'll ever know. It strengthened my resolve to keep fighting for this county.

I was raised to work, not complain. My dad spent 46 years in a wheelchair but never quit. My mom gave more than 100 years of combined service as a caregiver. Their example shaped who I am.

Nearly 40 years ago, my wife and I built a cabinet business from scratch. It's still going strong today under our son Brad's ownership and reminds me daily that families can accomplish hard things. For 15 years in public service, two terms on the Cedar City Council and now in my second term as your County Commissioner, I've brought that same work ethic.

Over the years, I've also gained valuable experience in water infrastructure and recharge. It takes a long time to learn the ropes, understand the complexities of water systems, and build the relationships necessary to advocate effectively for Iron County. That experience matters, and I will continue to use it to strengthen our future and make Iron County an even better place to live. I take tough stands because I believe in election integrity, local control, strong families, and protecting Iron County's freedoms.

Public Safety & New Jail Construction:

One of the toughest but most necessary projects the Iron County Commissioners has taken on is building a new county jail. Our old facility, the oldest in the state, is literally being held together with baling wire and duct tape. Its poor conditions put the county at risk of federal civil rights violations and serious lawsuits. I meet weekly with our architect, contractor, and our sheriff's office team. I want to see this project through to completion so we can protect taxpayers, improve safety, and finally replace a facility that has outlived its lifespan.

Key Accomplishments:

Water & Infrastructure

- Helped Parowan with water recharge issues,
- Helped build the Little Creek recharge basin,
- 2019: Secured adjudication of West Desert water to CICWCD,
- Expanded Quichapa, Schmidt, and Western recharge basins in conjunction with the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District,
- As a result of recharge efforts for the last 10 years, 2022–23: Helped recharge over 3 billion gallons into our aquifer,
- Secured SITLA right-of-way and created the Quichapa Creek water recharge project,
- Personally helped build the new Quichapa dam so that water can be used and not wasted,
- Operated equipment during the 2021 flooding to clear channels.

Defending Taxpayers

- Helped defeat HB441 tax reform with referendum signatures,
- Exposed wasteful plans to tear down Capitol office building,
- Sold the county-owned Fiddler's building to fund a new Road Department facility with no new taxes.

COVID Leadership & Community Freedom

- Urged caution before statewide shutdowns and called for reopening and supported Iron County businesses,
- Sponsored and helped defend the Spirit of '76 Independence Day Parade,
- Helped host America's first open-air concert during COVID, with 4,000 attending safely,
- Passed a resolution rejecting lockdowns and mask mandates,
- Donated time and manufactured sneeze guards for county employees during COVID.

Heritage, Education & Community Values

- Opposed SB278, which sought to rename Dixie State University due to woke ideology,
- Fought cancel culture and worked to save the Redmen mascot; organized repainting of the Redmen water tank,
- Passed constitutional and federalism defense procedures,
- Helped save the Vermillion Cliffs Campground from closure.

Quality of Life & Local Investment

- Expanded the Senior Center by 5,000 sq. ft. with no cost to taxpayers,
- Upgraded Iron County Fairgrounds facilities,
- Ordinances to improve housing affordability.



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COUNTY COMMISSION

After much thought and prayer, I'm ready to say it clearly:

I'm running for ONE FINAL four-year term, seat B, as your Iron County Commissioner. I'm running on my record, and the last 15 years of Service. When you go to my website: paulcozzens.com, click on News, and you can see what we have been able to accomplish during the last 15 year of Public Service.

I love this county. I want it to remain a place where freedom matters, I will always support our agricultural heritage 100%, because agriculture is our culture.

I want Iron County to be a place where families stand strong and honest work is respected. With your support, I'll continue using my experience—especially in water, infrastructure, and infrastructure development—to finish the job we started and keep Iron County thriving.

Sincerely, *Paul Cozzens*



Community Gathers to Honor Veterans During Wreaths Across America

Cedar City Mayor Garth O. Green, Special Remarks, reminds us all why we love this ceremony.

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On Saturday, December 13, Cedar City joined more than 5,400 communities across the nation in observing Wreaths Across America, a solemn annual tradition dedicated to honoring the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The ceremony took place at the Cedar City Municipal Cemetery, where community members gathered to remember, honor, and teach the enduring legacy of America's veterans.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by military members, those who gave their time, energy, and, in many cases, their lives so that future generations may live in freedom. Veterans, families, local leaders, students, and volunteers stood united in gratitude and remembrance.

Adding to the significance of the day was a Missing Man Formation Flyover, graciously provided by SUU Aviation. This traditional aerial salute honors fallen service members, symbolizing a life lost in service to the nation as one aircraft breaks from formation and flies west into the horizon. Pilots Chris Cox, Mike

Mower, Robbie Paul, and Brian Torkelson were recognized for their participation and service. More than 1,400 wreaths, which originated in Maine where the Wreaths Across America tradition began, were placed throughout the cemetery. Each wreath was carried and laid by volunteers of all ages, children, parents, scouts, veterans, students, and neighbors—who paused at each headstone to speak the veteran's name and offer thanks for their service. Nearly 1,300 veterans are laid to rest at the Cedar City Municipal Cemetery, making the ceremony deeply meaningful for the local community.

