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STARTUP CEDAR HELPS LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS GENERATE NEARLY $1.5 MILLION IN THEIR FIRST YEAR

STORY IN NEWS

October 1st Utah Water Availability Update

from Jordan Clayton

NRCS UTAH SNOW SURVEY

General summary:

Summary of Water Year 2026:

Happy new water year, everyone! Utah entered the 2027 water year on October 1st, so we include in this report a brief review of the previous water year's conditions.

Utah's statewide snowpack peaked on March 9th at 8.4" of snow water equivalent (SWE), which was a record low. Not a single one of our SNOTEL weather stations peaked at close to normal, and the peak was more than 3 weeks early on average. Well above-normal temperatures in mid to late March heavily deteriorated a snowpack that was already thin and dense leading to a rate of SWE loss that was faster than ever before observed for the month of March (statewide SWE plummeted from 8.4" on March 9th at its peak to 2.7" on April 1st). Moreover, using manual measurements dating back to the 1930s, we determined that 2026 was, by far, the lowest April 1st SWE ever measured in Utah. Our next lowest April 1st SWE was recorded back in 2015, but that was roughly 5 times higher than what we got last winter. After 2026 and 2015, the next lowest April 1st SWE conditions ever recorded for Utah were in 1934, 1977, and 2018.

The extremely poor snowpack conditions last winter led to water supply forecasts suggesting that many streams in Utah would receive record-poor snowmelt. By May 1st, we predicted that roughly *half* of Utah's streams would receive the lowest or second-lowest runoff on record, which turned out to be correct. This was based on the 70th exceedance probability forecasts for April through July volumetric flow wherein 27 streams were predicted to have their worst ever runoff and 15 were predicted to be second worst (out of 82 total sites). By the end of August, we could see that this had, unfortunately, more or less come true: 21 of Utah's forecast points had received their lowest ever April to July runoff, and 17 had been second lowest.

Broadly speaking, observed snowmelt runoff volumes were within 30% of our water supply forecasts for much of the Bear, Duchesne, Weber-Ogden, and Beaver watersheds. Other areas' predictions had mixed success, such as the Upper Sevier, Provo-Utah Lake-Jordan, Price-San Rafael, Northeastern Uintas, and Southwest Utah regions. Elsewhere, even our dire water supply forecasts overpredicted what was received, such as for the San Pitch, Middle Sevier, Dirty Devil, Raft, and portions of Southeastern Utah.

Not all aspects of the 2026 water year were negative, however. Utah's water-year-to-date precipitation ended September just a bit below normal for our mountain regions (42nd percentile, 96% of median), and above normal for our valleys (55th percentile, 106% of median). While the end of year numbers are positive overall, our precipitation has been a wild ride. Utah started the 2026 water year with well above normal precipitation in October (several of Utah's major watersheds ended the month close to 150% of normal). From November through June, however, precipitation was generally poor across the state, with southern Utah generally faring the worst. Dry mountain soils contributed to an early and devastating fire season in Utah, including three of the largest six fires in our state's history. Then the summer monsoon kicked in, leading to greater than 150% of normal precipitation for central Utah, and above normal accumulation elsewhere. Record-high or second-highest monthly precipitation was received at nine SNOTEL sites in July and 17 sites in August. This summer rain led to a nice recovery of statewide mountain soil moisture conditions from near record-dry (due in part to the early timing of the snowmelt) to above normal (80th percentile) wetness by the end of the water year.

The vast majority of Utah's water supply is derived from its snowmelt, so when runoff conditions are poor our reservoir system inevitably suffers. Utah's statewide storage ended the 2026 water year at 45% of capacity, which is down 14% from last year and trending very similarly to 2022. In a few areas of the state, the reservoir storage conditions are extremely low, such as for the Upper Sevier (5% of capacity), San Pitch (6% of capacity), Beaver (7% of capacity) basins, as well as for Southeastern Utah (16% of capacity).

Water levels in downstream water bodies reflect both this winter's poor snowmelt runoff as well as longer-term trends. The Great Salt Lake ended September at 4189.7 ft elevation, which is only 1.2 ft above its historic low observed in November of 2022, and about eight feet below the optimal range for the lake suggested by Utah's Department of Natural Resources. Lake Powell received only 1.14 million acre-feet (MAF) this runoff season compared with an average of 6.34 MAF. By the end of the 2026 water year, the lake was at 5.155 MAF, corresponding to roughly 22% of capacity. For context, every state in the Western U.S. has below normal reservoir storage; Utah's percent of capacity is third best

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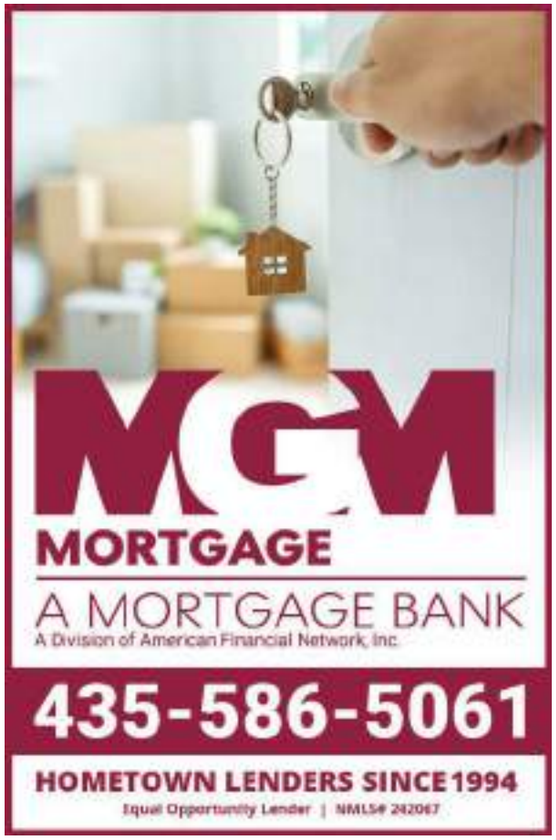
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Utah Food Bank to Receive More Than 1.5 Million Eggs Through Utah Attorney General's Price-Fixing Lawsuit

from Hanna Seariac

OFFICE OF UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL DEREK BROWN

The first shipment of the 1,512,000 eggs that Utah secured through a price-fixing settlement arrived at the Utah Food Bank [Oct. 5], Attorney General Derek Brown announced.

The eggs come from a price-fixing case Utah brought against three major egg producers: Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., Versova Holdings, and Hickman's Family Farms. According to the complaint, the companies illegally coordinated to inflate the daily price quotes that set what shoppers pay for eggs, regularly trading pricing plans and bidding strategies with one another instead of competing. Utah alleged that conduct violated the Sherman Act's ban on price fixing, driving up costs at the checkout line for Utah families.

Rather than a check that disappears into a budget line, Utah's share of the settlement arrived as something families could use immediately: eggs, by the truckload.

"Utah families paid more than they should have for eggs, all because a few companies decided to cheat rather than compete," said Attorney General Brown. "I wanted our settlement to impact Utah families directly, instead of just sitting in a random government account. So that's exactly what's happening — more than a million and a half eggs are going straight to Utah kitchen tables."

Utah Food Bank is distributing the eggs through its statewide network of partner pantries and programs, prioritizing families who count on food assistance to get through the month. For many households, eggs are one of the most requested and most expensive staples, making the donation an unusually practical form of relief.

"Food is at its most meaningful when it reaches people who need it most, and these eggs will do exactly that for the approximately 533,000 Utahns experiencing food insecurity," said Ginette Bott, Utah Food Bank President and CEO. "We're grateful for the opportunity to be able to distribute such a highly nutritious and in-demand staple throughout the state via our network of 360 partner agencies."

The settlement also bars Cal-Maine, Versova, and Hickman's for five years from communicating with competitors about bids, agreeing on prices or supply, or influencing how competitors bid, and each must file annual compliance certifications under penalty of perjury.

Startup Cedar Helps Local Entrepreneurs Generate Nearly $1.5 Million in First Year

by Haley Webster

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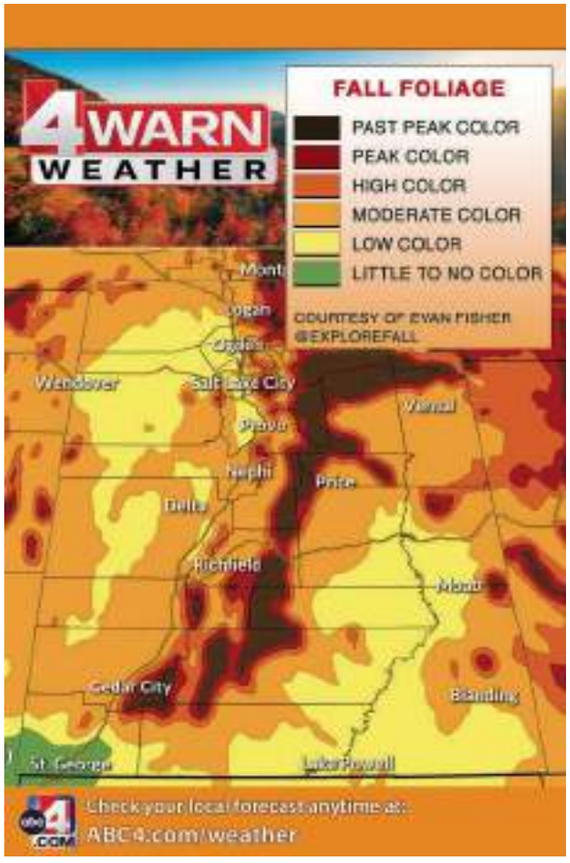
A promising business idea may begin on a sketchpad, in a classroom, or around a kitchen table, but turning the idea into a thriving business takes more than inspiration. It takes trusted guidance, practical resources, access to funding, and a community willing to help. Through Startup Cedar, entrepreneurs across the Cedar City area are finding that support in one connected ecosystem.

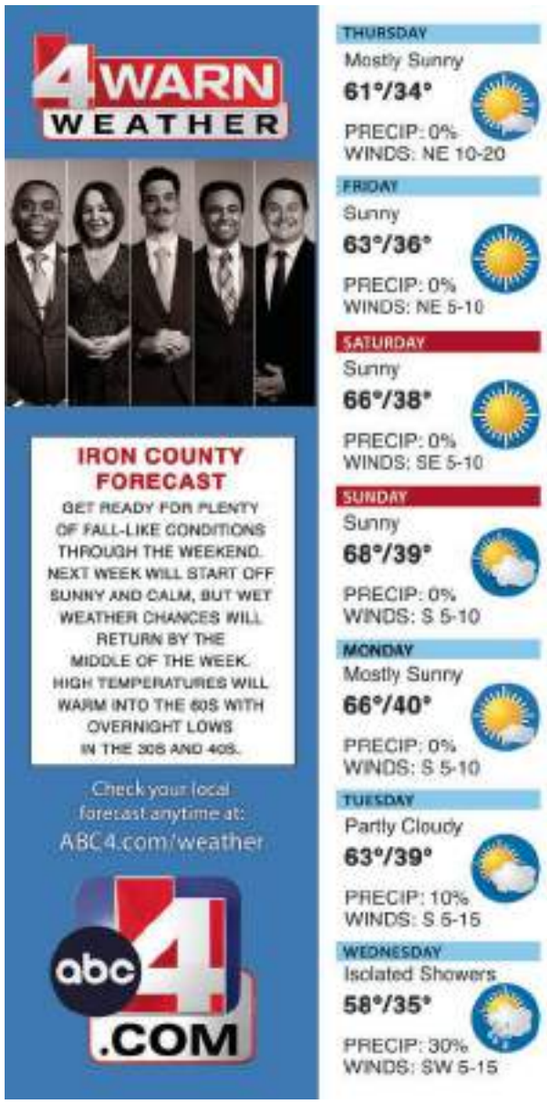
During its first year, Startup Cedar supported 112 startups and provided 1,076 counseling sessions to 172 individuals seeking business assistance. Participating entrepreneurs reported $1,492,142 in revenue, secured $219,580 in startup funding, and created 127 jobs. Entrepreneurship-focused events organized through the partnership also welcomed 6,803 attendees between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

"Startup Cedar creates one place where entrepreneurs are able to receive real, tangible support," said Joni Anderson, Executive Director of the SUU Business Center. "By bringing education, business expertise, mentorship, and resources together, we are able to help local entrepreneurs move their business ideas into a clear plan, and therefore create jobs and strengthen our communities. This inaugural year's results show what is possible when organizations combine efforts around a shared vision."

Cedar City started this collaboration with strong entrepreneurial momentum. After being recognized as the

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opinion

FROM THE EDITOR



BECKA DIMICK
COPY EDITOR

My 15-year high school reunion happened this past weekend, and I did not attend. Social media was kind enough to make sure I still had feelings about it, though.

There were the familiar faces, gathered in the familiar groups. From the pictures, everyone seemed to pick up right where they left off. These were the big, close circles of friends I remembered from school, and from what Facebook and Instagram show me, they have stood the test of time.

