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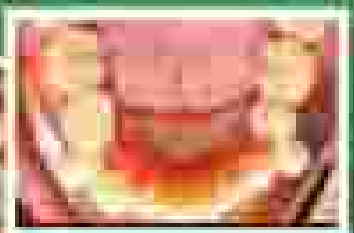
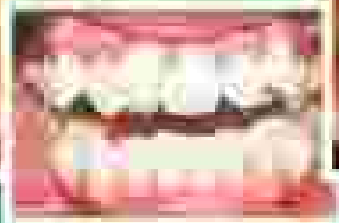
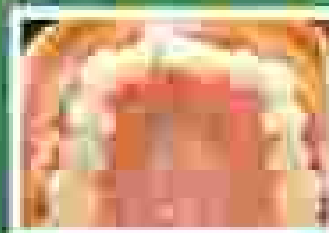
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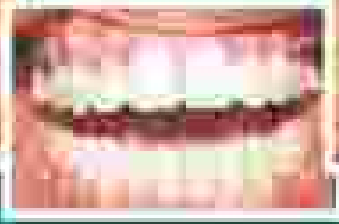
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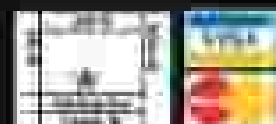


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Celebrates the Grand Reopening of Its Iconic Historic Overlook Tower



STORY IN LIFE

Christmas tree permits available online through Recreation.gov from the Dixie National Forest for the upcoming holiday season

by Jennifer Plecki

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

Christmas tree permits will be available to purchase online through

Recreation.gov beginning October 8. Details about designated cutting areas, dates, and types of trees that may be cut may be found at Dixie National Forest Christmas Tree Permit in Utah - Recreation.gov

To purchase a Christmas tree permit, visit Recreation.gov and search for Dixie National Forest Christmas Tree Permits. It is important to carefully read the overview and need-to-know information prior to purchasing the permit. Visitors will also need to set up or log

in to a Recreation.gov account to complete the transaction.

Fourth graders with an Every Kid Outdoors pass are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit and can apply by entering the pass or voucher number when purchasing a permit (note: a \$2.50 reservation fee will be applied).

Cutting a Christmas tree also improves forest health. The permit system helps thin densely populated stands of small-diameter trees. Local forest health experts identify areas that benefit from thinning trees that tend to be the perfect size for Christmas trees. Removing these trees in designated areas helps other trees grow larger and can open areas that provide forage for wildlife.

For more information, visit these online resources:

- Recreation.gov Christmas Tree Permit page with map interface
- Help Center article "How Do I Purchase and Print a Christmas Tree Permit?"
- Cut a Tree for the Holidays from Your National Forest article
- Every Kid Outdoors Fourth Grade Pass program

Cedar City man held without bail after FBI investigation into child sexual abuse material

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man remains jailed without bail after an FBI investigation linked him to paid subscriptions to a dark-web site offering child sexual

abuse material.

James Joseph Simpkins, 49, was arrested Sept. 16 on suspicion of sexual exploitation of a minor, a second-degree felony.

While the FBI initiated the arrest, the Iron County Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case, Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter said.

Iron County sheriff's deputies assisted FBI agents in serving a search warrant as part of an investigation into allegations that Simpkins used cryptocurrency to purchase or view the material, according to the arrest affidavit.

Investigators allegedly linked Bitcoin payments for subscriptions to the site to Simpkins' verified Coinbase account.. An undercover FBI agent accessed the site and found videos depicting child sexual abuse. Access to one of the videos required a paid subscription.

Records obtained through a search warrant to Coinbase identified Simpkins as the account holder and listed his Cedar City home address, according to court documents. Investigators also traced one associated internet address to his property. Other addresses were associated with a virtual private network, or VPN.

While serving the search warrant, investigators reportedly found transactions on the Coinbase app on Simpkins' phone that matched payments previously identified in the investigation..

After being advised of his rights, Simpkins allegedly acknowledged during a police interview that he knew about the dark web but denied using it.

Investigators then found the Tor app, which can be used to

access the dark web, on his phone. Simpkins acknowledged having the app, the affidavit states.

Fifth District Judge Meb Anderson ordered Simpkins held without bail the evening of Sept. 16. The order cited substantial evidence supporting the charge and a finding that Simpkins would pose a substantial danger to another person or the community, or was likely to flee if released.

A detention hearing followed Sept. 17, and Simpkins made his initial appearance Sept. 18. He remains in the Iron County Jail without bail.

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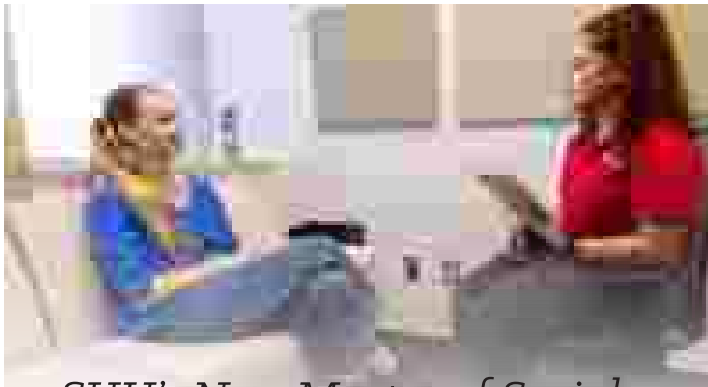
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SUU's New Master of Social Work Degree Addresses Regional Need

by Brenda Christensen

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"We are so thrilled that SUU is the campus bringing Southern Utah's first on-the-ground master of social work program to our community," said SUU MSW Program Director Kathy Ruiz. "Social work is a quickly growing field across Utah, and it has been particularly needed in Iron County for some time. We have an incredibly skilled team that has practiced in the field for many years before coming to the classroom. We are passionate about helping to train and support new professionals ready to enter the world of social services."

This MSW program gives students the broad skills needed to help individuals, families, and entire communities. Because social work in rural areas comes with unique challenges, the program offers specialized courses like online therapy for remote areas, trauma care, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), and outdoor adventure therapy.

class (starting in fall 2027) are due by Dec. 15. To learn more, visit the SUU website or attend a live online info session on Oct. 6 at 5 p.m. (register at <https://suu.edu/online/events>).

About SUU Graduate & Online

As part of its more than 128-year history as Utah's first experiment in distance education, Southern Utah University's Graduate and Online department continues its pioneering legacy by offering to students across the globe affordable and flexible college degrees: 14 master's, 13 bachelor's, two associates degrees, and 12 graduate certificates. This includes one of the most affordable bachelor's degrees in the nation, Speedway | Bachelor of General Studies. SUU Online's combination of affordability, flexibility, and vast student success programs provides an extraordinary education without compromise.

SUU's Master of Social Work program is in the early stages of getting official accreditation from its governing board, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The courses were designed alongside local community and industry leaders to ensure students learn the exact, practical skills needed for the job.

This degree is offered exclusively on campus, featuring small classes for personalized learning. Applications for the first

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Man arrested in Milford homicide investigation

by ICT Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 53-year-old man was arrested in connection with the shooting death of a coworker found Wednesday, Sept. 30, at a trailer park in Milford, UT.

Edmond Eddie Benally was booked

into the Beaver County Jail for investigation of murder, carrying a weapon while under the influence and public intoxication.

According to a police booking affidavit cited by KSL, witnesses said Benally and the victim had argued while drinking the previous evening. Police responded, and the men separated. A gunshot was heard early Wednesday but was not reported at the time.

Investigators found the victim with a gunshot wound to the head. Benally denied knowing about the death and said he could not remember much of the evening, the affidavit states.

The victim's name had not been released as of Thursday morning. The Beaver County Sheriff's Office said the investigation was ongoing and that it believed there was no imminent threat to the community.

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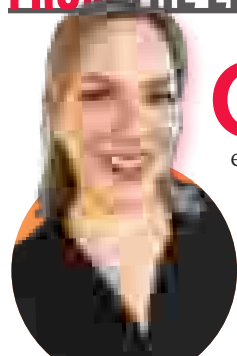
IRON COUNTY FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy, 71°/54°
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, 73°/52°
 Wednesday: Partly cloudy, 75°/56°
 Thursday: Mostly cloudy, 77°/54°
 Friday: Partly cloudy, 79°/58°
 Saturday: Mostly cloudy, 81°/60°
 Sunday: Partly cloudy, 83°/62°

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opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



**BECKA
DIMICK**
COPY EDITOR

October is arguably the best month of the year, and somehow one of the quickest to disappear.

We spend weeks waiting for the first real signs of fall. The air gets colder, the leaves begin to change, pumpkins start appearing on porches and suddenly every drive through the mountains looks like it belongs on a postcard. Then, almost as quickly as it arrives, October gives way to

November and the long march toward winter.

I am sometimes guilty of treating October like a checklist. There are scary movies to watch (really, don't get me started on all the spooky movies, I'll never shut up), pumpkins to carve, soup to make and decorations to put up. Sometimes I get so preoccupied with making the most of October that I risk scheduling my way right through it.

This week's paper happens to feature a pretty timely reason to get outside while the season is here. The historic Brian Head Overlook has reopened after a nearly four-year restoration project, once again giving visitors a view from 11,000 feet over some of the most spectacular country in Southern Utah.

The tower has been standing there since the 1930s. It has survived decades of snow, wind and storms, though eventually the elements took their toll. Restoring it required years of work, historically accurate materials and people who decided an old structure on top of a mountain was worth preserving.

I love that.