Mayor Garth O. Green spoke during the ceremony, emphasizing the importance of active remembrance. He noted that the act of placing wreaths is not passive, but a deliberate and powerful way to ensure that the sacrifices of those who served are never forgotten. He highlighted that many veterans buried there served in distant wars, some never returned home, and others lived quiet lives as pillars of the community. Scott Phillips also addressed attendees, reflecting on the true cost of freedom and reminding the community that honoring veterans means more than words, it means living by the ideals they defended. Quoting President John F. Kennedy, Phillips emphasized that the highest form of appreciation is to live by the values of liberty and service upheld by those who wore the uniform.

As the holiday season approaches, a time often centered on family, gratitude, and giving, the ceremony encouraged attendees to pause and remember those who are away from home or who gave everything in service to the nation. The wreaths placed throughout the cemetery served as tangible symbols of gratitude, each representing a life dedicated to protecting freedom.



John 'Dick' Reed, 102 year old Army Air Force Veteran, accompanied by 2 of his best friends, Terry and Rick Hadlock, was excited to be able to attend Wreaths Across America. Dick was chosen to be the individual who has spent his entire life giving and caring for others through service.



Rifle Volley as a salute to our veterans, followed by the playing of Taps, by American Legion Post #74.



WREATHS

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Remember. Honor. Teach.

A Cedar Middle School student, told a story about her great-great grandfather, who served in World War II. "Ask yourself: Where would I be? What would my life be like if not for our veterans, who have stepped up time and time again to protect all of us, and to secure the freedoms we cherish every day? What is the significance of a Veterans' Wreath? Why do we place a wreath on the grave of those who have served? These wreaths are not just a symbol of remembrance;

and upholding the values of liberty and justice. The event concluded with a message central to the Wreaths Across America mission:

entirety and has no beginning and no end. It's clean, forest scent symbolizes purity and simplicity. Its red bow symbolizes great sacrifice. This year when you place a wreath on a veteran's grave, you know it is not just a wreath, it's a personal gift to an American hero. You will swell with pride knowing you have done something very special. God Bless our veterans and God Bless America!" -Channing Batty. As America continues to celebrate its founding 250 years ago, Cedar City and Iron County have been recognizing projects, events, and individuals who exemplify what it means to be an American in 2025. It was a privilege and honor to recognize an individual who has spent their entire life giving and caring for others through service. John 'Dick' Reed was born 102 years ago. Dick entered the Army Air Force T4 in Rhineland Central European Theatre Campaign with the 566th Attachment (anti-aircraft). During his campaign his battalion came under fire many times and later in the war, Dick helped care for the survivors of the

they are a solemn tribute to the courage, commitment, and sacrifice of the men and women who have given so much for our country. Each wreath represents a life lived in service, a legacy of valor and duty and

the deep gratitude we owe them.

Now this wreath, made with ten bouquets, is a symbol of honor, respect, and victory. It is

made from evergreens which symbolizes longevity and endurance. The circular shape symbolizes

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Channing Batty, Cedar Middle School Student, shared the story behind the veterans' wreaths. "What is the significance of a Veterans Wreath?"

Aleese Cardon placed Wreath her famijy to show honor and respect



Auschwitz concentration camp. Dick was honorably discharged in December 1945 having risen to rank of Technical Sergeant. Just taking pride in his wartime service and his many accomplishments throughout his life, Dick has a century-plus worth of stories, told with "wit and humor", evidence of a life well lived. He had the privilege of attending the Utah Honor Flight. He encourages every veteran he meets to take the trip and see what a remarkable capital we have and how it reflects on the beauty and inspiration of this nation.

Remember by speaking the names of those who served. Honor by giving time and reverence. Teach the next generation what it truly means to inherit freedom.

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GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 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
KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

Speaking From The Heart • M – Sa, Noon

Steps and Traditions • M – Su, 7 am

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

Misfits • M – F, 6 pm

Cedar Group • Tues, 8 pm

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

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

Uncommon Sense • Sat, 10:00 am

My Story • Sat, 8 pm

Thank God Sunday Spiritual • Sun, 11 am

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

Al-Anon

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

Easy Does It • Tues, 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

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

Grief Support Group

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

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

Come meet with an exciting and welcoming group committed to improving our world. Monthly meetings and annual convention. For more information find us at FaceBook- Iron County Utah Democrats, or call Mike Keil at (435)840-4712.

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

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/SmGytGcfvQ1S2pB7

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.

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Water Aerobics Class

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

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calendar

THURS, DEC 18

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT IMPAC (7PM)

Student Cast held 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at InterMountain Performing Arts Conservatory - IMPAC (389 N 100 W Ste 7, Cedar City). December 17th through the 20th. Tickets are \$15 and are available online at im-pac.com/theatre-company

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

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

(7PM or 2PM) (Live Theater held at Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). December 19, 20, 22, 2025. Tickets available at www.theforgearts.com.

CHRISTMAS IN KANARRAVILLE

(5PM-8PM) Friday and Saturday at Frisby Farms (South of Kanarraville off Hwy 91). Admission is \$10 per person and will include pictures with Santa, a hot cocoa bar, and an indoor Nightmare Before Christmas themed walk-through. There will also be food, snacks, and sweets available for purchase.

SAT, DEC 20

LIGHTS AT THE HOMESTEAD

(6PM-8PM) @ the Frontier Homestead State Park (635 N Main St, Cedar City). Come stroll through the park grounds and enjoy the holiday lights. For information, call (435) 586-9290. From December 20th to 24th.

THE STAR STILL SHINES (7PM) (LIVE)

Theater held at Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). December 20, 22, 2025. This joyful celebration reminds us that the light of Christ still shines today—warming hearts, lifting spirits, and bringing

us back to what Christmas is truly about. Tickets available at www.theforgearts.com.