Looking at everyone's posts immediately made me feel like I was dead last in a nonexistent race to be seen and stay relevant. Not a very productive way to spend an evening.

Social media has a remarkable talent for turning nostalgia into a performance review. I found myself treating the longevity of someone else's friendships as a measure of how successfully I have conducted my own life. That is asking quite a lot from a group photo.

And that is what irritates me about social media. I can decide to skip an event, and it will still deliver the guest list, the group photos and the opportunity to second-guess myself. Apparently, opting out now requires opting out of the coverage, too.

The intervening fifteen years ought to count for something. There have been moves, jobs, friendships and experiences I could never have anticipated back then. A few squares on a screen seem like a poor instrument for measuring all of that.

There is something lovely about friendships that last. There is also something lovely about meeting people who know you as the person you have become.

And it is okay that I didn't go. I was invited, but an invitation is not a summons. I can wish everyone a wonderful evening and give myself permission to spend mine elsewhere. Missing the reunion does not mean I missed some deadline for having a good life or meaningful relationships.

For now, I will close the social media apps for a few days and get back to the life I'm actually living and enjoying. It deserves more of my attention than its imaginary progress report.



news

Two arrested in Cedar City bank fraud investigation linked to multistate scheme

by Tracie Sullivan
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Police arrested two people Oct. 2 after they allegedly tried to steal nearly $9,000 from a Cedar City bank account in what officers described as part of a multistate fraud scheme.

Dawn Rachelle Gonzales, 60, and Ricardo Fluermond, 38, were booked into the Iron County Jail following a police response to the State Bank of Southern Utah on Interstate Drive.

According to charging documents filed by Cedar City police, investigators had received reports of a bank panic alarm and a suspicious woman who was allegedly impersonating a military member while trying to access someone else's account and take out a loan.

The military identification card Gonzales presented had another person's name, police said.

Similar attempts had also occurred earlier in the day in St. George and Hurricane.

Employees checked the account number the woman provided and determined she was not listed on the account.

They also recognized similarities to the earlier fraud attempts, according to the affidavit.

Officers arriving at the bank spotted a white Nissan sedan leaving the area that

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There's a Zen saying I often cite that goes, 'Before enlightenment, chop wood, carry water. After enlightenment, chop wood, carry water.' The point: Stay focused on the task at hand rather than dwelling on the past or worrying about the future." — *Phil Jackson, Eleven Rings: The Soul of Success*

WORD OF THE WEEK

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Adj.
of, relating to, or resembling twilight

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Delegate Selected | School Board Candidates

by Mari Eddy

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

This March, the Iron County Republican Party invited School Board candidates to participate in our county convention.

Although School Board races are nonpartisan, these elected positions have tremendous influence over our children, raising taxes, and families. Yet they often receive less political attention and accountability than they deserve.

We wanted our elected Republican delegates, representing neighborhoods throughout Iron County, to have the opportunity to meet candidates, ask questions, examine their priorities, and determine who best represents Republican principles and values.

After vetting candidates, our delegates voted overwhelmingly: (straw poll results- non binding)

DISTRICT 6
- Adam Hahn — 203 votes (74%)
- Nathan Slaughter — 71 votes (26%)

DISTRICT 7
- Justin Godfrey — 192 votes (68%)
- Megen Ralphs — 88 votes (32%)

Adam Hahn and Justin Godfrey earned the Iron County Republican Party endorsement through our delegate convention process.

DISTRICT 5
- Telton Hall — 255 votes
- Tiffiney Christiansen — 14 votes

Tiffiney announced her resignation that evening, but because her withdrawal had not been officially filed, delegates still voted. Telton Hall was selected as the Delegate Preferred Candidate and will begin serving on the School Board in January 2027.

We appreciate every participating candidate and especially our delegates, who invest their time studying issues, questioning candidates, and representing their neighbors.

THIS IS GRASSROOTS POLITICS! Neighbors showing up, getting informed, asking tough questions, and having a voice in who represents their community.

This November, consider voting for our Delegate Preferred Candidates!

TWO ARRESTED

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matched a vehicle description provided by employees following the Hurricane incident.

Police stopped the car and detained its driver, identified as Fluermond, of New York. Gonzales was still inside the bank.

During a search following her arrest, officers also allegedly found a financial card belonging to the person identified on the military card and more than $1,700 in cash in Gonzales' purse.

Investigators reportedly connected the incident to the earlier attempt at Altabank in St. George, where a woman allegedly used a false military ID to try to withdraw money from another customer's account.

Police said the ID recovered in Cedar City displayed the same photograph as the one used in St. George but carried a different name.

During an post-arrest interview, Gonzales admitted committing fraud offenses in multiple states and said Fluermond had been traveling with her since they were in California, court files state.

Police also reported finding more than $17,000 in cash in an envelope from a bank in Fresno, California.

The affidavit reports Gonzales told investigators the money had been stolen from someone's account at that bank.

Other evidence described in the affidavits included forged cards, a fake rental agreement for a nonexistent rental company and a notebook containing personal identifying information, including Social Security numbers, names or addresses, for at least three people.

Cedar City investigators consulted detectives in St. George and Idaho about a larger alleged fraud operation.

According to the court records, fraud organizers often obtain identification and financial cards through vehicle burglaries or other thefts, then recruit people who resemble the individuals pictured on the IDs to withdraw money from bank accounts.

Investigators said suspects will keep most of the proceeds while the recruits receive a smaller share.

Police allege Gonzales and Fluermond worked with another suspect known as "T-Money," whose identity was not known when two were arrested.

Both suspects were arrested on suspicion of 12 felony offenses, including three counts of identity fraud, three counts of possessing forged writings or devices, attempted theft, receiving stolen property, financial-card offenses, unlawful possession of identification documents and a pattern of unlawful activity.

Police said the listed offenses included gang enhancements based on the suspects' alleged participation in a larger group.

Police requested that both be held without bail, citing concerns about flight, further financial crimes and possible interference with the investigation.







IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Planning Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Planning Commission reviewed a request to rezone property at 2300 West Cross Hollow Road from Residential Agriculture to Mixed Use. The change would align the property's zoning with the previously approved Residential Development Overlay (RDO).

The development, located near Walmart and Home Depot, is expected to include commercial office buildings along the road, with single-family homes and open space behind them. Higher-density housing is not planned due to the hillside terrain.

Commissioners discussed density limits, open space requirements and commercial building height restrictions. The developer also expressed interest in constructing two three-story buildings that would exceed the Mixed Use zone's 30-foot height limit. Staff clarified that taller buildings would require a separate application and approval.

During the public hearing, one resident expressed support for the planned single-family housing rather than higher-density development.

The commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the zone change

R3M Lot Size and Density

The Planning Commission discussed reducing minimum lot sizes in the R3M zone from 9,000 to 6,000 square feet for the first two units, with an additional 1,500 square feet required for each added unit.

The proposed change would bring R3M requirements closer to those of R2 and allow additional housing on smaller lots. Commissioners expressed concerns about potential density impacts and requested further review. Staff also noted that a comprehensive zoning update is planned.

Accessory Dwelling Unit Size

Commissioners discussed increasing the maximum size of detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs), currently limited to 800 square feet in most zones and 1,200 square feet in the RE zone.

A proposal was made to base ADU size on lot size and the main home's square footage. Commissioners were generally supportive but emphasized the importance of parking, neighborhood impacts and infrastructure.

Staff will prepare proposed changes for discussion at a future meeting.

Setbacks

The Planning Commission discussed reducing residential setbacks to improve housing affordability and allow smaller homes on smaller lots.

Staff presented a proposal for the R3I zone that would reduce rear and front setbacks to 10 feet and side setbacks to 5 feet, while requiring garages to be at least 22 feet from the property line. The proposal also includes redesigned streets and sidewalks to provide adequate parking space.

Commissioners expressed support for the concept but discussed concerns about building spacing, lot coverage and accessory structures. Staff will continue reviewing possible changes.

During public comment, a resident encouraged the city to remain open to alternative housing ideas.

Cedar City Council Meeting Summary

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Public Hearings: Diamonte Zone Change and Bower Meadows Rezone

The Cedar City Council reviewed a proposed general plan and zone change near 226 North 3325 West in the Diamonti Industrial Subdivision. The request would change the designation from Central Commercial to Business and Light Manufacturing and the zoning from INM2 to INM1 to better accommodate planned commercial and industrial buildings. No public comments were received, and the item was moved to next week's action agenda.

The council also discussed rezoning portions of the Bower Meadows development to residential and commercial zones, consistent with its previously approved development plan. Concerns were raised about increased traffic through Eagle Ridge.

City staff noted that funding for a bypass road is expected in July 2027, with construction anticipated by summer 2028. A resident also requested additional speed enforcement in the area. The rezone will return for action next week.

Royal Hunt Drive Median Barrier

The council discussed concerns over UDOT's proposed concrete median near Royal Hunt Drive and Bentley Boulevard.

Representatives of a nearby gas station opposed the barrier, explaining that it could restrict access for large fuel trucks, increase delivery costs and redirect truck traffic through residential neighborhoods.

City staff explained that the median is part of UDOT's interchange improvements and is intended to improve traffic safety. Other nearby business owners also expressed concerns about access and traffic flow.

Council members requested additional information from UDOT, including possible modifications to the median and alternative truck routes. The item was moved to next week's action agenda, pending further information.

Board Appointments, Fire Truck, Crossing Guard and Surplus

The Cedar City Council discussed appointments to the Active Transportation Committee, including new members and a reappointment.

The council also reviewed a proposal to

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.*

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transfer an older ladder truck to Paragonah Fire as the city prepares to receive a new truck this fall.

Police requested a civilian crossing guard near Canyon View Middle and High Schools following an earlier pedestrian accident.

Four surplus items, including a snowblower, were also proposed for sale. All items will move to next week's consent agenda.

Quichapa Well Rehabilitation Bids

The council reviewed bids for rehabilitation work on four Quichapa wells. Because the lowest bidder could only complete two wells, the project will be divided between two contractors. The combined cost is higher than the original low bid but remains within budget. The item will move to next week's consent agenda.

Covered Outdoor Arena and Impact Fees

The council reviewed seven construction bids for the covered outdoor arena, with the lowest bid selected to move forward on the consent agenda.

Discussion focused on approximately $85,000 in transportation impact fees that the project's donor will not cover. Council members favored using the city's general fund to pay the fees while exploring possible reductions. The impact fee issue will return for action next week.

100 East Change Order

The Cedar City Council reviewed a $117,500 change order for the completed 100 East project. Approximately $69,000 will be reimbursed by a property owner, leaving the city's share at about $48,000. The project remains within budget, and the item was moved to the consent agenda.

Personnel Policy Revisions

The council discussed proposed changes to employee leave and compensation policies, including limits on compensatory time, annual leave and medical leave.

The changes aim to reduce the city's liability from accumulated leave balances. Council members supported a three-year service requirement for leave payouts and discussed increasing leave caps.

Employees raised concerns about retention, leave restrictions and the lack of paid parental leave. Staff will present parental leave options next week, and the policy revisions will return for action.

West Canyon Park Irrigation Ditch

The council discussed safety concerns surrounding the slippery concrete irrigation ditch at West Canyon Park, where injuries have continued.

Options included removing the ditch, piping, or making less expensive safety improvements.

Council members expressed differing opinions on the best solution, including restoring the channel or creating an alternative water feature. The council unanimously voted to table the discussion for further consideration.

UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Supporting the Health, Recovery, and Safety of Utahns



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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, accounting for more than 92,000 acres burned.

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

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.

Turning the Tide on Homelessness and Addiction

Utah became the first state to partner with the White House's Great American Recovery Initiative in September, building on a shift already underway in our state toward treatment, recovery and accountability. In 2026, Utah reversed the trend in homelessness: overall homelessness declined 1.6%, and unsheltered homelessness dropped 9.7%.

The Legislature invested nearly $45 million this year across three priorities: accountability for high utilizers of the criminal justice system, emergency shelter and homelessness services, and mental and behavioral health infrastructure.

Fatal drug overdoses declined 9.3% in the past year, and the state is working toward a 25% reduction in drug deaths and in the number of people who leave police custody only to return to homelessness. There is still more work to do, but the focus is increasingly on measurable results: enforcing the law, treating addiction and serious mental illness, and helping people achieve lasting recovery and self-sufficiency.

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. 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 and $22 million to strengthen staffing and safety at the state prison, while also directing new resources toward law enforcement and first responders.

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, and more.



STARTUP

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in which to start a business in 2024, the city remained among the highest-ranked communities in 2025 and 2026. Startup Cedar aims to turn that recognition into a regional legacy by making support easier to find and connecting entrepreneurs with the right resources at every stage.

Southern Utah University (SUU), Southwest Technical College, and The Nucleus Institute established Startup Cedar on Aug. 25, 2025, to strengthen the region's startup culture and create a more accessible pathway for entrepreneurs. Together, the partners connect aspiring business owners with counseling, training, mentorship, specialized equipment, funding opportunities, and a community of fellow innovators.

