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2026 Proposed Constitutional Amendments

H.J.R. 10 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Publication Amendments

2025 General Session

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution regarding the publication of a proposed constitutional amendment.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- require a proposed constitutional amendment to be published, in a manner provided by statute, for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the general election.

Other Special Clauses:

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2027 for this proposal.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

Article XXIII, Section 1,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article XXIII, Section 1 to read

Article XXIII, Section 1. [Amendments: proposal, election.]

Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in either house of the Legislature, and if two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses, shall vote in favor thereof, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on their respective journals with the yeas and nays taken thereon; and the Legislature shall cause the same to be published in at least one newspaper in every county of the state, where a newspaper is published, for two months, in a manner provided by statute, for 60 calendar days immediately preceding the next general election, at which time the said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the electors of the state for their approval or rejection, and if a majority of the electors voting thereon shall approve the same, such amendment or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.

The revision or amendment of an entire article or the addition of a new article to this Constitution may be proposed as a single amendment and may be submitted to the electors as a single question or proposition. Such amendment may relate to one subject, or any number of subjects, and may modify, or repeal provisions contained in other articles of the Constitution, if such provisions are germane to the subject matter of the article being revised, amended or being proposed as a new article.

Section 2. Submittal to voters.

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Contingent effective date.

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

H.J.R. 10 passed the House 70-0-5.

H.J.R. 10 passed the Senate 29-0-0.

S.J.R. 2 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Statewide Initiatives

2025 General Session

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Utah Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision relating to statewide initiatives.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- provide the circumstances under which a higher percentage of voters than a majority must approve a statewide initiative that proposes to impose a new tax or to increase the rate of an existing tax or the amount of revenue collected.

Other Special Clauses: This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters. This resolution provides a contingent effective date of November 23, 2026 for this proposal.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

Article VI, Section 1, Effective 11/23/26

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 1 to read

Article VI, Section 1 (Effective 11/23/26). [Power vested in Senate, House, and People.]

(1) The Legislative power of the State shall be vested in:

- (a) a Senate and House of Representatives which shall be designated the Legislature of the State of Utah; and
- (b) the people of the State of Utah as provided in Subsection (2).

(2) (a) (i) The legal voters of the State of Utah, in the numbers, under the conditions, in the manner, and within the time provided by statute, may:

- (A) initiate any desired legislation and cause

it to be submitted to the people for adoption upon a majority vote of those voting on the legislation, as provided by statute; or

(B) require any law passed by the Legislature, except those laws passed by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, to be submitted to the voters of the State, as provided by statute, before the law may take effect.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A), legislation initiated to allow, limit, or prohibit the taking of wildlife or the season for or method of taking wildlife shall be adopted upon approval of two-thirds of those voting.

(iii) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A), initiated legislation that is subject to a vote that occurs after November 1, 2026, shall be adopted upon approval of at least 60% of those voting on the legislation if the initiated legislation includes:

(A) the imposition of a new tax;

(B) an expansion of an existing tax to include additional items or transactions subject to the tax;

(C) an increase in an existing tax rate; or

(D) for a property tax, a change to the tax rate that causes the tax rate to decrease less than it would under current law.

(b) The legal voters of any county, city, or town, in the numbers, under the conditions, in the manner, and within the time provided by statute, may:

(i) initiate any desired legislation and cause it to be submitted to the people of the county, city, or town for adoption upon a majority vote of those voting on the legislation, as provided by statute; or

(ii) require any law or ordinance passed by the law making body of the county, city, or town to be submitted to the voters thereof, as provided by statute, before the law or ordinance may take effect.

Section 2. Submittal to voters.

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Contingent effective date.

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on November 23, 2026.

S.J.R. 2 passed the Senate 21-8-0.

S.J.R. 2 passed the House 55-17-3.

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STORY IN NEWS

Utah Recommends 37 Census Tracts for Opportunity Zone Designation

Quantitative analysis and input from communities and economic development partners anchor the state's recommendations.

From Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Governor's Office of Economic Development announced [Sept. 24] that Gov. Spencer J. Cox has recommended 37 census tracts for designation as Opportunity Zones under the federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 program. The Treasury Department is expected to certify these selections in December.

To help inform Governor Cox's formal recommendations, the Governor's

Office of Economic Development (GOED) conducted a rigorous analysis that combined quantitative methods with input from cities, counties, economic development organizations, business owners, and developers across the state. Utah has 147 census tracts that met the federal eligibility requirements for consideration. Federal law allows the state to nominate 25% of eligible tracts, limiting Utah's recommendation to 37.

"Opportunity Zones give us another tool to encourage investment in communities that can benefit from new capital, new businesses and new jobs," said Gov. Spencer Cox. "We wanted to approach this process thoughtfully and make recommendations based on both the data and what we heard from communities across Utah."

GOED evaluated eligible tracts using a range of factors, including employment levels and growth, population growth, capital flows, existing infrastructure, labor market engagement, demographic and economic conditions, and input from civic and business leaders in the identified tracts. In particular, GOED emphasized input from cities and counties that identified specific tracts as their top priority, as well as those that identified specific development projects. Overall, the aim was to balance three key priorities:

1. Upholding the preferences and priorities of local voices, including counties, municipalities, economic development organi-

zations, businesses, and developers.

2. Identifying and prioritizing tracts most likely to attract private investment.
3. The geographic composition of the eligible tracts. Of the 147 eligible tracts, 117 were urban, and 30 were rural. Accordingly, the recommended list includes 27 urban tracts and 10 rural tracts.

As part of the process, GOED hosted two statewide informational webinars and distributed and analyzed a statewide survey of local economic development professionals, business owners, local officials, and developers. GOED followed up with respondents as needed to confirm details and project plans.

"We wanted the process to be grounded in evidence while still reflecting what communities and economic development partners told us about their areas," said Jefferson Moss, commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. "The result is a list that reflects both the underlying data and the local knowledge gathered throughout the process."

Utah's 37 Recommended Opportunity Zones

Utah has recommended the following census tracts to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Map). Treasury is expected to certify the final Opportunity Zone designations in December, with new Opportunity Zone 2.0 designations and investment rules taking effect Jan. 1, 2027.

- **Box Elder County**
 - Census Tract 9606.01 (GEOID: 49003960601) - Rural
- **Cache County**
 - Census Tract 5.01 (GEOID: 49005000501) - Urban

- Census Tract 8 (GEOID: 49005000800) - Urban
- Census Tract 10.02 (GEOID: 49005001002) - Urban
- **Carbon County**
 - Census Tract 6 (GEOID: 49007000600) - Rural
- **Davis County**
 - Census Tract 1257.01 (GEOID: 49011125701) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1257.02 (GEOID: 49011125702) - Urban
- **Duchesne County**
 - Census Tract 9405.01 (GEOID: 49013940501) - Rural
- **Grand County**
 - Census Tract 2 (GEOID: 49019000200) - Rural
- **Iron County**
 - Census Tract 1105.02 (GEOID: 49021110502) - Rural
 - Census Tract 1106.01 (GEOID: 49021110601) - Rural
- **Piute County**
 - Census Tract 9601 (GEOID: 49031960100) - Rural
- **Salt Lake County**
 - Census Tract 1021 (GEOID: 49035102100) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1027.02 (GEOID: 49035102702) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1029 (GEOID: 49035102900) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1115 (GEOID: 49035111500) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1118.02 (GEOID: 49035111802) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1121.01 (GEOID: 49035112101) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1124.04 (GEOID: 49035112404) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1127 (GEOID: 49035112700) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1133.12 (GEOID: 49035113312) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1135.14 (GEOID: 49035113514) - Urban
 - Census Tract 1139.06 (GEOID: 49035113906) - Urban

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ZONE DESIGNATION

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- **Sanpete County**
 - Census Tract 9724.01 (GEOID: 49039972401) - Rural
- **Tooele County**
 - Census Tract 1306 (GEOID: 49045130600) - Rural
- **Uintah County**
 - Census Tract 9684.01 (GEOID: 49047968401) - Rural
- **Utah County**
 - Census Tract 5.11 (GEOID: 49049000511) - Urban
 - Census Tract 18.01 (GEOID: 49049001801) - Urban
 - Census Tract 18.02 (GEOID: 49049001802) - Urban
 - Census Tract 19 (GEOID: 49049001900) - Urban
 - Census Tract 22.09 (GEOID: 49049002209) - Urban
 - Census Tract 29.02 (GEOID: 49049002902) - Urban
 - Census Tract 9805 (GEOID: 49049980500) - Urban
- **Washington County**
 - Census Tract 2715.01 (GEOID: 49053271501) - Urban
- **Weber County**
 - Census Tract 2011 (GEOID: 49057201100) - Urban
 - Census Tract 2019 (GEOID: 49057201900) - Urban
 - Census Tract 2107.01 (GEOID: 49057210701) - Urban

Opportunity Zones are a federal economic development tool intended to encourage private investment in eligible communities. The program provides significant federal tax incentives for qualifying investments made through Qualified Opportunity Funds. The federal government determines which census tracts are eligible, and states nominate a limited number of these eligible tracts for designation.

For more information about Utah's Opportunity Zone process, visit business.utah.gov/opportunity-zones.

About the Governor's Office of Economic Development

Under Gov. Spencer J. Cox's direction, the Governor's Office of Economic Development provides resources and support for business creation, growth, and recruitment. It also drives increased tourism and film production in Utah. As stewards of the world's best economy and quality of life, the Economic Development Office utilizes federal, state, and private sector resources to administer programs in areas demonstrating the highest potential for economic development and the most opportunity for Utahns.

Paragonah man sentenced to prison for assault

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 37-year-old Paragonah man is heading to prison after prosecutors successfully fought to override a state recommendation that he receive no prison time.

Fifth District Court Judge Meb Anderson sentenced Conrad Deckeon Jimenez to 1 to 15 years for his first conviction and up to five years for the second. The terms will run consecutively.

Iron County Deputy Attorney Shane Klenk persuaded the court to

impose prison sentences despite a Utah sentencing matrix recommendation against incarceration, Deputy Attorney Trajan Evans said. Klenk also successfully requested the consecutive terms.

According to charging documents, the woman told Iron County sheriff's detectives that Jimenez assaulted her repeatedly over four to five days.

She described being placed in chokeholds, struck and threatened with a razor blade.

Investigators said she had a broken nose and injuries around her neck and throat. A nurse also documented injuries consistent with strangulation.

The Iron County Attorney's Office said these were Jimenez's sixth and seventh domestic violence assault convictions.

"Our office appreciates Canyon Creek Services for the support they provide to domestic violence victims in our community," Evans said.

The court also ordered a continuous protective order. Restitution has yet to be determined.



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SUNSHINE AND PLEASANT TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED MOVING INTO THE FIRST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER. WE WILL KEEP THE NICE WEATHER AROUND WITH WARM TEMPERATURES NEXT WEEK.

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Sunny
77°/47°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: S 5-10

FRIDAY
Sunny
78°/48°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 10-20

SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
79°/49°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 10-20

SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny
80°/50°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 15-30

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
80°/50°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: W 10-15

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
81°/49°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: W 5-10

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny
82°/48°
PRECIP: 0%
WINDS: SW 5-10

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FROM THE EDITOR



**BECKA
DIMICK**
COPY EDITOR

This past weekend, I drove an hour away just to go to the movies.

People who know me well know that the movie theater is my favorite place on earth. I love the experience of going to the theater. Some people go to church. Some people go to the gym. Some people go to Disneyland. For me, my sacred space is a movie theater. Nicole Kidman says it best: "We come

to this place for magic..." If you know, you know.

I wanted to see "Primetime," a new A24 release that is not playing in Cedar City.

So, we put gas in the car and drove to Hurricane, where we bought tickets at Coral Cliffs Cinema 8, an independent theater I had never visited before. Not going to lie to you, it was an inconvenience to make that drive just for the new Robert Pattinson joint.