SANTA MEET & GREET (11AM-1PM)

at Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Come to visit with Santa and the FREE showing of the 2000 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at 1:00 pm.

SUN, DEC 21

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

(6PM) Mountain View Baptist Church will be holding a "Carols by Candlelight" service. You're invited to attend as we will join in singing those familiar carols that tell about the greatest gift given to mankind... JESUS! The church is located at 1160 S. 860 W. in Cedar City. Visitors are always welcome!

THE "PEACE LIGHT" FLAME

(2PM-5PM) at Park Place Eatery, 23 W. Center St. Cedar City. This free sharing comes from the actual eternal flame burning in Bethlehem! Bring your own vessel to safely carry it home. We suggest a lantern using paraffin oil. It is a simple event with no formal service, no RSVP and Park Place Eatery will not be open for business on this day. Please call 425-444-2506 with questions. Feel free to share this message with your friends.

TUES, DEC 23

BRIAN HEAD RESORT'S HOLIDAY

RUN (11AM-12:30PM) @ Brian Head Resort, 329 UT-143, Brian Head, UT 84719. Celebrate the season on snow at Brian Head Resort's Holiday Run. Guests are invited to wear holiday outfits or winter costumes—Santa, elves, reindeer, the Grinch, or anything festive—and take part in a group ride around the mountain. The event is free to join, open to all ages and ability levels, and focused on sharing some holiday cheer with the community. A valid season pass or lift ticket is required to participate.

WED, DEC 24

*Christmas Eve***CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT**

SERVICE (7PM) Community Presbyterian Church, 2279 N Wedgewood Ln., Cedar City UT 84721. All Are Welcome!

THURS, DEC 25

Christmas Day

SAT, DEC 27

HOLIDAY HOOPLA (11AM-8PM)

@11 N. Cross Hollows Rd Cedar. Free admission, funtime inflatable rides, visiting Princesses, Aerialist Performers, Face painting, bedding, balloon artist, family jolly jammies contest, ugly sweater meltdown, food and craft vendors and lots more fun for the whole family. For information call Rick (435) 531-9368 or Cathy (435) 233-5862

WED, DEC 31

*New Year's Eve***NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS & TORCHLIGHT PARADE (6-7PM) @**

Giant Steps Ski Area
Celebrate New Year's Eve at Brian Head Resort with a torchlight show and fireworks. Ski patrol will descend the mountain with torches, followed by a fireworks display at the top of the slopes. The show is best viewed from the Giant Steps Patio. Free!

Want your event on our calendar?

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IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



South Elementary

The last couple of weeks here in First Grade have been busy... You may even say "Busier than a BEE." We had a special guest visit the first graders to teach us all about Honey Bees. He talked about all the jobs they do and how important Bees are to our environment. He brought fresh honey for all the students to try and gave each student a stuffed bee. We sure love having amazing visits from people in our community.

Canyon View Middle School

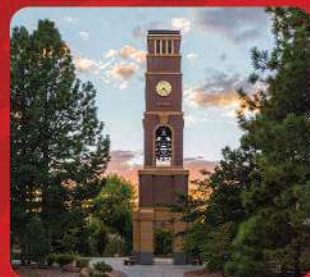
8th graders at CVMS got to experience a flame tube in science class this past week. A flame tube (Rubens' tube) makes sound waves visible by turning air vibrations into dancing flames. As sound travels through the tube, it creates areas of high and low pressure, which push the flames higher or lower. The result is a glowing pattern that shows the shape of the sound wave in real time. Students were amazed watching the glowing patterns! 6th graders also had the opportunity to take a field trip to the bowling alley right before Thanksgiving break!

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary fourth grade students had the privilege of visiting Canyon View High School on December 11, 2025 to attend Act 1 of The Nutcracker Ballet. The performance was made possible by the combined efforts of Canyon View's dance department and several community groups. Students dressed up for the event and practiced proper audience etiquette. Thank you for the invitation to view this beautiful ballet during the holiday season.

Please remember that Winter Break will be observed December 20-January 5 and school will resume on January 6, 2026. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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CVHS Gives Back For The Holidays

by Alivia Winzenried

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Every year, CVHS Student Government holds a charity dance to fund CV Christmas and help people in need in the community, known as Winter Ball. This year is a little different because the Winter Ball was a combined dance with Cedar High on December 13th at CVHS. That's not the only difference about this dance though. Students were heavily encouraged to reuse old dresses or formal attire from past dances instead of buying new clothes, and doing community service instead of going on a day date. These service projects can include things like making cards for people in senior centers in town, cleaning up the local parks, volunteering at an animal shelter, or even things like walking dogs for neighbors or donating clothes/food to people in need. CVHS choirs, bands, and orchestras came together for their annual Christmas Concert on December 16th. Afterwards, a soup kitchen was held by the CVHS Fine Arts Department and its students for the public. They also collected food donations at the concert, which went to CVHS Falcon Food Pantry. E-Sports participated in the Canyon Clash Super Smash Bros Competition. CV Crew Battle Team came in second, Alivia Winzenried came in first for the Sandbag Homerun Contest, and Luis Hernandez came in first for the Singles Bracket, bringing the team to win overall 1st place! Jonathan Bairett, E-Sports Senior, said, "E-Sports helps teamwork, grows friendships and helps you gain skills for the game you play." They work hard, but they play hard too, and it shows during their competitions. Dance Company and dance classes 1-3 participated in the annual Community Nutcracker from December 11th-13th. This show brings people from all ages, dance groups, and places all over Iron County to come together and create a beautiful winter show for everyone to enjoy.

obituaries

Vaughn William Heaton



Vaughn William Heaton, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2025, in Panguitch, Utah. He was born on May 11, 1930, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Merrill and Afton Heaton.