Rich Carlson, founder of Canyons & Crags, developed a promising new canyoneering product. However, high production costs led him to believe licensing the idea might be his only practical path forward. When Carlson was faced with an estimated production cost of $25 per unit, he planned to license the product for a 10% royalty. Instead, specialists at the Business & Innovation Center and Southwest Technical College helped him refine the design, test affordable prototypes, and cut a nearly three-minute engraving process to just 23 seconds.



Those improvements lowered production costs to $14.80 per unit, allowing Carlson to manufacture the product himself and retain its value. Today, what began as a difficult-to-produce concept is reaching customers worldwide.

The partnership also co-sponsors programs that bring entrepreneurship into public view and invite people to develop, test, and share their ideas. These initiatives include the State Bank Business Challenge, an annual Makeathon, and two major speaker series events. The Hive Accelerator Program offers deeper support through seed funding and an intensive six-month experience designed to help participants move their businesses forward.

In its second year, Startup Cedar plans to expand into university research through a new Faculty Fellowship in technology commercialization at Southern Utah University. The fellowship, filled by Dr. Prosenjit Chatterjee, will connect faculty members to student researchers to identify promising technologies and help move concepts toward prototype development and potential commercialization.

That work will complement research and innovation opportunities such as ISBCom 2027, the International Conference on Intelligent Systems, Blockchain, and Communication Technologies, hosted at SUU on May 1-2, 2027. The conference gives faculty and students a chance to present emerging tech, get feedback from industry professionals, build new collaborations, and identify projects with potential for continued development through Startup Cedar.

Startup Cedar creates a continuous journey from the spark of an idea to real-world impact by connecting research, technical education, business development, and statewide innovation resources.

About the SUU Business Center

The SUU Business Center connects entrepreneurs

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Utah Urges Consumers to Claim Compensation for Inflated Generic Drug Prices

Court gives preliminary approval to plan returning settlement money to consumers who overpaid for generic drugs

from Melanie Hall

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Utahns who paid for certain generic drugs between May 2009 and December 2019 may be eligible for compensation. On September 8, 2026, the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut gave preliminary approval to a plan to distribute approximately $96.5 million in settlement funds.

Utah and 47 other states and territories reached those settlements with generic drug manufacturers Glenmark, Lannett, Bausch, Apotex, Heritage, and Heritage's parent company, Emcure. The states allege these companies illegally conspired to inflate the prices of generic drugs by violating antitrust and consumer protection laws. The settling companies have not admitted wrongdoing.

How to file a claim

If you purchased a generic drug on the settlement drug list between May 2009 and December 2019, you may be eligible for compensation. To check eligibility or file a claim, call 1-866-290-0182 (Toll-Free), email info@AGGenericDrugs.com or visit www.AGGenericDrugs.com. The claim deadline is March 8, 2027.

Litigation background

Utah belongs to a coalition of nearly every state and territory pursuing a series of antitrust cases against the generic drug industry. The investigation began in 2016 and has produced four complaints:

- The first complaint, filed in 2016, names Heritage, 17 other companies and two individual executives over 15 generic drugs.
- The second complaint, filed in 2019, targets Teva Pharmaceuticals and 21 other major generic manufacturers, along with 16 senior executives.
- The third complaint covers 80 topical generic drugs worth billions of dollars in U.S. sales. It names 26 companies and 10 individuals and will be the first case tried.
- The fourth complaint alleges that Novartis AG, Sandoz Group AG and Sandoz AG are liable for Sandoz's alleged conduct and for fraudulently transferring assets.

The states built these cases on testimony from cooperating witnesses, millions of documents, and an extensive phone record database. Seven pharmaceutical executives are cooperating with the states. The complaints allege that competing executives met and communicated regularly, giving them opportunities to reach illegal agreements. According to the complaints, defendants used phrases like "fair share," "playing nice in the sandbox" and "responsible competitor" to discourage competition, raise prices and enforce a culture of collusion.

Utah was joined in the announcement by Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming joined in the announcement.

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and established businesses with advising, training, government-contracting assistance, and regional partners. Its network includes the Small Business Development Center, APEX Accelerator, Startup Cedar, and the Business & Innovation Center. The SUU Business Center creates multiple entry points for people seeking to launch, strengthen, or expand a business.

About the Business & Innovation Center

Located in Cedar City, the Business & Innovation Center serves as a one-stop resource for entrepreneurs, startups, and small businesses in southern Utah. The center provides free access to business support and practical resources for prototyping, branding, and content creation. Their resources include 3D printers, a digital media studio, laser engravers, and a collaborative meeting space.

About Southwest Technical College

Southwest Technical College prepares students to succeed in the regional workforce through hands-on technical education and industry-responsive training. Through Startup Cedar and the Business & Innovation Center, Southwest Tech connects technical skills, workforce development, and entrepreneurial resources so local business ideas can become viable.

About the Nucleus Institute

The Nucleus Institute brings higher education, industry, and government together to advance innovation across Utah. Through mentorship, connections, funding resources, and statewide partnerships, the Nucleus Institute helps researchers and entrepreneurs develop promising ideas, build stronger companies, and create economic opportunity. Contact SUU's Faculty Fellow, Prosenjit Chatterjee, at prosenjitchatterjee@suu.edu.

Two men arrested on suspicion of 63 offenses after I-15 stop

by Tracie Sullivan
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Two men were recently arrested on suspicion of a combined 63 offenses after a traffic stop uncovered suspected drugs, fraudulent identification and more than $30,000 in cashier's checks issued to someone else.

Diego Palestino-Martinez, 24, and Luis Palestino-Rosas, 29, were booked into the Iron County Jail Oct. 3, on multiple felonies and misdemeanors.

According to charging documents filed in 5th District Court, an Iron County Sheriff deputy reported spotting a silver Honda Accord traveling south on Interstate 15 near milepost 57.

The driver allegedly changed lanes abruptly without signaling, followed vehicles closely and nearly caused collisions before the deputy stopped

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the car near milepost 45.

Palestino-Martinez was driving, and Palestino-Rosas was the passenger. Palestino-Rosas told an Iron County Sheriff deputy the car belonged to him and was reportedly uninsured.

The deputy decided to impound the car, citing the alleged reckless driving and lack of insurance.

During an inventory, deputies found an open bottle of Patrón tequila in the center console and began a further search.

In a backpack, deputies allegedly found a tube containing substances that field-tested presumptively positive for cocaine and methamphetamine.

They also found a THC vape and an identification document bearing Palestino-Rosas' information that immigration officers identified as fraudulent, the affidavit stated.

A similar tube containing suspected drugs was found on Palestino-Martinez.

Deputies also reported finding 18 cashier's checks totaling $30,710.01 issued to an uninvolved third party, along with that person's W-2 and a vehicle title.

Additionally, a fixed-blade dagger and an automatic dagger were found in the trunk.

The affidavits identified both men as restricted persons prohibited from possessing dangerous weapons.

During a roadside interview, the men told deputies they were staying in separate rooms at the La Quinta Inn in Cedar City. They also allegedly confirmed more drugs were located there.

Deputies obtained warrants for both rooms. In Palestino-Martinez's room, they found another container holding substances consistent with those recovered during the stop, court records state.

Both men were arrested on suspicion of 18 felony financial-card offenses and two felony dangerous-weapon offenses.

Palestino-Rosas was also arrested on suspicion of producing or transferring false identification, a second-degree felony.

Palestino-Martinez's affidavit lists 35 offenses, including 20 felonies, 12 misdemeanors and three traffic infractions.

Palestino-Rosas' affidavit lists 28 offenses, including 21 felonies and seven misdemeanors.

The remaining offenses include drug possession, paraphernalia, possession of another person's identification documents and an open container.

Palestino-Martinez's affidavit also lists reckless driving and other traffic offenses.

Deputies requested the men be held without bail, citing flight concerns, and wrote that the Department of Homeland Security had been notified and immigration detainers were planned.

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in the West, behind only Montana and Washington.

Valley Conditions (SCAN) as of October 1st:

Statewide, Utah's valleys received 142% of normal precipitation last month (as measured at our SCAN sites), bringing the water-year-to-date precipitation to 106% of median. Soil moisture in Utah's valleys is above normal for this time of year, averaging around 36% of saturation. Soil temperatures have generally decreased to cooler than normal conditions due to the influx of moisture from the recent rain events.

Mountain Conditions (SNOTEL) as of October 1st:

In Utah's mountains, our SNOTEL sites received 2.4 inches of rain in September which was well above normal (138% of median). This brought our statewide water-year-to-date precipitation to 96% of normal. Utah's mountain soil moisture levels ended the 2026 water year well above normal at 43% of saturation, and high elevation soil temperatures are close to normal.

Water Availability as of October 1st:

The majority of Utah's basins continue to have Water Availability Indexes (WAIs) below the 20th percentile, and our statewide reservoir storage is at 45% of capacity, down 14% from this time last year.

Baxter Aerospace to Expand Operations in Southern Utah, Creating 90 High-Paying Jobs

The St. George-based defense and aerospace innovator will invest over $19.5 million to lease and equip a new manufacturing facility.

from Patrick Fitzgibbon

UTAH GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) announced today that Baxter Aerospace, Inc. has been awarded a post-performance tax incentive to expand its engineering, precision manufacturing, and systems integration operations in Southern Utah.

As part of the expansion, Baxter Aerospace expects to create 90 high-paying jobs over the next five years and invest more than $19.5 million in total capital.

"When we look at where the global economy is heading, we recognize that advanced manufacturing infrastructure is imperative," said Jefferson Moss, GOED commissioner. "Baxter Aerospace's investment signals to the world that Utah's economic future is fueled by frontier innovation in every corner of the state."

Founded by brothers Jeff and Michael Baxter following a severe Oregon wildfire, Baxter Aerospace builds unmanned vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) aircraft — such as the BA-1 Dragonfly — deployable low Earth orbit (LEO) satellite communications kits, and components for nuclear fusion and fission research.

The GOED Board approved a five-year Rural Economic Development Tax Increment Financing (REDTIF) post-performance tax credit for Baxter Aerospace not to exceed $456,939, representing a 30% rebate on new state revenues generated over the term. The project is expected to generate nearly $20.8 million in new state wages and $1.52 million in new state tax revenue over five years.

The expanded facility will feature high-capacity electrical utilities, secure engineering and program spaces, specialized testing areas, and cybersecurity infrastructure, creating new roles in mechanical engineering, avionics, CNC programming, electrical engineering, embedded software, and supply chain management.

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Join us in re-electing Megen to the Iron County School Board!



Evan & Chris Vickers

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Eric & Janae Kirby

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- Utah State Workforce Development Board Chair (11 Years)
- Academic & Career Services Advisor (10+ Years)
- Human Resources & Organizational Development Leader (10+ Years)
- Transformational Leader Award Recipient, One Utah Summit (2023)

Paint the Town Orange!

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Every year in Parowan, on October 1, you'll see dozens of hay bales mysteriously appear up and down Main Street. It's a different sort of holiday tradition that has been popular here for nearly 20 years. After a couple of days, one by one, the hay bales come to life with a seasonal uniqueness that culminates on Halloween. Each bale is a canvas waiting for an annual family project, an individual, or local business to come up with a unique theme to let everyone traveling along Main Street know that Halloween is well within countdown days away.

Right now, the Scarecrows on Main Street displays are getting ready for Halloween, but last week, Parowan also celebrated its yearly Fall Fest on one of those questionable weather days we often get at this time of year, but the rain held off although the wind came up just as everyone was packing up. There was family fun and booths, food, and custom cars, with highly polished chrome shimmering in the morning sun. The scarecrows, along with the Fall Fest, have become colorful holiday traditions brought to us by City Events Coordinator Jet Smith. The shiny cars and scrumptious food and booths had their day last weekend, but the scarecrows on hay bales will remain until Halloween.

If you and your family are out pumpkin shopping, pay us a visit in downtown Parowan, walk along Main Street and get a chuckle out of some local community creativity perched on hay bales! While you're here, why not try one of our local eateries? And if you have a fun idea for a scarecrow, there are still a couple of weeks before Halloween and a few empty hay bales waiting for creative displays of all kinds.

If you have any questions about the scarecrows on Main Street, call Jet Smith at the Parowan Visitor's Center at (435) 477-8190.

Happy Halloween to all of Iron County!



Cedar City Celebration XI Concert for 50 Years of the Suzuki Association of Utah



by Sara Penny
CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

String students from throughout southern Utah present a Celebration XI Concert on Saturday, October 17, at 4 p.m. in the Heritage Theater in Cedar City. The free concert is open to the public. Donations are welcome.