We spend a lot of time trying to make things last. We preserve buildings, photographs, recipes and stories because we want some things to remain. But there is something to be said for the things that don't.

Part of October's appeal is that it refuses to stay. The leaves change and then fall. The warm afternoons disappear. Daylight gets shorter. Even the elaborate Halloween decorations eventually have to come down, no matter how strongly I may object.

Enjoying October doesn't require squeezing every possible ounce of autumn out of 31 days. Maybe it just requires noticing when you're in the middle of something you know you'll miss later.

There is a very small window every year when the mountains around us change color, the temperature is just right and Southern Utah seems determined to show off a little.

We're in that window right now.

Add the Brian Head Overlook to your October checklist.



public & health

Intermountain Health Cedar City Hospital to Host Community Health Fair Featuring Free Screenings, Mammograms and Family Activities

by Kelsey McFarland

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH

Intermountain Health Cedar City Hospital will host its annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Cedar City Hospital, offering free health screenings, a flu shot clinic, family-friendly activities, and opportunities for community members to learn more about their health.

The event is designed to connect families with healthcare experts, preventative health services, and community resources while promoting healthy lifestyles for all ages.

Attendees will have access to a variety of health screening and education booths, as well as interactive experiences for children and adults. Intermountain Health's Mobile Mammography Unit will be on-site providing mammograms. Visitors also will have the opportunity to tour the hospital's radiation therapy linear accelerator, or LINAC, and learn more about advanced cancer treatments available close to home.

Families can visit the Teddy Bear Clinic, where children ages 12 and younger can bring a favorite stuffed animal or

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house."

— Nathaniel Hawthorne

WORD OF THE WEEK

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Noun

a whispering or rustling sound

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receive a teddy bear to accompany them through a hands-on health-care experience designed to make medical visits less intimidating. The popular giant inflatable colon also will return, offering an engaging way to learn about colon health and cancer prevention.

Community partners from the Southwest Utah Public Health Department will provide flu vaccinations and car seat safety checks during the event. In addition, participants are invited to take part in a Walk with a Doc event along the hospital's walking trail, combining physical activity with health education and community engagement.

Throughout the fair, visitors can explore dozens of booths, enjoy giveaways, and connect with healthcare professionals from across the region. The Intermountain Café will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for those who would like to purchase lunch during the event.

The Community Health Fair is free and open to the public.

Event Details:

What: Intermountain Health Cedar City Hospital Community Health Fair

When: Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Where: Cedar City Hospital, 1303 N. Main St., Cedar City, Utah

Man arrested after more than two years wanted in Iron County child sexual abuse case

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

More than two years after an arrest warrant was issued, a Cedar City man was arrested Sept. 29 in an Iron County child sexual abuse case.

Terry Shaw, 43, faces one count of rape of a child and two counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child, all first-degree felonies..

The Iron County Attorney's Office filed the charges in March 2024, alleging Shaw sexually assaulted a 12-year-old child in Iron County five years earlier in 2019.

At the time, prosecutors said investigators had been unable to locate him and asked the court to issue an arrest warrant.

A warrant was issued April 3, 2024.

"Despite good faith efforts to locate Shaw, his whereabouts are unknown," the charging document states.

The incident was initially reported in February 2023, according to court records filed in 5th District Court. The child later described the alleged assault to law enforcement during an interview at the Children's Justice Center.

On Sept. 11, Fifth District Judge Meb Anderson signed an amended arrest warrant directing that Shaw be arrested and held without bail. The warrant authorized officers to pursue him outside Utah if he had fled the state.

Shaw's initial appearance is scheduled for Oct. 6 at 9 a.m. before Anderson in Cedar City.

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Iron County
Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Department Reports

The building department reported 408 permits issued through September 25, compared with 417 at the same time last year. Single-family permits increased from 128 to 153, with industrial and commercial activity also up. Staff have completed 420 project reviews and 2,824 inspection stops. Construction on the new jail continues, with block work nearing completion and interior work underway.

Other projects include South Central Communications hubs, new industrial shops, the AMPAC expansion, Fremont Solar and a Sunrise Christian Church addition. The Pronghorn data center has received a conditional use permit and is working on financing, though gas pipeline and federal environmental reviews remain. Code enforcement continues to address nuisance complaints.

Planning staff said the draft data center and strategic development ordinance should be completed this week. It is scheduled for the Planning Commission on October 8 and County Commission on October 12. The current moratorium expires around the end of November. Staff also reported receiving about 5,500 emails and 2,000 phone calls over the past year.

The engineering office reported that the traffic signal at Iron Springs Road and Highway 56 is complete. Plans also continue

for sewer and power infrastructure along the road. Staff are inventorying county road signs for condition and reflectivity and cross-training employees ahead of an upcoming retirement.

Commission Reports

Commissioners reported on several recent meetings and projects, including the Utah 2034 Champion Schools literacy and attendance campaign, plans for a new courthouse, the proposed Brian Head expansion, and discussions involving solar, battery storage and data center power needs. Other topics included tourism grants, a possible championship baseball stadium in Parowan, the Van Trust sewer line, and discussions about data centers and water.

Commissioners also discussed selling the old jail property. Southwest Behavioral Health will begin searching for a new director following the current director’s planned retirement next April.

Public works reported that the Gold Springs and Kevin Woods road projects are complete, along with the county’s 2026 chip sealing, flushing and striping. The county also received a reimbursement for the sawmill fire. Battery-related fires have increased significantly. Rising fuel costs may also require a budget adjustment.

Public Comment and Agenda Items

No comments were made during public comment. The justice court administrator gave an overview of the judicial assistant position, emphasizing its technical responsibilities and delegated legal authority.

The commission discussed the Van Trust sewer agreement, which is still being drafted, and approved fee schedule updates covering records requests, development applications, building permits and a new landfill fee for window air conditioners.

Commissioners also reviewed the proposed vacation of two unused road sections in an older subdivision. Concerns included fire access, trails and two letters of opposition. Action is expected in November after the required notice period.

The commission ratified a sewer upsizing reimbursement agreement between the county, Cedar City and BZI, with the county responsible for a 37.7% share. A separate lift station agreement is expected in the coming months.

Non-Delegated Items

The commission created a liaison position between the commission and Cedar City mayor’s office. Commissioners also supported recognizing outgoing planning commission volunteers for their service before adjourning.

Parowan City
Council Meeting

by Jennelle Zajac

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Public Hearing and Road Vacation

The council held a public hearing regarding the proposed vacation of a platted section of Main Street. This vacation is intended to align the “on paper” platted road with the

actual, historically used roadway, allowing for property boundary adjustments and formal dedication of the existing road in its correct location. This process is a necessary first step to legally dedicate the road and enable adjacent property development.

A presentation by the city manager detailed the multi-step process. The section of street in question was never developed, is situated on a steep hill and bypasses an existing foothills road. The proposal involves vacating the undeveloped platted section, which would then be divided and added to adjacent properties, one of which is a city parcel. Subsequently, a new plat would be recorded to reflect the changes, including the dedication of Foothills Drive. The ultimate goal is a land trade between adjacent property owner Mr. Shotwell and the city, resulting in a cleaner property layout. There was no public comment.

Fire Department Update and Apparatus Study

Fire Chief Alan Cavalieri provided an update on the status of the fire department and a study on minimum asphalt widths for fire apparatus. The Chief highlighted several areas of vulnerability and ongoing improvements needed:

- Communication: Radio traffic is complex, and efforts are underway to simplify it for better emergency response.
- Equipment Maintenance: The department is addressing a lack of maintenance, prioritizing first-out engines and brush trucks, and systematically maintaining all equipment.
- Bay Space: The department operates eight pieces of equipment out of five bays,

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

leading to cramped conditions.

Positive Developments were also discussed:

- **New Water Tender:** The state granted the department a 4,000-gallon water tender, significantly increasing their water capacity for remote and wildfire situations.
 - **Departmental Committees:** Two committees were formed (Station and Apparatus) to address station upkeep, equipment inventory, and standardization, fostering increased engagement.
 - **Training Initiatives:** Significant focus has been placed on practical training, with members attending Firefighter I and II courses, and developing Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT).
 - **Personnel:** The department has grown to 26 members, with 18 actively training and responding to calls, contributing to a positive and mentoring atmosphere.
- Minimum Asphalt Widths for Fire Apparatus**
- Chief Cavalieri presented a study on minimum street pavement widths, emphasizing the importance of sufficient access for fire apparatus. This included:
- **Turnaround Issues:** Demonstrations showed the difficulty in turning around in streets without cul-de-sacs or adequate turning space, necessitating backing out of narrow roads.
 - **On-Street Parking Concerns:** The Chief expressed concern that on-street parking, even when prohibited, can impede access, citing experiences where enforcement is inconsistent.
 - **Spanish Fork Video:** A video from Spanish Fork comparing 25-foot and 33-foot pavement widths demonstrated the challenges with narrower streets, especially with parked cars and larger vehicles like fire trucks and snowplows.
 - **Recommended Width:** Based on research and demonstrations, the fire department recommends a minimum of 36 feet of pavement width (curb face to curb face) for operational effectiveness.

The council engaged in a discussion regarding the costs associated with wider roads versus the safety benefits provided by

adequate access for emergency services.

Action Agenda

Class A Beer License Approval The council approved a Class A beer license for Solrise II, Utah-5 LLC (operator of On the Run, a gas station and convenience store on 200S).