On July 3, 1953, Vaughn married his high school sweetheart, Lenore Russell in the St. George Temple and together they built a life filled with love, faith and family. They were blessed with three children: Jeri Lu (Frank) Houston, Lorilee (Don) Cannon, and Craig (Maggie Reeves) Heaton. Vaughn's legacy continues through his 14 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren, who brought him immense joy.

Surviving Vaughn is his children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren, His brother Dennis Heaton and sisters, Irene Jones & Sarah Fisher.

He was preceded in death by parents, Merrill W. Afton Jenkins Heaton; grandson, Austin Craig Heaton; great-granddaughter, Avery Houston; Brothers Richard Heaton & Darol Heaton; Sisters Marjorie Andersen & Carol Jean Eves.

Vaughn dedicated time as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the North Central States Mission from 1950-1952. He also held numerous leadership positions throughout his life. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from March 1954 to March 1956. His professional career began as an accountant for Kaibab Industries, but his entrepreneurial spirit led him to purchase and develop several retail outlets and be involved in other business adventures, including his ranch.

Vaughn will be remembered as a man of many talents and passions. He enjoyed being in the outdoors. He found peace in nature, whether fishing, hunting or camping with family and friends. He was especially known for his skill in Dutch oven cooking, pleasing family and friends with his meals. Vaughn had a gift for conversation and a genuine interest in others. He was kind, devoted to family and faith, and had an ability to connect with everyone he met. He spent many hours in his garden, rotor tilling, weeding and harvesting fresh produce to be enjoyed by neighbors and at the family dinner table. He could often be found leaning on his shovel while irrigating in the field, watching his animals graze. He enjoyed seeing wildlife as he was out and about. Vaughn had a great sense of humor and often entertained his grandkids with his famous one-liners. His life was a testament to service, hard work, and love.

The family is appreciative of the health professionals and caregivers for their patient and caring assistance during the last few years that allowed Vaughn to live at home to the end.

A service will be held at the Panguitch Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Saturday, December 20 at 12pm, preceded by a viewing from 11am. Interment will be at the Panguitch City Cemetery. Services under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation.

Ian James Howells



Ian James Howells, beloved son, father, husband, brother, nephew, and cousin passed away October 23, 2025. Ian was a natural leader, kind and patient with a broad smile that welcomed others to him. He pursued his life with infectious enthusiasm that helped others to often exceed their own expectations.

Ian was born March 4, 1982 in Cedar City. He attended Cedar City schools and graduated from Cedar High in 2000. He began competitive swimming in middle school and was a 4-year member of the championship Cedar High swim team. He earned a B.S. from Colorado State University in Fort Collins in 2004. His passion while at CSU was road cycling and he competed with the CSU cycling club. Many of his high school swim team and college cycling partners remained friends throughout his life.

While an undergraduate, Ian joined the Navigators college Christian ministry which he said changed his life course. He worked 3 summers at the Navigators Eagle Lake camp near Woodland Park, CO, where he met his future wife, Camille Williams. They were married April 22, 2006.

Ian decided his life path was to help others. He earned a B.S.N. in Nursing in 2008 and went on to earn a Masters in Healthcare Administration. His career path led him through several positions, and culminated with a lead position with Intermountain Health.

Ian had a deep love of the outdoors first nurtured by his Mom and Dad in the wild country of southwest Utah. He went on many camping trips with his Boy Scout troop, and earned the rank of Eagle Scout at 16. He loved mountain biking, was a skilled backcountry and downhill skier, and was a whitewater kayaker, kayaking the entire Grand Canyon at 17. His love for the outdoors remained with him throughout his life. He found joy in biking single track trails in the Colorado mountains, hiking with his children, and family camping in the high country.

Ian recognized people's gifts and challenged them to become their best selves. His enthusiasm for everything in his life was undeniable and he encouraged his friends and co-workers to join him in reaching for higher goals. He was welcomed into his in-laws' family and became a close friend to all.

Ian was steady and consistent. He was gentle and courageous. He was humble and driven. His feet were firmly planted and his heart was in the right place - he pursued those he loved with all his heart, an inch better every day. Above all, Ian was a hero for his two beautiful children and a champion for his family.

He is survived by his wife Camille and their two children, Mae and Henry, his mother, Jeanine, father, Jim, and his brother Colin.

We're heartbroken by his loss, but infinitely grateful for his life.

A celebration of Ian's life will be held at Community Presbyterian Church (2279 N Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, UT 84721) on Saturday, January 10. Doors open at 10:30a, service begins at 11am.

We welcome all who loved him to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please support Ian's young family through:

GoFundMe: <https://tinyurl.com/yc3vrsc4>

Richard Arnold Eissinger



Richard Arnold Eissinger was born on October 18, 1942 in Long Beach, California, to Arnold Henry Eissinger and Hazel Frances Croy Eissinger.

The family of three then lived in Reno, Nevada, while father Arnold worked at the military base there.

After Richard's sister Susan was born in 1946, then brother William was born in 1947, the family of five moved to Fresno, California where his father Arnold worked as a California Highway Patrol officer.