The Suzuki Association of Utah (SAU) is hosting a series of Celebration XI concerts throughout the state. This is the tenth of these regional concerts. Years ago, there were massed concerts for the Celebrations in Salt Lake City. "The students played in Abravanel Hall, the Huntsman Center, the state Capitol Building, and the LDS Conference Center," said Peter Romney, Celebration Concert Director. With the growth of the programs there will now be several regional concerts to celebrate 50 years of the Suzuki Association of Utah. These are the eleventh massed concerts that bring students from many teachers together for a memorable performance.

The Southern Utah concert features students from age five through adult with the combined efforts of Cedar City and St. George string teachers. Students from St. George, Cedar City, and Beaver have been working for several months on music ranging from concertos by Bach and Vivaldi to folk songs.

The concert includes a special commemorative piece called *Rhapsody for Piano* by Daniel Reesor with string orchestra. The soloist will be Keenan Reesor. This piece was selected during a competition by SAU for these special concerts.

The SAU is a professional organization for teachers throughout the state offering workshops, training, and special projects to unite the music students and teachers. An annual conference offers guidance for parents and teachers in helping develop the musical skills of the students from age three through adult. "By nurturing talent, we also build our communities," said Romney.





Artists and Mentors

by Brad Holt

GUEST COLUMN

Informal mentorship seems to play a greater role in the arts than in almost any other area of focus. I have talked to many artists from a myriad of creative disciplines, and they often seem to share a similar experience: That at some point in their development, there was an important person who provided them with guidance and encouragement. This could be a parent, a teacher, a relative, or a friend, who gave them a sense of enthusiasm about the process, and helped them see that success as an artist was something that they were qualified to achieve.

This is almost never a formal arrangement. It arises spontaneously, and cannot be constrained within the narrow dictates of central planning. Especially in art. Artists are Iconoclasts, and trying to organize them is often likened to herding cats. The universal nature of this variety of informal mentoring in the lives of so many diverse artists from a range of disciplines, begs a candid reexamination of our assumptions that we truly understand the nature of existence. I am not too proud to chalk it up to an indication of Divine Providence.

Allow me to illustrate my point with a concrete example from my own past. Because as a young artist, I had the good fortune to be mentored by a very accomplished painter from Cedar City named Jimmie Jones.

Jimmie's mother Thelma, was an Esplin from Orderville, a second cousin to my grandfather, making Jimmie and my mom third cousins. They were also close friends. In those days before Starbucks, my mom, who did not drink coffee, often brewed a pot for Jimmie. And they would chat for hours. I learned a lot listening in to those erudite discussions.



Brad Holt

But I was to learn a lot more, because around the age of eight, I began showing artistic talent. My mother asked Jimmie if he could give me some guidance. And being a very gracious person, he did so.

That December I received a wonderful present. It was a paint box, which held a number of Jimmie's old brushes, and tubes of oil paint. The open box functioned as a small easel. There was a slot to hold a wooden palette, and there were some small canvas panels. I was ecstatic. At the age of nine, I had my first oil painting setup. And it got even better, because my mom informed me that part of the present was that I was to be allowed to sit in Jimmie's studio, and watch him paint, as long as I promised to be really quiet.

At the first session, Jimmie told me that if I had questions, I should go ahead and ask them, and that he would try to explain what he was doing as he went along.

Those next few months were magical. I learned about value studies and color temperature. I learned about paint quality and viscosity, and the use of mediums. I was introduced to the arcane science of color mixing. The core of his palette was Raw Umber, and Ultramarine. He always began a piece with a thin layer or Raw Umber. And to this day, I still begin every painting this way.

Looking back, I'm astonished that I was given such an opportunity. I absorbed an enormous amount of knowledge in a short period of time, as kids are wont to do. But somehow I wish that I could have been more present. I suppose that such feelings are the product of an underlying pre-emptive inadequacy which fuels an existential angst we are all prey to. In general, I discovered that I loved everything about the art studio. It was fascinating and vital, and eminently worthwhile to me. I found my calling early in life, and art has always been there for me, both as my obsession, and as my consolation.

The mythologist Joseph Campbell said that we need to "Follow our Bliss". As an artist, I amended that to: "Follow your Muse." But all too often, in the confusion of youth, we have difficulties finding that muse, and in giving ourselves permission to follow it. This is where a word, a deed, or an act of kindness from someone older and wiser, can make a world of difference. At some point, we are all mentors by default. This is why we must be thoughtful in our communications with the next generation. You never know when something you say might be the thing that helps a young person believe in themselves. There are few greater gifts that we can offer one another in this life.



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CEDAR LIVESTOCK & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

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OCT 23-25, 2026





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Welcome to the 21st Annual



CEDAR LIVESTOCK & HERITAGE FESTIVAL!

SHEEP PARADE

Saturday, Oct.24th at 10 AM on Main Street

Howdy Folks,

As we gather this year to celebrate another year of tradition, community spirit, and agricultural excellence, we are filled with pride and gratitude. What began as a small local event has grown into a beloved annual tradition that honors our agricultural heritage, showcases the hard work of our farmers and ranchers, and brings families together from near and far.

We are excited to welcome you to our 21st year of livestock, laughter, and lasting memories! The Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival continues to celebrate the values, traditions, and people that make our rural community such a special place to call home.

We have another exciting lineup of events planned for the weekend, including live entertainment, delicious food, the spectacular parade down Cedar's Main Street, antique tractor and horse pulls, a Ranch Rodeo, and plenty of family-friendly activities. New this year, we are excited to offer a petting zoo and kids' activities provided by the USU Extension Office! These special additions will give our youngest festivalgoers even more opportunities to learn, explore, and experience the fun of our agricultural heritage.

Throughout the festival, we also take time to recognize the generations of agricultural families whose hard work, dedication, and commitment continue to shape our community. Their contributions are an important part of our history and help ensure these traditions continue for years to come.

To our volunteers, sponsors, participants, and attendees, THANK YOU! Your generosity, enthusiasm, and continued support have been the backbone of this festival's success for more than two decades. We could not do it without you, and we are grateful to everyone who helps make the Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival such a cherished community tradition.

As we celebrate our 21st year, we look forward to honoring our past, celebrating the present, and building an even brighter future for generations to come.

For a complete schedule of this year's events, visit www.cedarlivestockfest.com.

On behalf of the entire festival committee, welcome to the 21st Annual Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival! We hope you enjoy the festivities, make wonderful memories with family and friends, and join us in celebrating the agricultural heritage and community spirit that make Cedar City so special.

HOPE TO SEE EWE There,

Donna Christensen
Festival Chairperson


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Saturday, Oct. 24th at
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History of Livestock in Iron County

By Chad Reid, Janet Seegmiller and Dr. Jim Bowns

Mormon pioneers entered what is now Utah in 1847 and colonization soon spread throughout the area. Cedar City was settled in 1851 and livestock production, a significant part of the agrarian society, was the main source of income from meat, milk, butter, cheese, hides, and wool. By the late 1860's, the local residents took up homesteads in the nearby mountains and the first agriculture activity was dairying. Women and children moved to the mountains for the summer and set up dairies while the men and older boys remained in the valley to farm. Thus, dairy cows were the first livestock to utilize these mountain ranges.

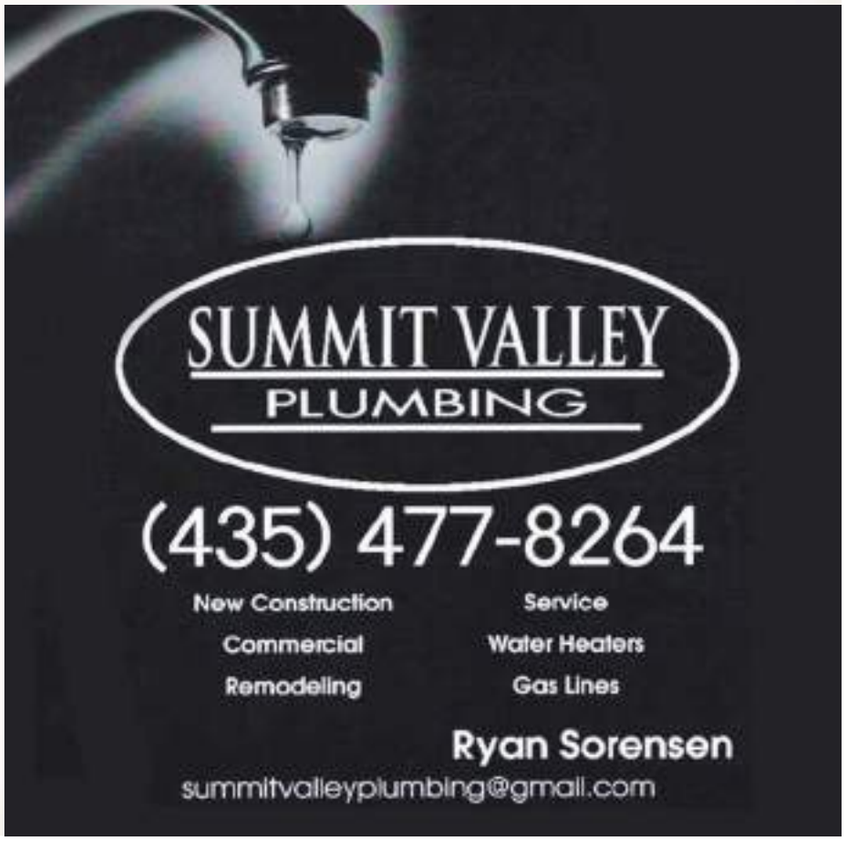




Milk was used mainly for making butter and cheese which was taken to town each week or two and sold or traded for needed items. The McConnell family was one of the first to have a mountain dairy in 1869 and a granddaughter described the "top of the mountain as a sylvan paradise and everywhere grass and wild barley, waist high, browse and vivid wild flowers carpeted the meadows and hillsides. Compared to the arid valley below, such untouched beauty and bounteous feed were overwhelming."

In approximately 1890, some prominent Cedar City cattlemen went into the sheep business by purchasing a herd of sheep from Colorado. These early sheep men built up their herds by keeping as many ewe lambs as they could and selling only the 2- or 3-year-old wethers that were driven on foot or horseback to market in Chicago or Kansas City. Livestock men soon realized that sheep were ideally suited to southern Utah ranges, especially the mountain summer ranges where Larkspur (Delphinium barbeyi) was common. This plant is highly toxic to cattle but is well tolerated by sheep and is considered valuable forage for them.

Even today despite the declining numbers of sheep in the West, sheep are still the dominant livestock species on Cedar Mountain. In the first decade of the 21st century, Iron County had some 160 farms involved with cattle and sheep. In 2002, the number of cattle and calves was 25,683, with sales of cattle in the year of 14,467. The number of sheep was 34,908. Neither the acreage devoted to livestock, nor the number of animals tells as much about the county's dedication to its livestock industry as does the seasonal movement of cattle and sheep to and from the summer ranges on the mountains and the winter ranges in the valleys. The pattern of livestock and ranching continues, with families relishing the traditions being passed on to the fifth and sometimes sixth generation. This makes the celebration of our livestock heritage a natural festival for the community!



CEDAR LIVESTOCK & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

2026 GRAND MARSHAL

Mark Evans

Mark Evans was born on March 25, 1952 in Parowan and has spent his entire life there.

After graduating from high school, Mark joined the National Guard, where he served for seven years. Following basic training he attended Trade Tech, now Utah Valley University, and graduated as an electricion. Instead of pursuing that career, Mark chose to return home to Parowan and help his dad with the family trucking business, a decision that would shape much of his life.

In 1975, Mark married Joyce Brownell. Together they were blessed with six children: Jill (who has passed away), Cecilie, Cheryl, Alex, Wendy, and Cami. Family has always been at the center of Mark's life. He has spent countless hours following his kids to sporting events and activities. He did everything he could to be there, despite the demands of driving truck. These days he has 12 grandchildren to keep up with, and he continues to do his best to be there for all of them.
In 1982, Mark and his brother-in-law decided to climb Mount Rainier. Apparently once was not enough, because Mark has since climbed it two more times. The first climb gave him the mountain-climbing bug and has now climed to the highest point in 49 states. The only one missing is Alaska, and according to Mark, that is because Joyce won't let him climb it!

Mark has spent his entire adult life trucking livestock. He has often said, "If it can't walk on and off the truck, I don't want to haul it." Mark and Joyce took over the trucking business from his dad in 1984 and built it into what it is today. Their trucks travel throughout the western United States hauling cattle and, for some reason, Mark especially loves hauling sheep.

