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from Kaelynn Cox

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

CEDAR CITY — A favorite storybook character waving from a float. A child's eyes lighting up with recognition. A community coming together to make the holidays brighter.

That is the spirit behind the Children's Storybook Parade, returning to Cedar City on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. This year, the beloved tradition will also support the Iron County Holiday Assistance Program, giving paradegoers an opportunity to share the magic of the season with children throughout the county.

Founded in 2003 by Jerry Sherratt, the parade began with a simple purpose: give children a gift. By bringing the characters and adventures of stories and fairy tales into the heart of Cedar City, Sherratt created an experience where children could see their imaginations come to life.

Over the years the parade has grown, but its heart remains the same. Behind the floats, costumes and music is a celebration created for children, offering a little wonder as the holiday season approaches. For adults, it is also an invitation to revisit familiar stories, remember simpler times and experience the excitement through a child's eyes.

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A GIFT

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The free parade will begin at 200 West University Boulevard, travel east to Main Street, then head north along Main Street to 400 North. Families are invited to gather along the route and enjoy floats, music, costumed characters and special guests.

This year, a special gift to children will extend beyond the parade route through a partnership with the Iron County Holiday Assistance Program. Through SUU's Community Engagement Center and partnerships including Toys for Tots, the program brings together community donations and volunteers to help local families provide Christmas gifts for their children. Parents take part in selecting gifts, making the experience personal to their families.

Six donation drop-off locations will be available around the parade route, allowing spectators to contribute new, unwrapped gifts while enjoying the festivities. Drop-off locations include the corner of 200 West and University Boulevard, the intersection of University Boulevard and Main Street, in front of Bulloch Drug, two locations at the intersection of 200 North and Main Street near the city park, and in front of State Bank. Families can make giving part of their parade tradition by choosing a gift together and bringing it along for another child to enjoy.

Community members can also support the program through Angel Trees and donation locations throughout Iron County. Information about donating, volunteering or applying for assistance is available at www.suu.edu/cec/holiday-assistance.html.

Together, the parade and holiday assistance program share a purpose: help children feel the joy, care and generosity of their community. One brings stories to life on Main Street; the other will bring Christmas gifts into local homes.

As families gather in downtown Cedar City this November, the celebration will carry forward Sherratt's original vision. His gift continues in every volunteer who puts on a costume, every person who prepares a float and every child who watches in wonder.

For parade information or to volunteer, contact the Iron County Event Center at (435) 477-8380 or visit ironcountyfair.net and select "Storybook Parade."



Enoch man charged with felony burglary after confrontation at home

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

An Enoch man accused of trying to force his way into a home to fight a resident is facing a felony burglary charge following a confrontation that reportedly frightened children inside the residence.

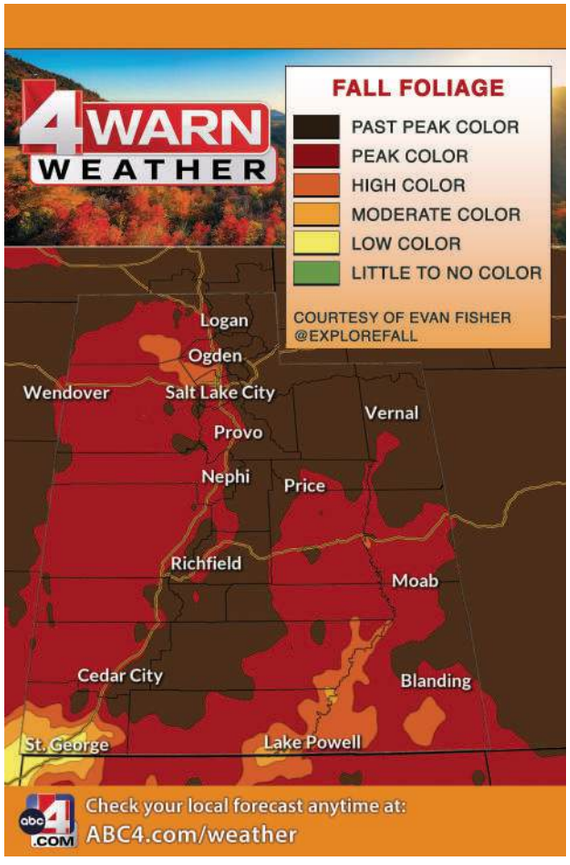
Aaron Patrick Hernandez, 34, was arrested Oct. 25 after Enoch police responded to a disturbance at a home on North Rose Circle.

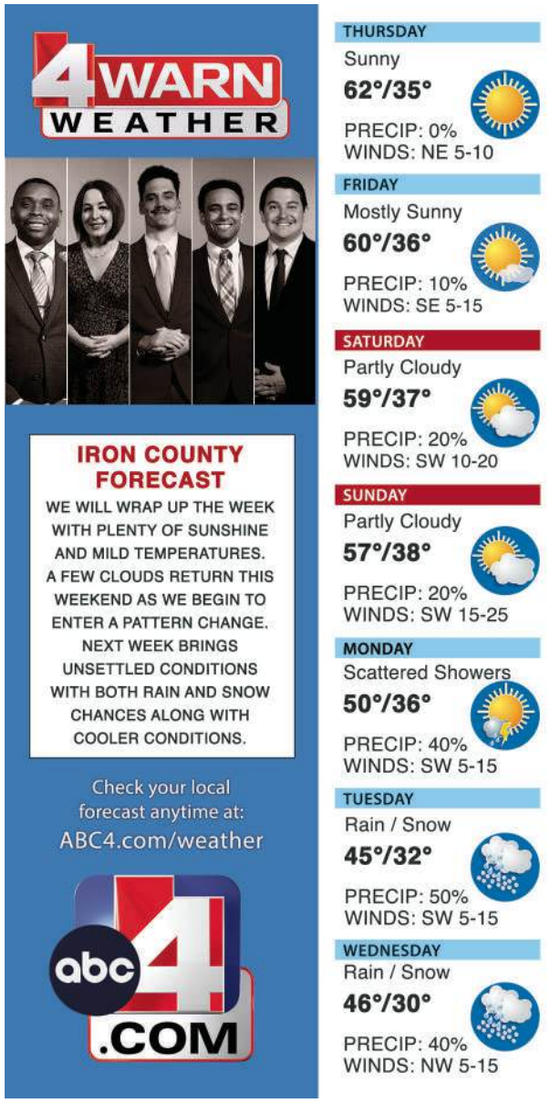
The resident told police Hernandez was intoxicated and attempting to break a window or door to get inside, according to the arrest affidavit filed in 5th District Court.

Dispatchers could hear Hernandez yelling during the emergency call.

Officers arrived to find

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FROM THE EDITOR



BECKA DIMICK
COPY EDITOR

By 11 a.m. on Nov. 1, I had pulled out my Christmas tree. I had given November a reasonable 11 hours to settle in.

It is not fully decorated yet, but the lights and garland are there, and my house already feels warmer and more inviting.

Last night, I watched "The Holiday," a movie I usually reserve for late December.

This morning, I was sipping gingerbread-flavored coffee and listening to "The Classic Christmas Album" by Kenny G. Apparently, this year I am dispensing with the waiting period.

Growing up, our tree never appeared until after Thanksgiving. I understand that approach. There is something satisfying about giving each holiday its own territory. But increasingly, that schedule feels like a rather short lease on something I enjoy so much.

December fills quickly. There are events to attend, gifts to buy, projects to finish before the year ends. By the time everything is decorated and the calendar allows a quiet evening to appreciate it, we are nearly discussing when to take it all down.

This year, I am allowing myself two full months of Christmas. Some of that time may involve nothing more ambitious than sitting near a partially decorated tree.

I have no intention of skipping Thanksgiving. I remain deeply committed to a holiday organized around dinner. I just don't think gratitude requires the Christmas lights to be off.

There are plenty of things in life we have to wait for. I am having trouble finding a compelling reason to make a cozy living room one of them.

The ornaments will go up eventually. For now, the lights are doing quite enough.