I ended up loving everything about the experience, though, film included.

The screening room was huge and very dark, the perfect amount of dark for a theater. Truly, chef's kiss. The seats were updated and comfortable. Before the movie, we watched actual movie trailers, uninterrupted by local commercials wedged between them.

I feel strongly about this. There is something so offputting and offensive about being pulled out of the theatrical experience for an advertisement before being dropped right back into another trailer. Trailers are a crucial part of the movie-going experience and deserve some respect, please.

The whole thing left me thinking about what it actually means to call somewhere an arts community.

Cedar City proudly considers itself one. We have theater, festivals, museums, a university and an audience that clearly values culture. Surely there is room in that identity for movies that fall outside the safest, broadest theatrical releases.

Movies are art, too, one of America's largest and longstanding exports.

I understand that we are a family-oriented community, and families deserve entertainment made for them. But they aren't the only audience here.

I'm an adult without children. I buy movie tickets frequently. I want to see challenging, interesting, contemporary films, and I don't think access to that kind of culture should require an hour-long drive.

A thriving arts community should have room for a bit of everything, especially Robert Pattinson.



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Health Improvement and Prizes - October 3rd

by Marcus Lawrence

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Local residents are invited to participate in Vision Iron County's Healthcare Team sponsored Fall #26Trailsin2026 Campaign kickoff on Saturday, October 3rd, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Thunderbird Gardens Trailhead parking lot located above the Cedar Ridge Golf Course on East 900 North.

Residents of all ages and abilities are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to boost their physical and mental well-being while exploring the many trails that thread their way through our communities and surrounding landscapes. "And," says co-chair Marcus Lawrence, "they can earn prizes while improving their health."

He explains, "Walk, hike, bike, run, ski or do any human-powered movement at least six times on Iron County located trails to enter the 6-Trail Milestone First Prize drawing for gift cards from several local merchants, or complete the 26-Trail Challenge to qualify for the Grand Prize drawing of an Annual National Parks Pass."

Participants document their participation and progress in the campaign by sharing photos of their trail experience on social media using the hashtag #26Trailsin2026. To officially enter the prize drawings, participants must scan and complete the online entry form available via the QR code below.

This year's #26Trailsin2026 spring campaign kicked off in March on the SUU campus as participants

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it." — Mary Oliver

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SUU and LHM Utah Summer Games to Host Coal Creek Classic Football Game



by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Southern Utah University (SUU) and its Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games department will host the Coal Creek Classic football rivalry between Canyon View High School and Cedar High School on Friday, Oct. 2.

The game is scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. at the Eccles Coliseum, marking the 30th meeting between the two schools. The rivalry game, presented by State Bank of Southern Utah, will feature two Iron County School District schools as part of an enhanced relationship between SUU and ICSD. Cedar High School will serve as the home team for the game.

"We are thrilled to host one of our community's unifying events on our campus this year," said Jon Oglesby, Assistant Vice President, Sports and Destination Engagement at SUU. "It is an honor to welcome the Canyon View and Cedar communities to our campus, providing prospective students

an opportunity to experience the SUU campus while enjoying a celebration of their high school accomplishments."

Tickets for the game can be purchased online at GoFan prior to the game, and cash will be accepted at the Eccles Coliseum southwest gate. UHSAA annual and silver passes will be accepted on-site. Parking will be available for the game in designated free lots, which include Lots 2, 10, 11, 12, and 14 on the SUU campus.

Additionally, fans are reminded to follow the clear bag policy for SUU events, which permits one clear bag no larger than 12"x12"x6". Diaper bags, seat cushions, factory-sealed water bottles, blankets, and ponchos are allowed in the stadium.

SUU will host a variety of high school and UHSAA events throughout the academic year, including the UHSAA State Football championships on Nov. 14 and the Café Sabor Thunderbird Drill Invitational on Dec. 11-12.

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Meeting Overview

The council recognized city crews for their coordinated response to a recent water main break involving an aging transmission line. Officials also discussed communication challenges during the outage and encouraged residents to sign up for emergency notifications.

Council Member Items

The council reminded residents of a volunteer event to install harvest decorations downtown on September 26. Members also discussed adding street lighting near Cole Creek Parkway to improve pedestrian safety, with follow-up planned regarding power access.

Utah Well-Being Survey

The council reviewed results from the 2026 Utah Well-Being Survey. Residents identified water supply, open space, wildfire risk, affordable housing and traffic as key concerns. Cost-of-living concerns included child care, health care and housing. The survey also found mixed views on the pace of economic development, while satisfaction remained strongest with garbage service, the library and fire services.

Police Department Reaccreditation

The Cedar City Police Department was recognized for successfully completing reaccreditation through the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, meeting 176 standards. The department received praise for its recordkeeping, training and evidence management.

Consent Agenda and Resolutions

The council approved the consent agenda, 2026–27 fiscal year budget amendments and an updated Fund Balance and Reserve Policy.

Public Comment

A resident raised concerns about the appearance and setback of the county’s new correctional facility and encouraged consideration of landscaping and perimeter security before construction is finalized.

Iron County Commission Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Auditor’s Office

The county’s 2025 financial audit was clean aside from one finding involving the timing

of the annual fraud risk assessment. Property tax abatements and valuation appeals are being processed, while departments prepare budgets for the upcoming cycle. The office also requested moving a part-time employee to full-time to provide additional training and coverage for payroll and other duties.

Corrections

The jail budget is 56% spent, with several unexpected repair costs affecting maintenance funds. A new substance-use treatment program for state inmates is bringing in additional revenue as the jail population increases. Staffing turnover remains a concern, and the county has also begun billing ICE for eligible inmate holding periods.

Parks and Recreation

The department reported its budget at 72% spent. Recent projects included savings on a new bathroom at the Five Mile picnic area and improvements made with assistance from county departments and contractors. Restrictions on borrowing road department equipment are expected to increase future rental costs. Fall events include festivals, races and other outdoor activities.

Sheriff’s Office

The Sheriff’s Office reported 25 SWAT callouts so far this year, continued drug task force operations and a new explosive-detection K9. Residents were also warned about phone scammers posing as deputies and demanding payment for fake warrants. Training costs and competition with higher

law enforcement wages continue to affect staffing. The new sheriff’s complex remains scheduled for completion in August 2027.

Southwest Tech

Southwest Tech reported an 8% increase in full-time equivalent enrollment and an 11% increase in headcount, along with a 94% graduation rate. Scholarship funding has assisted hundreds of students. An open house and foundation gala is scheduled for October 8.

Tourism

Tourism officials reported an 8% increase in transient room tax collections and nearly 6% growth in restaurant tax revenue, while overall visitation declined about 1.4%. Visitor spending on automotive-related expenses also increased, and Iron County was recently featured in AAA’s Via Magazine.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioners recognized fair staff and volunteers, reported on recent planning commission and jail tours, and discussed the proposed 330-mile Silver Rock transmission line. They also discussed plans to sell the old jail after the new facility is completed and recognized a recent flag retirement ceremony honoring the USS Iron County.

Planning and Zoning

The commission approved three zone changes involving property near Beryl, south of Mid Valley Road and near 6800 West/200

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

South. The largest change, about 93 acres, would allow for a proposed livestock auction facility. Two off-premises advertising signs near Summit were also approved, along with a state monument restoration contract.

Inland Port and Transmission Line

The commission approved adding about 830 acres to the Iron Springs Inland Port project area for "Project Juniper," subject to conditions involving county participation in future agreements. An option-to-purchase agreement for transmission easements related to a proposed 550kV line from Delta to Las Vegas was also approved.

Precincts and Transportation

An updated precinct map was approved in response to the proposed incorporation of "Cole Creek Town," although commissioners raised concerns about its boundaries and unresolved responsibilities. The commission also set a November 15 deadline for abatement applications and approved updates to the county's transportation plan.

Solar Tax Study

Acting as the Community Development and Renewal Agency, the commission tabled a proposed solar tax impact study pending further review.

Mosquito Abatement

The commission heard a presentation on increasing West Nile virus activity and mosquito-control needs. Iron County currently does not have a formal mosquito abatement district, and officials discussed the possibility of creating a special taxing district in the future.

Personnel Actions

The commission approved five personnel actions involving new hires, promotions and transfers across several county departments.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Sen. Vickers' September 2026 Legislative Update



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
UTAH SENATE DISTRICT 28

Friends and neighbors,

As fall begins, I'm thankful for the rain we've received across Utah and the difference it is making for our reservoirs and lakes. The changing leaves are a welcome sign of a new season. Looking ahead, I'm staying focused on the issues that matter most to Southern Utah families and communities.

This year marks 25 years since the tragedy of September 11, 2001, a day that changed our nation forever. Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93. In the middle of that heartbreak, Americans came together to help and care for one another. As we remember those we lost, we also honor the courage of our first responders and the spirit of service shown across the country.

During September's interim meetings, we took a closer look at several issues that will help shape our work in the 2027 Legislative Session.

Artificial intelligence is changing quickly, creating opportunities along with concerns. Utah's Office of AI Policy is studying issues such as deepfakes, AI companions and the use of AI in health care. The Business and Labor Interim Committee extended the office's sunset date to July 1, 2037, so this important work can continue as the technology develops. AI holds strong promise for Utah, but our policies need to support innovation while also protecting Utahns from new risks.

The committee also heard from the Governor's Office about its review of Utah's boards and commissions. Of the 340 boards reviewed, most should continue, while others may need to be changed, combined or removed. These groups serve an important purpose, but it makes sense to regularly ask whether they are still needed, working well and serving Utahns effectively.

The Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee reviewed an

audit of World Trade Center Utah, or WTC Utah. The organization helps Utah businesses reach international markets, attract foreign investment and build partnerships

around the world. The audit found that WTC Utah met its main responsibilities and helped create millions of dollars in new trade opportunities in 2025. It also found room to improve how the organization tracks and reports results and spending. These programs can open doors for Southern Utah businesses, but taxpayers should also be able to see clear, measurable results.

The Senate also has a constitutional responsibility to review and confirm appointments made by the Governor. In September, we confirmed Matthew Bell and Michael Menssen to the Utah Supreme Court, Elizabeth Butler to the Third District Court, Lance Talakai to the Third District Juvenile Court, Hannah Freeze as Great Salt Lake Commissioner and Jamie Barnes as Commissioner of the Division of Natural Resources. I appreciate each of them for being willing to serve our state. As we get ready for the upcoming session, I'll keep listening to the people I represent and making sure Southern Utah's priorities are heard at the Capitol. Interim meetings give us valuable time to study issues carefully and hear from the people they affect. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to keeping you updated in the months ahead.



Very much enjoyed this year's Iron County Fair, including our annual parade. It was a great morning to spend with family, visit with so many community members, and participate alongside Representative Rex Shipp and Carl Albrecht. Year after year, this parade brings people together in a way that reflects the strong community spirit and traditions that make southern Utah so special.



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Fall Creative Writing Conference with 2026 Utah Humanities Book Festival

from *The Grace A. Tanner Center*
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City, UT — The Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values at Southern Utah University, as well as the Department of English, is partnering with the 2026 Utah Humanities Book Festival to host the Fall Creative Writing Conference featuring national authors as well as SUU alumni from the creative writing program. The public events will include a Walking/Writing Workshop along Coal Creek through the Cedar Canyon Trail, a reading of poetry and creative nonfiction, an Eccles APEX discussion, and an alumni reading paired with the Southern Utah Book Festival keynote author.

This year's Grace A. Tanner Visiting Writers are Michael McLane, editor of *The Once and Future Lake: Stories for the Great Salt Lake*;

Nicole Walker, author of *How to Plant A Billion Trees: Memoir of Childhood Trauma and the Healing Power of Nature*; and SUU alumnus Christopher Nelson, editor of *Green Lindon Press* and author of *Windshear*. Other featured writers include Simmons Buntin, author of *Satellite: Essays on Fatherhood and Home, Near and Far*, as well as SUU alumni Shauri Thacker, Jamison Conforto, and Sydney Beal-Coles. The writers will conduct workshops with SUU students in the creative writing program.