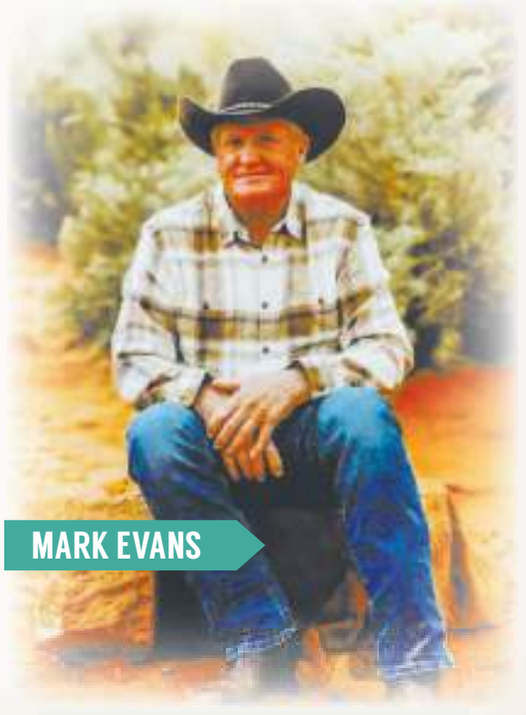
In the 1980's, sheepman in Cedar City and the surrounding areas began asking Mark to help haul sheep off the mountain and from Panaca to Cedar City. He agreed and has never stopped. Over the past 40 years the business has hauled more than 2 million lambs from southern Utah to all over the western United States. He has also hauled more than half a million ewes locally.

When Mark isn't behind the wheel of a truck, there is a good chance you'll find him with his horses. He has a team that many people have seen in local parades, at hay rides, and events around Parowan. For years, Mark has also taken the trail ride up the mountain for the Iron County Fair, something he truly enjoys. One of the horses, Ralphy, even played Old Sorrell in SUU's Back Up the Mountain.

Mark may be 74 years old, but you would never know it from the way he lives.

This July, he participated in a triathlon and finished fourth in his age group. He climbs Little Creek Peak every summer and can climb in and out of a sheep trailer faster than folks half his age. He likes to tell everyone to get out of his way because they don't know how to do it.
The determination probably sums Mark up as well as anything. Whether he is climbing a mountain, hauling livestock, working with his horses, supporting his family, or serving his community, Mark has never been afraid of hard work and he certainly doesn't know how to quit.

In the eyes of his family, Mark is simply "the man, the myth, the legend."



MARK EVANS



DRAFT HORSE PULL

Friday October 23rd at 12 pm at Cross Hollows Iron Rangers Arena

IFA thanks everyone for making our community such an amazing place to live!

Cedar City IFA - 905 S Main St - Cedar City UT 84720 - 435.586.2205 - MON-SAT 8am-8pm - ifacountrystores.com - @cedarifa



Dutch Oven Contest

SAT OCT 24, 12:45PM

WHERE:
South East Corner of the Diamond Z Arena.

WHY:
Dutch Oven cooking is a time honored tradition. Southern Utah was settled by pioneers cooking from a cast iron pot. Dutch Oven cooking remains a coveted skill and enjoyable pastime.

CONTEST CONTACT:
Alisha Hawk at 805-504-6657 or alhawk2209@gmail.com.

We will have four areas of competitions
- Best Side
- Best Main
- Best Dessert
- Best Overall Team

…all voted for by our community.

Our competition will even help you get started. We will provide the charcoal to cook on, $350 worth of food expense, tables to decorate and display your food and the serving items for the tasting part of the comp.

TASTING:
Cost for the tasting is just $5.00, which includes samples of hearty main dishes, succulent side dishes, savory breads and delectable desserts. Also, you'll learn more about Dutch Oven cooking, including the history, clean and care instructions and pick up a few more recipes. Buy your tickets that day at the Utah Wool Growers Education Trailer near the Sheep Camps. Purchase tickets 11:15 to 12:30 pm.

WE WILL ONLY BE SELLING 200 TICKETS THIS YEAR – NO ACCEPTIONS



Schedule of Events

CEDAR LIVESTOCK FEST

Unless noted otherwise, all events are free and take place at the Cross Hollows Events Center (Iron Rangers Outdoor Arena and Diamond Z Indoor Arena) located at 11 North Cross Hollows Drive.

FRIDAY OCT 23RD

CEDAR CHEST QUILTERS QUILT SHOW 10:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

The Cedar Chest Quilters Guild will display their pieced textile art, beautiful machine made and handmade quilts. Limited quantity available for purchase. In the Heritage Center Lobby, 105 N. 100 E. Cedar City, UT 84720..

ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL 12 TO 3 PM

The antique tractor pull is an action packed event featuring tractors built before 1960. Come see how much weight these antique powerhouses can drag! Iron Rangers Arena

LIVESTOCK FESTIVAL
1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Help up celebrate and honor Cedar City's rich agricultural heritage. Visit western vendors, agricultural displays, and more! Located at the Cross Hollows Events Center

KID'S ACTIVITIES 1:00 TO 7:00 PM

The CCAMA conduct this free, fun, and entertaining activity for all kids 10 years old and younger and under 75 lbs. Using a miniature pulling sled and pedal tractors that are provided by the club, kids compete by weight and gender. Awards will be provided to all participants with trophies for the winners. Just show up at the event to participate.

COWBOY POETRY & MUSIC
1:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Listen to authentic cowboy music and poetry written about western life. Located at the Sorthwest Area of the Diamond Z Arena.

WAGON TRAIN ARRIVAL
SOMETIME FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Wagon trains played an important role in the settlement and growth of Cedar City. Each year, we have the privelege to step back in time and watch a wagon train travel from St. George, Utah to Cedar City, Utah and join us at our festival. The wagon will arrive at the South Side of the Iron Rangers Arena

ART & PHOTO DISPLAY
3:00 PM TO 7:00PM

View a display of western artwork and photography submitted to our contest. Inside Diamond Z Arena, Specific Area TBD

STOCK DOG DEMONSTRATION
4:30PM TO 5:30PM

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JUNIOR RANCH RODEO
4:30 PM TO FINISH

Kids can compete in ranch skills including team roping, wild goat milking, and branding. Located South West Corner of the Iron Rangers Arena

DRAFT HORSE TEAMSTER DEMO
6:00PM TO 7:00 PM

Come get up close and personal with these tremendous animals and see teamsters show off their driving skills. Held at the Iron Rangers Arena at Cross Hollows.



SATURDAY OCT 24TH

SHEEP PARADE 10:00 AM

The sheep parade is the highlight event of the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival and is one of the most unique parades in the country. Approximately 1,000 sheep will be herded down Cedar City's Main Street. There will be historic sheep wagons, antique tractors, vintage cars, and so much more. Parade route is from 200 South to 400 North. For your safety, please leave dogs at home, stay to the sides of the street and do not get in front of the sheep.



CEDAR CHEST QUILTERS QUILT SHOW 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

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OCTOBER 23-25, 2026

Schedule of Events

Updates are made to this schedule as they occur, please check back. https://cedarlivestockfest.com/schedule/

LIVESTOCK FESTIVAL
11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Help up celebrate and honor Cedar City's rich agricultural heritage. Visit western vendors, listen to cowboy poetry, agricultural displays, and more! Held at the Cross Hollows Events Center.

SHEEP CAMP DISPLAY 11:00 TO 5:00

After the parade, the tractors and sheep camps will also be on display the remainder of the day at the Cross Hollows Events Center. Between the Iron Rangers Arena and Cross Hollows Consession Stand

KID'S ACTIVITIES 11:00 TO 5:00 PM

The CCAMA conduct this free, fun, and entertaining activity for all kids 10 years old and younger and under 75 lbs. In the New Addition of y=the Diamond Z Arena.

ART & PHOTO DISPLAY
11:00 AM TO 5:00PM

View a display of western artwork and photography submitted to our contest. Inside Diamond Z Arena, Specific Area TBD

KID'S PEDAL TRACTOR PULL
12:00 PM

Ages 10 and younger compete with miniature pulling sleds similar to the ones used in the Antique Tractor Pull. Register from 11:30-12 Near the North East Corner of the Iron Rangers Arena ***Please note there is a 75lb weight limit for the pedal tractors.**



DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF TASTING
12:45 PM

Taste the food of the west as dutch oven chefs work to win our Dutch Oven Cook Off. Tickets go quick, so don't wait! Purchase tickets 11:15 am to 12:30 pm or until sold out; Tasting takes place at 12:45 pm.

South East corner of the Diamond Z Arena.

DENNIS STOWELL MEMORIAL RANCH RODEO 12:00 PM

Teams compete in authentic ranch skills including branding, sort and rope team doctoring, trailer loading and sorting, and more. Located at the South West Corner of the Iron Rangers Arena

SHEEP SHEARING DEMOS
12:00 PM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM & 3:00 PM

Get an up close look at how sheep shearing is done. Diamond Z Arena, Specific area TBD



VINTAGE AUTO DISPLAY
12:00 TO 5:00 PM

Stock automobiles built before 1950 will be on display, featuring the fully restored autos of the Cedar Breaks Model A Club. Located at the West Side Parking Lot of Diamond Z Arena



ANTIQUE TRACTOR & DRAFT HORSE PULL 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

The antique tractor pull is an action packed event featuring tractors built before 1960. Held in conjunction with the Tractor Pull will be a Draft Horse Pull featuring 12 teams including the World Champion Horse Pull Team. Located at the Iron Rangers Arena

UTAH MAKE IT WITH WOOL FASHION PARADE
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

Check out the Make It With Wool fashion show, where everything is… you guessed it… made with wool Located at the South West Area of the Diamond Z Arena

COWBOY POETS & MUSICIANS
1:30 PM TO 5:00 PM

Listen to authentic cowboy music and poetry written about western life. Located at the South West Area of the Diamond Z Arena

SUNDAY OCT 25TH

COWBOY CHURCH 10:00AM

Come join us in a non-denominational worship with a western tone.***This is held inside the Diamond Z Arena and it can be chilly in the morning this time of year. Please dress accordingly.**



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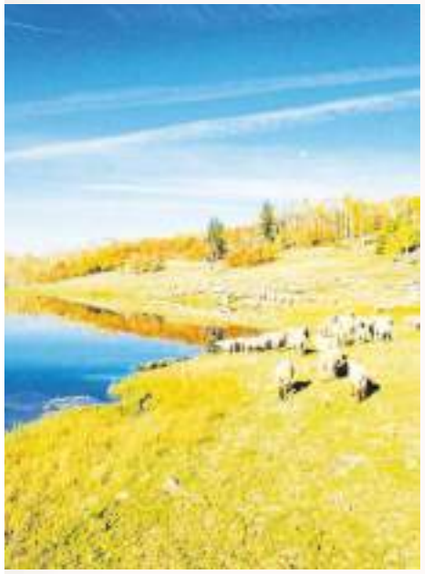
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Cowboy Poetry & Music

Throughout the Livestock Festival, cowboy poets and musicians will entertain festival patrons with lively music and prose. Cowboy poetry is a form of poetry which grew out of a tradition carried on by workers on cattle drives and ranches. After a hard day of work, cowboys would gather around a campfire and entertain one another with tall tales and folk songs. The tradition lives on through festivals and gatherings throughout the West, including the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival.

FRIDAY OCT 23RD

1:00 ..... Paul Bliss & Jeff Coates
1:30 ..... Royce Hodge & Coyotee Bluegrass
2:00 ..... Jerye Lee & Kelton Iverson
2:30 ..... Jo Kirkwood & Manystrings
3:00 ..... Jerye Lee & Marleen Bussma
3:30 ..... Paul Bliss & Saddlestrings
4:00 ..... Roy Holcomb & Kelton Iverson
4:30 ..... Curly Syndergaard & Coyotee Bluegrass

SATURDAY OCT 24TH

11:00 ..... Manystrings & Royce Hodge
11:30 ..... Jeff Coates & Jo Kirkwood
12:00 ..... Royce Hodge & Roy Holcomb
12:30 ..... Marleen Bussma & Saddlestrings
1:00 ..... Make it With Wool Fashion Show
2:00 ..... Coyotee Bluegrass | Kelton Iverson
2:30 ..... Curly Syndergaard & Jeff Coates
3:00 ..... Roy Holcomb & Marleen Bussma
3:30 ..... Jo Kirkwood & Jerye Lee
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Reserve Champions				
	Owen Yardley Milford, Utah *Purchased by Diamond J*	**Kason Memmott** Paragonah, Utah *Cedar Band Corp – Darin Humphries*	**Reid Stubbs** Cedar City, Utah *Purchased by MS Concrete*	**Baylor Spencer** Cedar City, Utah *Purchased by Camron Carter*
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Up Upon a Mountaintop...

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On any given day, you will find little traffic on the gravel road that winds its way to the summit of Brian Head Peak, which stands at 11,307 feet. However, on September 16 this year, a diverse group of participants gathered there for the ribbon-cutting and rededication of the recently restored Brian Head Overlook Shelter. Perched on the edge of the highest peak in Southern Utah, the historic stone structure offers breath-taking 360-degree views stretching nearly 100 miles across parts of three states.

The shelter was originally constructed during the Great Depression as a project of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), one of the federal programs created to provide employment for young men during the 1930s. The overlook itself began as a two-year endeavor in 1935 led by two Parowan residents, Charles Burton and Delbert "Deb" Mortensen.