His father's promotions in the CHP brought the family to Visalia in 1953, then Paso Robles in 1958.

Richard attended one year of high school in Visalia, then the last three years of high school in Paso Robles. While at Paso Robles, Richard played varsity football and was the Student Body President in his senior year, 1960. Richard was highly respected by all who knew him.

In 1961, Richard met his first wife, Sandi Steurnagel of Coalinga, California. They had three children, Krista, Erik, and Andy.

Richard earned his Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology and worked in that field for a few years at Moss Landing, California. Then he worked in the mushroom farm business as a biologist for several years.

Richard later married Kathy Craig-Eissinger in 1993. He then began a career as a professor of Library Science at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah. Richard retired from that position as a tenured professor in 2015.

Richard passed away at his home in Cedar City on October 16, 2025, from a heart attack, two days before his 83rd birthday. His parents and brother William had preceded him in death. He is survived by his sister Susan Eissinger of Corning, California.

Richard leaves behind his daughter Krista Eissinger, sons Erik Eissinger and Andy Eissinger, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

May he rest in Peace.



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SCORES + RECAPS FROM IRON COUNTY COMPETITION

Warriors start fast, beat Falcons

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Facing a tough foe on the road, the Canyon View

Falcons got the scoring started with a 3-pointer. It would be the last highlight of the night as the Snow Canyon Warriors answered quickly and ran away with a solid victory.

Dylan Luke led three players in double figures with 17 points, and Snow Canyon started with a 12-0 run and cruised to a 68-43 win over Canyon View on Dec. 13, snapping the Falcons' four-game winning streak as they fell to 5-5 overall.

"We missed a lot of opportunities that we had to have against a team like Snow Canyon," Falcons head coach Kim Blackner said. "To begin the game, we missed two open layups and a floater down the lane. We got in a hole early because of our execution."

The Warriors led 18-7 after the opening quartet and got a 3-pointer to beat the halftime horn and push the lead to 35-23 at the break. When

Snow Canyon started the second half with a 7-0 run, the lead grew from there to 25 at 60-35 by the end of the third quarter.

"We weren't as good as we can be today," Blackner said. "We've got young guys that I'm hoping will learn and our experience will pay off through December and when we get to our most important games coming in January."

Jeter Sanders led CV with 13 points in the loss.

In their other game of the week, Sanders led three players in double figures with 18 points as the Falcons held off the Manti Templars, 60-53 at the Nest on Dec. 10. CV led 32-28 at the half and outscored the visiting Templars 13-7 in the third quarter to secure the win.

Sanders scored all of his points thanks to six 3-pointers. Jack Meyer added 14 points to go with 15 rebounds and Zach Maine helped out

with 12.

CV played host to the South Sevier Rams on Tuesday and will face the Cedar Reds at the Nest on Friday night for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

BOYS BASKETBALL



Canyon View 7 16 12 8 - 43
Snow Canyon 18 20 22 8 - 68

Canyon View - Whitaker 1, Maine 8, Sanders 13, Meyer 6, Bealer 4, Winters 2, Camba 5, Chavez 4. Totals 14 12-20 43. 3-pointers - Maine 2, Camba 1.

Snow Canyon - Luke 17, Mackay 9, Hamlin 12, Warner 5, Thompson 4, Manno 2, Kelsh 2, Olson 13, Lounsbury 4. Totals 26 10-16 68. 3-pointers - Luke 2, Hamlin 3, Warner 1.

Snow Canyon

68

Canyon View

43



Canyon View's **Tayla Blackner** looks for a shot at the basket as two Desert Hills defenders close in during the game played Dec. 10. The Thunder beat the Falcons, 53-33.

(Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)

CV girls rebound, split pair of games

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View girls basketball coach Jaycee Barnhurst had a goal when she made her team's preseason schedule as they look toward defending their 3A state title. On Dec. 10, the Falcons got a taste of how much more game work lies ahead.

Desert Hills scored the first nine points of the second quarter and broke the game open on the way to a convincing 53-33 victory over the Falcons at the Thunderdome in a non-region matchup.

"The turnovers hurt, but I think the biggest issue may have been discipline

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Reds ride waves to two wins

by Tom Zulewski

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The Cedar girls basketball team had a big lead early in the fourth quarter and looked like it would cruise to a victory. The opponent made a charge, but the Reds managed to hold on and survive a last missed shot to earn a region-opening win. Gabby Gomez scored 20 points, including eight in a row at one point, and Cedar held on for a 55-53 road victory over the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs on Dec. 9 in the Region 9 opener for both teams at the Mustangs' home gym. Gomez hit a 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the third quarter and added five more points to start the fourth as the Reds stretched

their lead to 52-35 two minutes into the period. For head coach Corry Nielsen, it was simply another win, even if the Mustangs made his team sweat down the stretch. "It doesn't matter if it's a two-point or 20-point win," Nielsen said. "Any time we can win on the road, we'll take it. We had too many turnovers, but we were fortunate to hold on. At the end of the day, it's a win in the books." Crimson Cliffs started its comeback with a 10-3 run that trimmed the Cedar lead to 55-45 with 3:18 left to play. The Reds didn't score again as the Mustangs surge continued. A free throw from Jayda Alofipo pulled Crimson within 55-50 inside the final minute, and she added a 3-pointer that