The conference will kick off with a Tanner Center Talk on Wednesday, Oct. 7, featuring Nelson and Walker in the Huntsman Room of the Gerald R. Sherratt Library at 5:30 p.m. They will read their poetry and creative nonfiction, respectively. On Oct. 8, APEX speaker McLane will read from and discuss the multi-genre anthology he edited, *The Once and*

Future Lake: Stories for the Great Salt Lake, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gilbert Great Hall of the Hunter Alumni Center. The conference will conclude with alumni readings on Friday, Oct. 9, in partnership with the Southern Utah Book Festival at the Student Center Theater at 6:30 p.m. Thacker, Conforto, and Beal-Coles will be on a panel moderated by Nelson, featuring their writings and professional experiences. They will be followed by SUBFest keynote Sam Weller, author of *The Bradbury Chronicles: The Life of Ray Bradbury*.

As a prelude to the conference, Buntin and biologist Sam Wells will co-direct a "Humanities in the Wild" walking/writing workshop through Cedar Canyon on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants should meet at the West Canyon Park, 133 South 400 East, and bring a notebook, pen, water bottle, hat and jacket. There is no fee. This event will not take place if there is inclement weather.

The Southern Utah Book Festival will take place in full on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Library in the Park. Please refer to <https://www.southernutahbookfestival.org/> for more information. These events are free and open to the public.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue our long-standing partnership with the Utah Humanities Book Festival in October and to co-sponsor a 'bridge event' with SUU alumni and the Southern Utah Book Festival keynote author Sam Weller.

Danielle Dubrasky, director of the Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values. Please reach out to the Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values, with any questions: tannercenter@suu.edu.

Passenger gets consecutive prison terms in fentanyl case; driver sentenced to probation

by **Tracie Sullivan**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A July

traffic stop that uncovered about a kilogram of

fentanyl led to sharply different sentences this month: consecutive prison terms for the passenger and probation for the driver.

Jose Mario Yepiz Gonzalez, 36, pleaded guilty to attempted fentanyl trafficking and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, both second degree felonies.

On Sept. 9, Fifth District Court Judge Ryan E. Christiansen sentenced him to one to 15 years in prison on each count. The sentences will run consecutively, meaning one after the other.

Desiree Ann Roy, 40, who was driving, pleaded guilty to two Class A misdemeanor drug possession counts and a Class B misdemeanor charge of driving with a measurable controlled substance.

On Sept. 16, Judge Meb Anderson placed her on 18 months of probation. He ordered her to serve 60 days in jail and credited her with 60 days already served. Additional jail sentences on the three counts were suspended.

According to the affidavits for arrest, a trooper stopped the rental Jeep near mile marker 88 on July 17 after observing it drift within its lane and follow a semitruck too closely. The trooper reported seeing a glass pipe in the center console as Roy searched for the rental agreement.

Gonzalez told the trooper the pipes were his. When he stepped out of the Jeep, the trooper noticed a bulge in his waistband and found approximately a kilogram of white powder that investigators later identified as fentanyl.

The trooper also reported finding approximately an ounce of methamphetamine in Roy's purse. Roy told investigators she knew the purpose of the trip was to take the fentanyl to Salt Lake City to sell.

As conditions of her probation, Roy must sign up with an approved private probation provider and obtain a drug and alcohol evaluation. The court ordered her to pay \$659 in fines.

**FALL CREATIVE WRITING CONFERENCE
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OCT 07	A READING & RECEPTION WITH CHRISTOPHER NELSON & NICOLE WALKER
5:30-7 PM	HUNTSMAN READING ROOM, SHERRATT LIBRARY
OCT 08	APEX WITH MICHAEL MCLANE: "THE ONCE AND FUTURE LAKE: STORIES FOR THE GREAT SALT LAKE" ANTHOLOGY
11:30-12:30 PM	GILBERT GREAT HALL, HUNTER ALUMNI CENTER
OCT 09	CREATIVE WRITING ALUMNI READING WITH GUEST SAM WELLER, SOUTHERN UTAH BOOK FESTIVAL KEYNOTE
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Curtis Cosponsors Legislation to Protect AI Whistleblowers

AI Whistleblower Protection Act would protect workers who report legal violations and public safety risks while preserving American innovation

from Dilan Maxfield, Eric Fejer

OFFICE OF SENATOR JOHN CURTIS

U.S. Senator John Curtis (R-UT) cosponsored the *AI Whistleblower Protection Act*, bipartisan legislation led by Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) to protect employees at artificial intelligence (AI) companies who report legal violations, security failures, or risks to public safety, ensuring they can raise legitimate concerns without fear of retaliation.

“AI has enormous potential, and it’s critical that the United States continue to lead the world in its development. But innovation and accountability have to go hand in hand,” said Senator Curtis. “The people working directly with these systems are often the first to recognize when something has gone wrong. They should be able to report serious

legal, security, or public safety concerns without risking their careers or being silenced by an NDA. This bill provides that protection without creating another federal regulator or standing in the way of responsible innovation.”

Background:

As increasingly powerful AI systems are developed and deployed, employees working directly on the technology may be among the first to identify security vulnerabilities, legal violations, or other risks that could threaten the public. Existing employment agreements, including nondisclosure agreements, can discourage workers from bringing those concerns forward.

Congress has established whistleblower protections and Department of Labor enforcement processes across a range of industries, including transportation, food safety, corporate fraud, and tax law. The *AI Whistleblower Protection Act* builds on that existing framework rather than establishing a new federal regulatory regime.

The *AI Whistleblower Protection Act* would:

- Protect AI workers who disclose suspected

violations of federal law, security vulnerabilities, or serious public safety risks associated with AI systems;

- Protect employees from retaliation for making covered disclosures;
- Prevent nondisclosure agreements and similar employment provisions from being used to prohibit protected disclosures; and
- Use the Department of Labor’s existing whistleblower process to investigate and resolve complaints, rather than creating a new regulatory agency or authority.

Senators Chris Coons (D-DE), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Josh Hawley (R-MO), and Brian Schatz (D-HI) also cosponsored the legislation.

Senator Curtis has consistently worked to establish targeted, commonsense safeguards for emerging technologies while preserving American leadership in artificial intelligence. His recent efforts include the bipartisan *AI Labeling Act*, which would establish transparency requirements for AI-generated content, and the *SAFE KIDS Act*, which would establish safeguards to protect children interacting with AI chatbots—much of which was included in the Senate Commerce Committee-passed *CHATBOT Act*.

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Utah Joins \$694 Million Multistate Settlement with Auto Lender Credit Acceptance Corporation

Attorney General Derek Brown and the Utah Department of Commerce's Division of Consumer Protection Secure \$1.9 Million in Relief for Utah Consumers

by **Hanna Seariac**

UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE

On Sunday, Utah joined 39 other attorneys general in a settlement with

Credit Acceptance Corporation (CAC), a national auto-financing company. The agreement delivers \$694 million in cash restitution and canceled debt to consumers nationwide on their car loans. Working alongside the Utah Division of Consumer Protection, the Office of the Utah Attorney General secured nearly \$1.9 million in relief for Utah consumers, including \$122,092 paid directly to the state.

CAC is one of the nation's largest auto-loan companies, extending credit to borrowers with low or limited credit histories. Following an investigation, the states allege that CAC issued loans it knew or should have known consumers could not afford, including some the company expected borrowers would fail to repay even the principal. CAC assigned each loan a score reflecting how much it expected to collect, and many low-scoring borrowers defaulted and had their vehicles repossessed.

"No company should be able to profit by setting its own customers up to fail. This settlement holds Credit Acceptance accountable and makes clear that lenders who cut corners will answer for it," said Utah Attorney General Derek Brown.

In the settlement, the 124 affected Utah consumers will receive a share of \$177,935 in cash restitution. They will also benefit from \$1,083,782 in full debt relief for those whose vehicles were repossessed and \$526,810 for consumers who retained their vehicles. "Exploiting vulnerable Utah consumers through high-pressure sales and deception will not be tolerated," said Katherine Hass, Director of the Utah Division of Consumer Protection. "We remain committed to holding bad actors accountable and delivering justice directly to affected Utah households."

The settlement, which takes effect on November 2, 2026, requires CAC to change how it makes loans and to stop dealers from quietly adding costly extras, like service contracts and "gap" coverage, to car deals without the buyer's clear agreement. The states say CAC pushed dealers to sell these products and did too little to rein them in, so buyers often ended up paying for extras they didn't know about or thought they had to buy to get the loan. According to the states, the way CAC paid its dealers, combined with weak oversight, encouraged the practice.

Going forward, the settlement requires CAC to:

- Give people a way out of certain risky loans that quickly go bad—canceling 95% of what they owe and agreeing not to sue them to collect. CAC must offer this for five years, starting November 2, 2026
- Put safeguards in place so dealers can't slip extra products into a deal — including clearer information before the sale, an easy way to cancel those products afterward, and closer monitoring of dealers

- Tell buyers, before they sign, about the risk of falling behind and what the car is actually worth
- Limit a car's price to no more than 109% of its standard book value for certain buyers, for seven years
- Stop dealers from raising a car's price because of the buyer's credit or above the advertised price

Utah's team, including the Division of Consumer Protection Director, Katherine Hass, and the Office of the Attorney General's Deputy Attorney General, Douglas Crapo and Assistant Attorneys General Katie Villani and Peishen Zhou, joins the Executive Committee leading the settlement, which comprises the attorneys general of Maryland, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Minnesota, and New Jersey.

Also joining the settlement are the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawai'i, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. New York is concurrently settling litigation it brought against CAC in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Consumers with questions about the settlement can contact the Division of Consumer Protection at consumerprotection@utah.gov. CAC will notify customers eligible for debt relief. A claims administrator will notify eligible consumers of their restitution.

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HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

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shed their winter clothes and as Lawrence says, "answered the call to invest a few hours each week in their physical and behavioral health." He adds, "Some kept to community trails while others took to the hills or did both, gaining strength and clarity of purpose with each outing."

This year's campaign follows the success of last year's #25Trailsin2025, and aligns with several priorities identified in the 2025 Cedar City Hospital Needs Assessment, including improving behavioral health, investing in social drivers of health, increasing access to care, and preventing childhood injury and illness.

Lawrence notes that, "our trail campaign supports these community priorities by encouraging outdoor exercise, and in the case of hikes in our local landscapes, reducing both stress and anxiety while appreciating nature's blessings. This is especially true for participants who hit the trail as a family."

Vision Iron County is a community network that creates opportunities to connect and engage residents in constructive conversations and helps share those with the people in a position to act on them.

showcase



by John Mead

JOHN MEAD DANCE COMPANY

Exciting news! On October 9th and 10th, at 7:30PM, at the Heritage Theater in Cedar City, the John Mead Dance Company (JMDC) will present its 3rd season this year with a premiere performance of Catulli, inspired by composer Carl Orff's rhythmic masterpiece, Catulli Carmina. Enjoy the

thrill of experiencing the company's energetic performance of original choreography by internationally recognized choreographer, John Mead. Catulli is sure to become an audience favorite.

choreographer with a long history of accomplishment in the field of dance, having directed his own dance companies for many years in both New York City and Singapore. Mr. Mead and his wife Mei Chian Lim, (who will be featured dancing in the performance),

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John Mead Dance Company (JMDC) is Cedar City's first, home-grown professional, adult contemporary dance company. It was established in 2025 with the mission of providing a professional pathway for aspiring, adult dancers in the local community.

Mr. Mead, the Artistic Director, is an internationally recognized

John Mead Dance Company

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New choreography to *Catulli Carmina*, the second scenic cantata of composer Carl Orff's masterpiece, *Trionfi*

Don't miss Cedar City's exciting new dance company!