Spring Redevelopment Project Contract The council approved the contract for Phase 1 of the cities' Spring Redevelopment Project with Orton Excavating, not to exceed \$15,000.30. This contract will facilitate exploratory work and design engineering for the project.

Axon Contract Amendment An amendment to the Axon contract for the Parowan Police Department was approved, adding two software licenses for reserve officers.

Main Street Right-of-Way Vacation Ordinance 2026-09, vacating a portion of the original Main Street right-of-way, was approved. See the discussion regarding the public hearing above.

Reconsider Right of Way Widths on Local Road typical Sections for new Development

The discussion was brought back to the council for consideration. The council had a lengthy discussion regarding the fire department's updated recommendations for street widths and the associated costs of wider roads to developers and Parowan City, the council voted against reconsidering the ordinance, leaving the right of way standard widths as is.

Work Agenda

Eagle Rock Commercial Subdivision Amendment The council discussed a proposed amendment to the Eagle Rock Commercial Subdivision. The amendment aims to resolve issues with the existing narrower roads within the subdivision and the location of a lift station. The developer intends to build a commercial sales office and will upgrade the road to a public standard, with the city taking ownership of the road and utilities. The amendment would involve vacating the existing road on paper and relocating it. The Planning Commission will consider waiving the requirement for curb, gutter, and sidewalk due to the commercial nature and limited pedestrian traffic.

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IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Reports, Updates, and Old Business Follow-up Council Member Barton highlighted the completion of weed and willow clearing on 200 South, improving access and visibility. He also provided an update on the water diversion project, noting that the final gate is yet to be installed.

Council Member Dean mentioned that Planning and Zoning is nearing completion of a draft of the city's sign ordinance. A draft will be sent to the council for review. He also noted discussions about agri-tourism and his role in cooking for the Parowan Prevention Coalition.

City Manager Dan Jessen shared photos and mentioned a demonstration of the new water tender. He attended the Brian Head

Outlook Ribbon cutting which was recently rebuilt. He noted that the library is set to be remodeled. Plans are being developed and efforts are being made to minimize closure time and potentially offer limited services at the visitor center. A bond resolution for loan funding is also pending.

Residents are encouraged to attend City Council Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Parowan City Council Chambers. Alternatively, the meetings can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@parowancity2030>

Supporting the Health, Recovery, and Safety of Utahns

Meeting Utah's Wildfire Challenge

Utah faced its most severe wildfire season in nearly two decades in 2026, with 1,227 fires burning 560,823 acres across the state. Despite the difficult conditions, firefighters contained the vast majority of fires while they were still small, protecting communities, homes and critical infrastructure. Human activity caused 494 fires, about 40% of the statewide total. Of course, we have had four major fires in my district the last three years.

In recent years, the Legislature has significantly expanded Utah's wildfire preparedness and prevention efforts. In 2025, the Utah Legislature created the Utah Wildfire Fund with a \$150 million investment to provide long-term support for suppression, preparedness, mitigation and post-fire rehabilitation. Utah also invested millions in mitigation projects this year, including hazardous-fuel removal and fuel breaks designed to protect communities and give firefighters safer, more effective places to stop advancing fires.

The work continues after a fire is contained. In 2026, I passed the Utah Forest Restoration Institute to strengthen forest and watershed restoration and improve coordination before and after wildfires. As Utah recovers from this year's fires and prepares for future seasons, the state will continue focusing on reducing hazardous fuels, protecting watersheds and communities, maintaining strong firefighting capacity and restoring fire-damaged landscapes.

Expanding Access to Quality Health Care

Utah continues to invest in better access to health care and services across the state. In 2026, the Legislature directed \$195 million toward Utah's Rural Health Transformation Program, part of a five-year investment approaching \$1 billion, and invested \$20 million to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers serving low-income Utahns. Since 2023, lawmakers have also provided \$16 million in new funding for services for Utahns with disabilities.

Lawmakers have paired those investments with reforms addressing health care costs, behavioral health and prevention. Recent legislation has strengthened price transparency at freestanding emergency departments, streamlined licensing for behavioral health providers, improved coordination of mental health and substance-



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use treatment, created a firefighter cancer trust fund and launched a pilot program promoting physical activity and nutrition in schools. Together, these efforts are focused on improving access, strengthening Utah's health care workforce and helping Utahns live healthier lives.

Strengthening Utah's Public Safety System

Utah continues to invest in the people and infrastructure that protect communities across the state. The Legislature has provided \$125 million to expand correctional capacity, with new capacity at Gunnison and \$22 million to strengthen staffing and safety at the state prison, while also directing new resources toward law enforcement and first responders.

Recent legislation has focused on some of the most serious threats to public safety, including violent crime, fentanyl trafficking, organized crime and crimes against children.

The Legislature created new resources to help local agencies investigate and solve violent crimes, strengthened penalties for fentanyl distribution and expanded protections for law enforcement officers and first responders. These efforts reflect a continued focus on ensuring Utah's public safety system has the personnel, facilities and tools necessary to protect communities statewide.

September Interim Highlights

Last week, we gathered for September interim meetings to continue reviewing key policy issues and preparing for the upcoming General Session. Interim committees heard presentations and received updates on a wide range of topics, including education, healthcare, behavioral health, data centers, public safety, energy and natural resource issues.

These meetings allow lawmakers to study complex issues, hear from subject matter experts and constituents, and evaluate potential policy solutions before legislation is considered. I appreciate the opportunity to engage in these discussions and help ensure our community's perspectives are represented as we work to address the challenges and opportunities facing Utah.

For more information, agendas, and previous interim meetings, visit le.utah.gov.

As always, it's an honor to serve you.

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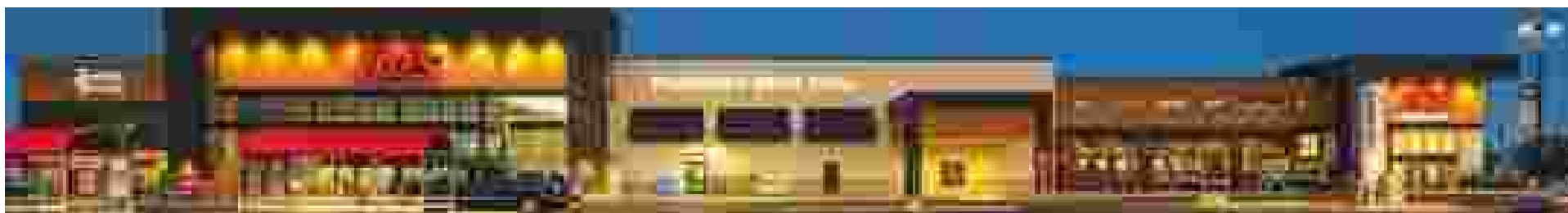
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Lin's Fresh Market and ACE Hardware Celebrate Grand Opening in Enoch

New stores bring 165 jobs, expanded shopping options and new services to the growing community

by Elizabeth Barnett

ASSOCIATED FOOD STORES

The excitement from the crowd was high, as hundreds of people gathered to celebrate

Enoch's newest shopping destination. Lin's Fresh Market and ACE Hardware cut a ribbon on the new locations, bringing jobs and expanded shopping options to the Enoch community.

The 48,000-square-foot grocery store, which opened its doors on Sept. 21, includes a pharmacy, Starbucks, Arctic Circle and BreadBot, alongside the recently opened ACE Hardware location. The two stores employ more than 165 people and are expected to serve as important resources for this fast-growing community.

The ceremony, which featured local Enoch residents, began with members from the Southern Utah University ROTC presenting the colors as students in the Canyon View High School choir performed the national anthem. Children from Enoch Elementary led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Greg Welling, vice president of Lin's Fresh Market, then presented both schools with \$2,000 donations as part of Lin's commitment to the community.

The ceremony continued with remarks from Mayor Rushton and store leadership. A few speakers were emotional as they reflected

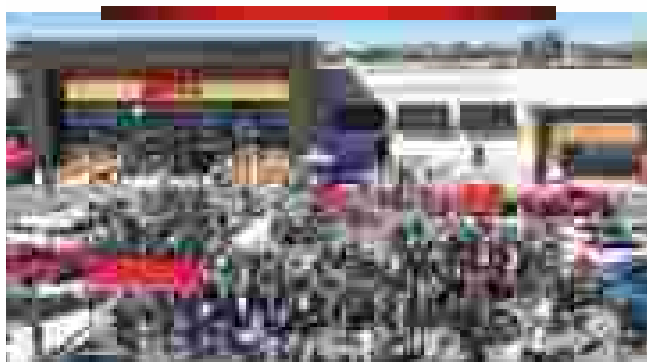
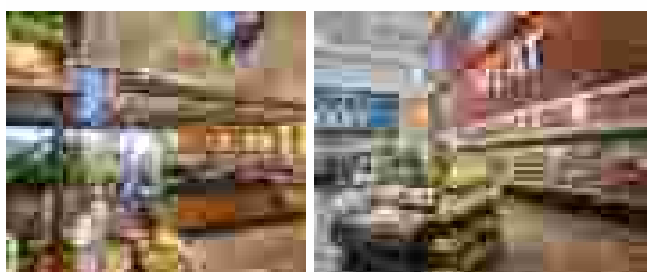
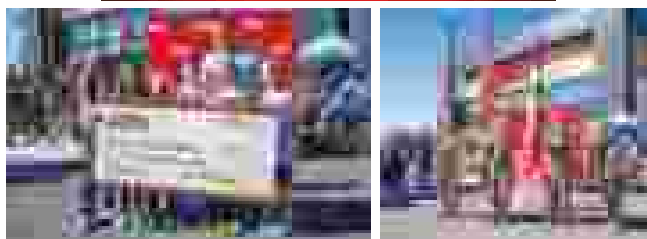
on the important role local grocery stores play in strengthening communities, creating jobs and serving as gathering places for residents.