put her team in striking distance at 55-53 with 27.9 seconds still on the clock. An exchange of turnovers followed before the Reds missed two free throws and gave the Mustangs one final chance with 7 seconds left, but a final shot to tie never reached the rim as the buzzer sounded. Brooke Vargas added 15 points for Cedar in the win. Josie Myers led all scorers for Crimson Cliffs with 21 points in the loss, Cassie Hahl added 13 and Alofipo finished with 10. The Reds traveled to Desert Hills to face the Thunder for their next game and never got on track as they fell 56-21. Desert Hills (2-0 region, 7-1 overall) scored the first 10 points and ran away to the convincing victory, holding Cedar to just one free throw in the

fourth quarter. Emilie Langi led the Thunder with 13 points, Tess Peterson added 12, and 10 different players scored in their victory. The Reds shook off the rough region outing and rebounded for a 49-38 win over the Payson Lions at Dixie Middle School on Dec. 12 to improve to 4-5 on the season. Despite being held without a point in the first quarter, they would outscore the Lions 36-23 after halftime to earn the win. Gomez led the way for Cedar with 18 points, including three 3-pointers. Cedar returned to region play Tuesday with a home game against Snow Canyon, and they will face the Emery Spartans on Thursday starting at 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Cedar

55



Crimson Cliffs

53

Cedar 20 9 18 8 - 55
Crimson Cliffs 19 2 14 18 - 53

Cedar - Nielson 5, Vargas 15, York 1, Bishoff 4, Gomez 20, Fielding 2, Bromley 4, Esplin 4. Totals 20 11-20 55. 3-pointers - Vargas 1, Gomez 3.

Crimson Cliffs - Alofipo 10, Hahl 13, Reddish 5, Myers 21, Mawhinney 2, Rosario 2. Totals 20 9-11 53. Totals 20 9-12 53. 3-pointers - Alofipo 2, Reddish 1, Myers 1.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Desert Hills

56



Cedar

21

Cedar 6 6 8 1 - 21
Desert Hills 13 10 21 12 - 56

Cedar - Albrecht 4, Vargas 4, York 2, Gomez 3, Fielding 2, Bromley 2, Esplin 4. Totals 9 3-5 21. 3-pointers - None.

Desert Hills - Adamson 2, Mortensen 4, Peterson 12, Langi 13, Nelson 5, Hansen 2, Moutsos 9, Heaton 1, Villanueva 6, Shaw 2. Totals 22 10-15 56. 3-pointers - Langi 1, Nelson 1.

Another Wright strikes gold at NFR

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



For the first time at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, 22-year-old Statler Wright delivered when it counted and found a way to win his first gold buckle after Round 10 was contested Dec. 13 at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. After scoring 87.5 points on that last ride of the NFR, Statler's

effort was good enough for a share of the sixth-place money with Brody Cress, and his win in the average for the 10-day party was good enough to edge past brother Ryder Wright and claim his first Wrangler NFR world title. Statler, who won rounds 3, 6 and 7, finished 2025 with \$455,940 in winnings, beating Ryder (\$455,594) in the final

total by only \$346. Ryder shared the Round 10 winner's check with Stetson Wright, scoring 89.75 points on his Round 10 ride and earning \$32,824. Stetson's final money tally for 2025 gave the brothers a 1-2-3 finish in the final world standings as he finished with \$394,457. In another wild stat from the NFR, the brothers also finished 1-2-3 in their effort for Round 9. Stetson won with 89.75, Statler was second with an 88-point ride, and Ryder came in third with 86.5. It was the first time this combination of family members pulled off that finish. Stetson added to his haul of gold buckles from the Wrangler NFR with two more world titles after Round 10. The Beaver

resident earned his sixth all-around crown and third championship in bull riding, pushing his total championship wins to 10. For the full season, Stetson earned \$817,088 for all-around and \$546,471 to earn the bull riding title.

Since this will be the final issue of 2025, I wanted to close this column with a note of thanks and gratitude to you, dear readers, for your support and kindness. Ever since I arrived in this area two decades ago, all I wanted to do was be honest with everyone about what's happening with the student-athletes at Cedar and

Canyon View, along with all the other schools in our area. And this school year has started off with a big-time bang when Cedar football finished with an undefeated season at 13-0. Not only was it the first football title for the school, it was done after realignment created all kinds of chaos before it finally settled in 3A for the next two seasons. Speaking of two, Cedar football

PREP SCOREBOARD - WINTER STANDINGS

SCORES

Boys Basketball

Region 9

12/10 Crimson Cliffs 73, Cedar 65
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Timpview 66, Dixie 51
Pine View 55, Snow Canyon 40

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Crimson Cliffs 69, Copper Hills 59

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Snow Canyon 68, Canyon View 43

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Manti 51, Juab 50

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San Juan 70, South Sevier 62

Dixie 61, Timpview 54
Pine View 59, Provo 49
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12/13 Snow Canyon 55, Timpview 35
Dixie 60, Provo 54
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Region 14

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Delta 65, San Juan 37
Beaver 53, Enterprise 50
South Sevier 42, Grand 26

12/11 Beaver 61, Parowan 17
Kanab 60, Enterprise 42
Carbon 49, South Sevier 29

12/12 South Summit 44, Grand 418

12/6 San Juan 55, South Sevier 50

Desert Hills 1-1 5-4
Dixie 3-3 3-3
Snow Canyon 0-1 3-4
Cedar 0-2 2-6

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Providence Hall	0-0	4-2
Delta	0-0	5-3
Richfield	0-0	4-3
Canyon View	0-0	5-6
Juab	0-0	1-5