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The Spanish Brass

by Marty Warburton

CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS

CCMA's 97th season hit the ground running mid-September with the presentation of John Reischman & the Jaybirds as the season opener. They were a hit!

On the heels of the inaugural event are the Spanish Brass from, you guessed it, Spain! A quintet of like minded countrymen with an inherent appreciation of all instruments brass. These gentlemen are not new to southern Utah, This

will mark the 3rd appearance of the Spanish Brass at the Heritage Center Theater within the last 20 years. They must be

doing something right.

This internationally acclaimed group was founded in 1989, originating within the Spanish National Youth Orchestra (JONDE). The ensemble has spent over 3 decades establishing itself as one of the most dynamic and versatile chamber groups in classical music.

Winners of Spain's prestigious 2020 National Music Prize, Spanish Brass is one of the world's most intricate brass quintets. Their

performances span classical masterpieces, contemporary commissions, and cross-genre collaborations, captivating global audiences with their exceptional technical brilliance, artistic versatility, and their charismatic showmanship.

The Brass will overtake the Heritage Center Theater on Tuesday, October 6th beginning at 10 in the morning. Busloads of Iron County School District students will be brought to the theater for an up close and personal experience with the Spanish Brass consisting of a private concert and a Q&A segment. The main concert will be at 7:30pm on Tuesday, October 6th. Doors open at 6:30pm, seating

at 7pm. The following day, the Brass will actually visit a high school and a middle school to conduct a Masterclass.

Cedar City Music Arts is working hard to keep the tradition of live music alive and flourishing here in southern Utah. Music that brings people and cultures together, music that is meant to be felt as well as heard, music that

travels the world and somehow finds its way to our little corner of the planet. Consider becoming a Cedar City Music Arts supporter by simply purchasing a season ticket package. There are eight more wonderful artists to come.

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L-R:
Sergeant Robert Flores, Army Vietnam
Corporal Steve Poulos, Army
Petty Officer 2nd Class Adam Hahn Navy

Sergeant Mary Blackner Vietnam War
(presented at her home)

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

"A Quilt of Valor" is an award to Service Members and Veterans who have been touched by war. It says "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."

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- ★ Sergeant Robert Flores, Army Vietnam.
 - ★ Corporal Steve Poulos, Army.
 - ★ Petty Officer 2nd Class Adam Hahn, Navy.
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- ★ Staff Sergeant Mary Blackner, US Army, Vietnam War (Awarded at her home with family & friends in attendance).

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JMDC

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moved to Cedar City three years ago and wish to bring value to the Cedar City community through professional, adult dance.

The concert will open with a repertory piece titled "Cumulus", a gentle, ethereal dance to Henryk Gorecki's composition of Polish folk songs, which Mr. Mead originally created for his company in 1998, when it was based in New York City.

Second in the program is the 37-minute premiere of Catulli. Mr. Mead's new ensemble offering is a choreographic engagement with composer Carl Orff's rhythmically complex, choral work, Catulli Carmina. This piece is the second "scenic cantata" of Orff's masterpiece, Trionfi which is a trilogy composed of his famous Carmina Burana, followed by Catulli Carmina and Trionfo di Afrodite. Having choreographed the entire Carmina Burana for his company in Singapore in 2006, Catulli Carmina's magical, irresistible rhythms inspired Mr. Mead to once again delve into Orff's unique musical world to create this new choreographic work for his Cedar City dance company. It is a high energy, impassioned, choreographic journey, accessible to audience members of all ages.



The company performers are talented, aspiring professional, adult dancers from the local area. Performing will be, Mei Chian Lim (Co-Director of the company), Carolina Flores, Astrid Howard, Jyllian Lynn, and Ying Wang.

Mr. Mead and the dancers of JMDC cordially invite you to attend our premiere performance of Catulli, by Cedar City's own professional, contemporary dance company!

Performances are October 9th and

10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Theater in Cedar City. Early Bird tickets, if purchased on or before October 7th, are \$10 for students. Regular ticket prices are \$15 for students and seniors and \$25 for regular audience members. Tickets are available online at the Heritage ticket office or at the door.

If you would like more information, or would like to audition for the company as a dancer, please contact us through our website at: www.johnmeaddancecco.com or email us at info@johnmeaddancecco.com

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Art Defines Civilizations

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Art crystalizes human history, whether it is the ancient cave drawings of bison and horses or the paintings and sculptures of today. The 11th-century Bayeux Tapestry is on display in London this year. The original embroidery is on rare public display at the British Museum through July 2027. The 230 foot linen has been transported from France to England for public viewing. It tells the history of William the Conqueror in 1066, starting with diplomatic negotiations and ending up with lots of dead bodies during the war. When my husband Des and I visited northern France we were able to see it, but I didn't understand it as much at the time. Sometimes we need to learn more about an art object before it resonates.

During that same visit, there were commemorations for D-Day and American school choirs were singing at the huge American cemetery. Music helps us mark

important landmarks. The French have rebuilt bombed buildings from World War II. A large photo of a bombed church was on display next to the reconstruction. Architecture as an art form also helps define countries and history.



New finds in Peru from the Chimu Kingdom unearthed an undisturbed tomb which included colorful textiles decorated with monkeys and birds as well as jewelry.

The capital city Chan Chan was the biggest city in the Americas at nine square miles up to 1470 when it was captured by the Incas. As with many peoples, the Chimu used artistic items to honor their dead. A more recent example of the importance of art helping us define a moment was when legendary American conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein was buried with a pocket score of Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 5.

When I think of ancient Greece I think of the stone temples, sculptures, and the amazing

pottery with gold dancers on a black background. When I think of Australia I think of the Sydney Opera House as well as kangaroos.

In the Middle East there are 4000 year old letters that are being deciphered by x-ray. They are encased in clay envelopes and used to be opened by hammer. "Researchers have traded brute force for technological finesses when it comes to reading ancient letters," wrote Katherine Korme. Cuneiform is the world's oldest documented writing. The literary arts teach us about world history. The joke is that history is written by the victors and, of course, there are always new interpretations as information becomes available.

As you visit museums, notice how the arts help us understand other people and ourselves. Photos and paintings of family and friends help us capture a special moment and build our personal history. As we continue to learn about our amazing history we can enjoy the art from centuries of people who have tried to capture a moment in a song, a painting, or a story.

COMMUNITY + PERSONAL INTEREST IN IRON COUNTY

by Haven Scott

TRUE LIFE CENTER

T rue Life Center is inviting golfers, local businesses and community members to come together for its Third Annual Golf Tournament Food Pantry Fundraiser, a day of friendly competition and community impact benefiting the TLC Food Pantry.

The tournament will take place Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cedar Ridge Golf Course. Last year's tournament raised more than \$25,000, demonstrating the generosity of sponsors, participants and supporters. Organizers hope to build on that success as the demand for food assistance continues to grow throughout Iron County.

"This community continues to amaze us with its generosity," said Pastor Pete Akins. "Last year's

tournament made a real difference for families in need, and we're excited to see our community come together again to help strengthen an important local resource."

The TLC Food Pantry serves an average of 1,500 individuals each week, totaling nearly 78,000 pantry visits annually. Funding from previous tournaments has helped the pantry purchase new refrigerators and freezers, make vital facility improvements and increase its capacity

to serve local families facing food insecurity.

"This tournament is about more than golf," Akins said. "It's an opportunity for people to enjoy a great day together while making a tangible difference in the lives of their neighbors. The support we've received has already helped expand our Food Pantry's impact, and we're looking forward to what we can accomplish together this year."

Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate, whether as individuals or teams. Participants will enjoy a day of camaraderie, friendly competition and opportunities to win prizes, all while supporting a vital community service.

Businesses Invited to Sponsor

Local businesses are encouraged to support the event through sponsorship opportunities. Sponsors will

receive recognition throughout the tournament and can choose to be

featured in event advertisements, media materials, swag bags and other promotional efforts, highlighting their commitment to the Cedar City community.

"Every sponsorship and tournament contribution helps us meet the growing demand for food assistance and strengthens our ability to serve those who need it most," said Hepsiba Serrano, TLC Food Pantry Coordinator.

Community members interested in participating can register through the "Events" page at www.truelife.center. Businesses interested in sponsoring a team or learning more about sponsorship opportunities may contact Hannah Akins at (435) 867-0405 or welcome@truelife.center.

True Life Center invites the com-

munity to tee up for a cause and help ensure local families have access to the food and support they need.

"Every player, sponsor and contribution helps make a lasting difference in the lives of neighbors throughout Iron County," Akins said.

Tournament Details

Event: True Life Center Third Annual Golf Tournament Food Pantry Fundraiser

When: Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Cedar Ridge Golf Course

Registration: Register on the Events page at www.truelife.center

Sponsorship Information: Contact Hannah Akins at (435) 867-0405 or email at welcome@truelife.center

About True Life Center

True Life Center is committed to serving and strengthening the local community through faith, fellowship and practical support. Through its Food Pantry and other community outreach initiatives, True Life Center works to meet the needs of individuals and families throughout Cedar City and Iron County.



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Cedar City tournament to support TLC Food Pantry

faith

Valley Bible Church Announces Its Fall Bible Conference

by **Blake Meyer**

VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

Valley Bible Church in Enoch, Utah, announces its upcoming annual Fall Bible Conference to be held at the church on October 2–4. The

theme of this year's Conference is "Deliberate Church: Lessons from Titus."

In his short letter to Titus, the apostle Paul provides a framework for a deliberate church—one shaped intentionally by God's design and the gospel. Across five sessions, the conference will explore how gospel realities are applied practically in the church. Whether someone has been part of a church for many years or is new to church, this study will help participants see God's church with fresh eyes and consider their role in it.

This year's special speaker will be James Tilson, who serves as the lead pastor for preaching and vision at Living Hope Church in Reno, Nevada (livinghope-reno.com). In 2021, James and his family partnered with three other families to plant Living Hope Church.

James and his wife, Amy, have been married for 24 years and have four children. His ministry passions include expositional preaching and advancing the gospel through the local church and church planting.

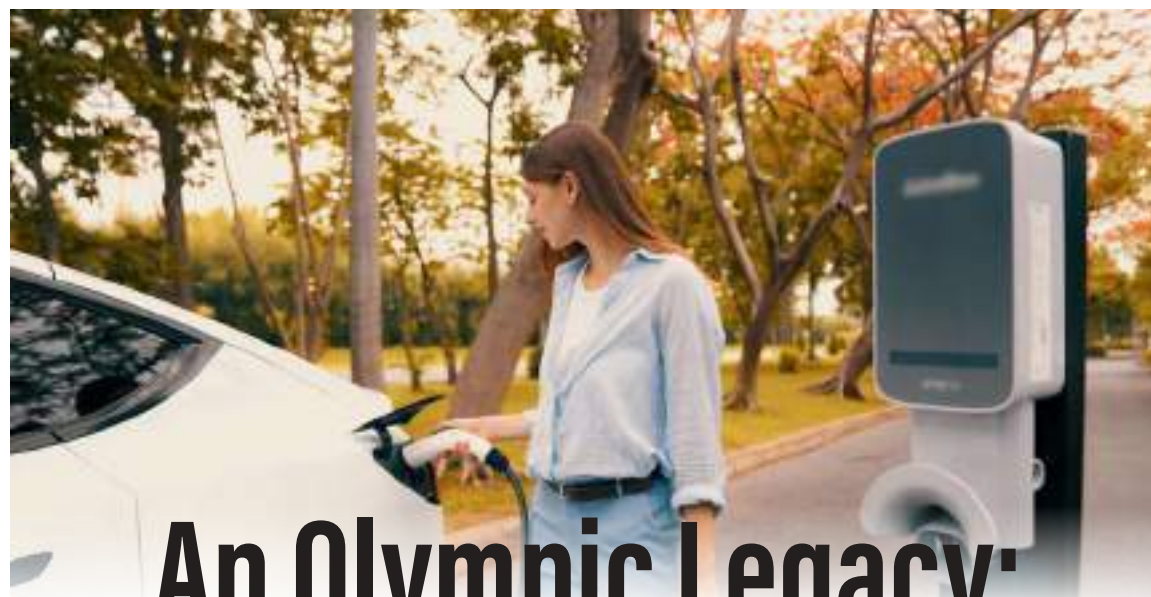


The five conference sessions will begin with a Meet and Greet at 6 PM on Friday, October 2nd, followed by the first session at 7 PM. The

second and third sessions will be held Saturday, October 3rd, at 5 PM and 7 PM with a meal in-between. The final two sessions will be held on Sunday, October 4th, at 10 AM and 11 AM.