"This store has been years in the making, and it's incredibly rewarding to see the community's excitement and support," said Rochelle Mellor, store director of Lin's Fresh Market Enoch. "Our team has worked hard to create a welcoming neighborhood store where families can find quality products, friendly service and a connection to their community. We are grateful for the warm welcome Enoch has already shown us, and we look forward to building lasting relationships with our guests for years to come."

Mellor leads the Enoch location after more than two decades with Lin's Fresh Market.

"Lin's started in Iron County more than 70 years ago, making this opening especially meaningful for our company," said Greg Welling, vice president of Lin's. "We're proud to invest in Enoch and provide residents with a beautiful, modern store that offers convenience, quality products and outstanding service."

The grand opening celebration highlighted the many partnerships that made the project possible, including the efforts of store associates, construction partners, community leaders and local schools.



The Deckled Bookmark

by Samuel Wells

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Most book lovers need bookmarks, sometimes lots of them. In our house we need so many that I have had to take up the art of making them myself. Through the years I have become a little picky about the ones I use. Here are a few of my thoughts.

First of all, please don't fold book pages. Such habits make book lovers cringe and show an apathy for the printed word. Secondly, don't use metal. I have seen readers use paper clips and various other metallic gadgets that look creative, but in the end just wrinkle or tear pages. After a while, they can leave permanent stains.

Beyond these obvious faux pas, bibliophiles have a range of preferences. Many are merely functional, others can be quite creative, some even become treasures. My first bookmark experiences came from

my mother's favorite books. She was never happy with just one colorful ribbon or inspiring quote per volume. She had many. One of her bookmarks was even a picture of me in first grade (when I had a better smile). I learned from these examples that if a bookmark isn't personal, it is missing something important.

I don't like bookmarks made from thin paper. They get lost between pages. Neither do I like very thick bookmarks that keep pages from bending while I read. They need to be about the thickness of a greeting card, or better yet, about the thickness of heavy watercolor paper. The important thing

for me is that all four edges need to be deckled in some way. A deckled edge is a feathered edge, as opposed to a cut edge. A bookmark with a deckled edge stays where you put it because the feathering catches onto pages and doesn't fall out of sight, or completely out of the book.

Thick watercolor paper forms deckles easily. I bend it along a straight table edge

to start, and then fold it into creases by hand. Adding a touch of water with a thin brush to the inside furrow also helps. After folding it back and forth a few times, you can tear the paper by hand in a way that leaves a lovely deckled edge. Don't worry if it isn't perfect. That is part of the appeal. Then, once you have a size you like, follow your imagination. Kaitlyn Esplin has painted watercolor patterns for me. These are some of my favorites. Sometimes I just cut out pictures from old magazines and glue them onto the thicker paper (be careful not to use too much glue and make sure it spreads evenly - then press your work under a heavy book until the glue dries so it doesn't warp). I also like to add my favorite aphorisms when appropriate. By the time I finish a book, the catchy phrases are often memorized. I do offer one last warning: Once you start making your own bookmarks, you won't be happy with cheap and meaningless pieces of paper ever again.

Reading is never waste of time



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Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body



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Is Your Business Ready for Iron County's Growth?

Night Radiant is a Cedar City-based AI automation agency for small business. Health check delivers an AI-powered analysis of your strengths, weaknesses, and highest revenue-generating activities.



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Celebrates the Grand Reopening of Its Iconic Historic Overlook Tower

from Kelli Fratto

ZION FOREVER PROJECT

The Iron County Tourism Office and the U.S. Forest Service recently joined representa-

tives from the Zion Forever Project to celebrate the successful restoration and reopening of the historic Brian Head Overlook, welcoming visitors back to one of the area's most beloved landmarks.

"The Brian Head Overlook is a special part of our community and an experience visitors remember long after they leave," Maria Twitchell, Director, Visit Cedar City Brian Head Tourism Bureau. "We were proud to help fund the restoration of this historic landmark and ensure it remains a place where residents and visitors can connect with the incredible landscape of this region for generations to come."

Towering at 11,000 feet in elevation and constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the Overlook stands as a testament to both natural beauty and rugged craftsmanship. On clear days, the historic structure offers panoramic views that reach across state lines, from Utah's wilderness, including the Markagunt Plateau, to Arizona's Mount Trumbull and Navajo Mountain to Nevada's Wheeler and Highland peaks.

"The Brian Head Overlook has stood on this landscape for nearly a century, and its restoration preserves an important piece of our shared history," said Kevin Wright, Forest Supervisor, Dixie National Forest. "We're grateful for the partners and volunteers who helped make this work possible and ensured that future generations can continue to experience this remarkable place."

Over the years, harsh storms stripped away its roof, and a restoration effort was launched to rebuild and preserve the iconic structure. The project took nearly four years and required expert care to preserve its original character. Utilizing historically accurate materials and traditional techniques, HistoriCorps specialists and volunteers recreated the tower's architectural detail, ensuring its authenticity and structural integrity continue for generations of adventurers to come.

"We're incredibly proud to celebrate our first project in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service," Natalie Britt, President/CEO Zion Forever Project.

"This restoration reflects what is possible when public lands, community partners, and volunteers come together around a shared purpose, and we're grateful to everyone who invested their time, resources, and support to preserve this special place."



calendar

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 hidesertdog@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 seminary 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.cedarprofessionals.org

Cedar Radio Control Club

4th Thurs, 7 pm • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E.

Cedar City Community Band

We offer a wealth of opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels to get involved and experience the joy of ensemble music-making. Contact us at www.cedarcitycommunityband.org or by calling 435-590-2513.

Explorer Bible Club

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • 4yrs. to 6th grade, Valley Bible Church (4780 N Hwy 91, Enoch), 435-586-0253

International Folk Dancing

Fri, 1-2 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S) FREE: No Partner Needed; teaching! INFO: 626-808-6129

Iron County Moms For America

4th Thurs, 7pm at 2321 W Cove View Dr, Cedar City. Join a growing number of women throughout the nation to strengthen and preserve liberty. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com

Iron County Democrats

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

Friends of Festival Country K9s

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

Labyrinth Walk

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

Local Cub Scout Pack (K–5th).

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

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. southernutahrrockclub.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: thewellnessplacecc.com/upcoming-classes

Wellness Wednesdays

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

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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FRI, OCT 9

CIRCUS - CIRQUE MA'CEO OCTOBER

9TH-18TH. Cirque Ma'Ceo held at 7:00 pm at the Cross Hollow Event Arena (11 N Cross Hollow Rd, Cedar City). Tickets range from \$25 to \$70, available online at cirquemaceo.com. Everyone is invited to see the show that is "Reinventing the art of Circus as you know it!"

CREATIVE FOCUS STUDIO ART EXHIBITION

(5-7PM) 5 N Main #305. Free and open to the public. "The Art of Symbolism" features local artists and will remain on display from October 9th - January 8th.

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.

SAT, OCT 10

MEET THE BIRDS! (10AM - 5PM)

Annual Enoch Wildlife Rescue Open House. Free to the public, at our facility adjacent to Enoch Dog Park. Call 760-580-4320 or go to wildlife.org/openhosue. Scout the Golden Eagle, Helen the peregrine falcon, Whisper, the cutest little Western Screech Owl and many more amazing raptor ambassadors to meet and learn from Martin Tyner, master falconer. Free kid's crafts, vendors, food trucks, and a bunny petting zoo.

ANNUAL NEW HARMONY APPLE FESTIVAL & FALL HARVEST (10AM - 3PM)

at the Town Park (-15 Exit #42, West 5 miles, New Harmony), admission is FREE. Come enjoy live music all day, kids' games, bounce houses, mechanical bull riding, fire safety demonstrations, vendors, locally grown produce, and of course, the famous New Harmony Apples! All proceeds go to support the local Harmony Valley Volunteer Fire Department to purchase life-saving equipment and supplies! For information, or to sign up as a vendor, visit www.newharmonyfire.org/applefestival.

26TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL (10AM

- 3PM) At Diamond Z Arena, 11 S. Cross Hollow Drive in Cedar City. The family-friendly event will feature activity booths, face painting, costume contests, a cake walk, food trucks and a pumpkin patch. Each attendee can choose a pumpkin to take home. Admission is \$5 per person or \$25 per family, with festival activities and pumpkins include. For more information, contact the Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce.

UTAH LANTERN FESTIVAL (3-8PM)

behind the Aquatic Center at the Lake at the Hills. Tickets are available online at utahlf.com/southern-utah-2/. Come for an evening of food, activities, and more!

SIMPLY A MIRACLE 5K RUN FUNDRAISER

held from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at Bicentennial Park Pavilion (660 W 1045 N, Cedar City). Run, walk, stroll, or bike to support and raise funds for families who experience pregnancy and infant loss! Here are the basics: 7:00 a.m. -7:45 Registration and Check In, 8:00-8:45 Fun Run, 8:45-9:00 Grand Prize Drawing, Closing Remarks.