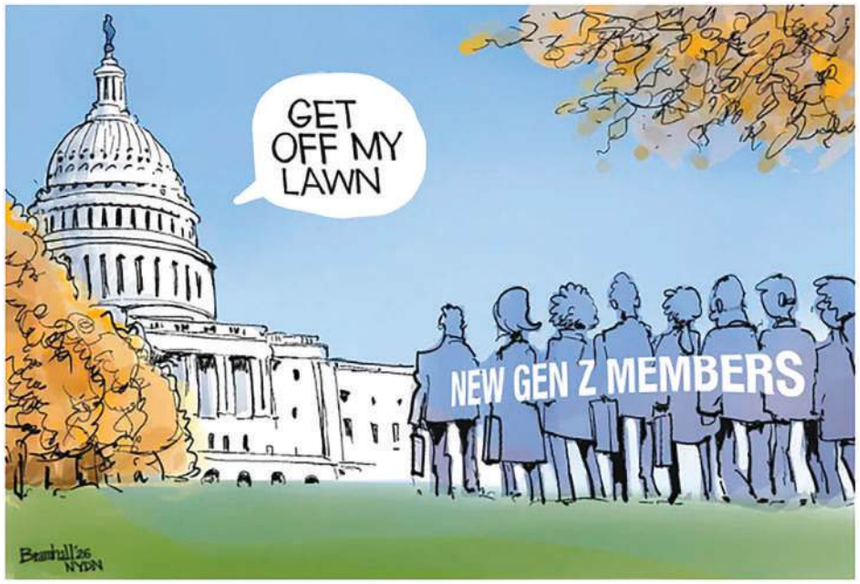
WORD OF THE WEEK

HYGGE

[HYG·GE]

noun

a cozy quality that makes a person feel content and comfortable



Utah Senate Announces Majority Caucus Elected Leadership Team

The Utah Senate Majority Caucus selected its leadership team for the 67th Legislature (2027-2028).

from Aundrea Peterson

UTAH SENATE

Utah Senate Majority Leadership Team:

- President – Sen. Evan Vickers
- Majority Leader – Sen. Chris Wilson
- Majority Whip – Sen. Michael McKell
- Majority Assistant Whip – Sen. Keven Stratton

"I want to build on the Senate's strengths and make it even better," said President-elect Evan Vickers. "I am grateful for my colleagues' trust and honored to serve the people of Utah. We have good people in the Senate who care deeply about our state, and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead and serve alongside them. As president, I will work to ensure every member has a meaningful voice and that we listen carefully to Utahns, focusing on the issues that matter most to their families. Together, we can strengthen this institution in ways that serve Utah well beyond our time in office."

In recent years, the Senate has worked to lower taxes, improve education, increase teacher compensation, invest in water conservation and infrastructure, expand opportunities for homeownership, secure Utah's energy future and protect children online. With Utah ranked the No. 1 state in the nation by U.S. News & World Report for the fourth consecutive year, the Senate is focused on building on that success and creating even greater opportunities for Utahns.

As the Senate prepares for the 2027 General Session, senators are united in their commitment to putting Utahns first and building Utah's future together. While they bring different perspectives and experiences to the table, the Senate shares a common purpose: serving the people of Utah and delivering tangible results.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Thanksgiving may be all about the food, but Christmas is about so much more — plus food." — *Nora Ephron*

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A Neighbor Is More Than the Role We Remember

by Douglas Vandergraph

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A familiar community can be very good at remembering what people do. We know the person who helps with music, the volunteer who always arrives early, the parent who can organize a fundraiser, and the older neighbor who knows where to find the answer to an old question. These identities help people cooperate, but they can become too small for the human beings behind them.

In Cedar City, Enoch, Parowan, and the surrounding communities, life changes as families grow, people age, and work responsibilities shift. Someone who once carried a project may need a season of rest. A person who rarely spoke in meetings may have a useful idea. A newcomer may bring experience that nobody knows about yet.

The risk is that we keep assigning people the places they occupied years ago. We assume the reliable volunteer can take another shift. We assume the quiet resident has nothing to add. We assume the family that missed several events is no longer interested. None of those assumptions makes room for the person as they are today.

Jesus' example consistently moves in another direction. When he meets people, he refuses to reduce them to the labels others have placed on them. He recognizes a human being worth hearing, helping, or welcoming. In the Gospel of Mark, he describes his own mission in terms of service rather than being served.

We can follow that example in ways that sound almost ordinary. Ask the longtime volunteer whether they would prefer a smaller role this year. Invite a newer resident to share an idea before the group has already decided everything. When someone returns after a long absence, offer a simple welcome instead of asking them to account for their private life.

The needs of others do not entitle us to their stories. A person may be coping with a difficult family situation, a health concern, or a change in employment. We can be helpful without naming that circumstance publicly. We can also accept a courteous refusal. Respect and service are strongest when they do not turn into pressure.

Communities should distribute responsibility widely. A team becomes healthier when several people understand how to open the room, organize supplies, and answer basic questions. Younger volunteers gain useful skills, experienced helpers gain relief, and no one is treated as indispensable in a way that eventually becomes exhausting.

The roles people play do matter. But the neighbor matters more. When we remember that distinction, our gatherings become more welcoming, our service more sustainable, and our faith more visible in the small decisions that shape an ordinary week.

ENOCH MAN

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Hernandez in the fenced backyard of the residence.

The resident told police he had repeatedly asked Hernandez to leave after he began threatening to fight him.

Hernandez allegedly pounded on doors and windows, raised his fist and made threatening statements, including "do you want to go," and "I have nothing going for me."

The resident said Hernandez's behavior frightened his children, and he was trying to avoid a physical confrontation.

Officers reported smelling alcohol on Hernandez's breath and observing that his speech was slurred and he was swaying.

Although Hernandez initially complied with officers and was arrested, he later became combative when officers tried placing him in a patrol vehicle, court records state.

Hernandez allegedly refused to put his leg inside the vehicle, preventing the arresting officer from closing the door. A deputy from the Iron County Sheriff's Office assisted in getting him into the patrol car, the affidavit stated.

The confrontation continued at the Iron County Jail, where Hernandez allegedly would not cooperate with booking procedures and threatened officers.

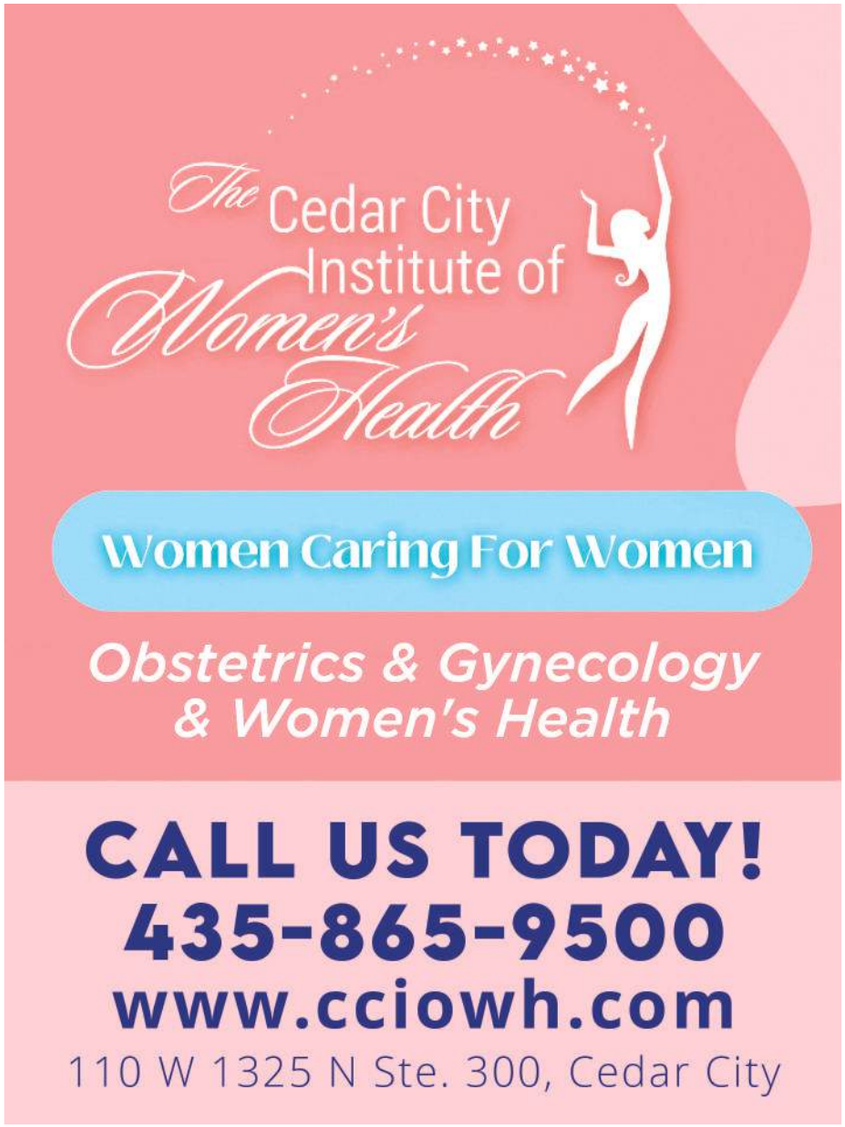
Police reported that Hernandez made repeated statements about beating officers and warned the arresting officer that he knew who he was and would regret arresting him.

Prosecutors charged Hernandez with second-degree felony burglary of a dwelling, a class A misdemeanor assault charge, a class B misdemeanor for threat of violence, a class C misdemeanor for public intoxication and an infraction for disorderly conduct.

Fifth District Judge Meb Anderson initially set bail at $10,000 and maintained that amount during Hernandez's Oct. 27 court appearance.

Anderson also ordered Hernandez to enroll in pretrial services and have a SCRAM alcohol-monitoring device installed before being released from custody.