The five sessions will cover Deliberate Design (Titus 1:1–4), Deliberate Oversight (Titus 1:5–16), Deliberate Community (Titus 2:1–10), Deliberate Grace (Titus 2:11–14), and Deliberate Reminders (Titus 3:1–15).

Valley Bible Church is located at 4780 N. Hwy 91 in Enoch. Call (435) 586-0253 for more information or check out the website at www.vbcfamily.com/bible-conference.



An Olympic Legacy: USU Researchers Outline Opportunities for Cleaner Air Ahead of 2034 Games

by **Shelby Ruud**

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

As Utah prepares to welcome the world for the 2034 Winter Olympics, three Utah State University researchers say the games could provide an opportunity to create lasting improvements to Utah's air quality.

In a new article published in *Sustainability and Climate Change*, USU researchers Edwin Stafford, Roslynn Brain, and Randy Martin outline eight opportunities Utah could pursue to reduce the risk of poor air quality during the 2034 Games and build a lasting clean-air legacy.

"My research has found that the Olympics gives you a political lever with which to get things done," Stafford said. "That's what makes the Olympics an innovative opportunity for lasting change."

Their recommendations include electrifying transportation and buildings, expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure, increasing renewable electricity generation, investing in clean-air education, expanding air-quality monitoring, restoring the Great Salt Lake, and enhancing green infrastructure.

"The Olympics puts Salt Lake and the Wasatch Front on a global stage that will hopefully motivate people to take some steps that we probably should be taking anyway," said Martin, a professor in USU's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. "We've got to get into the mindset of thinking about these alternatives, and maybe the Olympics can help

move us in that direction."

Utah's winter inversions can trap pollutants in the valleys for days at a time. Martin compares an inversion to a sealed bathtub, where pollutants accumulate until a storm or other weather system clears them.

"There's not much we can do about the actual setup of the inversion or its strength, but we can certainly modify what we put into it," Martin said.

The researchers suggest that the eight years leading up to the games provide time to begin making those changes. Martin said he would particularly like to see Utah expand its air-quality monitoring network around Olympic venues well before 2034, allowing researchers to track pollution levels and measure changes before, during, and after the games.

Education is another piece of the researchers' approach.

Stafford, a professor of marketing in the USU Huntsman School of Business, and Brain, a sustainable communities professor and USU Extension specialist, lead the Utah High School Clean Air Marketing Contest, which has educated Utah high school students and their families about air pollution since 2015. This year, they are adding an Olympics edition to the contest, giving students a chance to create public service announcements that connect clean air with the 2034 Games.

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calendar

TUES, SEPT 29

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (1-2PM) "ARTSposure" Exposure to the ARTS, including Fine Arts, Music, Dance, & Outdoor Art Experiences. 1 - 2 p.m. Lighthouse Art & Learning Center (between Sweet Basil & Subway). Questions? Call Jill Spatafore 702-917-2151

THURS, OCT 1

ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH PRESENTS MAGIC IN MOTION Timeless Animation Melodies two performances at Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City), 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm, admission is \$18 for adults and \$13 for students & Seniors. Open the season with a program of drama, color, and energy. Featuring Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty and Stravinsky's Firebird, alongside themes from Pirates of the Caribbean and Star Wars. Information and tickets are available at www.myosu.org.

JUDD PUMPKIN PATCH IS OPEN MONDAY - Saturday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Judd Pumpkin Patch (314 E 270 N, Paragonah). Open until all the pumpkins are gone or, October 28. There are no entrance fees and the Farm Animal Zoo is also free, Wagon Rides are \$3 per person and Barrel Train Rides are \$2 per person. (3 yrs and younger are free) Pick your own pumpkin right off the vine, enjoy a wagon ride and pet some fun farm animals. For information call (435) 477-9783

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD: HAUNTED HOMESTEAD held at 6:00 pm at the Frontier Homestead (635 N Main St, Cedar City). Join the Frontier Homestead for Cemetery tours, Guest Speakers, and Halloween Activities. Each Thursday will be something different, so be sure to check their Facebook: Frontier Homestead page for details and updates. General museum admission is \$4 per person. Donations appreciated. For information call (435) 586-9290. *A free self-guided cemetery tour is available all month.

FRI, OCT 2

CEDAR ROCK & GEM SHOW (10AM-7PM) Free admission! Experience one of southern Utah's most exciting mineral, jewelry, and rockhound events. Visitors will find sparkling minerals, handcrafted jewelry, unique gifts, fascinating demonstrations, family-friendly activities, silent auctions, door prizes, and

plenty of opportunities to learn something new. Come explore new treasures, meet knowledgeable vendors, enjoy free kids' activities, watch cabbaging demonstrations, take part in mineralogical lessons, and celebrate the beauty of the natural world. October 2-4 at the Diamond Z Arena, 11 S Cross Hollows Dr, Cedar City, Utah. Hours; October 2-3 from 10am to 7pm, October 4 from 10am to 5pm.

COAL CREEK CLASSIC FOOTBALL RIVALRY (7PM) Canyon View High School vs Cedar High School set to kick off at 7:00 pm at the SUU - Eccles Coliseum (99 S 1100 W, Cedar City) and marks the 30th meeting between the two schools. The rivalry game, presented by State Bank of Southern Utah, will feature two Iron County School District schools as part of an enhanced relationship between SUU and ICSD. Cedar High School will serve as the home team for the game. Tickets for the game can be purchased online at GoFan prior to the game, and cash will be accepted at the Eccles Coliseum southwest gate.

PAROWAN MAIN STREET SCARECROW FESTIVAL Parowan: Scarecrows on Main Take a walk on Main Street to see the variety of scarecrows designed by local businesses and organizations throughout October. Bring the whole family to stroll downtown Parowan to view hitchhikers, spooks, scarecrows, skeletons, and more every year for Scarecrows on Main!

SAT, OCT 3

CANYON CREEK SERVICES TO HOST ONCE UPON A GALA (6-9PM) at Heather Hill Farm and Gardens. Guests are invited to dress formally, enjoy an evening out, and be part of the next chapter of Canyon Creek Services' story to ensure that our vital services can continue for years to come. Tickets are available now for \$60 per person and include dinner. They can be purchased at <https://canyoncreek.givesmart.com>, www.canyon-creekservices.org. All proceeds from this event will go directly to Canyon Creek Services to aid in their work providing safety, advocacy, education, and support to survivors across Iron, Beaver, and Garfield Counties.

#26TRAILSIN2026 CAMPAIGN KICKOFF (10AM - 1PM) Vision Iron County will kick off its fall #26Trailsin2026 campaign at the Thunderbird Gardens Trailhead parking lot, above Cedar Ridge Golf Course on East 900 North. Residents of all ages and abilities are invited to walk, hike, bike, run or participate in other human-powered activities on Iron County trails. Participants can complete six trails for a chance to win local gift cards or

take on the 26-Trail Challenge for a chance to win an Annual National Parks Pass.

BIG MOUNTAIN ENDURO - SOUTHERVIEW TRAILHEAD (9:30AM - 6PM) Cedar City Fun Duro: Big Mountain Enduro - Mountain Bike Race held at Iron Hills Trail System - Southview Trailhead (S Shurtz Canyon Dr, Cedar City). To register and for more information Adult Racing Categories visit bigmountainenduro.com Youth Racing Categories visit youthenduroseries.org/.

MON, OCT 5

THIRST WALK CELEBRATION SUU SUCCESS Academy Key Club and the Kiwanis Club will be hosting a Thirst Walk Celebration at 6:00 PM in SUU Bristlecone Hall, Room 105 (S 800 W, Cedar City). The event is open to the public and will feature presentations from both Clubs and the Thirst Project. There will be a silent auction and a water drive where they will collect unopened bottled water to donate directly to the Iron County Care and Share. All proceeds will go to the Kiwanis and Key Club to support their future fundraisers.

TUES, OCT 6

THE SPANISH BRASS CEDAR CITY MUSIC Arts: The Spanish Brass performance is held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Tickets are available at cedarcitymusicarts.org. The Spanish Brass makes it's long awaited return to Cedar City, having shared its music in over 60 countries worldwide, leaving their mark on every stage where they have performed. Founded in 1989, the Spanish Brass has established itself as a leading name in the global chamber music scene.

Want your event on our calendar?

There is no charge for calendar items. Your submissions can be made online at ironcountytoday.com, or emailed to news@ironcountytoday.com or brought to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline is Friday at noon. The calendar is not to be used for advertising. Items will be printed at our discretion.

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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

Brian Head Council

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

Cedar City Council

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

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meetings

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

Enoch City Council

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

Enoch Planning Commission

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

Iron County Commission

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

Iron County Democrats

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

Iron County Republican Women

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

Parowan City Council

2nd & 4th Thurs, 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. For information content Scotty, Post Adjutant, at (435) 590-3072 or hideshowdog@gmail.com

Bikers Against Child Abuse

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

Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance (CAIFA)

3rd Tues 10:30am @ Cedar Library, West room. Help us plan and organize fundraising projects and quarterly community events. (No meet Jul, Nov, Dec)

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

In October, the Iron County Kiwanis Club will meet at 6 PM on October 5th in Room 105 of Bristlecone Hall on the SUU Campus. The next regular monthly meeting will be November 3rd at 6 PM in the Cedar City Library.

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 • (925) 508-9058

Key to Harmony (Online/Email Meeting) Sun & Tues 435-704-4979 • https://keytoharmony.org/

Alzheimer's/Dementia

Every 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

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

Holding Out HELP

Holding Out HELP provides those from a polygamous culture the care, support, and resources to become independent and self-sufficient (Cedar City and surrounding areas). Please call: 801.548.3492.

Multiple Sclerosis

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)

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

OARS - Open Authentic Relevant Spiritual:

Are you between the ages of 18-36? Are you hungry for some FREE dinner? Are you looking for a spiritual community where you will be totally accepted just like you are? Are you looking for a Safe Space where you can work out issues of faith and life? Would you like to be with a group where ALL questions are more than welcome? Where all perspectives are respected? Are you interested in Christian faith and spirituality, but not thrilled about rules or doctrine or being judged? If you have answered yes, join us on Tuesdays 6 pm at the Cedar City Library (by Main Street Park) beginning September 15, 2026. Questions? Contact pastorschuyler@gmail.com or pastorrobyn@cedarpres.org.

Workshops for Adults with Disabilities.

Every other Tuesday 1-2.

Call Jill for more info. 702-917-2151

Porn Addiction Recovery

Men Only • Thurs, 7:30pm • Canyon View semi-nary building (54 W 1925 N). North entrance.

Pregnancy, Infant Loss

1st Thurs, 7:00 pm • Share Families of So. Utah • 565 N Main Street, Ste. 6, Cedar • www.southernutahshare.com

Reel Mental Health

A fun interactive support group focused on your mental health and well-being, available online https://www.facebook.com/groups/925451652789177/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT

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 City Farmers Market

(9am-1pm) on the north end of Cedar City, Design & Flooring parking lot (2232 N Main St, Cedar City). Admission is FREE. Come for the farmers, food, and artisans, as well as drawings, bingo, and more! For information, visit them on Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or call Nancy (435) 463-3735.