NATURE HILLS: SELF GUIDED PUMPKIN

TOUR is held Monday to Friday from 9:30AM to 8PM and Saturday, from 10:00AM to 6:00PM at Nature Hills Farm (4326 N 2100 E, Cedar City). Come to the Farm, go to the Farm Store to purchase your pumpkins, apple cider, and all your harvest goodies! For information visit naturehillsfarm.com/

PAROWAN FALL FEST IN THE PARK & CAR

SHOW held 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Parowan Main Street (Parowan). Enjoy a wonderful fall day with entertainment, craft vendors, games, food, a car show featuring all makes and models. This year there is a special treat from 9:08 am to 11:56 am, the Annual Solar Eclipse will show off with a prime view at 10:28 am right here in Parowan. Check out the Visit Cedar City · Brian Head booth with a special observatory and get your protective eyecare to watch the eclipse. For information call (435) 477-8190.

RED ACRE FARM: PUMPKINS & DONUTS

enjoy a fall day on the farm from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at Red Acre Farm (2322 W 4375 N, Cedar City). The Farm will be decked out for fall, and you can pick up a pumpkin for carving, eating, or decorating. Or some squash to eat. They will be serving delicious hot apple cider and frying up apple cider donuts. Enjoy story time with our live scarecrow. No admission fee ever. For information, call (435) 865-6792 or visit redacrefarmcsa.org.

TUES, OCT 13

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

WED, OCT 14

MIDVALLEY FARMER'S MARKET HAYRIDE & SPOOK ALLEY!

Dates Oct 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, & 31. At 780 W Midvalley Road, Cedar City, Utah. Get ready for a night of fall fun, spooky thrills, and family-friendly Halloween excitement! Climb aboard our hayride and take a scenic ride through the crisp autumn night, then brave your way through Spook Alley if you dare! Kid & Adult Friendly. Just \$5 a ticket! Hayrides, Pumpkins, Spooky Fun, Vendors on Site. Bring the whole family, grab your friends, bundle up, and come make some spooktacular memories with us!

THE CAIRN HOTEL GRAND OPENING (4-7PM)

1575 W 200 N Cedar City, UT 84720 We're excited to welcome you to our fully remodeled hotel, featuring fresh new spaces, modern amenities, and a whole new look. Come celebrate with us, see the transformation, and experience The Cairn Hotel for yourself!

AMERICAN CROSSROADS THEATRE

- BLITHE SPIRIT (7PM) in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). The spirits are stirring...and they're bringing plenty of laughs. Join American Crossroads Theatre for Noël Coward's delightfully witty supernatural comedy, Blithe Spirit - a hilarious evening of love, marriage, mischief, and one very inconvenient ghost! Tickets are available online at axrtheater.org.

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

The Forge Center for the Arts presents Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at 7:00 pm each evening and a special 2 pm matinee on Saturday, October 17th and 24th. The performance will be held in the Forge Center Theater at Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). Reserved seating, so book early for the best seats at theforgearts.com/.—Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with one of the most beloved musicals ever created. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is a timeless piece of Americana filled with unforgettable music, spectacular dancing, big laughs, and heartwarming romance.



Celebrate Fall and Fun at the

from Tessa Douglas

CEDAR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The 26th Annual Pumpkin Festival, organized by the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, will take place on Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Diamond Z Arena.

For more than two decades, the Pumpkin Festival has brought families and local businesses together for a day of fall activities and fun. This year's festival will include activity booths, face painting, costume contests, a cake walk, food trucks, and more. Every person who attends will also get to visit the pumpkin patch and choose a pumpkin to take home.

Around 2,500 people attended last year's Pumpkin Festival, with approximately 40 local businesses and organizations hosting booths. Participating businesses help create the fun by providing activities, games, candy, and other trick-or-treat items for attendees.

"The Pumpkin Festival is something we look forward to every year, and it is such a special tradition for our community," said Tessa Douglas, President & CEO of the Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce. "We love seeing families come out to enjoy the day together, but we also love that so many of our local businesses get involved and help make the experience special. It is a great example of businesses and community coming together to create something people look forward to every fall."

The Pumpkin Festival has been a Cedar City tradition for 26 years and has grown and changed over time, while remaining focused on providing an affordable event for local families. The festival is held indoors at the Diamond Z Arena, allowing attendees to enjoy the activities regardless of the October weather.



26th Annual PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Admission is \$5 per person or \$25 for families, and it includes festival activities and a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch for each attendee. Food will be available for purchase from food trucks, but all other aspects of the event are included in the admission.

The Chamber is grateful to Cedar View Pediatric Dentistry, the event's main sponsor, as well as the many businesses, organizations, booth sponsors, and volunteers who make the Pumpkin Festival possible.

"The amount of support from businesses and the community is the reason the Pumpkin Festival has become such a fun tradition for Cedar City and Iron County," Douglas added. "For no more than \$25, families can spend a few hours having a great time together, then leave with a pumpkin and some wonderful memories. We're excited to share this experience with everyone who comes this year."

The Diamond Z Arena is located at the Cross Hollow Events Center, 11 S. Cross Hollow Drive in Cedar City.

For more information about the 26th Annual Pumpkin Festival, visit the Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce website, www.cedarcitychamber.org.



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day are observed on the second Monday of October. Federal calendars officially recognize Columbus Day, while many states and cities observe Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of, or alongside, Columbus Day.

Columbus Day: Columbus Day commemorates Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492. The holiday has also held special significance for Italian-American communities, who have long viewed Columbus as a symbol of their heritage, perseverance, and place in American history.

Indigenous Peoples' Day: Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the history, cultures, contributions, and resilience of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Its observance also encourages reflection on the lasting impact European colonization had on Indigenous peoples.

Federal Status: Columbus Day remains an official federal holiday. Indigenous Peoples' Day has received recognition through presidential proclamations, although it is not a separate federal holiday.

State Variations: Observance varies throughout the country. Some states recognize Columbus Day, some recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day, and others recognize both.

A Spirit of Exploration: Christopher Columbus's voyage across the Atlantic in 1492 was a bold and ambitious undertaking that became a major turning point in world history. Although Columbus was not the first person to reach the Americas, his expeditions marked the beginning of sustained contact between Europe and the Western Hemisphere.

For many, Columbus Day represents the human desire to explore

Columbus Day: History, Heritage, and Changing Perspectives

the unknown, push boundaries, and seek new opportunities. That spirit of curiosity and discovery continues today through scientific advancement, innovation, and exploration of new frontiers.

The Meeting of Cultures:

Columbus's arrival brought Europe and the Indigenous peoples of the Americas into sustained contact. This encounter profoundly changed both hemispheres, bringing an exchange of crops, animals, technologies, and ideas. It also brought conflict, disease, displacement, and devastating consequences for Indigenous populations.

Recognizing both sides of this history allows us to better understand why the holiday carries different meanings for different people today.

Why Is Columbus Day Celebrated?

For many Americans, Columbus Day recognizes historical exploration and a long-standing national tradition. For many Italian Americans in particular, the holiday became an important celebration of cultural heritage, community, and perseverance.

The 1492 Voyage: Columbus's landing marked a major turning point in world history and helped establish sustained contact between Europe and the Americas.

The Columbian Exchange: The voyages contributed to a vast exchange of crops, animals, technologies, cultures, and ideas between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, permanently changing societies on both sides of the Atlantic.

Italian-American Heritage: Columbus became an important cultural symbol for Italian Americans, particularly during periods when Italian immigrants faced discrimination and struggled for acceptance in the United States.

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar Middle School

Cedar Middle School recently wrapped up Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank-you to all our parents for their ongoing support. CMS Student Council continues its Fall Pop Tab drive to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House. Families are encouraged to send pop tabs to school with their students for this important school-wide service effort. Shout-out to our local K9 Officers for supporting advisory Enrichment this week and providing our students with a fantastic learning experience!

Canyon View Middle School

6th grade math students at CVMS used their knowledge of statistics to explore mean, median, mode, and range. Students participated in a minute-to-win-it game with goldfish and then combined their data to calculate different measures of center.

Parowan Highschool

Ronda Johnson and Diana Cox were our faculty members of the week! They rocked it with the faculty float for homecoming, just like they rock it everyday with our SPED kids! Thank you Ronda and Diana!

South Elementary

Things are busy at South Elementary!

Parents, students, and teachers have been coming together for SEP conferences, giving students the opportunity to proudly share all they have been learning and accomplishing since the beginning of the school year. The PTA also hosted a book fair this week, giving students a fun opportunity to choose and purchase books to enjoy at home and add to their personal libraries.

Three Peaks Elementary

This week, Three Peaks Elementary held SEP Week. The kids enjoyed getting out early each day, and our teachers had great conversations with parents about their child's progress and goals. Thank you to all of our families for taking the time to meet with teachers and support their child's learning!

Enoch Elementary

Thank you to our Enoch Elementary families for taking the time to attend SEP meetings and collaborate with teachers this week. Our school had outstanding participation. We appreciate the strong partnership we share with our families. These meetings highlighted student progress, goals, and celebrations of growth. Our PTA also extends a huge thank-you for the wonderful support of the Book Fair throughout the week. Students and adults alike participated in a statewide Read-A-Thon. For one hour, reading was the main focus. It was a great reminder that reading is so important and essential for learning.

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Raise the standard.

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NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Madison Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

This week, the Falcons are turning in final assignments and taking final tests as the quarter ends very soon. With the new quarter starting next week, there is a shortened week for the fall break! The second quarter brings a lot of fun activities. Our Sadie Hawkins dance is going to be on October 24th. Canyon View's FCCLA and FBLA chapters have done an amazing job at organizing it and can't wait for everyone to attend! This dance is a girls-ask dance, so girls, make sure you are getting yourselves dates, and be sure to get tickets when they come on sale!