The next court appearance, a waiver hearing and detention review, is scheduled for Nov. 10.



IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

Cedar City Council Meeting - November 4, 2026

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Meeting Overview and Opening Business

A representative from a congressional office outlined constituent services, including assistance with passports, the IRS and immigration matters. The council also announced Cedar City's 175th birthday celebration, scheduled for November 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Theater, where two longtime downtown business families will be honored.

Action Meeting Items

The council approved an amendment to the Coal Creek gravel mining lease, adjusting the lease rate to up to one dollar following discussion of fair market value and slope safety. The council also adopted a budget policy resolution formalizing existing city practices.

Public Comment on Fire Mitigation

A Canyon Ridge HOA representative raised concerns about fire risks near the 13th Hole trail area. Recommendations included installing signs prohibiting motorized vehicles, fires, shooting and dumping, increasing fire hydrant testing, and prioritizing brush removal before May 2027.

Concerns were also raised about nearby residents with limited mobility who could face evacuation challenges. Other comments addressed motorized vehicle restrictions and recent hydrant maintenance. The council agreed to consult with the fire department.

A representative from American Legion Post 74 also reminded attendees of the Veterans Day ceremony scheduled for November 11 at 10 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

Heritage Center Fee Reconsideration

The council discussed concerns over increased Heritage Center fees after Redacre Center, which hosts the annual Utah Farm and Food Conference, reported a significant price increase. Representatives requested that previous rates be honored, noting the event had been budgeted well in advance.

City staff acknowledged that notification of the fee changes was inadequate and agreed to improve communication and documentation. Councilmembers emphasized the importance of clear pricing agreements and consistent policies. The council voted to place Redacre Center's fee reduction request on the next action meeting agenda.

Land Use and Development Items

Following a public hearing, the council moved forward a proposed zone change from residential agricultural to mixed use for part of the Iron Horse RDO near 2300 West Cross Hollow Road. A related development agreement would allow an office building up to 50 feet tall, exceeding the standard 35-foot limit.

The council also moved forward an ordinance establishing a formal process for classifying land uses not currently listed in city regulations, as required by new state law.

Agreements and Purchases

The council reviewed several agreements and purchases, moving multiple items to the next consent agenda. These included corrections to an irrigation water rights agreement and a project to expand the Iron Springs lift station, with the city's share funded through sewer impact fees.

A UDOT agreement for the South Cedar Interchange includes water line relocation and lighting improvements. The council also reviewed a new airport hangar lease, approved an appointment to the Leisure Services Advisory Board, and moved forward purchases and services, including a water truck upgrade and a user fee study

Personnel Policy and Parental Leave

The council discussed proposed personnel policy updates, including vehicle safety requirements and a new parental leave benefit. The proposal would provide 40 hours of paid leave for birth, adoption, or foster placement, with an additional 40 hours for birthing parents.

Employees requested expanded benefits, suggesting six weeks for birthing parents and three weeks for others, along with greater flexibility and earlier eligibility.

Councilmembers expressed support for parental leave while considering costs, employee retention, and eligibility requirements. The proposal was placed on the next action meeting agenda for further

I-15 traffic stop leads to felony DUI charge, no-bail order

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A report of a pickup driving "all over the road" on Interstate 15 led to the arrest of a 28-year-old man now facing a felony DUI charge in Iron County.

Anthony Michael Howell was arrested Oct. 20 after Utah Highway Patrol troopers stopped his red Dodge pickup at a truck stop in Parowan.

According to charging documents filed in 5th District Court, the investigation began when Cedar Dispatch received a report of a pickup driving erratically near mile marker 102 on southbound I-15.

A trooper located the vehicle near mile marker 78 and noticed its windows appeared to have excessively dark tint.

The driver pulled into the TA truck stop in Parowan, where troopers followed.

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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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Police reported smelling alcohol inside the pickup and observing that Howell had glossy eyes and slow, deliberate speech.

He allegedly told the trooper his California driver's license had been revoked because of a previous DUI offense.

Howell agreed to perform field sobriety tests, which officers said revealed signs of impairment. A preliminary breath test also indicated the presence of alcohol.

During the investigation, troopers discovered an unlabeled prescription bottle in the center console containing unidentified pills that later tested positive for amphetamines, charging documents state.

Howell was arrested and booked into the Iron County Jail. His pickup was impounded.

Prosecutors filed four charges against Howell, including third-degree felony DUI involving a prior felony conviction and a class A misdemeanor for possession of a Schedule I or II controlled substance.

He also faces a class C misdemeanor for drinking alcohol in a vehicle and an infraction for illegal window tint.

During his initial court appearance, prosecutors requested that Howell be held without bail. Fifth District Judge Meb Anderson granted the request and appointed attorney Steven Nielsen to represent him.

Court records indicate a detention review was held a few days later but there have been no new updates made in the case. Howell is scheduled for another court hearing Nov. 18 before Judge Randall Skanchy.



Utah, FTC, and Three States Reach $48.5 Million Settlement with Major Single-Family Landlord

> ***The Utah Department of Commerce's Division of Consumer Protection alleges Progress Residential and owner Pretium Partners hid mandatory fees, kept security deposits for illegitimate charges, and barred negative reviews***

from Melanie Hall

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Progress Residential sold renters on a "dream rental home" and "hassle-free living." According to the complaint, its own executives called it a "Broken Customer Experience." The Utah Division of Consumer Protection, represented by the Office of the Utah Attorney General, joined the Federal Trade Commission and the attorneys general of Arizona, Colorado, and Indiana in filing a complaint against Progress Residential and its private equity owner, Pretium Partners, along with a proposed stipulated order that would require the companies to pay $48.5 million and overhaul how they price, rent, and manage their homes.

Progress manages more than 90,000 single-family rental homes across 17 states. The complaint alleges that the companies:

- Advertised monthly rent that left out mandatory fees for smart home devices, air filters, landscaping, pest control, and more, adding $30 to $330 or more to each month's bill
- Collected nonrefundable application fees of up to $55 per adult and holding fees of up to $500 before revealing the true monthly cost
- Digitally altered listing photos to remove dirt from walls and carpets and add appliances into listing photos of homes that were not move-in ready
- Deducted security deposits for normal wear and tear and for damage that existed before residents moved in
- Used lease terms that barred residents from posting negative reviews

The complaint further alleges that company leaders knew of the problems. In 2023, after learning Progress had failed to refund fees it owed residents, the company's then-CEO told staff not to change course: "I am not taking $1M

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Cedar Drug
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Zoe Williamson
2ND PLACE 12+:
Olivia Bush
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Talia Idhi Beach
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SUU and NASA Launch Statewide Hub to Train Utah's Next-Generation Aerospace Workforce







by Brooke Heath

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Southern Utah University (SUU) joined community leaders, educators, and industry partners on Monday, Nov. 2, to officially celebrate the launch of the Utah Aerospace Hub, supported by the NASA State Hubs grant. Held in the Hunter Alumni Center, the launch party marked the beginning of the statewide initiative designed to build and connect the skilled technical workforce ecosystem throughout Utah.

Supported by NASA's Office of STEM Engagement under the Next Gen STEM initiative, SUU stands as one of just seven higher education institutions nationwide chosen to establish a regional workforce center. Serving as the primary host for Utah, the university leads a statewide coalition uniting high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways, regional technical colleges, and commercial aerospace leaders to pave clear, hands-on avenues directly into technical careers.

"Southern Utah University is proud to lead this effort for Utah," said SUU President Mindy Benson at the event. "Connecting students with practical, on-the-job experience has always been core to our mission. Teaming up with NASA allows us to expand those opportunities across the state, bringing education and industry together so our graduates are ready to lead in vital technical fields."

The hub focuses on preparing students for essential, skilled technical roles - including machinists, welders, electricians, and advanced manufacturing technicians - that support national space missions, defense innovation, and Utah's expanding commercial aerospace economy.

"Gathering with our partners in Cedar City today makes one thing clear: Utah's students are ready to rise to the moment," said Melinda Pfundstein, SUU executive director of Community and Workforce Development. "This hub isn't just about technical training; it's about meeting students where they are, surrounding them with real mentors, and handing them the keys to family-sustaining aerospace careers right here at home."

Through direct employer hiring and interview agreements tied to industry-validated credentials, the Utah Aerospace Hub bridges classroom instruction with immediate job opportunities. Working alongside 47G as lead partner, as well as early local partners including American Pacific, RAM Aerospace, Intergalactic, and Align Precision, the hub engages industry leaders directly to pinpoint workforce gaps and shape training curriculum, ultimately creating direct career connections for students. By coordinating with school districts across southern Utah, as well as postsecondary partners such as Utah Tech University and Southwest Technical College, the initiative ensures students can explore high-tech careers early and transition seamlessly into the workforce.

"Every major mission in space depends on the dedication and precision of skilled technical workers here on the ground," said NASA Associate Administrator Elaine Ho. "Through this $10.5 million national initiative, we are working hand-in-hand with SUU to remove barriers and connect technical classrooms directly with industry employers. It's about building a dependable pathway where Utah students can see their hard work turn into real, lasting careers."