Region 18

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

Girls Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Desert Hills	2-0	7-1
Snow Canyon	1-0	6-3
Cedar	1-1	4-5
Dixie	0-0	7-0
Pine View	0-1	4-3
Crimson Cliffs	0-1	3-6
Hurricane	0-1	2-5

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Delta	0-0	5-1
Canyon View	0-0	5-5
Providence Hall	0-0	4-5
Richfield	0-0	2-6
Juab	0-0	0-5

Region 18

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab	2-0	8-0
Beaver	1-0	5-0
South Sevier	1-0	1-6
San Juan	0-0	2-3
Grand	0-1	3-6
Enterprise	0-2	6-2
Parowan	0-2	0-9

STANDINGS

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Boys Basketball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Pine View	1-0	6-1
Hurricane	1-0	6-2
Crimson Cliffs	1-0	6-4

Girls Basketball

Region 9

12/9 Cedar 55, Crimson Cliffs 53
Desert Hills 53, Hurricane 36
Bishop Gorman (NV) 76, Pine View 53

12/10 Desert Hills 53, Canyon View 33

12/11 Desert Hills 56, Cedar 21
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Cedar boys drop two in region

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Ty Rowley scored 32 points with five 3-pointers, but the Cedar Reds fell on the short end of a 73-65 loss at home to the Crimson Cliffs Mustangs on Dec. 10 in the Region 9 opener for both teams.

After a first quarter that ended with a 20-20 tie, the visiting Mustangs built a nine-point halftime lead and pushed it to 54-43 after three quarters before sealing the win. Travis Murdock led three Mustangs in double figures with 17 points.

On Dec. 12, Desert Hills scored the game's last seven points and rallied for a 50-45 victory over Cedar at the Wolf Den, the Reds' sixth straight loss overall (2-6). Rowley led the way for Cedar with 20 points and three 3-pointers.

Ne'a Tauaefa led the Thunder in the victory with 17 points and teammate Tyson Arthur added 16. Desert Hills improved to 5-4 overall, 1-1 in Region 9 play.

The Reds traveled to face Snow Canyon in a region game Dec. 17 and will play the annual rivalry game at Canyon View on Dec. 19.

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

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

1. Happy college football bowl season, everyone! While BYU did not qualify for the CFP, they landed at the Pop Tarts Bowl being played in Orlando, Fla., on Dec. 27. What ACC school will be the Cougars' opponent?
2. Four days later, Utah football will play its bowl game at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas on New Year's Eve. What Big Ten school will provide the opposition for the Utes?
3. Quarterback Bryson Barnes will lead Utah State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on the blue turf at Albertsons Stadium in Boise, Idaho on Dec. 22. What team from the former Pac-12 will be the Aggies' opponent?
4. What football program declined any bowl game invitations after it was snubbed by the College Football Playoff in the final rankings despite a 10-2 regular-season record?
5. The Indiana Hoosiers completed the best two-year turnaround in college football history when it beat Ohio State for the first time in 37 years and finished with a perfect 13-0 regular season to win the Big Ten championship. They will begin the march toward the national title against Alabama or Oklahoma on Jan. 1 at what legendary venue located in Pasadena, Calif.?
6. After winning the Sun Belt Conference title, James Madison landed as the No. 12 team in this year's College Football Playoff. True or False: Curt Cignetti coached the Dukes for four seasons before moving on to Indiana in 2023.
7. Despite the departure of former head coach Lane Kiffin, Ole Miss earned the No. 6 seed and will open the CFP at home Dec. 20 against what team nicknamed the Green Wave that earned the 11 seed?
8. Rounding out the first round, what school earned the higher seed for the 10 vs. 7 matchup, Miami or Texas A&M?
9. What team finished as the No. 2 CFP seed and will play the Miami-Texas A&M winner at AT&T Stadium on Dec. 31?
10. Among the non-CFP bowl games, the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl is being played on Christmas Eve. Hawaii will face what former Pac-12 team that moved to the ACC along with geographic rival Stanford?
11. Not including the College Football Playoff, how many bowl games are on this year's schedule?
12. Where will this year's CFP National Championship game be played Jan. 19? This venue will also host one of the quarterfinal games Jan. 1.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. 57 million viewers watched the game that aired on CBS.
2. The Warriors started the 2015-16 season with 24 straight wins.
3. Joel Embiid.
4. Roberts proposed a salary floor.
5. Evan McPherson.
6. Chicago Bears.
7. Sidney Crosby. Crosby entered the league in the same year as Ovechkin (2005).
8. Tommy Fleetwood.
9. Derrick Henry, an Alabama alum.
10. Lane Kiffin.
11. Los Angeles Clippers.
12. The Indiana Hoosiers beat the Ohio State Buckeyes in the Big Ten Championship game Dec. 6, ending a 30-game losing streak.



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Canyon View

33

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Canyon View - Hallows 2, Taylor 11, N. King 4, P. King 3, Potter 10, Blackner 1, Bailey 2. Totals 9 11-15 33. 3-pointers - Taylor 2, Potter 2.

Desert Hills - Adamson 2, Peterson 11, Langi 14, Moutsos 7, Villanueva 12, Shaw 2, Mortenson 2. Totals 20 10-15 53. 3-pointers - Langi 2, Villanueva 1.

CV GIRLS

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waiting for someone to step up, but it felt like we didn't have anyone do that tonight."