Our Lady Falcon soccer team won the region against Richfield last Thursday. Their win makes them six-time region champions! This team has been working hard and they are on fire! We are so proud of them! Our girls tennis team competed at state last week and they killed it! Tomorrow, the football team faces off against Richfield at home. It's sure to be an intense game. Next week at the Nest, it's senior night for the football team, cheer team, and the drill team. The game is against Manti and is the last home game of the year so be sure to come and support the team one last time this season and the very last time for the class of 2027. Go Falcons!

The Fall Colors are putting on their Annual Show

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

"You can feel Fall in the air," a common conversation starter as September gives way to October. Now, it's even more fitting to say:

"You can actually see Fall in the air and throughout the trees."

Aspen leaves in our local mountains have begun their spectacular annual display. By the time you read this, the colors at the highest elevations may have already started to fade. Fortunately, the peak colors typically work their way down the mountains over a 2 to 3-week period, so there is still plenty of time to plan a scenic drive.

Another familiar saying is, "a picture is worth a thousand words." Rather than trying to write all those words, take a look at some of the beautiful fall colors found throughout our mountains and canyons.

Each autumn, we make it a point to drive through Cedar and Parowan Canyons, and every year we find ourselves saying the same thing: This never gets old. The changing light, the time of day, and the beauty of our mountainous backyard create a constantly evolving masterpiece, but nature gives us only a brief window of a few weeks to enjoy this stunning display of some of God's finest work.

To paraphrase Julie Andrews: The hills are alive with the colors of Fall, so, get out, take a drive, and enjoy it all! Spend some time in our mountains and see for yourself: This truly is the place!

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Good Optics Explores the Psychology Behind How We See Ourselves—and Each Other

by **Ashlyn Judd**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Library in the Park will host Good Optics, a group art exhibition featuring the work of Southern Utah artist Ashlyn T. Judd, local artists, and student artists making their public exhibition debut. For student participants, Good Optics offers a first opportunity to experience what it means to put their artwork on public display and have it considered alongside the work of established artists. Their inclusion reflects Judd's belief that art is not only something to be viewed, but something that can create connection and community.

The exhibition opens on November 4th and runs through December 17th. An opening reception with the artist will take place on Thursday November 12th from 6:00 to 8:00PM.

Good Optics explores the tension between our public reputation, the way we perceive ourselves, and how quickly we form judgments about others.

Through a series of black-and-white charcoal portraits with golden halos, inspired by renaissance

paintings depicting saints, Judd explores a simple but unsettling reality: we begin forming impressions of other people before they ever have the opportunity to tell us who they are. Research in psychology has shown that people make surprisingly rapid judgments about qualities such as personality, age, and character based on limited visual information. These snap judgments can influence how we interact with one another, often before we are consciously aware that we have made them.

For Judd, portraiture provides a way to slow that process down. "Good Optics is about the stories we tell ourselves about who is 'good' and who is 'bad,' and how those stories shape the way we see each other," Judd explains. "I want the portraits to make you look a little longer—to wonder what you might have assumed about someone before you really saw them."

The title Good Optics refers both to the literal act of looking and to the way appearances influence perception. The portraits ask viewers to consider the gap between how a person appears to others, how they understand themselves, and the identity that gets assigned to them from the outside.

Rather than offering answers, the exhibition creates space for viewers to examine their own assumptions. Who do we instinctively trust? Who makes us uncomfortable? What do we think we know about someone from a face, a posture, or an expression? And what changes when we take the time to look closer? Judd's work is ultimately an invitation to do just that: look closer.

About the Artist

Ashlyn Judd is a Southern Utah artist specializing in realistic pencil and charcoal portraiture. Her work centers on people and the everyday human experiences that often go unnoticed. Through portraiture, Judd explores the ways we see, understand, and connect with one another.

Visitor Information

Good Optics Group Art Exhibition

Dates: Nov 4–Dec 17

Opening Reception: Thursday Nov 12, 6–8PM

Venue: Cedar City Library in the Park, 303 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84721

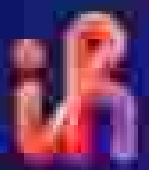
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In partnership with the Southwest Utah
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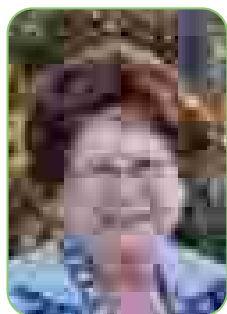
 Cedar City Hospital concourse
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Betty Burnham Macfarlane



Betty Burnham Macfarlane passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday September 29, 2026, in Cedar City, Utah. Betty was born on September 12, 1932, in Lewiston, Utah to Arthur Kendall Burnham and Helen Villet Burnham.

Betty was raised mostly in Cedar City, Utah, attending Cedar schools and graduating as a proud Cedar Redman from Cedar High. Betty married Gary Macfarlane on March 8, 1952, in Cedar City, Utah. They had four daughters and one son.

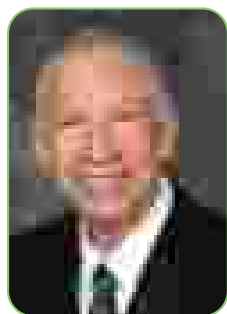
Gary and Betty are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served a mission in Mesa, Arizona. After Gary's passing Betty moved back to Cedar City.

She is survived by her children; Kimberly Segler, Stacey Miera (Mike), Crystal North (Harvey), Robyn Stokes (Ed), and Corry Macfarlane (Angy). Betty is loved by 23 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Gary Macfarlane, son-in-law

Clark Segler, and grandson Jonathan North.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 2, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the Cedar City Stake Center (155 East 400 South). A viewing will also be held prior to the funeral starting at 1:30 pm. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Richard Gordon Doyle



Richard Gordon Doyle
December 21, 1949 - September 19, 2026
Providence, Utah

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Richard Doyle Gordon, passed from this mortal life from complications of a severe heart attack on September 19, 2026. He was serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Johannesburg, South Africa, with his wife Cristal. He was 76-years-old.

Richard was, first and always, a devoted husband and father. He married his sweet wife, Cristal Chamberlain, on June 1, 1973. They were married for more than 53 years. He is loved by their 10 children: Erin (Sam Brand), Richard Jr. (Shari), David (Mindi), Jacob (Heidi), Thomas (Georgia), Bethany (Je Stocking), Nathan (Ashley), Daniel (Mandy), Benjamin (Marquessa), Matthew (Erin), and adored by his 42 grandchildren and 3 great grands.

Richard served God and his fellowmen as a Stake Patriarch, temple sealer, and missionary to his beloved friends in South Africa. He and Cristal faithfully served missions to South Africa in both Durban (Ladysmith) (2019-2020) and Johannesburg (2026).

Richard's first service as a missionary was in the Kansas-Missouri mission from 1970-1972.

He and Cristal also served the people of China as English teachers at Shandong University in Jinan through the China Teachers program at BYU (2015-2016).

Richard graduated with a BS from SUU, and later a Master's degree and a PhD from BYU.

Richard's career spanned 40 years of teaching youth and young adults in Seminary and Institute for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His love of the Savior Jesus Christ, as revealed in scripture, touched and influenced many.

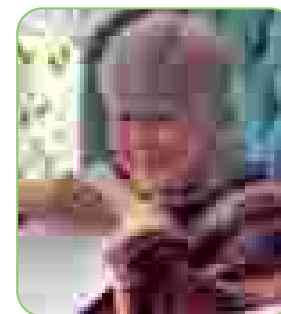
Beginning his career in 1975, Richard taught in Kingman, AZ; Kearns, UT; BYU; Stillwater, OK; and 22 years at the Logan Institute of Religion in Logan, UT.

Richard was born December 21, 1949, in Cedar City, Utah. His parents are Charles Vernon Gordon and Lorna Berniece Hopkins. He was the 5th of 6 children and is survived by siblings Berl Gordon and Lorna Gower.

A Funeral Service for Richard will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 12:00 noon in the Providence Stake Center, 180 S 485 W, Providence, Utah. A viewing will be held prior to the funeral service from 10:00 to 11:30 am at the church. An additional viewing will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at White Pine Funeral Services, 753 S 100 E, Logan, Utah. The interment will be in the Providence City Cemetery.

Memories can be shared with the family, and a Zoom link can be found on his obituary at www.whitepinefunerals.com

Corinne Fraughton



Corinne Fraughton, age 77, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sept 29th, 2026, at 2:30 AM in St George, Utah.

Corinne Fraughton (née Madsen) was born the first of four children to Alonzo Franklin Madsen Jr and Stella Florence Wakefield on April 25th, 1949, in Salt Lake City, UT. She would be followed by Stephen Ferrell, Robert Lon, and Darren Layne. Corrine grew up primarily in Utah but also spent time in Idaho.

She graduated from Bountiful High School in 1968 and a year later, on May 2nd, 1969,

married Max Gardner to which union her beloved only child Shane Franklin was born. Through the next several years of her life she found continued joy in antiques, bright colors, and soft things. This love would follow her as she and Shane moved across the country and back again.

Through all of the trials of life, Corinne continued to make friends no matter where she went, spreading happiness and sunshine along her way. She found the greatest joy, however, in her family, including Shane's wife JoDene and their children; Cidney Jo, Shane Colton, Arlo James, and Grace Makell, who she is survived by. They've spent many happy times together and she was sure to never say goodbye without signing "I Love You" and blowing kisses their way.

Although she will be missed, her family cherishes the lessons that she left behind, including kindness, service, and charity. She encouraged them to find the things that brought them their own joys in life and to never stop pursuing them alongside Christ.