The Utah Aerospace Hub is already actively engaging educators and employers to build out certification pipelines and technical training cohorts across Utah. To learn more about available technical pathways, employer partnerships, or upcoming training programs, visit suu.edu/prodev.

November 1 Utah Water Availability Update

from Jordan Clayton

USDA

General summary:

Valley Conditions (SCAN) as of November 1:

October precipitation in Utah's valley locations was, quite literally, off the charts. Our SCAN sites received 488% (!) of normal precipitation last month—almost five times the normal amount we receive. This puts our water-year-to-date precipitation outside the range of previous observations for Utah's valleys. Soil moisture in Utah's valleys has responded to the enormous amount of precipitation and is also setting records for this time of year in most areas of the state. With the statewide value at 54% saturation, our valley soils are at moisture levels usually only seen at Utah's SCAN sites around the month of April and never before seen during any month in the fall or early winter.

Mountain Conditions (SNOTEL) as of November 1:

In Utah's mountains, our SNOTEL sites received a whopping 5.4 inches of rain in October, which was well above normal (233% of median). Eleven of Utah's SNOTEL sites received their record-high amount of precipitation for the month of October, and 21 were second-highest. Similar to the observations from our SCAN network, in Utah's mountains our SNOTEL sites ended the month at record-high soil moisture levels (72% of saturation)—again mirroring moisture levels only typically observed in our mountains during the peak snowmelt season (May and June). The high soil moisture levels are present in almost all areas of the state, with 33 of our SNOTEL sites (almost a quarter of our network) reporting record-high soil moisture for the deepest (20" depth) sensor, and 11 more at their second-highest level for this time of year.

Water Availability as of November 1:

Our last report focused on how the poor snowmelt runoff in 2026 adversely impacted our large downstream water bodies (Great Salt Lake and Lake Powell). Contrastingly, this report should highlight the incredible impact that our anomalous precipitation and resulting streamflows have had. While we recognize that there have been devastating flood impacts to multiple communities in Utah from the massive amounts of rain that we have received since October 1, we should also attempt to characterize how much new water these unusual storm events have produced. As of this writing on November 5, Lake Powell had received 1.69 million acre-feet (MAF) of inflow since the beginning of the water year, averaging 95 thousand acre-feet (KAF) per day and producing a 19 foot rise in the lake's elevation, bringing it up to 27% of capacity (up 5% since October 1). For comparison, the lake received only 1.14 MAF this last snowmelt runoff season (April through July). Incredibly, the recent inflows into Powell equate to roughly a quarter of the volume of water that the lake typically receives from snowmelt runoff (on average). While precipitation during October was outstanding across the state, the largest storm totals have been in the San Juan drainage and areas of southern Utah. In fact, another ~100 KAF of inflow to Lake Powell was forecasted for the day this summary is being written, which is a continuation of the flood wave from these recent precipitation events.

The Great Salt Lake basin has not received nearly as much rainfall but conditions have still been outstanding enough to produce a 0.3 foot rise (up to 4190.0) elevation from October 1 to November 5. We calculate this to be equivalent to roughly 180 KAF of water added to the lake from both inflows and direct precipitation during that time. For context, the lake received 242 KAF of water during the April through July runoff season, so the recent influx is quite substantial.

Utah's statewide reservoir storage is at 48% of capacity, up 3% since October 1st but down 11% from this time last year. Reservoir storage is down in every major basin except the San Pitch and Southwestern Utah compared to last year, including in Lake Powell. Still, Water Availability Indexes (WAIs) for Utah's basins have improved dramatically since last month. While around a third of our basins continue to have WAIs below the 20th percentile, the recent rains have positively impacted WAIs in almost all areas of the state—in some cases dramatically so, such as for the rivers draining the Uintas and for Southeastern and Southwestern Utah.





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impact to do the right thing."

"Housing affordability is one of the greatest challenges facing consumers today, and Progress Residential exploited this vulnerability by misleading renters and concealing additional fees. Their relentless pursuit of profit drove up costs for families seeking a place to call home," said Utah Department of Commerce Commissioner Margaret Woolley Busse. "This settlement is a crucial step toward holding them accountable and ensuring transparency for renters moving forward."

Under the proposed order, Progress and Pretium must:

- Pay $48.5 million, which the FTC may use to refund affected consumers
- Display the total monthly rental price, includ ing all mandatory fees, more prominently than any other price
- Stop charging residents for normal wear and tear, pre-existing conditions or upgrades
- Send an itemized statement of any deposit deductions within 30 days of move-out
- Keep inspection photos and records and give them to residents on request
- Stop using or enforcing any lease term that restricts reviews
- Stop charging late fees or pursuing eviction when the company's own payment portal fails

The companies also agreed to pay Arizona $1.25 million in attorneys' fees and costs. Progress and Pretium neither admit nor deny the allegations. The order takes effect upon entry by the court.

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Two Killed in School Bus Crash on Beryl Highway

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Two people were killed and two others injured on Nov. 3 following a collision involving an Iron County School District bus and a sedan on Beryl Highway.

The crash occurred just before 11:30 a.m. at the intersection of Beryl Highway and 3200 North. According to the Iron County Sheriff's Office, the school bus was traveling northbound when it was struck by a sedan traveling eastbound toward the intersection.

Witnesses reported that the sedan struck the bus at a high rate of speed, causing the bus to roll over.

Authorities identified the two individuals killed as 37-year-old Shaun Martin Holt, the driver of the sedan, and 36-year-old Dayna Rae MacBride, a passenger. Both were pronounced dead at the scene. Two dogs traveling in the sedan were also killed.

The school bus had completed its student drop-off route at Escalante Valley Elementary School in Beryl before the accident. No students were on board at the time.

The bus driver and an aide were the only occupants of the bus. Both sustained injuries and were transported to an area hospital for treatment. Their conditions have not been released.

Following the crash, the Iron County School District issued a statement expressing condolences to the families of those who died and concern for the injured employees.

The district also acknowledged that this was the third accident involving a school bus this year and emphasized its commitment to student safety.

District officials noted that bus drivers complete annual state-required safety training and reaffirmed their commitment to reviewing and strengthening safety measures.

The Iron County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding the collision.

Senate Minority Caucus Calls for Sen. Riebe's Resignation Following Independent Investigation into Discriminatory Practices

from Aundrea Peterson

UTAH SENATE

SALT LAKE CITY – Following an independent investigation into Sen. Kathleen Riebe, the Senate Minority Caucus voted to remove her from the caucus and called on her to resign from the Utah Senate. Minority Leader Sen. Luz Escamilla, Minority Whip Sen. Karen Kwan, Assistant Whip Sen. Jen Plumb, Sen. Stephanie Pitcher, and Sen. Nate Blouin issued the following statement:

"On November 2, the findings from a formal, independent investigation were released in response to an official complaint alleging workplace discrimination and harassment involving Sen. Kathleen Riebe in her capacity as a Utah State Senator. The behavior is deeply unsettling and will not be tolerated.

"The independent investigation concluded a pattern of conduct towards others that was likely motivated by race, national origin, or ethnicity. It also revealed statements concerning employment decisions involving individuals based on their sexual orientation or other protected characteristics.

"We take matters of workplace harassment and discrimination seriously. We have no tolerance for bias, aggressive behavior, or discriminatory practices. This is personal because it affects us, our families, our districts, and our communities. It's about real people we love and represent.

"Every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and to feel safe and supported in the workplace. Harassment and discrimination in any form are unacceptable, especially from members of our caucus. This conduct demands meaningful accountability and action.

"Today our caucus voted to remove Sen. Riebe from the Senate Minority Caucus. Given the severity of these findings and the serious breach of trust they represent, we also call for her immediate resignation as a Utah State Senator.

"Our caucus has worked tirelessly to advance policies that promote diversity, respect, and belonging. We have fought to uphold every person's dignity and protect against all forms of discrimination. We expect elected officials to uphold both the law and this institution's standards. No elected official or leader is above accountability."

A Memorable Moment in Parowan

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



It was quite some time ago that I learned as a Boy Scout about displaying, caring for, and especially retiring a worn American flag. I knew that burning a flag was the proper way to retire it, but I was never entirely sure what that process looked like in practice.

Last week, the answer became very clear.

As I drove down Main Street in Parowan, I noticed a group of students setting up tables, chairs and flag poles near the Veterans Memorial by the Old Rock Church. I soon learned they were preparing for the annual flag retirement ceremony scheduled for the following day. For several years I had seen the sign at Parowan High School that read, "Retire your worn flag with honor here," so I decided to attend the ceremony on November 6.

I wasn't sure what to expect, but as I approached the town square the next morning, I was amazed to see what appeared to be nearly the entire student body walking toward the park.