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 8 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

welcome all religious backgrounds, agnostics, and atheists. 3rd Sundays at 11 am. 5101 W 1125 S, Cedar City. Leave a message or call Valerie Whitaker if interested at 435-704-4262.

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.cedarprofession-als.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

The Lunch & Learn

is every Monday at 11 AM at Brody's Mexican Restaurant, and attendees will make a free roller bottle of essential oils, learn about natural solutions for healthspan and enjoy a free lunch of 2 street tacos or an enchilada with rice & beans.

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/SmGytgCfvQ1t52pB7

Adolescent: forms.gle/BZlepPW63pR6Zd8k9

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 Artists 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)

Wellness Place

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

Wellness Wednesdays

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

Workshops for Adults with Disabilities

Every other Tuesday 1-2. Call Jill for more info. 702-917-2151

Youth Group

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

Zumba with Steff at Retro Fitness 929

S Main St, Cedar City, Tuesday at 9 AM. Membership or drop-in fee. Fun and easier to follow.

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SUU SUCCESS Academy Thirst Walk Celebration

by Kylee Miller

SUU SUCCESS ACADEMY

Learn how students in our community are taking steps towards meaningful change in distant countries. On May 9th, 2026, SUU SUCCESS Academy students participated in their Key Club's Annual Thirst Walk raising over \$2,000 in funds to provide clean water to communities in need. This event supported the Thirst Project's mission in ending the global water crisis.

Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students in the world. They provide opportunities for high school students to serve others, build character, and develop leadership skills. They also provide students with scholarship opportunities to further their growth. Key Club selects their own officers, runs their own activities, and service projects. One of the Key Club's annual service projects is the Thirst Walk where Key Club International Partners with the Thirst Project to raise funds. You can learn more about Key Club on their website, keyclub.org.

The Thirst Project is a nonprofit organization that works with the support of young people to end the global water crisis by building freshwater wells in developing communities. These wells provide clean water that help prevent serious diseases like cholera, dysentery, or schistosomiasis in young children who have weaker immune systems. You can learn more about the Thirst Project on their website, thirstproject.org.

The Thirst Walk fundraiser is a replication of the average 3.75 mile walk millions of people take daily to collect water that is usually contaminated from nearby swamps, streams, and puddles



in their local communities. Key Club groups around the world have collectively walked 24,000 miles to raise \$24,000 for the Thirst Project, to bring freshwater wells to these communities. If you would like to participate in next year's Thirst Walk please email mccollum@success-academy.org to learn more.

SUU SUCCESS Academy Key Club conducted their Thirst Walk fundraiser on May 9th, 2026, at Cedar City's Eccles Coliseum. They raised over \$2,000 for the Thirst Project leading to them raising the 2nd highest amount of any Key Club in the Nation. If you would like to learn more or contribute to the Thirst Walk you can still donate at my.thirst-project.org/KCWalks.

In honor of this great achievement SUU SUCCESS Academy Key Club and the Kiwanis Club will be hosting a celebration on October 5th, 2026, at 6:00 PM in SUU Bristlecone Hall, Room 105. The event is open to the public and will feature presentations from both Clubs and the Thirst Project. There will be a silent auction and a water drive where they will collect unopened bottled water to donate directly to the Iron County Care and Share. To learn more you can visit their website at careandshare-ut.org. All proceeds will go to the Kiwanis and Key Club to support their future fundraisers.

To make this all possible Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, an adult service organization whose mission is to help children in local communities. Iron County Kiwanis Club is always looking for more members who are interested in serving our community and supporting our local children. You can learn more about the Kiwanis Club on their website, kiwanis.org.

BULLOCH'S

Witches Night Out

October 16th - 17th

Join us for a magical Witches Night Out with storewide savings, tasty refreshments, a costume contest, and plenty of spooky fun!

2034 GAMES

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“We’re hoping the kids will come up with even better ways to tie Olympic themes with some of the big initiatives that are necessary for us to get our air cleaned up by 2034,” Stafford said.

Stafford said involving young people now is particularly meaningful because today’s high school students will be adults by the time Utah hosts the Olympics and could be among the volunteers and community members participating in the games.

The eight recommendations

are intended as a starting point for conversation and action. The researchers hope the Olympics can provide momentum for changes that benefit Utah long after the competition ends.

“Pursuing the air quality opportunities outlined here will demonstrate to the world that Utahns took bold stewardship of their air, not just for the games, but as an Olympic legacy as well,” the researchers wrote.

The article, “The Utah 2034 Winter Olympics: Leaving a Lasting Clean Air Legacy,” was published in Sustainability and Climate Change by Stafford, Brain, and Martin in August 2026

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ASK AN EXPERT

Utah's 2026 Wildfire Season by the Numbers

by J. Bradley Washa

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF WILDLAND FIRE
SCIENCE

Utah entered 2026 with heightened concerns about the wildfire season, given the record-low snowpack. Those concerns materialized as wildfires burned across Utah, affecting nearly every corner of the state. The 2026 wildfire season might be better

Utah wildfires since 2002 (see Largest Wildfires in Utah from 2002-2026 table below). These include:

- #3 Widemouth 2 Fire – 129,741 acres burned on the Fishlake National Forest.
- #5 Babylon Fire – 107,189 acres burned on the Manti-La Sal National Forest.
- #7 Cottonwood Fire – 97,464 acres burned on the Fishlake National Forest.



Camden Thorne, USU Forest Ecology and Management student and wildland firefighter, on hose line fighting the Iron Fire next to Highway 6 just outside Eureka

Photo by Everret Hallenberger

described as a wildfire year. For example, on January 22, the Beaver Canyon Fire

started near Strawberry Reservoir in Wasatch County. At that time of year, the area should have been under several feet of snow.

This is how 2026 stacked up against recent fire history in Utah:

• More than half a million acres have burned in Utah in 2026, making it the state's most severe fire season since 2007, when 629,212 acres burned. The next-highest total in recent history was 438,983 acres in 2018 (see Utah Wildfires by Acres 2012-2026 chart below).

• This summer, Utah experienced several megafires, three of which made the list of the top 10

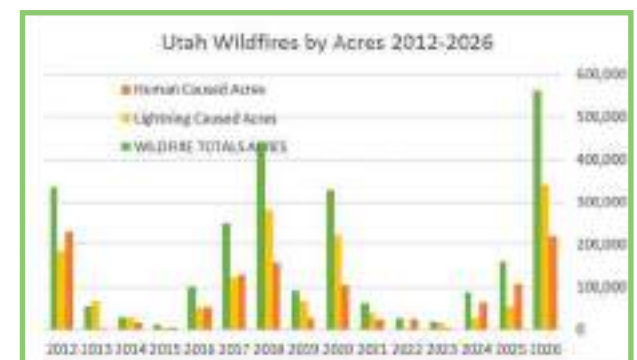
• This year's fire season saw a shift toward larger fires at mid-to-higher elevations, particularly in timbered areas, rather than in lower-elevation rangelands where larger fires historically were more common.

• In Utah, 2005-2007 were major fire seasons, but these larger fires generally occurred on rangelands and Bureau of Land Management lands. Since the Brianhead Fire in 2017, most large fires have occurred in timber fuels on U.S. Forest Service lands.

• Over the past 10 years, 41% of Utah wildfires were caused by lightning. Although the fire season is not over, 54% of our fires were lightning-caused, according to data from the Great Basin Coordination Center. As the monsoonal season slows and we transition into autumn, lightning generally decreases, but human-caused ignitions can increase.

• Several tragic incidents occurred during the 2026 fire season. On June

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Widemouth 2 Fire on the Fishlake National Forest near Fillmore

Photo by Trevyn Hadley,
USU Student and Wildland Firefighter

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27th, five wildland firefighters from the Rifle Helitack crew were attacking the Knowles and Gore fires near the Utah-Colorado border when they were overtaken by extreme fire behavior linked to the Snyder and Jones fires, which had started eight miles away in Utah. Four firefighters died in the burnover. The last wildland firefighter fatality in Utah occurred in 2006, when Spencer Koyle was overrun by fire on the Devil's

Den Fire in Millard County. On August 7th, two pilots were killed on

the Widemouth 2 Fire when their Skycrane helicopter crashed. Prior to this fire season, the last pilot fatalities on a Utah wildfire occurred in 2012, when air tanker pilots Todd Tompkins and Ron Chambless died fighting the White Rock Fire.

- Beyond these tragic fatalities, wildfires also caused extensive structural damage. Two-hundred and six structures have been documented as destroyed across six wildfires, including homes, cabins, and a major ski resort. In the Cottonwood Fire alone, 185 structures were destroyed, and the Eagle Point Ski Resort sustained significant structural damage. In 2018, the Dollar Ridge Fire destroyed or damaged 80 homes and nearly 400 trailers, sheds, and vehicles.

- The impacts of a wildfire often extend well beyond the flames. Post-fire flooding occurred in areas affected by the Cottonwood Fire near Beaver, and Pine Valley continued to flood

after last year's Forsyth Fire. In some burned areas, high-severity wildfires can damage soils, and recovery can take several years. Grazing impacts are also expected to be significant for the ranching community, with an estimated 11,575 cattle and 10,851 sheep affected over the next two years, as burned grazing allotments must be rested to allow vegetation to recover.

- With monsoonal moisture arriving from late August through early September, fire activity is expected to decline before winter snow arrives. Although wildfire activity and human-caused ignitions typically increase during hunting season, additional large fires are not anticipated this fall. The Great Basin Coordination Center's Predictive Services Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook forecasts normal fire potential for the rest of the year. However, weather conditions can still influence late-season wildfire activity. A few Red Flag Warning days could elevate fire risk, while early snowfall could further reduce fire potential heading into winter.

Several factors contributed to increased wildfire activity this summer, including climate-related reductions in snowpack, ongoing drought, the exclusion of wildland fire (which has allowed fuels to accumulate), and continued population growth in the wildland-urban interface. Together, these factors increased wildfire impacts on ecosystems that evolved with fire.

Looking ahead, a strengthening El Niño pattern – described by some forecasters as a "Super El Niño" – is expected to increase snowpack in southern Utah and potentially statewide, helping reduce drought conditions. While improved moisture may reduce some wildfire risk, accumulated fuels, such as dead and downed trees and branches, and continued development in and near wildlands will remain significant factors shaping future fire seasons.

Our recent fire season underscores the need to build resilient landscapes, develop fire-adapted communities, and support safe, effective wildfire response.

This fall, USU Extension and the Gateway & Natural Amenity Region Initiative will host an online learning series, "Wildfire Ready Utah." USU Extension experts developed the

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Hey Apple, Way to Grow

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

No one seems to know exactly how or why apples became associated with good fortune, but in many cultures, having an apple on the kitchen counter is believed to bring luck in love and money.

We've all heard the saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." This familiar proverb suggests that apples are good for you and that eating one every day may help keep you healthy.

Of all the fruit grown in Utah, apples may be the one most closely tied to American history. Some even consider the apple to be an "all-American" fruit.

Many believe apples helped sustain the first American colonists as they struggled to survive those early years. Apple trees were potted and brought aboard many of the first ships traveling to the New World. Apples provided both food and drink, and because they could be stored for months, they gave the Pilgrims a source of fruit during the long winter months. By the 1650s, apple trees were being planted throughout the colonies.

The first apple tree nursery was planted in New York in 1730. As settlers began moving west, many brought apple trees or shoots for grafting with them. These trees traveled hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of miles in the backs of covered wagons before finally being planted in new soil.

By the late 1700s, large apple orchards were growing throughout the states, with growers constantly searching for new and better varieties. Two famous growers were Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. Around this same time, Johnny Chapman, later known as Johnny Appleseed, began planting trees and seeds as he traveled west from his home state of Pennsylvania. Years later, pioneers and settlers benefited from the small orchards and apple stands he had planted along the way.