In her last days she continued to speak of her love for her family and reuniting with the people she loves who have gone before, including her parents Frank and Stella, son Shane Franklin, and two grandsons; Jack and John.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 10:00 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (272 South 700 West Hurricane, Utah 84737). A viewing will be held prior to the funeral at 9:00 am. Interment will be in the Enoch Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. A luncheon will be held following the burial. To watch the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

In lieu of flowers, Corinne's family requests her memory be honored by finding opportunities to love and live big and always serve those around you. In her words, "Don't let your fears get in the way of your life adventures."

Written by Cidney Jo Gardner and Kayla Resinger

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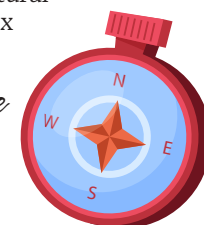
A National Holiday:

President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Columbus Day a national holiday in 1937. It later became a federal holiday observed on the second Monday of October.

Today, Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day offer an opportunity to reflect on exploration, cultural heritage, Indigenous history, and the complex events that helped shape the modern world.

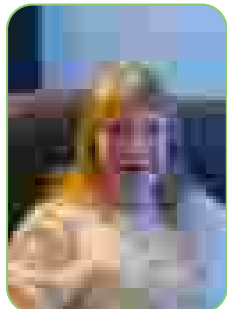
"Life has more imagination than we carry in our dreams."

—Christopher Columbus



obituaries

Elaine Shafer



Elaine Christensen Shafer passed away on September 26, 2026. She was born on January 4, 1945, to Lyle T. Christensen and Melba Bingham in Glendale, California. In 1946, her family moved to Rexburg, Idaho, and later to Moscow, Idaho where her father completed his degree in architecture. They moved to Tempe, Arizona in 1954 and later to Glendale, Arizona, where she became LDS Seminary President in 1959-1960. Elaine graduated from Glendale High School in 1963, where she was Senior Class Treasurer, and elected to Harvest Royalty, Cardinal Court, and was a representative to Anytown. She also participated in Thespians, FHA, and International Relations Club.



She attended the Glendale Extension of Phoenix College 1963-1964, where she was elected Associated Women's President. She attended Brigham Young University 1964-1965, and University of Utah 1965-1968, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.

During the summers from 1963 through 1968, Elaine worked at Grand Canyon Lodge (North Rim) and North Rim Inn, except for 1966 when she was manager of Cedar Breaks Lodge. In 1968, she moved to Yellowstone National Park and worked in accounting until 1969 when she

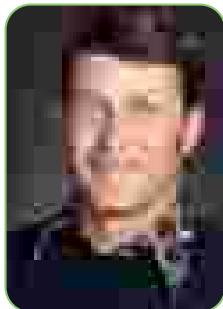
began teaching first grade in Gardiner, Montana, a position she held for seven years. Elaine toured Europe during the summer of 1972. She was a very talented artist.

Elaine married John Ross Shafer on March 20, 1976 in Bozeman, Montana and they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. She became a homemaker and mother. They lived in Montana and Yellowstone Park until moving to Cedar City in 1985, when John began working for Utah Parks and later for Southern Utah University. Their children are Carl John (Ashlie), Brian Ross (Nicole), David Preston, and Charles Grant (McKenzie).

She is survived by her beloved husband, John; her children; sister, Louise (Kerry) Patterson; brother, David (Kim) Christensen; and seven grandchildren: Cohen William, Nathaniel Ross, Jackson John, Elizabeth Brooke, Elijah Cornelius, Elaina Jayne, and Brinlee Mikelle. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Dianne (Stan) Berg.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Greens Lake Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (1120 W. Greens Lake Dr, Cedar City, UT), with viewings from 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Interment will be in Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To view the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.

Thomas Walker



Thomas Wayne Walker, 81, passed away peacefully on September 27th, 2026, in Cedar City, Utah after enduring a 10 year battle with Parkinson's disease. He will be greatly missed by his family and community whose lives he touched in many capacities.

He was born on October 25th, 1944, in Milford, UT to Janet Rollins and Marion Henry Walker. After graduation from Milford High School, Tom served in the Army National Guard during the Vietnam War. Later he obtained his B.S. Degree in Psychology from the College of Southern Utah, and then went on to do graduate work at Utah State University where he obtained his Master's Degree in Education.

His summer employment for 10 years was at the Lodge in Bryce Canyon National Park. The last three years at Bryce, he was employed as manager of the Lodge. It was his favorite place on earth, where he made lasting friendships and memories. After retirement, he worked as a tour guide of the national parks for many years. He also moonlighted during the school year as the assistant manager of the Town and Country Restaurant in Cedar City

where he met his wife, Carol. They were married in the St. George Temple on June 25, 1976. Together they have four wonderful children.

In 1971, he began teaching as a Special Education Teacher. He pioneered the program in Southern Utah. His class consisted of children from five counties. Tom was instrumental in bringing the Special Olympics to Cedar City and the students participated in the International Special Olympics as well. Through his hard work and dedication of 33 years in Special Education, he created a program and culture for those with special needs that left a lasting impact on every student and family.

Over the span of his career, he held many other positions in the school district, including Assistant Middle School Principal, North Elementary Principal, District Director of Special Education and Special Ed. Program Auditor for the Utah Office of Education. Tom received many accolades including the "Don Quixote Award" for "fighting mad battles that aren't your own", the Superintendent's Award, the Power of the Dream Award, Utah State Legislature Award for Outstanding Service to Education, and the Utah PTA Association "Golden Apple" Award for excellence in education.

He volunteered for many community events and charities, including three years as the director of Care and Share, board member of the Cedar City Library, and helped with the Utah Summer Games for 11 years delivering water to all the events.

Tom had a great passion for scouting and served as a scout master helping countless young men earn their Eagle Scout Award. After a lifetime of scouting, he received the Silver Beaver Award.

Tom was valiant to his many callings in the church which included serving with the Young Men, Bishopric Member, Bishop, Counselor in the Stake Presidency, Stake Clerk and as a temple worker. He was known for his unmatched organizational skills, beautiful handwriting and meticulous notes. He had a strong testimony of the Savior and His atonement.

He is survived by his wife Carol, sister Karen Griffiths, children Gena Nelson (Steve), Thayne (Brittney), Derek (Harmony), and Stephanie Shaheen (Hunter), 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents: Marion and Janet Walker and siblings: Richard Walker, Pat Yero, and Mike Walker.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 2nd, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Cedar North Stake Center, 95 N. 2125 W. Viewings will be held Thursday, October 1st from 6:00-8:00 PM at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 N. 300 W., and Friday prior to the funeral from 9:30-10:30 AM at the church. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. To watch the livestream of the service and share online condolences, please visit www.mortuary.org.



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Falcons defense slams door on Reds

by Tom Zulewski

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In the first half of the Coal Creek Classic rivalry game, the Canyon View Falcons had three solid chances to reach the end zone, but came up empty each time. When they scored seconds before the half ended, the Falcons took advantage and were able to reclaim the axe trophy.

Quarterback Owen Williams threw two touchdown passes and Cam Sheridan added a 6-yard run as CV shut down Cedar in the second half on the way to a 19-9 victory before a packed house at Eccles Coliseum on Oct. 2. The Falcons won the rivalry game for the first time since 2023 and improved to 2-2 in 3A South, 6-2 overall, while the Reds fell to 2-2, 4-4.

Trailing 9-0, the Falcons got the football in a two-minute drill situation that paid off when they drove 69 yards in 1:25 and scored on a 24-yard strike from Williams to Karson Greenland with 18 seconds to play. With the Reds' lead cut to 9-6 at the half, CV coach Burke Miller knew his team had all the momentum firmly on its side.

"I love it when our kids call for the ball. Bryson (Barnes) made a great play on a tipped pass that kept the drive alive, and that's the kind of play you gotta make in these rivalry games," Miller said. "Karson called for the ball and said 'I can beat this kid.' We gave him a shot and he made it happen."

Canyon View got the ball to start the second half and took the lead for good on a 78-yard drive that Williams finished off with a 21-yard scoring connection to

Two Cedar defenders struggle to tackle Canyon View running back **Cam Sheridan** (0) during the Oct. 2 rivalry game played at Eccles Coliseum

(Cavett Ishihara/For Iron County Today)

Cedar running back **Braxton Demille** runs through the tackle of a Canyon View defender during the Coal Creek Classic rivalry game played Oct. 2 at Eccles Coliseum

(Jaylin York/For Iron County Today)



Canyon View

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Cedar

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Canyon View	0	6	13	0	19
Cedar	6	3	0	0	9

FIRST QUARTER

C - Demille 7 run (kick failed), 8:47

SECOND QUARTER

C - FG Stevenson 24, 8:35

CV - Greenland 24 pass from Williams (kick failed), :18

THIRD QUARTER

CV - Higgins 21 pass from Williams (Beckstrom kick), 8:36

CV - Sheridan 6 run (pass failed), 3:16

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Smotherman survives, wins first PGA Tour title

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Despite leading through most of the last three rounds, Austin Smotherman may have felt like his first win on the PGA Tour was 100 miles away. Thanks to a pair of key birdies in the closing holes, Smotherman secured the victory in his 100th career start.

Carding a final-round 3-under 68, Smotherman won the 2026 Bank of Utah Championship by two strokes ahead of playing partner and runner-up Doug Ghim. He finished at 26-under 258, setting a new tournament record, three strokes better than Matt McCarty's winning total in 2024.