Gathered at the Veterans Memorial were hundreds of students, faculty, veterans, and community members. Serving as master of ceremonies was former Parowan teacher and Army veteran Jim Shurtleff. Four years ago, Shurtleff and former high school principal Kim Bailey approached the city with the idea of creating a formal ceremony that would allow worn and unserviceable American flags to be retired with the dignity and respect they deserve.

As the ceremony began, emotion could be heard in Shurtleff's voice as he recited Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn," recalling the "shot heard round the world" that marked the beginning of the American Revolution. Gesturing toward the Veterans Memorial, he reminded students that many of their own relatives' names are engraved there, men and women who served to defend this flag now being honored.

The students listened intently.

Vice Principal Amanda Renzello, also an Army veteran, followed with heartfelt remarks that captured the purpose of the ceremony perfectly: "The fabric wears out, but our ideals never will." It was one of those lump-in-your-throat moments that set the tone for what followed.

Several invited veterans, under the direction of Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter, stood ready as students stepped forward carrying neatly folded flags. One by one, they presented them to the veterans, who carefully placed them into large burn barrels for retirement.

The morning was remarkably quiet. Aside from the crackling fires and the occasional footsteps, there was little sound as more than 300 worn flags were retired with honor and respect.

As the final flag smoldered, a veteran played a moving rendition of the bugle call "Retreat." Veterans stood at attention and rendered a final salute as the fires slowly died down and the ceremony came to a close.

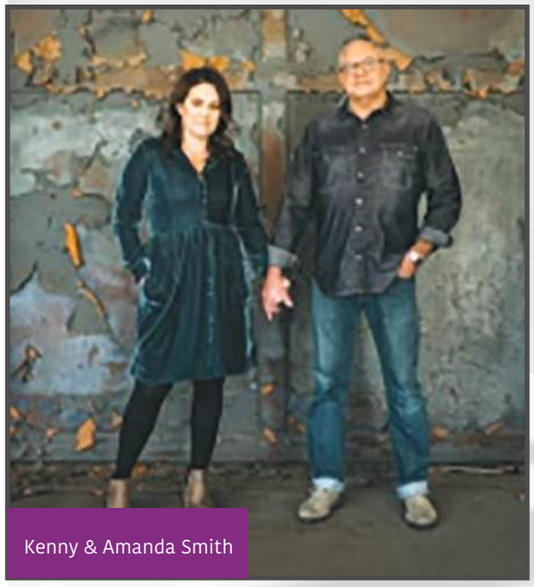
I was told that some people had even driven from Cedar City to leave their flags and be part of the event. The entire morning carried a sense of reverence, pageantry, and dignity you might see at ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

We have many fine traditions here in Parowan. This is one of the newer ones, held shortly before Veterans Day, but it is certainly worth experiencing. Perhaps next year, you'll bring a worn flag to retire and join us for this meaningful community event.




Aaron Ashton


Jake Workman


Kenny & Amanda Smith

Double Trouble or Twice as Nice?

by Marty Warburton
CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS

Okay so, the sheep are off the mountain, we've had the parade. That bowl of mini Twix bars leftover from Halloween has vanished. Our clocks have *fallen* back, a skiff of snow caps the surrounding hilltops, and the votes have all been tallied. It must be Fall. It must be November.

Those free floating weeks between Halloween and Thanksgiving have always been a favorite. The anticipation of the holiday season coupled with whiffs of wood smoke and roast turkey make this time of year a welcome respite from a fast and fun summer. Once Thanksgiving hits, there will be no shortage of places to go or things to do, but until then, you are at your leisure. What to do?

The "Night of Double Duets" started as an experiment and has now become tradition. Cedar City Music Arts first presented the concept in 2023. Instead of an orchestra, full band or quartet, the night of double duets allows CCMA to host not one, but two amazing acts on the same stage on the same night. It has been a hit ! Our longtime patrons have expressed their delight with the concept and the variety of entertainment it provides.

The concert will be opened by the duo of Aaron Ashton and Jake Workman. Aaron bridges the worlds of violin and fiddle with rare fluency, having mastered both traditions with unmistakable authenticity. Aaron has built a distinguished career on the expressive power of his playing. Despite his extensive resume, he continues to fly comfortably under the radar as a resident of northern Utah.

Joining Ashton is Jake Workman, a world class (we're talking top 10 here) guitar player in every sense of the word, in any genre' you choose. His tone timing and interpretations are off the charts. Jake has been featured on the cover of *Flatpicking Guitar Magazine*, and was awarded the prestigious *IBMA Bluegrass Guitar Player of the Year*. Jake also served as lead guitar player for Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder. The confluence of these two Utah based, world class musicians is a rare gift for any audience on any stage on any planet.

Next up will be Kenny and Amanda Smith, a duo in every sense. For over two decades, Kenny & Amanda Smith have brought fresh, heartfelt music to audiences around the world. Known for their sincere harmony vocals, impeccable musicianship, and unmistakable chemistry, they have become one of the most beloved husband-and-wife teams in acoustic music. Their blend of Amanda's passionate, soulful singing and Kenny's inventive, influential guitar work has captivated listeners and critics alike.

Come and check out what the fuss is all about. The *Night of Double Duets* happens on Thursday, November 19th at 7:30PM on the dot. Tickets are available anytime at the Heritage Center Theater Box Office, or by going to CedarCityMusicArts.org.

Contested Time

by Sara Penny
CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

Making time for the arts is deliberate. A few minutes of reading, a few minutes of making art, or a few minutes of singing can help the overall tone of the day. We have competing claims on our time and setting up some art time seems like a luxury, but the research continues to affirm that art activities improve our health.

We were pleased to see so many young people make time for art and photography for the recent exhibit at the Cedar Livestock and Heritage Festival. Twelve of the entries will be on display at the Cedar City Library. To see all of the entries and the exhibit visit our blog at https://cedarcityartscouncil.blogspot.com/2026/10/2026-cedar-livestock-heritage-center.html.

In addition to the paintings and drawings, the exhibit featured decorated guitars by Paislee Rose Mumms and a lovely stained glass necklace by Avonlea Beach. The stories behind the art added a lot to the event. Adelaide Call celebrated tulips. She said, "I am fascinated with flowers and I always have been. I can remember since I was little being captivated by them. My mom told me as I got older that when we planted flowers, it reminded her of when she was a little girl and planted flowers with my grandmother. I love this piece because it reminds me of where I came from and the people I love."

Liliana Rose Cortad created a fanciful rabbit with acrylic and gold leaf. She said, "On my farm, we have wild rabbits that run freely. I find them fascinating. To me, rabbits serve as a reminder that nature is a double edged sword. To me rabbits mean home."

Grandparents inspired several of the students. "My artwork was inspired by my late grandpa. When I was younger he always encouraged me to follow my dreams! I always wanted to own and ride horses, ever since I was little. He inspired me to take horse back riding lessons for many years. Once he passed away, I lost interest in horses all together. But I realized that he would want me to keep doing what I love. This represents Cedar City Livestock by showing Utah's beautiful animals that roam over its beautiful lands," said Lisa Welch. "My artwork was inspired by my grandma and her animals, especially horses. She grew up on a farm and had a special horse named Cinnamon. My grandma showed me how important it is to care for animals and nature. I remember going up to my grandma's house where she grew up and feeding the horses with my grandma," said Kammee Reiser.

Loralee Seely said, "I am a daughter of the Utah Pioneers. This picture represents the sisterly bond that gave strength and courage through an extremely difficult time in their lives. Their love was a safe spot that carried them to their dream of a better life."

Louie Kamstra, age 5, was very direct. He said "I like stopping to look at the cows. Cows are good. Cattle guards are fun."

A little joy goes a long way and art can help us find that childlike wonder. We hope you can take time for a little art this week.



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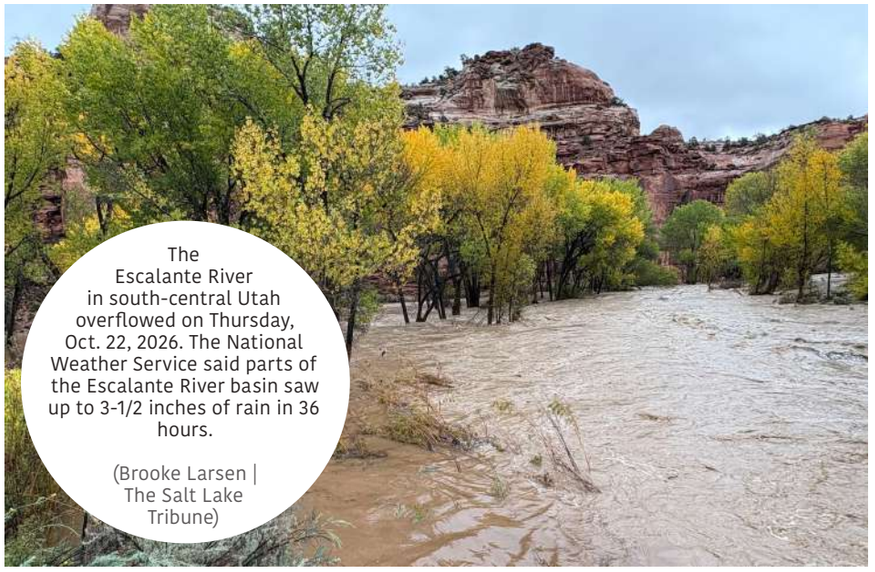
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Will Super El Niño bring the West much-needed snow? For Utah, the answer is complicated.