The Falcons trailed only 13-10 after the first

tonight," Barnhurst said of CV's overall effort. "We may have reverted back to some old ways,

quarter, but were outscored 22-8 in the second as the host Thunder never led by less than double figures in the second half.

Tory Taylor led CV with 11 points and Kambree Potter added 10. The Thunder made 20 field goals in the win to just 9 for the Falcons.

After nine straight games on the road, Barnhurst was happy to see the stretch finally end.

"It's been a long nine games on the road," she said. "Hopefully sleeping in our own beds a little longer, getting to go home and get a snack, all those things will hopefully help."

Despite the field-goal disparity, CV finished 11-of-15 from the free-throw line (78 percent).

On Dec. 12, the Falcons finally played a home game at the Nest and came away with a 46-38 win over the Manti Templars. Canyon View led by four at the half and held off the visitors to even their record at 5-5 on the season.

Payton King led all scorers in the victory with 18 points and Taylor added 9, all on 3-pointers. CV faced the undefeated (8-0) Kanab Cowboys on Wednesday and will welcome the Mountain View Bruins on Saturday in a 3 p.m. start at the Nest.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

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finished as one of only two unbeaten teams in the entire state out of 105 programs across every classification, joining the Ridgeline Riverhawks, who steam-rolled to the 4A title.

As you get set to enjoy this Christmas season, please take note...not only are there five NBA games on Dec. 25 airing on broadcast TV (ABC4 locally), but you'll need Netflix to enjoy either of the two NFL games being played after you open your presents.

At 11 a.m., the Dallas Cowboys travel to face the Washington Commanders. The Cowboys still have some playoff hopes, but the Commanders' chances died a while ago.

At 2:30 p.m., my Detroit

Lions will try to improve their own playoff hopes when they

travel to U.S. Bank Stadium to face the Minnesota Vikings. I am glad I already have satellite radio and can at least listen.

To finish off the day, you'll need to switch to Amazon Prime at 6:15 p.m. for the better game of the day as the Denver Broncos continue marching toward the No. 1 seed in the AFC as they face the Kansas City Chiefs, who were just eliminated from the playoffs for the first time in a decade after suffering a 16-13 loss at home to the Los Angeles Chargers.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good sports night

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Plaintiffs,

VS.

DARCY L. JOHNSON,

Defendant.

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If you fail so to do, Judgment by Default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in said Complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court and a copy of which is hereto annexed and herewith served upon you.

DATED this 12 day of December 2025.

By:

Matthew B. Miles

Attorney for Plaintiffs

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BONDS TO BE ISSUED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Bonding Act, Title 11, Chapter 14, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, that on December 12, 2025 the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of BZI Innovation Park Public Infrastructure District No. 1 (the "District"), adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") in which it authorized the issuance of the District's Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds") (to be issued in one or more series, under one or more Indenture and with such other series or title designation(s) as may be determined by the District) and provided for a public hearing as described herein.

PURPOSE, TIME, PLACE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The District shall hold a public hearing on January 7, 2026, at the hour of 3:00 p.m., via electronic means at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179173107?pwd=2j26fwgaEbJTMpeUHVbC43KYrZTcYO.1> or 1-(669)-444-9171 using Meeting ID: 831 7917 3107 and Passcode: 681465. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the public with respect to (a) the issuance of the Bonds and (b) any potential economic impact that the Project to be financed with the proceeds of the Bonds may have on the private sector. All members of the public are invited to attend and participate. Comments received will be added to the public record at the public hearing. Public comment during the meeting will be allowed.

PURPOSE FOR ISSUING THE BONDS

The Bonds will be issued for the purpose of (a) financing or reimbursing all or a portion of the cost of public infrastructure as permitted under the Special District Act, Title 17B, (b) funding any necessary capitalized interest, (c) funding any necessary reserve and/or surplus funds, and (d) paying costs related to the issuance of the Bonds.

REVENUES TO BE PLEDGED

The Bonds are limited tax general obligations of the District payable from all or any portion of ad valorem property taxes of the District and pioneering agreement revenues, if any (collectively, the "Pledged Revenues").

PARAMETERS OF THE BONDS

The District intends to issue the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not more than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000). The Bonds shall mature in not more than thirty-one (31) years from their date or dates, taxes being imposed for a period of up to forty (40) years from the first date of imposition thereof, to be sold at a price not less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the total principal amount thereof, and bearing interest at a rate or rates of not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum. The Bonds are to be issued and sold by the District pursuant to the Resolution, including as part of said Resolution, an Indenture of Trust (the "Indenture").

OUTSTANDING BONDS SECURED BY REVENUES

Other than the proposed Bonds, the District currently has \$-0- principal amount of bonds outstanding secured by the Pledged Revenues.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF BONDS

Based on the District's current plan of finance and a current estimate of interest rates, the total principal and interest cost for the Bonds is estimated at approximately \$35,995,507.

A copy of the Resolution and the Indenture are on file at Snow, Jensen & Reece, P.C., 912 West 1600 South, Suite B-200, St. George, Utah 84770, where they may be examined during regular business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a period of at least thirty (30) days from and after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a period of thirty (30) days from and after the date of the publication of this notice is provided by law during which any person in interest shall have the right to contest the legality of the Resolution, the Indenture, or the Bonds, or any provision made for the security and payment of the Bonds, and that after such time, no one shall have any cause of action to contest the regularity, formality, or legality thereof for any cause whatsoever.

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