"One hundred starts out here is an incredible number," the 32-year-old said. "To have played professional golf now for 10 years, travel the world, have the support I've had, it feels pretty unreal to lift a trophy at the highest level. It's something we've dreamed about since I was a kid, and here we are."

Smotherman started the day Sunday with a one-shot lead over Ghim and carded three birdies on the front nine. He kept the card clean until the double bogey at 13 after his approach ended up with a plugged lie in a greenside bunker.



Doug Ghim hits his tee shot at the 1st hole during the final round of the Bank of Utah Championship on Oct. 4. Ghim finished at 24-under 260 for the tournament, two shots behind tournament winner Austin Smotherman. (Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)



Austin Smotherman holds the trophy high after winning the Bank of Utah Championship on Oct. 4 for his first PGA Tour win in his 100th career start. (Tom Zulewski/Iron County Today)

"The double plugging it into the bunker wasn't planned," Smotherman said. "Just a heavy 7-iron that was probably a little nervy. I was trying to get a lot out of it and just mis-hit it."

Smotherman shook off the mishap with a birdie at the short par-4 14th, then added birdies at 16 and 18 – his 31st and 32nd of the tournament – to cap off the two-shot victory. After sinking the final putt, the SMU grad celebrated with his wife, family and his first PGA Tour winner's trophy along with a check for \$1.08 million.

The win also gave Smotherman a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour, 500 FedEx Cup points, and invitations to the 2027 PLAYERS Championship and PGA Championship.

Among those in the field with Utah ties, BYU junior Kihei Akina, playing as an amateur, carded a pair of 65s over the weekend and finished in 9th place at 20-under, six shots back. Provo resident and BYU alum Zac Blair shot a 66 in the final round and finished tied for 21st at 17-under.

Blair played the final round with defending tournament winner Michael Brennan, who shot a final-round 65 and finished 18-under, good for a tie for 13th.



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A few good scores: PGA Tour edition

After three years of covering the PGA Tour's stop in Southern Utah at Black Desert Resort, the main storylines have been interesting. Yeah, the names aren't familiar even to the most hardcore fans, but they have produced some seriously great highlights.

There was Matt McCarty's eagle on the short par-4 14th hole that helped him pull away in the final round and win the inaugural Black Desert Championship by three shots in 2024. One year ago, it was Michael Brennan's turn to shine as he earned his first PGA Tour win at the Bank of Utah Championship.

Brennan's winning score for four rounds was 22-under par 262. When McCarty won the inaugural championship trophy, he carded 23-under to collect the winner's check and 500 FedEx Cup points.

The 2026 winner of the Bank of Utah Championship and runner-up were able to surpass those marks this weekend. Through 54 holes, Austin Strotherman already tied McCarty's four-round total, and Doug Ghim matched Brennan's championship winning number.

This produced a key question: How low could they truly go in a week that featured rain early and a fast track later that made all the difference in the scoring? In the end, Smotherman won the tournament and set the new 72-hole scoring standard by three shots at 26-under 258. Although Ghim was runner-up, he beat McCarty's mark by a shot at 24-under 260.

The dreams of 30-under for the week may have been dashed, but we had some pretty remarkable stories that stood out on their own.

Before the weekend began, play in Round 2 was suspended due to darkness. Three players were still on the course, and one of them needed at least a birdie to make the cut, which was at 6-under par through 36 holes.

Alejandro Tosti of Argentina made birdies at 17 and 18 to finish his second round one shot above the cutline, then went out and carded rounds of 67

RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

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and 64 over the weekend to jump into a tie for 13th at 18-under 266. Tosti declined to speak to reporters about the experience afterward, and it was totally understandable.

Sometimes, comebacks can take a lot out of a golfer, especially when it's 90 degrees outside.

Conditions were so good here, there were four different players who matched the single-round Black Desert course record of 9-under 62. Smotherman, Ghim, Luke Clanton and Johnny Keefe all set the mark, and all finished inside the top 10 at the Bank of Utah Championship.

Among the players with ties to Utah, we would be neglecting our duties if we didn't shout out BYU junior Kihei Akina. The Lone Peak High grad – who still holds amateur status – made a late charge up the leaderboard and finished alone in 9th at 20-under, carding a pair of 65s on the weekend.

At the end of the day, all of the wonder about what's going on can be traced to a simple and special moment.

After Kevin Streelman – who finished tied for 5th, four shots back – hit his tee shot at the 1st hole to start Sunday's final round, he walked over to his son and daughter and gave them a hug before going after his golf ball for the next shot.

I turned to Streelman and said "that's the best gift." He smiled and agreed it was.

For Year 4 in 2027, the PGA Tour will host the Bank of Utah Championship from Oct. 7 to Oct. 10. It's likely to avoid conflicting with the St. George Marathon, so there's every reason to make plans to see what's making this event worthwhile.

Golf, gorgeous vistas and family. You simply can't go wrong.

Contact Tom Zulewski at tominator19@yahoo.com.

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!

1. What Tennessee Titans quarterback said the following – "people are weird" – when asked about threatening messages his family members received on social media last week after the team fell to 0-3 on the season?
2. The Green Bay Packers are already 1-2 on the season and got more bad news last week when wide receiver was lost for the season due to a neck injury suffered in a Week 2 loss to the New York Jets?
3. Needing a big hit to keep its season alive, what Philadelphia Phillies infielder hit the tie-breaking home run in the top of the 10th inning to help the team stay alive with a 4-3 win in Game 2 of the NL Wild Card round?
4. True or False: After the Carolina Hurricanes raised the banner to celebrate winning the Stanley Cup, the Florida Panthers won the season opener, 1-0 in overtime, on Sept. 29.
5. Over the course of the team's last three playoff appearances, the Houston Astros have fallen on hard times, losing three straight series, including the 2023 American League Championship Series and the best-of-3 wild card round in 2024 and 2026. How many games in a row – all at home – have the Astros lost?
6. What NFL cornerback was traded from the Pittsburgh Steelers to the Dallas Cowboys on Sept. 30 for a sixth-round draft pick in 2027 and a second-rounder in 2028?
7. During Game 2 of the WNBA playoffs, what Las Vegas Aces center was given a technical foul for trying to deal with a fan in the stands during the Aces' game against the Indiana Fever?
8. How many National League

players finished with a .300 batting average or better in 2026?

9. How many American League batters finished with 100 RBI or more in the 2026 season?
10. In Week 3 of the NFL, four different quarterbacks – Green Bay's Jordan Love, Geno Smith of the NY Jets, Seattle's Sam Darnold and Matthew Stafford of the LA Rams – all threw for more than 300 yards. How many led their team to a victory?
11. Among NFL running backs in Week 3, Atlanta's Bijan Robinson led all with 194 yards and two touchdowns in a road win over the Green Bay Packers. What Buffalo Bills back ran for 154 yards in a win over the LA Chargers?
12. Who did the Vegas Golden Knights beat in its regular-season opener Sept. 29?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Los Angeles Rams.
2. Cade Smith. Smith and Baker finished tied with 41 saves for the 2026 season.
3. Jaxon Smith-Njigba.
4. True.
5. Ronald Acuna Jr.
6. Lawrence Tanter.
7. Pete Alonso, Junior Caminero and Ben Rice. Alonso pulled away and led the AL with 43 homers for the season, Caminero and Alvarez had 42 and Rice finished with 41.
8. Boise State.
9. Verlander had three no-hitters in his career.
10. Buffalo Bills.
11. Patrick Mahomes.
12. Jaxon Smith-Njigba.

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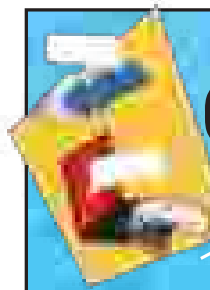
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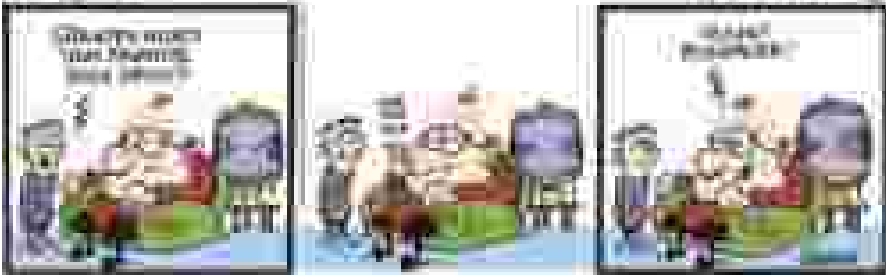
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Trivia test by Tiff Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Invisible Man"?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Topkapi Palace located?
- ASTRONOMY: How long is a year on the planet Mars?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the sea witch in the animated film "The Little Mermaid"?
- ANATOMY: What is the average lifespan of a red blood cell?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMI?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the three secondary colors in traditional color theory?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features the Bluth family?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of jellyfish commonly called?
- GAMES: How many squares are on a checkerboard?

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2	8	1	6	9	8	8	9	7
8	9	2	5	8	1	7	1	6
6	5	8	2	7	7	7	8	9
1	8	8	7	7	6	2	9	5
9	2	6	1	5	7	0	7	7
5	7	7	7	8	2	9	8	3

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Solution time: 20 mins.

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Trivia Test Answers
1. H.G. Wells; 2. Istanbul, Turkey; 3. 687 Earth days; 4. Ursula; 5. 120 days; 6. 2,001; 7. Orange, green and purple; 8. "Arrested Development"; 9. A smack; 10. 64

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