A super-charged weather system will likely bring lots of rain to the Southwest, but skiers in Utah and Colorado don't have much certainty.

by Leia Larsen
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

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The Escalante River in south-central Utah overflowed on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026. The National Weather Service said parts of the Escalante River basin saw up to 3-1/2 inches of rain in 36 hours.

(Brooke Larsen | The Salt Lake Tribune)

A monster is growing in the Pacific — not the kraken, but something far scarier.

El Niño is a natural phenomenon in which a band of warm water forms every three to five years off the coast of South America. It raises ocean water temperatures by just a few extra degrees for nine to 12 months, sure enough, but ends up injecting an extraordinary amount of energy into the sky. It's already the strongest El Niño on record, and it might not even peak for another couple of months.

"Those are actually really big changes for the ocean," Art Miller, a climate scientist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, told Grist in September. "The ocean has a lot of heat content — 1,000 times more ability to hold heat than the atmosphere — so slight changes in the ocean surface temperatures can actually do a lot for the atmosphere."

While scientists are still trying to figure out how climate change might be influencing El Niño, some research suggests that rising temperatures have led to stronger El Niño events. At the very least, we can use this event's temporarily warming to imagine what the climate will look like by default in two decades, as planetary temperatures continue to rise.

The atmospheric changes are so complex, in fact, that different parts of the United States will endure vastly different impacts from El Niño. California, for example, typically sees increased rainfall and flooding. The Midwest might be relatively better off with a milder, drier winter, whereas the Southwest is already seeing extreme flooding. There's also a lot of uncertainty here: Models can predict general changes across regions, but no one can tell you what the weather will be in a given spot a month from now.

What the forecast says for Utah and the Southwest

States in the Mountain West are carefully monitoring the El Niño forecast, especially after enduring a dismal winter and unprecedented heat waves over the last year.

"We are optimistic that from a drought point of view, from a water resources point of view, benefits will be had," said Jon Meyer, assistant state climatologist at the Utah Climate Center.

Ski resorts in Utah and Colorado took a pummeling as they struggled to keep slopes open last winter and spring.

"Areas in the high country where we expected to ski were in 60s, if not 70s," said Peter Goble, assistant state climatologist at the Colorado Climate Center. "Our snowpack, one of the worst on record, very quickly disappeared in the second half of March, which is highly unusual."

But the brutal winter didn't just disrupt skiers and snowboarders. Snowfall also serves as an important component of the region's water supplies — reservoirs and pipelines are designed to capture snowmelt in the spring and deliver it to cities, farms and businesses during the hot summer months. In 2026, that largely didn't happen.

Much of Utah saw normal levels of precipitation during the season, Meyer noted, but it came as rain instead of snow.

"It fell in a very different form than we're used to," he said. "That presented a very different hydrological scenario."

The region is in dire need of snowpack in the months ahead. Utah's Great Salt Lake hovers just a few inches above eclipsing the record-low elevation it set in 2022, and its vast exposed lakebed is drying into a dust source impacting the health of roughly 2.5 million residents living in cities near its shore.

Meanwhile, Lake Mead and Lake Powell, the nation's largest reservoirs, saw a fraction of their normal inflows from the Colorado River and set their own record lows over the fall. Around 40 million people in the West depend on water supplies delivered by the Colorado River system.

El Niño often delivers rain and snow to the Southwest and could bring a glimmer of hope to a region suffering historic drought. Meyer expects that weather pattern to bring "favorable storm activity" to the desert Southwest in California, Arizona and New Mexico, bleeding into Nevada, and parts of southern Utah and southern Colorado.

But northern Utah, which is home to most of the state's population, "is right in the bulls-eye of being very unpredictable," Meyer said. "When we look back at Utah's top winters, we've never had a great winter when the Pacific is in the current conditions we have right now."

Colorado's outlook is also mixed under El Niño conditions. Those years tend to bring more precipitation in the shoulder seasons — spring and fall. But it also typically creates drier

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

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

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

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

Nicotine Anon (12-Step)
Fri 5 pm • KKCB 203 Cobble Creek Dr. Ste. 201 (North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

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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.

schools

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS NUGGETS

by Colby Leavitt; Shauna Lund

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

South Elementary

Students from South and all of ICSD were invited to cheer on the SUU Thunderbirds against Ottawa University. They had a great time making posters, distracting the opposing team at the free throw line and cheering the SUU to victory. We have been exploring the wonders of space and learning about astronomy. Many students went above and beyond by presenting astronomy projects to showcase what they learned and researched about our universe. Fourth grade classrooms were filled with creativity as students transformed pumpkins into characters from their favorite books! Students enjoyed the opportunity to hear from and meet author Brandon Mull. What a special experience for our young readers!

Parowan High School

This week's Faculty of the Week is none other than Mr. Rick Little! Rick has worked for Iron County School District for an incredible 36 years, with 27 of those years right here at PHS!

Throughout those years, Rick has gone above and beyond for our school, always making sure PHS looks top-notch! His hard work, dedication, and willingness to do whatever needs to be done never goes unnoticed! And let's be real... they don't come any nicer than Rick! He's just an all-around great guy, and we are so lucky to have him as part of our Ram family!

Canyon View Middle School

CVMS is excited to celebrate our top mile times for the first and second quarter. These seventh and eighth grade students worked hard to beat their previous times and run the mile as fast as possible. We are proud of our athletes!

Three Peaks Elementary

Three Peaks Elementary is getting back into the swing of things after an eventful week filled with lots of fun, plenty of sugar, and a little Halloween excitement! Our fifth graders also enjoyed a visit from USU Extension. Between all the treats and the time change, everyone is adjusting to getting back into their normal routines. We hope everyone had a fun week and is ready for another great week of learning at Three Peaks!

Enoch Elementary

A little rain couldn't dampen the Halloween spirit at Enoch Elementary. Our annual Halloween costume parade moved indoors due to rainy weather, and we were thrilled with the outstanding support from our families who came to celebrate with us. Students enjoyed showing off their creative costumes, experiencing our spooktacular cafeteria, and sharing in the excitement of the holiday. It was a fun-filled day of costumes, smiles, and school spirit. Thank you to our wonderful families and staff for making Halloween such a memorable celebration for our Enoch Tigers. Our talented fifth graders also recently helped present our school life skills skit, doing an outstanding job sharing important lessons with fellow students.

NEWS FROM THE NEST

by Madison Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

It's a great week to be a falcon! We are approaching midterm for quarter two already. This week we recognize this year's Sterling Scholars. Chandler Crawford for Music, Joseph Pack in Computer Science, Lillie Despain for Mathematics, Charity Herring for Skilled and Technical Education, Ellie Barrick for dance, Mckinley Bagley in Social Science, Cole Pace for English, Eliza Rice in Visual Arts, Brooklyn Baker in Family Consumer Science, Melatalini Matakaiongo for Business and Marketing, Ellie Bulloch in FFA, and Violet Yorgason is the general Sterling Scholar. These students are very talented at what they do. They have some incredible accomplishments under their belts.

This month is Native American Heritage month as well. Make sure to take time to honor the histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Native American communities. At Canyon View there are posters representing each tribe throughout the school that explain a little bit about that specific tribe and their cultures. We will be learning new facts about the tribes over morning announcements too.

Wrestling season is about to begin with tryouts happening later this month. The girls wrestling is coming off of a state championship season and is ready to show up for another! The boys wrestling team also had a very impressive season last year and is ready to get going again this year.

A fun event coming up for Canyon View is the Macho Man volleyball tournament. Boys and teachers at CV sign up in teams to play in a volleyball tournament. It is always one of the most fun events, so be sure to sign up if you are a student!

The Hadestown play is in full swing right now, it is an amazing show and definitely worth the watch! Make sure to support the Canyon View community this month, and Go Falcons!

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announcement



Seth Sonerholm and Emma Rigby were married in the Saint George Temple on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Parents of the bride are Travis and Amyanne Rigby. Parents of the groom are Amie and Chris and the late Nell Sonerholm. The couple plans to make their home in Cedar City while they attend Southern Utah University.

calendar

TUES, NOV 10

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

JAZZCAST LIVE PERFORMANCE FEATURING TREVOR DAVIS (7PM) at Off The Cuff (913 S. Main Street, Cedar City) Enjoy Trevor Davis on tenor saxophone and clarinet as he brings us a lively mix of swinging jazz, Latin rhythms, and the irresistible sounds of New Orleans! Live jazz in an intimate studio-audience atmosphere. FREE DESSERTS! FREE ADMISSION!