The first pioneers entering the Salt Lake Valley also carried apple trees across the plains and over the Rocky Mountains in handcarts and wagons. Planted soon after their arrival, these trees would eventually help early settlers endure Utah's harsh winters.

Apples have continued to play a significant role in the history of Southern Utah, from the earliest days of settlement to the present day.

There is a well-known quote that says, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." The story goes that Martin Luther was asked what he would do if he knew the world would end tomorrow. His answer was simple: he would plant an apple tree today. The first known written record of the saying dates to 1944.

Maybe there is a lesson in the apple tree itself.

Unconditional love is like an apple tree. The

tree gives apples not because anyone needs them or deserves them, but simply because that is what apple trees do.

On September 26, 2026, was National Johnny Appleseed Day, a day to honor the man whose name became synonymous with apple trees growing across much of the country. The day commemorates Johnny Appleseed's birth and celebrates his legendary wisdom, kindness, and enduring story.

Stories tell of Johnny traveling many miles after hearing of an orchard in poor condition. He would nurse the trees back to health, and while caring for them, he also shared his wisdom and kindness with the people he met along the way.

And while eating an apple every day may not actually guarantee fewer trips to the doctor, apples are packed with nutrients and can certainly be part of a healthy diet.

So, in honor of Johnny Appleseed Day, grab your favorite variety and enjoy.

AN APPLE A DAY! FRESH APPLE CAKE

- 4 cups apples sliced
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups shortening
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons nutmeg
- 1 cup nuts (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

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schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

East Elementary

East Elementary students, families, and staff came together for the school's annual Eagle Run, a fun-filled event that raises money to support the students. Funds raised help provide memorable experiences such as field trips and school celebrations throughout the year. The excitement took off when the fire department welcomed the runners with a refreshing spray of water as they began their laps around the new parking lot and playground! Students had a fantastic time running, cheering, and celebrating together. A huge thank-you goes to our amazing PTA and parent volunteers for organizing and making this event such a success. East Elementary is so grateful for their time, energy, and support of our East Eagles!



grade class with visits from George Washington and Martha Woods. During Mr. Washington's presentation the students learned about the first President through conversations related to the French and Indian War, Spy Master, and Commander and Chief. Additionally, the students

enjoyed learning about and making wax candles from Mrs. Woods. Our 5th grade students are eager to learn more about American history and celebrate patriotism this year!

Canyon View Middle School

CVMS students in

Mr. Segler's exploring tech class were given the opportunity to learn from Tim Watson of Watson Engineering. Students recently finished their unit on structural engineering. Students spent time building bridges, persevering through failures, and learning in the process. Mr. Watson led the students through building structures out of toothpicks and gumdrops. They discussed what could be improved in their bridges and why certain structures succeeded more than others. We are grateful to Mr. Watson for dedicating his time to help our students learn.

South Elementary

South Elementary fourth graders enjoyed a day of hands-on learning as they visited Cove Fort and Fremont Indian State Park. At Cove Fort, students explored the historic fort and learned about the Mormon pioneers who traveled through and lived in this part of Utah. Their day continued at Fremont Indian State Park, where they learned about the Fremont people who lived in the area hundreds of years before the pioneers. Students explored a pit house and even tried their hand at throwing atlatls.

Three Peaks Elementary

This week, our amazing PTA at Three Peaks Elementary treated the kids to an unforgettable Foam Party! The students earned this celebration by reaching their fundraising goal, and they were so excited to enjoy a fun-filled reward for all their hard work. They had a blast playing in the foam, tackling the obstacle course, and dancing the day away! A huge thank-you to our incredible PTA for putting together such a fun and memorable event for our students!

Escalante Valley Elementary

Give Me Liberty kicked off for our 5th



NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Madison Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Falcons are most of the way through the first quarter already and are closing out their CCR week. Seniors only have 3 quarters left of high school! Recapping this first quarter of school, there have been so many exciting things happening at Canyon View—countless sporting events, the homecoming dance, senior traditions completed, and many hours put in to complete schoolwork by these Falcons. Speaking of hardworking Falcons, this month, 2 students from each grade were chosen as "Falcon's Finest." These students were voted on by teachers because they exemplify the school's motto: "AHH CV." This stands for accountability, civility, and valor. Each month the students chosen are recognized as being exceptional at school academics and outside of school as well.

Tomorrow is a highly anticipated day for everyone in the community because it is the cross town rivalry game between Canyon View and Cedar! Both schools have been looking forward to this game all year long. Kickoff is at seven o'clock and the game will be taking place at SUU! It is guaranteed to be one of the most exciting and thrilling games of the season. Come and be a part of the electric atmosphere as you cheer on the Falcons to victory.

The girls tennis season is wrapping up their season today at the state tournament! They have done an incredible job this season and represented the Falcons well! We wish them luck in all of their matches today. Go Falcons!

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Gateway Preparatory Academy students explore STEM, art on SUU field trip



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by Kaitlyn Esplin

GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Our 2/3 classes went on their first field trip of the year to visit the SUU STEM Center and the SUMA Museum. Mrs. Player and Ms. Hughes' classes were able to participate in hands-on STEM activities such as engineering houses to withstand the wind and using magnets to save people who fell into a slot canyon. At the museum, the students enjoyed the combination of scents with the landscape art of Jimmie Jones. This field trip was a great way for the students to connect their learning with the real-world. The 2/3 students and teachers are grateful to the SUU STEM Center and SUMA for providing these opportunities for our schools.

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elected officials and staff, and fire and emergency response personnel.

For further information, contact Brad Washa, USU Extension assistant professor of wildland fire science, Brad.Washa@usu.edu.

Largest Wildfires in Utah from 2002-2026

Fire Name	Year	Acres
1 Millford Flat	2007	363,052
2 Goose Creek Fire*	2018	132,220
3 Widemouth 2	2026	129,741
4 Clay Springs	2007	107,847
5 Babylon	2026	107,189
6 Pole Creek	2018	102,191
7 Cottonwood	2026	97,464
8 Rattle Complex	2002	95,000
9 East Fork	2020	89,765
10 Diamond Creek	2002	88,400

* The majority of acres burned on Goose Creek Fire were in Nevada

HEY APPLE

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2 teaspoons soda (dissolve in a little warm water)

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-Barbara Hunter

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Welcoming Braxton Goff, FNP, to Parowan Medical Clinic

by Julie Christensen

PAROWAN MEDICAL CLINIC

Parowan Medical Clinic is excited to welcome Braxton Goff, FNP, to their healthcare team.

With Braxton joining the clinic, Parowan Medical Clinic will have a provider available in the clinic five days a week, including Fridays, providing patients and families with greater access to healthcare.

"I'm excited to be joining the Parowan Medical Clinic to have the opportunity to serve our communities," says Braxton.

Braxton completed his Family Nurse

Practitioner program at Maryville University of St. Louis after receiving his bachelor's degree from Southern Utah University. Prior to becoming a nurse practitioner, he spent seven years working as an emergency room nurse at larger hospitals in American Fork, Salt Lake City, and Houston, Texas. That experience provided him with the opportunity to care for patients with a wide variety of medical needs and strengthened his passion for helping people during some of their most difficult moments.

His primary areas of practice are family medicine and emergency medicine. Braxton enjoys caring for patients of all

ages and helping families navigate both unexpected illnesses and their ongoing healthcare needs. His goal is to provide compassionate, patient-centered care while building lasting relationships with the people he serves.

Outside of work, Braxton has been married for almost 11 years and has two amazing children. He enjoys spending time with his family in the mountains, with a passion for hunting, hiking, fishing, and snowboarding. He is thankful to be able to raise his family and practice medicine in our rural community.

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Downard helps down Falcons

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Wyatt Downard and Price Armstrong shared the scoring load with two touchdowns each, and the Juab Wasps held off the Canyon View Falcons for a 28-14 win Sept. 25 at Juab High. The Wasps improved to 3-0 in 3A South and 5-2 overall, while CV fell to 1-2 and 5-2.

Armstrong got his chance to enter the scoring column when he reached the end zone from 1 yard out to give the home team a 14-0 lead with 9:58 to play in the first half. Canyon View got on the board when quarterback Owen Williams scored on an 18-yard touchdown, but Juab restored a two-score lead when Downard caught a 32-yard TD from Armstrong with 2:25 remaining to give the Wasps a 21-7 lead at the intermission

In the fourth quarter, Armstrong secured the win with a 17-yard touchdown run with 3:43 to play. Williams gave the Falcons a chance when he scored on a 15-yard run with 2:03 remaining, but the Wasps were able to secure the win from there.

The Falcons return home for this week's rivalry game against Cedar, the Coal Creek Classic. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. Friday at Eccles Coliseum.



Juab
28
Canyon View
14

Canyon View	0	7	0	7	-	14
Juab	7	14	0	7	-	28

FIRST QUARTER

J - Downard 2 run (Armstrong kick), 6:21

SECOND QUARTER

J - Armstrong 1 run (Armstrong kick), 9:58

CV - Williams 18 run (Beckstrom kick), 5:52

J - Downard 32 pass from Armstrong (Armstrong kick), 2:25

FOURTH QUARTER

J - Armstrong 17 run (Armstrong kick), 3:43

CV - Williams 15 run (Beckstrom kick), 2:03

Canyon View quarterback **Owen Williams** takes a snap from center during the Falcons' game against the Juab Wasps on Sept. 25.

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Wildcats shut down Reds

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cord White accounted for four touchdowns, and the Richfield Wildcats added a blocked punt on defense as part of a big first half that led to a 38-7 rout over the Cedar Reds on Sept. 25. The

Wildcats stayed unbeaten in 3A South play at 4-0, 6-1 overall, while the Reds fell to 2-1 and 4-3.

White got the offensive parade started late in the first quarter when he found Shane Pearson from 19 yards out. It took less than two minutes for the Wildcats to strike again when a blocked Cody Stevenson punt was scooped up by Ripkin Janes and returned for a short touchdown. When White ran in the 2-point conversion, Richfield led 14-0.

White added on before the quarter ended when he scored on a 25-yard run that pushed the advantage to 21-0.

The surge continued in the second quarter when White reached the end zone on a 26-yard run, and kicker Sam Gonzalez hit a 43-yard field goal with just 44 seconds remaining that gave Richfield a 31-0 lead at the half.

Cedar broke up the Wildcat shutout bid midway through the third quarter when Ryker Janes caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Jackson Mann, but White capped off his big night in the final minute of the period when he connected with Temana Vakautakakala on a 26-yard score that gave Richfield another dominating win.

The Reds returned home and will face Canyon View in the Coal Creek Classic rivalry game at Eccles Coliseum on Friday in a 7 p.m. kickoff. Cedar is looking for their third straight win in the matchup and won last year's meeting, 35-14.

Cedar's defensive line gets ready for a play during the Reds' road game at Richfield on Sept. 25.

(Eric Fieldsted/For Iron County Today)



Richfield

38

Cedar

7

Cedar	0	0	7	0	-	7
Richfield	21	10	7	0	-	38

FIRST QUARTER

R - Pearson 19 pass from White (kick failed), 4:03

R - Janes blocked punt return (White run), 2:25

R - White 25 run (Gonzalez kick), :19

SECOND QUARTER

R - White 26 run (Gonzalez kick), 9:34

R - FG Gonzalez 43, :44

THIRD QUARTER

C - R. Janes 18 pass from Mann (Stevenson kick), 6:19

R - Vakautakakala 26 pass from White (Gonzalez kick), :31

TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

And now, we have liftoff on a dozen sporting trivia questions straight out of the grab bag for your guessing enjoyment. This week's collection is full 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!