Burton and Mortensen first tackled the challenge of creating a road and sled way to the summit so horses could haul building materials to the site. This was long before bulldozers, backhoes, and modern construction equipment were available – and with no OSHA agents on-site. What these two men accomplished under such difficult conditions remains remarkable by any standard.

Because of its high elevation and commanding views, the structure was originally used as a fire lookout tower, allowing observers to monitor hundreds of square miles of forest. In later years, it served as a welcome shelter for hikers, cyclists, and travelers seeking protection from the often-relentless winds at the summit.

Ironically, those same winds nearly destroyed the historic building during a severe storm in 2022. The roof was torn away, and much of the stone structure sustained significant damage.

Recognizing the shelter's historic importance, several organizations deemed it a suitable project to receive funding for its restoration. The U.S. Forest Service, Zion Forever Foundation, HistoriCorp, Project Visit Cedar City, Brian Head Town, and private donors collaborated to fund and complete the project. Restoration efforts began last year, marking the most extensive repairs the shelter had received in its 90 years of use.

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

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

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

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

Cedar City Unitarian Universalists 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/SmGytgCfvQ1tS2pB7
Adolescent: forms.gle/BZiepPW63pR6Zd8k9

Rock Club
1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. southernutahrockclub.org

Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild
Wed, 9:30-11:30 am • Grind Coffee House (19 N Main, Cedar City). Knit, crochet, weave, spin, etc. Come learn a craft, work on a project, or just socialize. Beginners welcome! Questions: Jane 435-233-8366.

Senior Yoga Classes
Mon, 10-11 am & Wed, 1-2 pm • Cedar City Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Easy to do. Please bring own mat. (435) 586-0832

Sewing Group
Wed 9-2:30 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Bring machine, cord, projects, supplies. No fees. All abilities welcome. Annie Anzalone (702) 232-0063.

Southern Utah Woodturners
2nd Sat, 9 am, Cedar High School wood shop, 703 W 600 S.

StrongBoard Classes
M-W-Fri, 9 am • IFS Studio, 2390 UT-56 #9, Cedar City. Improve core strength, balance, stability. All fitness levels welcome. Class size limited to 8. Call (661) 436-0259 to register/reserve your spot.

Tai Chi For Health
Wed & Fri, 9:30-10:30 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. FREE low-impact, health for Seniors. Helps coordination, balance, flexibility. Maria Bailey, 435-673-3548 x103. Pre-registration not required.

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@sonrisehurch.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.

calendar

THURS, OCT 15

ADAMS ADVENTURES: STRAW BALE MAZE & MORE Fall Activities held at Adams Farm (3000 W Gap Rd, Parowan). Open Monday to Friday from 5 pm to 9 pm, Friday from 5 pm to 10 pm & Saturday from 2 pm to 10 pm. Admission is $10 per person, kids 4 yrs and under are free and includes the straw bale maze, big slide, farm games, horses, the little maze, and photo spots. Tickets are available online HERE or pay when you arrive. Potatoes for the launcher, hot chocolate, s'mores, cinnamon rolls, apples & other concession stand items are extra.

KANARRA SCARE - PUMPKIN PATCH & HAUNTED HOUSE/HAUNTED HOUSE held at Frisby Farms Utah (Kanarraville). Admission is $10. Enjoy spooktacular activities every Thursday through Sunday throughout October! Join for thrilling spooky activities including Pick your Pumpkin, Pumpkin Carving, Explore the spooky indoor outdoor maze, Potion making Apothecary, Pumpkin chuckin', Photo shoot opportunities, and more! More details online at frisby-farms.com.

ROBINSON FAMILY PUMPKIN PATCH is open Monday - Friday from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm at the Robinson Family Pumpkin Patch (1680 W Industrial Rd, Cedar City). Open until all the pumpkins are gone. For information call (435) 691-5014.

NATURE HILLS: SELF GUIDED PUMPKIN PATCH 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/

FRI, OCT 16

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.

SUU SIGNATURE SERIES PRESENTS KHEMIA ENSEMBLE The SUU Signature Series is proud to welcome the Khemia Ensemble to our campus on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. in the Okerlund Concert Hall of the Eccles Music Center. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for SUU alumni, $10 for youth and non-SUU students. SUU students, faculty, and staff are admitted for free with a valid ID.

SAT, OCT 17

TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT GRIFOLS (4PM–6PM) at Grifols (1188 S Sage Dr, Cedar City). Everyone is invited to join for Decorated trunks, Face painting, Live DJ + music, Games + activities, Food options, Giveaways + more!

TUES, OCT 20

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UTAH: STATE SOCCER (9AM–3PM) Everyone is invited to come out and support these amazing athletes and to see what they can accomplish. If you would like to volunteer or have questions please email southarea@sout.org.

THURS, OCT 22

TAGG-N-GO'S ANNUAL HAUNTED SCARE WASH (7PM–9PM) at the Main Street Tagg-N-Go (1160 S Main St, Cedar City). Admission is $7 per car for pass holders or $25 per car for non-pass holders. Everyone is invited to pile in their car and come for a squeaky clean scare for a scary good cause! All proceeds will be donated to a local family facing the financial burden that battling cancer brings.

TUES, OCT 27

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

FRI, OCT 30

CELEBRATING QUEEN RETURNS TO CEDAR CITY (8PM) at the Heritage Center. Celebrating Queen is the Foremost Tribute to the Music of Queen with a setlist which is varied with many deep cuts into the bands vast music back catalogue. The Celebrating Queen show is powerful, the music is phenomenal and you will experience a Queen Tribute show that is guaranteed to blow your mind! Enjoy an evening of the Greatest Hits of Queen including songs like Killer Queen, Somebody to Love, Under Pressure, We are the Champions, and Bohemian Rhapsody!

MOUNTAINTOP

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Volunteers spent much of the summer of 2025 rebuilding the structure, but weather delays prevented completion of the project until workers returned this year to finish the job.

Following the restoration, project partners, community leaders, and local officials gathered on a crisp mountain morning to rededicate the shelter. One notable addition was a commemorative plaque donated by community advocate Dr. Ron Roth. The plaque honors Burton and Mortensen, whose determination and hard work made the original project possible.

Among those attending were Charles Burton's sons, Rex Burton and Parowan City Councilman David Burton, who saw their father honored that day. Their presence served as a reminder that the shelter is not only a regional landmark but also an important piece of Parowan history.

As guests made their way down the mountain after the ceremony, many felt confident that the Brian Head Overlook Shelter is now prepared to stand watch over Southern Utah for another 90 years.

If you haven't visited this remarkable historic site, consider planning a drive to the summit and seeing it for yourself.





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schools

Gateway Middle School Students Visit the SUU Challenge Course

from Amy Gibson
GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Gateway Preparatory Academy middle school students recently had the opportunity to spend some time at the SUU Challenge Course with their mentor classes.





Mentor classes are an important part of our middle school program at Gateway. Each student has a mentor teacher and a group of students they meet with throughout the year. It gives them a smaller group within the middle school where they can build relationships, connect with a teacher, and hopefully feel like they have a place where they belong.

One of the things we like to do with our mentor classes is give them opportunities to team-build and have experiences together outside of their normal school day. The SUU Challenge Course was a perfect opportunity for that.

Students worked through different activities and challenges that required them to communicate, problem-solve, trust each other, and work together. It was also just fun to see them outside of the classroom encouraging each other, laughing together, and sometimes doing things that pushed them a little outside of their comfort zones.

Middle school is such an important time for students to build connections with both their peers and the adults around them. Experiences like this give our mentor groups a chance to strengthen those relationships and then bring that connection back to school with them.

We are grateful to SUU for having such a great resource right here in our community and for giving our students a fun way to learn and grow together.

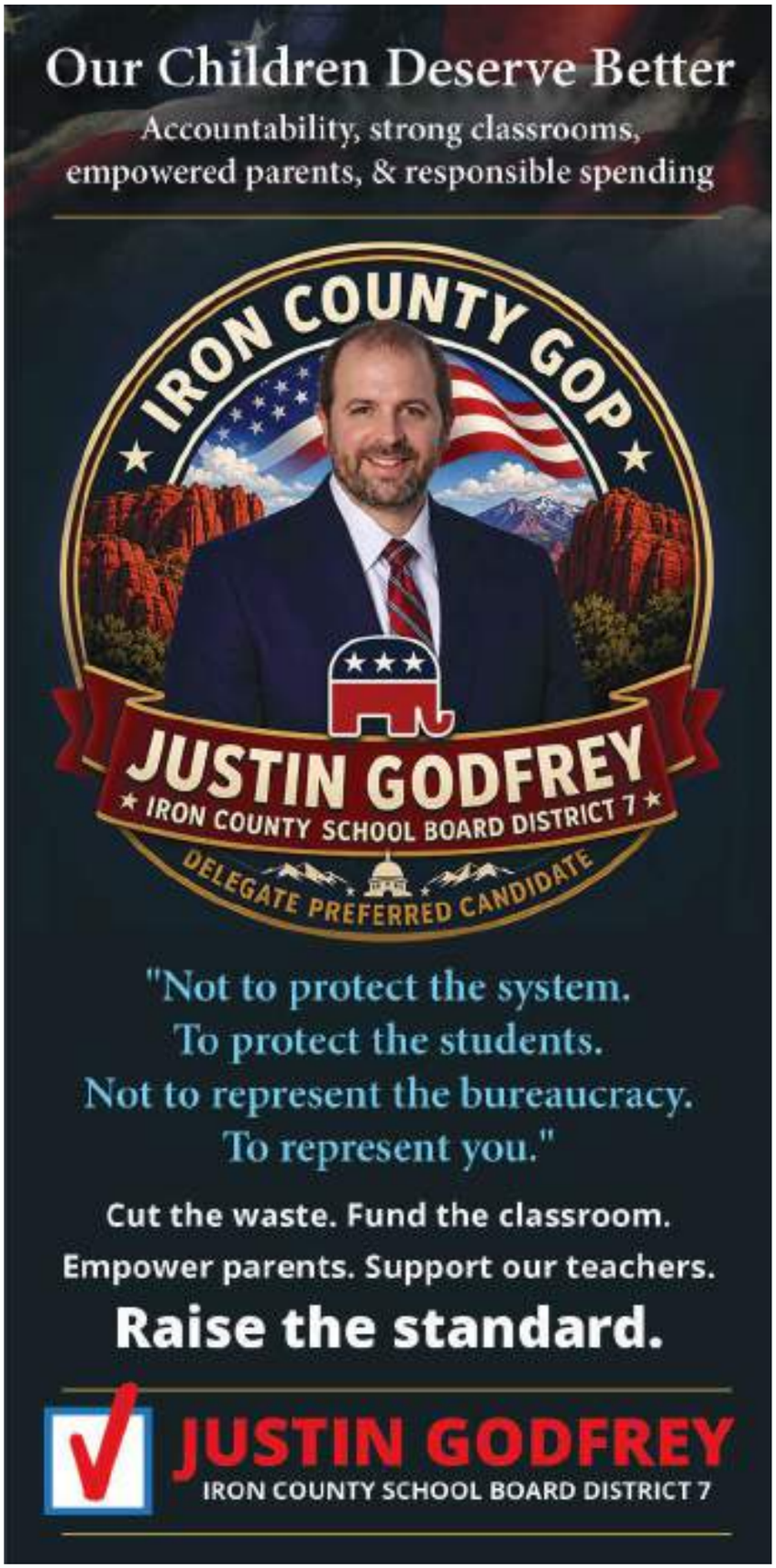
NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Madison Meredith
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

This past week has been a good one at Canyon View! Tonight is Senior Night for the football team, drill team, cheer team, and the marching band! They will be recognized before the football game at 7 p.m. This is an awesome group of seniors that has done so much already for the school and the community. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to the game and support the team against Manti! This is also the last home game of the season, so extra reason to come out and watch.

Canyon View's choir competed at the Shakespeare competition a few weeks ago and did an amazing job. Lindsay Grimshaw took first place in her solo. The Madrigals took first place and they also won the music sweepstakes award! The theatre team also competed. These are some exceptional Falcons. Make sure to congratulate them if you see them!

Girls Soccer started their playoff game on Wednesday at home, and they are off to an away playoff game this Saturday. This team of girls is so talented, so make sure to wish them luck with the remainder of their season! The FFA marketing team is off to Nationals on the 19th through the 24th in Indianapolis. They have the Snow College Invitational on October 13th as well! They are so awesome at what they do. There are so many exciting things happening and coming up! Go Falcons!



schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Canyon View Middle School

At CVMS, last Friday morning from 9:09 to 10:00 AM, our entire school community participated in a school-wide Read-A-Thon! Every student, teacher, and staff member paused their day to spend 51 uninterrupted minutes reading together. We are so proud of our readers and loved coming together for such a wonderful celebration of literacy!