WED, NOV 11

Veterans Day

CEDAR CITY'S 175TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (5PM) At the Heritage Center, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City Join Cedar City for a free celebration of its 175th birthday! Festivities begin at 5 p.m. with family games, bingo, a cake walk and prizes. At 7 p.m., enjoy a special program featuring music, stories and pictures highlighting 175 years of Cedar City history and traditions. The evening will conclude with birthday cake for everyone.

FRI, NOV 13

8TH ANNUAL WINTER WOUNDERLAND BAZAAR (10AM - 5PM) At the true life center & 21 Eleven Coffee Shop 2111 North Main Street Cedar. Join us for a walk down Candy Cane Land, enter a raffle for homemade gifts, purchase a holiday drink, meeting Santa from 1-3pm. There is something for everyone!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UTAH: STATE FLAG FOOTBALL SOUTH (9AM) UCS State Flag Football - South for Special Olympic Athletes from 9:00 a.m. to approx. 3:00 p.m. 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.

FH: IRON MISSION DAYS (10AM – 4PM) Frontier Homestead: Iron Mission Days & Old Town Market is held Friday and Saturday at the Frontier Homestead State Park (635 N Main St, Cedar City). The cost is $1 per person. Celebrate these special community days with living history, demonstrations, and activities. Friday will include demonstrations, craft vendors, and self-guided pioneer activities. For information, call (435) 586-9290.

SAT, NOV 14

STORY BOOK PARADE (10AM) Storybook Cavalcade Children's Parade at 300 W University Blvd, then east to Cedar City Main St and north along Main Street to 400 N. Admission is FREE, and everyone is invited to enjoy the Storybook Parade where children's books come to life with floats, music, and costumed characters.

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TUES, NOV 17

DANCING WITH THE COMMUNITY STARS (7PM) at the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Tickets are $15 each, available at State Bank, ERA Realty Center, Community Star, or online. All benefits go to the Iron County Children's Justice Center. This event will feature the "community stars" of Iron County paired with an experienced partner.

WED, NOV 18

GENTRI CHRISTMAS CONCERT (7:30PM) at the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). This enchanting evening promises to fill your heart with joy and warmth. Gather your friends and family, and make your plans to experience Gentri Christmas - Cedar City. Book your tickets NOW and get ready for a holiday experience like no other!

RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL THE ANNUAL RED Rock Film Festival is held from Wednesday to Saturday at Cedar Fun Center (170 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd, Cedar City). Passes are available at redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org/passes/buy.

THURS, NOV 19

THE SCIENCE OF SOURDOUGH (6–7:30PM) All Iron County teens are welcome to come learn about the science of sourdough with guest speaker James Theline, owner of MegaLoaf. The event will be at SUMA, 13 S 300 W Cedar City, UT 84720.

CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS: NIGHT OF DOUBLE DUETS Jake Workman and Arron Ashton (Act 1) & Kenny and Amanda Smith (Act 2) performance is held from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City). Tickets are $30 for adults and $15 for students. Tickets are available at www.cedarcityut.gov.

Want your event on our calendar?

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

Friends of the Children's Justice Center to Host Annual Dancing with the Community Stars

from Cassie Meredith
FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Friends of the Iron County Children's Justice Center will host its annual Dancing with the Community Stars on Tuesday, November 17, bringing the community together for an evening of entertainment and fundraising in support of children and families impacted by abuse.

This annual event features local community members performing alongside dance partners for an evening of entertainment and friendly competition. Proceeds support the Iron County Children's Justice Center and the services it provides to local children and families.

The Iron County Children's Justice Center provides a safe, child-friendly environment for children who have experienced abuse. Through collaboration among law enforcement, child protection, medical professionals, and victim advocates, the Center coordinates interviews, medical services, and other resources while minimizing additional trauma for children and their families.

The Friends of the Iron County Children's Justice Center is a volunteer-led nonprofit that supports the Center through fundraising and community involvement. Events like Dancing with the Community Stars help raise awareness and provide resources to support the Center's mission of protecting, supporting and advocating for children in Iron County.

The Friends of the Iron County Children's Justice Center appreciate the continued support of our local media in helping share important community events. Media outlets are encouraged to share event information with their audiences to help promote community awareness and attendance. We would also welcome and greatly appreciate media coverage of the event. Members of the media are warmly invited to attend and help highlight the community's support for the Iron County Children's Justice Center and the important services it provides to local children and families.

EVENT DETAILS

Event: Dancing with the Community Stars
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Location: Heritage Center Theater
Address: 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City, UT 84720
Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.
Show Begins: 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: $15 per person

Small Towns Need Community Newspapers - Be a Part of Ours!

by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

At Iron County Today, we take pride in being a newspaper dedicated to serving our community. Our mission is to keep residents informed, connected, and engaged in the place we all share.

Reading a newspaper is a wonderful way to expand our knowledge and broaden our perspectives. Newspapers educate, inform, and encourage thoughtful conversations. They reflect the voices and opinions of the community while helping readers better understand the world around them.

Supporting Local Businesses Through Advertising

Unlike advertisements that can easily be skipped or overlooked online, print advertising offers a tangible experience. Readers take time to browse the pages, discover local businesses, and engage with the information presented.

Print advertising can also be a cost-effective way to reach a targeted audience. When considering readership, visibility, and community engagement, newspaper advertising continues to offer meaningful value.

Research cited within the print advertising industry suggests that 88% of people take time to look through print advertisements they receive, while 73% of consumers prefer receiving information in print. Print advertising has also been associated with a 112% return on investment.

These figures highlight the continued potential of print advertising, even in today's increasingly digital world.

For small businesses, advertising locally does more than promote products and services. It supports local jobs, strengthens relationships, and helps keep community newspapers in business.

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For $15 a month, you can become an ICT Insider and play an important role in supporting your local newspaper.

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- Community recogni tion: Have your name featured in our monthly Insider Club Corner as a valued supporter.

Your membership helps us continue sharing the stories, celebrating the people, and highlighting the businesses that make Iron County such a special place to live.

Community newspapers have been around for more than 400 years, documenting history, sharing stories, and connecting generations. But their future depends on the communities they serve.

Small towns need community newspapers, and community newspapers need you.

Thank you for reading, advertising, and supporting Iron County Today. Together, we can ensure that our community's stories continue to be told for generations to come.







SUPER EL NIÑO

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conditions for the northern Rockies, Goble said.

"The strong El Niño, as interesting a story as it's been," he said, "doesn't guarantee us anything."

The early-autumn run-up to the Super El Niño has already drenched the desert, sending torrents through Las Vegas city streets and remote arroyos in western New Mexico. Arizona now faces tornadoes, flash flooding and other extreme weather, according to AccuWeather meteorologists.

Widespread flooding in southern Utah has already damaged nearly 100 homes.

More moisture would boost desiccated reservoirs and reduce sleepless nights for farmers. Lake Powell rose about 7 feet in October due to heavy rain. Experts, however, are already repeating an all-too-familiar warning: one good year won't solve the region's water woes.

It was only a few years ago, in 2023, that Western states like Utah saw their biggest snow years on record. Today, that moisture is gone, and both the Rio Grande and Colorado River basins look more stressed than ever. Climatologists say those extreme oscillations are likely to become more common as the region cooks under climate change.

"The global temperature time series actually kind of looks a little bit like a stair-step pattern," Goble said. Heat spikes during El Niño events, then drops back down when La Niña rolls in.

But in recent years, "it doesn't really come down again the way you would expect it to," he said.

The trend of mountain snowpacks melting out earlier and earlier is another trend scientists have observed over decades. This year saw the most egregious example of drought, which also brought extreme fire conditions to the West. But abnormally wet years bring their own headaches, as communities grapple with flooding.

"Water resource management is facing increased risk," Meyer said. "The whiplash we might get from extreme wet to extreme dry is something that's been predicted."

Read more about how climatologists and forecasters expect super El Niño will impact the rest of the country, from Alaska to the Midwest to Hawaii, at Grist.org.

ZIONS BANK

HELPS ENTREPRENEURS LEAD NATION IN SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH AS TOP SBA 7(A) LENDER IN UTAH IN 2026

from Julianne Gee

ZIONS BANK

Despite the headwinds of inflation, tariffs and labor shortages, entrepreneurs in Utah are leading the nation in small business growth with support from Zions Bank.

According to WalletHub, Utah was ranked number two for small business growth in 2026, supported by access to U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loans that help entrepreneurs start and scale their enterprises.

According to data from the SBA, Zions Bank ranked No. 1 in SBA 7(a) loan approvals in the Utah District for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2026. The bank approved 226 loans totaling more than $48 million in Utah, underscoring its commitment to fueling small business growth across the Intermountain West.

Zions Bank also ranked first in Utah for total loan volume by dollar amount.

"Small businesses are the economic growth engine of our local communities," said Zions Bank President and CEO Nate Callister. "Almost half of all small businesses we support are entrepreneurs starting a business, and we're proud of the role we play in helping bring their ideas to fruition."