- It turned out to be a lot worse than first thought. Corner Canyon grad and NY Giants starting quarterback Jaxon Dart officially suffered a season-ending knee injury after getting sacked last week on Monday Night Football. What team did the Giants face that went on to post a 28-6 victory?
- Two American League relief pitchers are tied for the lead in saves at 40 heading into the final weekend of the regular season. Tampa Bay's Brian Baker is one, but what Cleveland Guardians closer is the other?
- Fantasy football players who drafted Detroit Lions wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown are happy with the four touchdowns he's caught in the first two weeks of the NFL season. What Seattle Seahawks receiver is tied with St. Brown in the category?
- True or False: None of the eight South Division teams - NFC or AFC - are undefeated after the first two weeks of the NFL season.
- Chicago Cubs outfielder Pete Crow-Armstrong is only one stolen base away (45 homers, 39 steals) from becoming just the seventh player in MLB history and third in the last four years to join the 40-40 club. What Atlanta Braves player came through with 41 homers and 73 stolen bases in 2023?
- What long-time public address announcer who served 43 years with the Los Angeles Lakers passed away last week at age 76?
- In the American League, four players - including Houston's Yordan Alvarez - are tied for the lead in home runs at 41 with four games remaining in the 2026 season. Name any of the other three. (Hint: One of these players is also the league leader in RBI)
- Spencer Danielson was quoted as saying this about his next opponent, the Western Michigan Broncos, "They're an undefeated football team. Period. End of story." What team is coached by Danielson in what was a battle of Broncos on Sept. 26?
- The Detroit Tigers gave pitcher Justin Verlander one final start Sept. 26 in what

was only his second appearance of the 2026 season. How many no-hitters did Verlander throw in his 20-year career - the last coming in 2019 when he was with the Houston Astros?

- After the Chicago Bears scored 59 points in Week 1, what AFC team scored the most points (41) in its Week 2 game?
- Who led the NFL in passing yards (382) in Week 2, leading his team to a 33-30 overtime win over the Indianapolis Colts?
- Who led the NFL in receiving yards (155) in Week 2 as his team defeated the Arizona Cardinals, 31-7?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- Two. The Milwaukee Brewers (NL Central) and Los Angeles Dodgers (NL West) had clinched division titles.
- True. As of Sept. 23, the Brewers needed only two wins in the final five regular-season games to reach the 100-win milestone for the first time.
- Atlanta Braves.
- New York Yankees.
- Cam Schlitler.
- Spencer Strider.
- Chandler Simpson.
- The Detroit Lions scored 564 points in the full 2024 season
- Tyler Shough.
- Chris Olave.
- Kenneth Walker III.
- NFC South. The Saints lost to the Lions, Carolina lost to the Bears, Atlanta lost at Pittsburgh, and Tampa Bay was beaten by the Cincinnati Bengals.

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Before we begin this week's installment of words extracted from my head onto this page, I have a confession. Even though I'm a huge fan of all sports in Detroit, I couldn't have cared any less as Justin Verlander made his final career start on the mound at Comerica Park as the Tigers took on the Pittsburgh Pirates.

There's no doubt Verlander has had a phenomenal 22-year career as a pitcher in Major League Baseball. He started his career as a Tiger, but was traded to the Houston Astros in 2017. He won a World Series ring there, something he failed to do in two tries (2006, 2012) as a Tiger.

What? Me, bitter? Naah. Good for him. Verlander went on to capture two more Cy Young Awards with the Astros (2019 and 2022) and added his third career no-hitter during the 2019 season. Only Nolan Ryan (7) and Sandy Koufax (4) have more.

JV signed a free-agent deal with the New York Mets in 2023, and the Astros took him back via trade later in the season. He lasted until 2025, when he signed with the San Francisco Giants as a free agent. After 29 starts, he finished strong, but had a 4-11 record with a 3.83 ERA.

Once his deal expired, it cleared the way for his return to the Tigers. With the additional signing of Framber Valdez – ironically from the Astros – and a new payday for Tarik Skubal, the season ahead felt promising. Pundits who get paid were pegging the Tigers as a team with World Series potential.

I didn't want to believe that news, mainly because Nostradamus wouldn't have a clue, even with a freshly-polished crystal ball.

Verlander went to work for the first time this season in Arizona against the Diamondbacks. He threw 80 pitches in 3 2/3 innings, was charged with 5 runs and six hits in a 9-6 loss, and went on the injured list with left hip inflam-

mation. A hamstring injury made things worse and he wouldn't pitch again until Game 161.

There's absolutely no doubt the Tigers had a miserable season in 2026. With Verlander getting one final trip to the mound, it capped a career to remember.

JV threw 91 pitches over 5 1/3 innings in that final start. The Tigers trailed 2-0 when he left, but the right-hander didn't get the standard mound visit strictly from manager AJ Hinch. Verlander's 7-year-old daughter, Genevieve, came out, sprinted to her dad faster than one of his fastballs and hugged him tight.

And there wasn't a dry eye in all of Comerica Park. The camera caught Verlander trembling and probably sobbing freely, although we can't confirm that part of the moment.

More hugs from wife Kate Upton and his Tiger teammates followed. It took over five minutes before the new pitcher came on and the game resumed.

When all was said and done, it took a three-run rally by the Tigers capped by a two-out, two-strike, two-run homer from Eduardo Valencia to cap off a 4-3 victory. As team TV voice Jason Benetti said in the moment, "Hollywood on line 1."

Thanks to the comeback, Verlander finished with a no-decision and a final career record of 266-159, a .626 winning percentage. When Verlander gets his plaque at Cooperstown as a first-ballot Hall of Famer, the moment with his daughter will be remembered for what's truly important.

Win or lose, coming home to a loving family at the end of the day can make everything alright in a crazy, messed-up world.

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RANDOM

thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

Football

3A South

9/25 Richfield 38, Cedar 7
Juab 28, Canyon View 14
N. Sanpete 42, Carbon 14
San Juan 61, Manti 38

1A South

9/25 Kanab 49, Parowan 0
Beaver 30, North Summit 6
Enterprise 26, Emery 14

Girls Soccer

Region 9

9/22 Crimson Cliffs 4, Cedar 0
Snow Canyon 3, Hurricane 1
Dixie 5, Pine View 0

9/24 Cedar 1, Snow Canyon 0
Desert Hills 3, Dixie 2
Hurricane 4, Pine View 1

Region 14

9/22 Canyon View 9, Providence Hall 1
Richfield 8, Delta 0
Juab 2, North Sanpete 1, OT

9/24 Richfield 8, Providence Hall 0
Juab 1, Delta 0

Volleyball

Region 9

9/22 Cedar 3, Snow Canyon 0
Crimson Cliffs 3, Desert Hills 1
Hurricane 3, Dixie 1
Pine View 3, Enterprise 1

9/24 Desert Hills 3, Dixie 0
Crimson Cliffs 3, Hurricane 0

Region 14

9/22 Canyon View 3, Providence Hall 0
Delta 3, Richfield 0

9/24 Canyon View 3, Juab 0
Delta 3, Providence Hall 0

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Football

3A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Richfield (3)	4-0	6-1
Juab (4)	3-0	5-2

Cedar (9)	2-1	4-3
N. Sanpete (5)	2-2	5-2
Canyon View (7)	1-2	5-2
Manti (11)	0-3	1-6
Carbon (12)	0-4	1-6

1A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (1)	2-0	6-1
Enterprise (5)	0-0	4-3
Beaver (3)	0-1	3-4
Parowan (9)	0-1	1-6

Girls Soccer

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (2)	8-1	12-2
Desert Hills (8)	7-2	10-4
Snow Canyon (9)	6-3	8-5
Cedar (17)	4-5	5-7
Dixie (18)	4-6	7-7
Hurricane (22)	3-7	3-11
Pine View (25)	1-9	4-12

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (5)	5-0	10-5
Richfield(3)	5-1	12-3
Juab (9)	3-2	7-8
Delta (12)	1-5	4-10
Providence Hall(14)	0-6	2-7

Volleyball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (5)	7-0	18-5
Cedar (6)	5-1	11-6
Desert Hills (4)	5-2	12-4
Snow Canyon (12)	2-4	9-8
Hurricane (13)	2-5	11-12
Dixie (14)	2-5	10-12
Pine View (21)	0-6	3-10

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (5)	3-0	11-6
Delta (4)	2-1	13-5
Juab (9)	2-1	10-10
Richfield (11)	1-2	5-8
Providence Hall (13)	0-4	8-9

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Place a number in the empty boxes so that each row, column, and 3x3 box contains all the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HUGO BOY

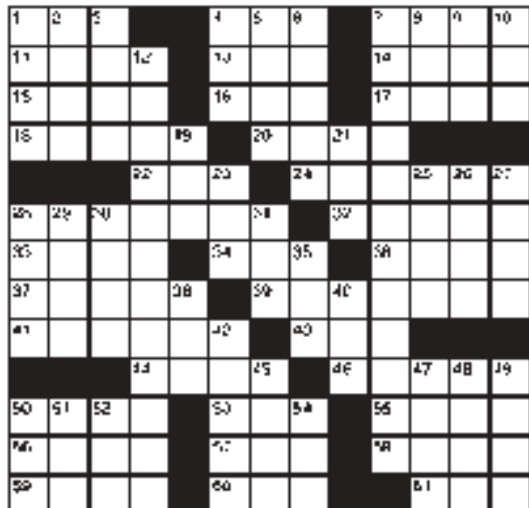


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hot tub
- 4 Gore and Pacino
- 7 Post Tensdale
- 11 Sod
- 13 Architect I M.
- 14 Sly cry
- 15 Play opener
- 16 Up to
- 17 — Minor (bear constellation)
- 18 Bee-relief medium
- 20 Leave out
- 22 Grass shack
- 24 Paper fasten er
- 26 Mosque tower
- 32 Florida game fish
- 33 Optimist's credo
- 34 Apprehend
- 36 hamacautical
- 37 Transmits
- 39 Baking pota- toes
- 41 Orders of pancakes
- 43 "Don't Start Now" singer
- 45 Liso
- 47 Intimate
- 48 Tactics
- 50 "Star Wars" knight
- 53 Resistance unit



- 55 "Erel of Eden" twin
- 56 At the summit of
- 57 Pint-size
- 58 Be stone song
- 59 Orange veg- gies
- 60 Matching pair
- 61 Arched tennis shot
- 5 "Floral rings
- 6 San fabrics
- 7 Ught lunch order
- 8 Televis
- 9 ICU pros
- 10 Rap sheet letters
- 12 Popular British dish
- 19 Owned by us
- 21 This "I ul TGIF
- 23 Sawbuck
- 25 Skin opening
- 26 Lumina
- 27 Heart charts (Abhr)
- 28 Avoid
- 29 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
- 30 "Feter Pan" pouch
- 31 Roofing gas
- 35 Future flower
- 36 Enjoy Val
- 40 "How's it gon'?"
- 42 Bamboozles
- 45 Biblical pro- noun
- 47 Exam format
- 48 Vaccinate
- 49 Elitist
- 50 Comic lens
- 51 JFK info
- 52 — Perigonn
- 54 Bumped into

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- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Almost 90% of the world's population lives in which hemisphere?
- 2. AD SLOGANS: Which major retailer uses the ad slogan, "Save money. Live better"?
- 3. MOVIES: Which district is Katniss from in "The Hunger Games"?
- 4. FOOD & DRINK: What was singer Elvis Presley's favorite sandwich?
- 5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Paradise Lost"?
- 6. U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is the only one with its own power grid?
- 7. TELEVISION: Where does Fred Flintstone work on the animated series "The Flintstones"?
- 8. MUSIC: Which band released the hit song "Don't Stop Believin"?
- 9. HISTORY: What is the Code of Hammurabi?
- 10. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the two-faced Roman god?

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers
1. Northern; 2. Walmart; 3. District 12; 4. Peanut butter, bacon and banana; 5. John Milton; 6. Texas; 7. Slate Rock and Gravel Company; 8. Journey; 9. An early written legal code; 10. Janus



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