Three Peaks Elementary

This week, Three Peaks Elementary had some exciting visitors! On Monday, the SUU Animal Ambassadors visited our 3rd graders and introduced them to snakes, a turtle, cockroaches, and lizards. Some students even got the chance to hold a cockroach! On Thursday, local award-winning author Elaine Vickers visited and shared her love of reading and writing with our kids. Thanks to the generosity of the Intermountain Community Care Foundation, every student received a book written by Elaine Vickers—*How to Make a Memory for Kindergarten*–2nd grade and *Half Moon Summer* for 3rd–5th grade. It was a fun week filled with learning, reading, and some pretty exciting animals!

South Elementary

South Elementary Fifth Grade students were able to enjoy a wonderful day exploring Mammoth Caves on Dixie National Forest. We have been learning in class about the Characteristics and Interactions of Earth's Systems. Thank you to our Iron County bus drivers and our approved volunteers for all your help with a memorable day!



Enoch Elementary

Enoch Elementary is excited to introduce The Champions Club, a new service club for our 4th and 5th grade students. School Nurse Summer Alger is the club director. We welcomed Superintendent Hatch as our kickoff speaker, who shared an inspiring message about thriving through life's challenges. His heartfelt words offered valuable lessons for students and adults alike, and we appreciate his time and encouragement. Following the presentation, club members rolled up their sleeves and completed their first service project by painting one of our school street barricades. We are proud of these students for their willingness to serve and make a difference!

Cedar Middle School

Students at Cedar Middle School engaged in exciting hands-on learning experiences this week! College and Career Readiness students tested their investigative skills by analyzing and gathering evidence at a staged burglary "Crime Scene. Meanwhile, 8th Grade Science students put their physics knowledge to the test by designing and building custom roller coasters for the interactive "Roller Coaster Carnival."





October in Southern Utah — Fall in Love with Fall Colors



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

October in Southern Utah is usually mild and comfortable, with cool mornings, bright sunshine, and beautiful changing leaves. It's the perfect time to enjoy the mountains, go for a hike, or simply take a scenic drive and take in the fall colors.

October is also a great time to visit the national parks we are lucky enough to live so close to. The summer crowds and extreme temperatures begin to fade, making fall an ideal time to explore. Zion National Park is especially beautiful this time of year, where you may catch the changing leaves at their peak. Fall really is one of the best times to visit Zion.

Brian Head Resort puts on a stunning display of fall colors, creating scenery that looks almost like a golden painting. From Brian Head Peak to Cedar Breaks National Monument, the views are breathtaking. Aspen trees turn vibrant shades of yellow and gold, beautifully contrasting with the rare and ghostly bristlecone pines.

As summer slows down and says goodbye, the crisp autumn air arrives in Brian Head and nature begins its beautiful transformation. The mountains become a kaleidoscope of color as the leaves change from green to brilliant shades of red, orange, yellow, and gold. The exact timing of the fall colors varies each year, but they generally reach their peak around mid to late October.

In October, the fall scenery at Cedar Breaks National Monument is also breathtaking. Visitors can enjoy the park's alpine landscape and hike its beautiful trails. The fall season at Cedar Breaks is usually short, and the quaking aspen is the only tree in the park that changes color. These colorful trees can be seen up close along the Alpine Loop Trail.

Birds may be less common during the fall because many have already migrated to warmer climates, but there is still plenty of wildlife to see. Elk, deer, antelope, and pika are commonly spotted in the cooler weather. If you're lucky, you may even hear elk calling in the area around the park.

Although many flowers disappear as colder weather arrives, much of the landscape remains green. Pine trees are well adapted to cold weather, and their needles absorb heat that helps support photosynthesis. While the park may not be as warm as it is during the summer, there is still plenty to see and do. Many overlooks and trails remain accessible, making fall a wonderful time to enjoy the beauty of Southern Utah.

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." – F. Scott Fitzgerald



2026 Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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

2025 General Session

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

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

Other Special Clauses:

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

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

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

Article XXIII, Section 1,

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

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

Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

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

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

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

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

2025 General Session

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

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

Other Special Clauses: This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of November 23, 2026 for this proposal.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

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

(a) a Senate and House of Representatives which shall be designated the Legislature of the State of Utah; and

(b) the people of the State of Utah as provided in Subsection (2).

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

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

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

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

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

(A) the imposition of a new tax;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

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

Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

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

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

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

America 250 – Getting Involved with "America Gives"



by May Hunter
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On July 4, 2026, our nation commemorated and celebrated the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead to the future we want to create for our children and generations to come.

America's 250th anniversary is about more than reflecting on our past. It is about honoring the contributions of the individuals who helped build this country, put America on the map and a man on the moon, and imagining what the next 250 years might look like.

One way to celebrate the Semiquincentennial is by making it a record-setting year of volunteer service. "America Gives" is a national effort to make July 4th not just a day of celebration, but the beginning of a season of giving back. Millions of Americans are encouraged to make a difference in their local communities, creating a new mid-year tradition of generosity, service, and lasting impact.

"If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten." Sometimes, making a difference begins with recognizing old patterns and stepping outside of our comfort zones. Try something new. Volunteer your time and skills, or find another way to give to others. Giving back can remind us just how abundant our own lives are while showing us the difference one person can make.

Volunteering can also provide a sense of purpose and connection while surrounding us with positivity and helping strengthen our communities.

There are many places to volunteer right here in our community, including Care & Share, Canyon Creek Services, animal shelters, SUU, local schools, Happy Factory, Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, The Johnson Center for the Arts, senior citizen centers, and healthcare facilities, just to name a few.

Volunteering and maintaining a positive outlook are important parts of the America 250 Semiquincentennial celebration. "America Gives" encourages civic unity, neighborhood support, and shared pride. Rather than simply looking back at our history, the 250th anniversary gives us an opportunity to strengthen our communities and inspire the next generation to become involved and step into leadership roles.

You can celebrate the United States' 250th anniversary and help shape our nation's future by joining America Gives and giving back in your own community.

Ways to Get Involved

- Log Volunteer Hours: Participate in America Gives and help make this a record-setting year for community service in the United States.
- Share Your Story: Contribute your family history, traditions, or personal reflections to the America Story archive.
- Support Local Innovation: Get involved with student entrepreneurship, volunteer as a mentor, or help guide and build projects in our area. Contact Southwest Tech Campus for more information about opportunities to get involved.

A Personal Reflection

I love America because of the every-day people here. I recently went on a cross-country road trip covering 16 states, and everywhere we stopped we found kindness, engagement, and hospitality. It was a great reminder that despite the negativity we see on social media and the news, most people are good and genuinely care about others. -Tessa Douglas

The Magic of Southern Utah's Lantern Festival

by May Hunter
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Lantern Festival, held at Lake on the Hill on October 10, 2026, brought the community together for an evening filled with beauty, reflection, and unforgettable memories.

There is something truly magical about a lantern festival. As personalized lanterns gently illuminate the water, they create a breathtaking scene filled with hope, dreams, and heartfelt emotions. It is a special time to reflect, celebrate life, and share meaningful moments with others.

The festival brings people of all backgrounds and beliefs together in a spirit of unity, positivity, and inspiration. It is an uplifting experience that touches the heart and leaves lasting memories long after the evening has ended.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped organize this beautiful event and make it such a memorable experience!



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Wildcats explode past Falcons



Canyon View receiver Karson Greenland makes a catch past a Richfield defender during the Falcons game against the Wildcats on Oct. 9.

(Cavett Ishihara/For Iron County Today)

by Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY

Trey Yardley ran for two second-half touchdowns and Cord White added two touchdown passes as the visiting Richfield Wildcats used a 31-point blitz to pull away and beat the Canyon View Falcons, 38-16, on Oct. 9 at CV Middle School. Richfield improved to 5-1 in 3A South and 7-2 overall, while Canyon View fell to 2-3, 6-3.

CV got the football first to start the game and went on a drive that took up exactly six minutes – half of the first quarter – that was finished with a 37-yard field goal by Jackson Beckstrom. Once the Wildcats got rolling, they couldn't be stopped.

White helped his team answer CV's opening drive with a 16-yard touchdown pass to Shane Pearson. The play capped off a 75-yard drive and gave Richfield the lead for good with 3:28 to play in the first quarter.

After a Falcon punt put the Wildcats at their own 12-yard line, White turned the bad field position around in a hurry, racing 79 yards on the first play to the CV 9. Ngalu Taufatofua later found the end zone on a 2-yard touchdown, and the two-point conversion made it 14-3 in the first minute of the second quarter.

Richfield was able to put together one more drive before the first half ended. Sam Gonzalez hit a 32-yard field goal with 39 seconds to play to give the Wildcats a 17-3 lead at the break. Richfield had a first-and-goal from the CV 1, but two false start penalties and a holding call pushed them back.

Richfield **38**

Canyon View **16**

Richfield	6	11	14	7	– 38
Canyon View	3	0	0	13	– 16

FIRST QUARTER

CV – FG Beckstrom 37, 6:00

R – Pearson 16 pass from White (kick failed), 3:28

SECOND QUARTER

R – Taufatofua 2 run (Vakautakakala run), 10:57

R – FG Gonzalez 32, :39

THIRD QUARTER

R – Yardley 25 run (Gonzalez kick), 9:38

R – Taufatofua 1 pass from White (Gonzalez kick), 4:10

FOURTH QUARTER

CV – Greenland 15 pass from Williams (Beckstrom kick), 8:56

R – Yardley 41 run (Gonzalez kick), 8:10

CV – Higgins 4 pass from Williams (pass failed), 3:12

Yardley's first touchdown of the night came on the first possession of the second half when he scored on a 25-yard run, and White added his second scoring pass of the game, a 1-yarder to Taufatofua to push the lead to 31-3.

CV didn't let the game reach running clock status as Owen Williams threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter. The junior found Karson Greenland from 15 yards out with 8:56 remaining, but Yardley countered 46 seconds later with a 41-yard score.

Williams connected with Preston HIggins on a 4-yard TD with 3:12 to play that completed the scoring. Canyon View will close out the regular season tonight at home against the Manti Templars in a 7 p.m. kickoff.

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This time, the umpires got it right



With the Major League Baseball playoffs in full swing, I did what any responsible sports media person and fan does on a Wednesday night. Visited my favorite hangout and settled in for Game 3 of the American League Division Series between the Tampa Bay Rays and New York Yankees. The Rays won the first two games of the best-of-5 series at home, and all they needed to do was win one of the next two and earn a spot in the ALCS.

The game was a back-and-forth fight that took a dramatic turn in the bottom of the sixth inning. Victor Mesa Jr. had hit a two-run homer in the top of the sixth inning to give the Rays a 4-2 lead, and when Anthony Volpe came to bat in the Yankees half of the frame, George Lombard Jr. was on first base with two outs.

Volpe got hold of a 1-0 pitch from Griffin Jax and sent it soaring toward the left-field wall. Mesa raced to the wall and made a leap, but came down without the baseball. Initial ruling: a two-run homer for Volpe, tie game at 4-4.

But wait…the umpires (gasp) called for a replay review to check for possible fan interference. Cue the boos and murmurs of trouble afoot. TV replays showed something that was as blatantly obvious as Jeffrey Maier's interference that wasn't called in the eighth inning of Game 1 of the 1996 ALCS against the Baltimore Orioles.

Side views clearly showed the fan's arms were over the wall to halfway up his forearms. It made overturning the home run an easy call. More boos rained down and the offending fan was immediately ejected from Yankee Stadium once the call was made.

After further review, Volpe was awarded a ground-rule double and only one RBI, cutting the Rays' lead to a run. It was the absolutely correct call because not only did the ball not have enough juice to leave the yard, Mesa wasn't close to catching it.

Spencer Jones struck out on three pitches to end the inning, and the Yankees had exactly two base runners and no hits the rest of the way. As they did when they clinched the AL East crown, the Rays celebrated on the field at Yankee Stadium.

Adding to the indignity, it was the first time the Yankees were swept out of a playoff series since the Houston Astros did the trick in four games in the 2022 ALCS. Meanwhile, the Rays were waiting for the winner of the Cleveland Guardians-Chicago White Sox ALDS as of the time of this writing.

Also noticed from elsewhere in the playoffs: A graphic shown on Fox Sports 1 during Game 4 of the NLDS stated the Milwaukee Brewers were 1-9 in closeout games on the road. By the end of the night, we got a case of reverse Murphy's Law of broadcasting displays.

The Brewers eliminated a very good San Diego Padres team with a 3-1 win at Petco Park on Oct. 6. Milwaukee will host the Los Angeles Dodgers at American Family Field for Game 1 of the NLCS that was scheduled to start Oct. 11.

Knowing the Dodgers are one step closer to a World Series three-peat, don't be surprised if we see another moment like the one we saw at Yankee Stadium. It may be a shock to some, but getting calls right when playoff series wins are on the line is the only thing that matters.

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Wasps rally, beat Reds

by Tom Zulewski
IRON COUNTY TODAY

Price Armstrong scored on a 6-yard touchdown run with only 55 seconds left, and the visiting Juab Wasps held on through six lead changes and beat the Cedar Reds, 31-24, on Oct. 9. Juab stayed unbeaten in 3A South at 5-0, 7-2 overall, while Cedar suffered its third straight loss and fell to 2-3, 4-5.

Will Armstrong put Juab on the scoreboard first when he threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Quentin Robinson late in the first quarter, but the Reds were able to score 10 points in the second. Jackson Mann hit Hunter Burgess on a 27-yard score, and Cody Stevenson hit a 27-yard field goal with 3:40 to play that gave Cedar a 10-7 lead at the intermission.

Will Armstrong's arm helped the Wasps reclaim the lead in the closing seconds of the third quarter when he found Brady Gempeler from 44 yards out. It set the stage for a crazy fourth quarter that featured two big plays by the Reds.

Cedar went to work on the first play of the period when Mann hit Kutler Tom for a 72-yard touchdown. The Reds stopped the Wasps at their own 1-yard line, but the Juab defense came through with a safety to cut the lead to 17-15. Will Armstrong struck again when he hit Price Armstrong for a 13-yard score, adding

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Juab 31
Cedar 24

Juab	7	0	6	18	– 31
Cedar	0	10	0	14	– 24

FIRST QUARTER

J – Robinson 7 pass from W. Armstrong (P. Armstrong kick), 2:14

SECOND QUARTER

C – Burgess 27 pass from Mann (Stevenson kick), 7:11

C – FG Stevenson 27, 3:40

THIRD QUARTER

J – Gempeler 44 pass from W. Armstrong (kick failed), :10

FOURTH QUARTER

C – Tom 72 pass from Mann (Stevenson kick), 11:46

J – Safety, 8:14

J – W. Armstrong 13 pass from P. Armstrong (W. Armstrong pass from P. Armstrong), 4:52

C – Wood 97 kickoff return (Stevenson kick), 4:37

J – P. Armstrong 6 run (Downard pass from P. Armstrong), :55



WASPS

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the two-point conversion to put Juab up by six with 4:52 to play.

The momentum took a wild turn on the ensuing kickoff when Beckett Wood returned it 97 yards down the sideline that put Cedar back in front at 24-23 after the extra point from Stevenson.

It wouldn't last as Price Armstrong snuck in the end zone on the winning touchdown run. Cedar got as far as midfield, but the Wasps defense was able to turn away the final drive and secure the victory.

Cedar plays its regular-season finale tonight as they travel to face the Carbon Dinos in a 7 p.m. kickoff.

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 former Boston Red Sox manager – who was fired during the 2026 season – turned down two chances to become the manager of the Philadelphia Phillies?

2. It was announced last week that the Emmy Awards will be streamed on Prime Video for at least the next six years, starting in 2027. On what night of the week does Prime Video stream NFL regular-season games?

3. After Odell Beckham Jr. was released by the New York Giants, the wide receiver signed with what undefeated NFC North team's practice squad?

4. Who was the last MLB team to win a best-of-5 playoff in the Division Series after losing the first two games? Hint: It happened in the American League in 2017, and the team is in a similar 0-2 hole in this year's AL Division Series.

5. What former L.A. Dodgers general manager who helped build the team that won the 1988 World Series passed away last week at age 91?

6. True or False: Despite continued trade talk, former Detroit Red Wings captain Dylan Larkin scored the go-ahead goal in his season debut, a 5-3 win over the Ottawa Senators on Oct. 6.

7. What NBA team announced it will be hosting a "Vice City" night Nov. 18 in conjunction with the release of the new Grand Theft Auto VI video game?

8. From Week 4 of the NFL, two quarterbacks – Cincinnati's Joe Burrow and Detroit's Jared Goff – threw for over 400 yards, but both came out on the losing end of the scoreboard. Name the teams that beat them – one in prime time on Sunday Night Football.

9. What Dallas Cowboys wide receiver capped off a 189-yard day by catching a 12-yard touchdown pass from Dak Prescott with 40 seconds left in a 34-30 win over the Houston Texans?

10. What NFC team is still looking for its first win after Week 4?

11. Despite losing its starting quarterback in Week 2, who leads the NFC East with a 3-1 record after a 36-24 win over the Arizona Cardinals?

12. What two-time PGA Tour major winner announced he will not return to the bankrupt LIV tour in 2027?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Cam Ward.

2. Jayden Reed.

3. Alec Bohm.

4. True. The visiting Panthers scored the game's only goal with 15 seconds left in overtime.

5. The Astros have lost six straight postseason home games at Daikin Park. The Texas Rangers beat the Astros in the 2023 ALCS, the Detroit Tigers won the WC round in 2024 and the Chicago White Sox did the trick this season.

6. Joey Porter Jr.

7. A'ja Wilson.

8. Five NL players hit .300 or better, from Arizona's Gabriel Moreno at .311 to Colorado's T.J. Rumfeld's .300.

9. Three AL players finished with more than 100 RBI; Baltimore's Pete Alonso (113), Houston's Yordan Alvarez (106) and Junior Camineiro of Tampa Bay (101).

10. None. All four quarterbacks lost their games despite throwing for more than 300 yards.

11. James Cook.

12. Vegas defeated the Chicago Blackhawks, 5-2, on Sept. 29.



PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

Football

3A South

10/9 Juab 31, Cedar 24
Richfield 38, Canyon View 16
Beaver 27, N. Sanpete 7
Manti 41, Carbon 16

1A South

10/9 Enterprise 48, Parowan 0
Beaver 27, N. Sanpete 7
Duchesne 28, Kanab 0

Girls Soccer

Region 9

10/6 Cedar 2, Desert Hills 1
Crimson Cliffs 1, Hurricane 0
Snow Canyon 1, Dixie 0, OT

10/13 4A playoffs, first round
Cedar at Ridgeline
Provo at Park City
Desert Hills at Snow Canyon
Uintah at Mountain View
Stansbury at Green Canyon
Judge Memorial at East
Mountain Crest at Crimson Cliffs
Timpanogos at Wasatch

10/15 4A playoffs, second round
Teams TBD

Region 14

10/6 Canyon View 6, Delta 0
Richfield 3, Juab 0

10/14 3A playoffs, first round
Delta at Canyon View
Juab at Grantsville
Ben Lomond at Richfield
Emery at Ogden
N. Sanpete at Union
Providence Hall at Carbon
Logan at Morgan

10/17 3A playoffs, second round
Juab-Grantsville winner at Manti
Other games TBD

Volleyball

Region 9

10/6 Desert Hills 3, Cedar 0
Hurricane 3, Pine View 0
Crimson Cliffs 3, Snow Canyon 1
Delta 3, Dixie 2

10/8 Snow Canyon 3, Pine View 1

Region 14

10/6 Canyon View 3, Richfield 0
Juab 3, Providence Hall 0
Delta 3, Dixie 2

10/8 Richfield 3, Carbon 1

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Football

3A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab (2)	5-0	7-2
Richfield (5)	5-1	7-2
N. Sanpete (8)	3-2	6-3
Canyon View (6)	2-3	6-3
Cedar (9)	2-3	4-5
Manti (11)	1-4	2-7
Carbon (12)	0-5	1-8

1A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	3-0	7-2
Beaver (4)	1-1	5-4
Enterprise (5)	1-1	5-4
Parowan (9)	0-3	1-8

Girls Soccer

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (3)	10-2	14-3
Snow Canyon (8)	9-3	11-5
Desert Hills (9)	8-4	11-6
Cedar (13)	7-5	8-7
Dixie (18)	4-8	7-9
Hurricane (22)	3-9	3-12
Pine View (25)	1-11	4-14

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Canyon View (5)	8-0	13-5
Richfield(4)	6-2	14-4
Juab (9)	4-4	8-10
Delta(12)	2-6	5-11
Providence Hall (14)	0-8	2-9

Volleyball

Region 9

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs (5)	9-0	20-5
Desert Hills (4)	7-2	19-6
Cedar (6)	7-2	13-7
Dixie (14)	3-5	11-13
Snow Canyon (12)	3-6	10-11
Hurricane (11)	3-7	12-14
Pine View (21)	0-10	5-16

Region 14

	REGION	OVERALL
Delta (4)	4-1	16-7
Canyon View (5)	4-1	12-9
Juab (8)	4-2	12-12
Richfield (12)	2-4	9-13
Providence Hall (13)	0-6	8-13





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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Case No. 260500170 Judge Matthew L. Bell

JEFFREY JENSEN and CHERRIE E. JENSEN, husband and wife, Plaintiffs
v.
THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DOROTHY CAMPBELL AND DONALD GILBERT CAMPBELL, AND JOHN DOES I-X, Defendants.

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THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DOROTHY CAMPBELL AND DONALD GILBERT CAMPBELL, and JOHN DOES 1-X:

The above-entitled Court has entered an Order granting Plaintiffs the right to serve Defendants, The Heirs and Devisees of Dorothy Campbell and Donald Gilbert Campbell, and John Does I-X, by publication. You are therefore hereby summoned and required to file an answer in writing to the Verified Complaint on file with the clerk of the above entitled Court, located at 40 N. 100 E., Cedar City, Utah, 84720. You are also required to file an Answer with the Court and serve upon, or mail to, Plaintiff's attorney, a copy of said Answer within twenty one (21) days after the service of the Summons upon you if you reside within the State of Utah, or thirty (30) days after the service of Summons upon you if you reside outside the State of Utah.

If you fail so to do, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in said Verified Complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court. Please be advised that this action seeks to quiet title to certain property legally described in Plaintiff's Complaint, and identified by Iron County as follows:

THE EAST HALF OF LOT 2, BLOCK 55, PLAT "B," PAROWAN CITY SURVEY. Once quieted, the property shall be titled solely in the name of Plaintiffs, Jeffrey Jensen and Cherrie E. Jensen, to the exclusion of all parties.

A copy of the Verified Complaint in this action has been deposited with the Clerk of the Iron County Fifth Judicial District Court, with a description of the property, and can be picked up by anyone claiming an interest in the above matter at no charge.

DATED this 06th day of October, 2026.
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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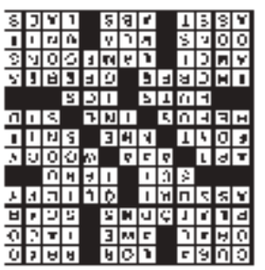
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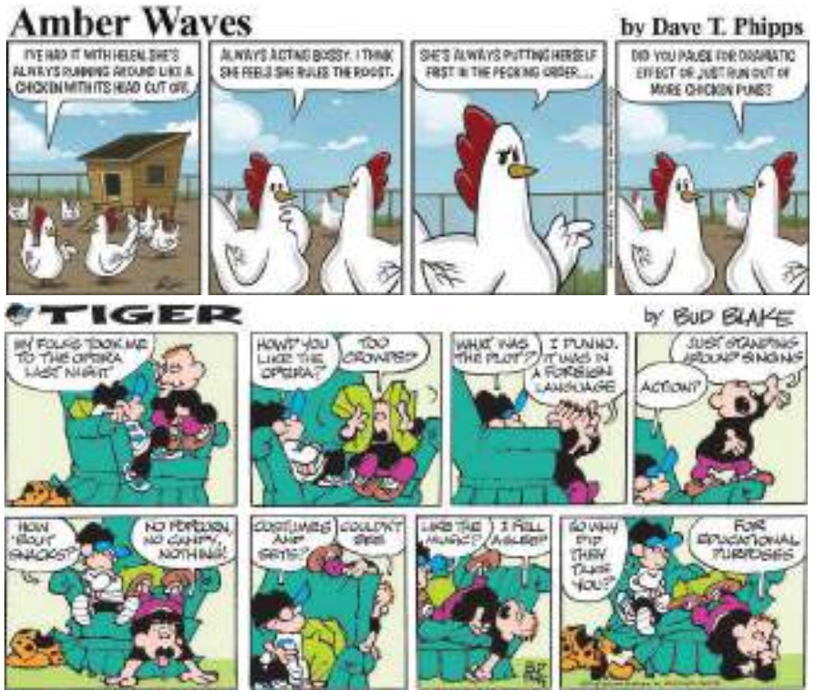


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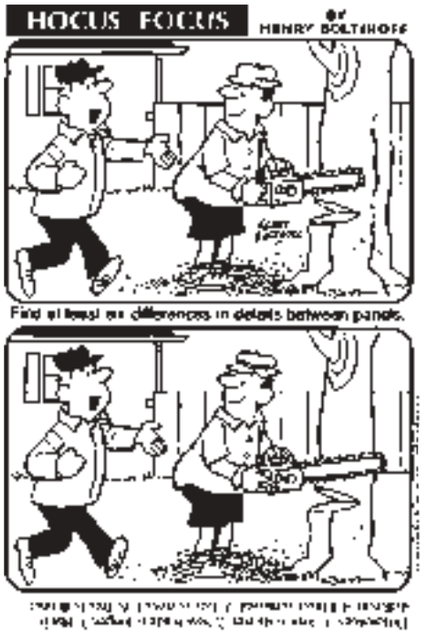
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