For the 30th time in 33 years, Zions Bank led the Utah District in SBA 7(a) lending with an average loan size of $213,072, demonstrating the bank's support for mom-and-pop shops, solo entrepreneurs and early-stage ventures critical to both states' economies.

In 2026, Zions Bank-supported businesses created 646 new jobs and retained 1,249 positions in Utah, according to SBA data. The bank's approved loans accounted for 21% of 7(a) loans in Utah this fiscal year.

Zions Bank continues to champion inclusive entrepreneurship, with 39% of SBA 7(a) loans in Utah awarded to businesses owned by women, veterans and people of color.

About the SBA 7(a) Loan Program

The 7(a) loan program is the SBA's primary program for providing financial assistance to small businesses and offers guarantees on loans of up to $5 million on reasonable terms and conditions. These loans are commonly used for acquiring land, purchasing equipment or working capital. Credit approval and SBA approval required; terms and conditions apply.

obituaries

Isaac Williams



Isaac R. Williams, age 46, passed away outside Midland, TX on October 13, 2026. He was born in the spring of 1980 in Cedar City, UT to Mark and Carolyn Williams. He was a stubborn, independent soul who lived life on his terms. He had the spirit of a wanderer, and an enormous heart full of love and loyalty for his friends.

Isaac enjoyed the outdoors. He spent countless hours fishing and camping with his family as a child.

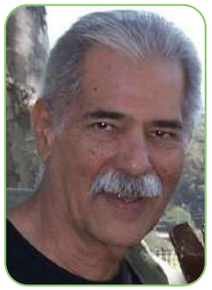
Isaac spent many years as a mechanic before he started driving big trucks. Trucking offered him the freedom and ability to wander that he loved.

Isaac is preceded in death by his beloved mother Carolyn, his biological father Mark, as well as his grandmother Edith Haynie. He is survived by his Stepdad Mike Strong, Sister Jennifer (Gary) Barnett, and Brother Caleb (Lynae) Williams. He also had a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Services are pending at this time.

"Not all those who wander are lost." J.R.R. Tolkien

Robert Lane



Robert Jon Lane of Cedar City passed away on January 4, 2026 in the St. George Hospital. He was born on January 20, 1943 to Robert and Josephine Lane in San Francisco, California. He had one brother, Joel.

He began his growing years in California but his family relocated to Minnesota when he was in elementary school to experience the family's Chippawa culture. Their family ended up back in California and that's where he graduated from Arcadia High School.

After graduation, Robert acquired a job with Southern California Gas Company. This is where he stayed for all his working career. He started as a crew assistant and retired as a Field Operation Supervisor.

One of Robert's interests was working on cars and as he grew older, his car collection also grew. His love for cars became a lifelong adventure. His other hobbies included: martial arts and playing in the sand dunes in Pismo Beach. He got his pilot's license and participated in the San Bernardino Rifle Club in which he was awarded marksmanship trophies. He also volunteered as a Jr. High Football coach.

From a previous marriage he had two children, Tami and Sherri. In 1990 he met Arlene Mendoza and they were married in 1996. In 2006, after Arlene retired, they moved to Cedar City, Utah where for the past twenty years, have enjoyed time together on golf courses, off roading in their side-by-side and taking trips in their RV.

Robert will be missed immensely. He was known for his sweet hugs, his kindness and thoughtfulness. He was very considerate, a true gentleman.

He is survived by his caring wife Arlene, her son Alfred and his two daughters, Tami and Sheri.
A special thanks to; Anna Garcia, Loraine Nelms, Jeff and Mary Plumb, Holly Underwood, Dr. Newman, the CWC Group, the Catholic Thrift store, our Crest View Neighbors and all our dear friends who have helped in these past months.

We invite all who knew Robert to share memories and pictures on his memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com.

A memorial service will be held for Robert on Monday, November 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church. All those who knew Robert and Arlene are invited to attend his service.

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Former Thunderbird Jared Barnes Elected PGA of America Secretary

from Jason Marsteller

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

CEDAR CITY, Utah – Former Southern Utah University golfer and Cedar City native Jared Barnes has been elected secretary of the PGA of America, adding a new chapter to his service in golf leadership.

Barnes was elected last week at the PGA of America's 110th Annual Meeting at Red Rock Casino Resort and Spa in Las Vegas, placing the Thunderbird alumnus among the association's national officers. The position begins a six-year path in national leadership: two years as secretary, followed by two years as vice president and two years as president of the association.

Barnes will serve in the national role in addition to his position as head golf professional at Cedar Ridge Golf Course, where he will remain.

"I'm looking forward to serving the more than 30,000 members of the PGA of America during the next six years," Barnes said. "I'm proud to represent Cedar Ridge Golf Course, Cedar City and Southern Utah University on the national stage, and I'm grateful to Cedar City for allowing me the opportunity to serve."

"We're incredibly proud of Jared and what he continues to accomplish," said Southern Utah Director of Golf Richard Church. "To see a former Thunderbird earn the trust of his peers to serve as secretary of the PGA of America is special for our program and the Cedar City community. His commitment to serving others and growing the game sets a tremendous example for our student-athletes."

"SUU women's golf sends a huge congratulations to Jared. No one is more deserving," said Southern Utah head women's golf coach Caylyn McKinlay. "Jared has been an incredible supporter of our team and has done so much for our program. His passion for the game, his willingness to help and the support he shows our players never go unnoticed. We are truly lucky to have him in our corner."

Thunderbird Roots

Barnes competed for Southern Utah's men's golf team for four years and earned his bachelor's degree in accounting in 1996.

"I grew up here, and I'm proud to be a native of Cedar City," Barnes said. "I played golf at SUU and earned my accounting degree there, and Coach John Evans has been my pro and mentor for more than 40 years. The last 12 years being back in this community and working with the golf team to help it succeed have been great. SUU has been a big part of my life, and I owe a lot to it."

Family has been at the center of that journey. Barnes and his wife, Julie, have four children: Clara, Lily, Luke and Anna. Luke, a senior from Cedar High School, is following in his father's footsteps as a member of the Thunderbirds men's golf team.

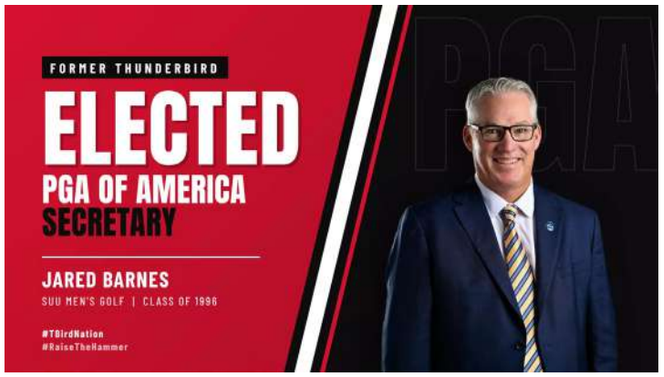
Evans, who coached Barnes in high school and college, saw his potential early.

"I've known Jared for 42 years. I could tell when I first met him that he had something special. He was a 14-year-old kid talking to a 45-year-old guy, and I hired him on the spot to work on the range," said former Southern Utah head golf coach John Evans. "I coached him in high school and college. When he played for me, he was a good player, a people person and a leader.

"He's a Cedar City kid and has been a leader for many, many years. He's a family man, and he's been a super golf official and professional for us."

Building Toward National Leadership

Barnes' path to national office included his selection as the PGA's District 9 director, representing the Colorado, Rocky Mountain and Utah sections. The



Utah Section announced his selection in September 2019, and he joined the national board in October 2020 for a three-year term. Southern Utah Athletics highlighted the achievement in a November 2020 announcement.

Before joining the national board, Barnes served as a Utah Section officer from 2007 through 2014. His professional career included becoming head golf professional at Cedar Ridge Golf Course in 2013, following positions at Willow Creek Country Club, the Ranches Golf Club and Glen Eagle Golf Course.

His national involvement also extended to committee work. During his earlier campaign for secretary, Barnes described his service on the PGA's Budget Committee and his involvement in discussions with the United States Golf Association concerning amateur-status rules.

A Career of Service

Barnes' work has earned multiple Utah Section honors, including Golf Professional of the Year in 2010, the Bill Strausbaugh Award in 2007 and 2012, and the Player Development Award in 2016.

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Even in the daytime, Utes find a way



If you are a regular reader in this space, you may have spotted in last week's column how the TV executives came up with scheduling the 104th edition of the Holy War between Utah and BYU at 10 a.m. on Nov. 7. Tickets were tough to come by at Rice-Eccles Stadium, but it was easier if you chose to show up at your neighborhood watering hole/hangout/sports bar like I did.

My curiosity got the better of me, so I had breakfast, showered, got dressed in my Utah shirt – my wife received her Master's degree from the U, so I had my convenient out against any Cougars fan – and headed out to the Buffalo Wild Wings as the doors opened at 9:30 a.m., 30 minutes before kickoff.

After a brief hassle I couldn't explain if I tried, I settled in, ordered some boneless wings as one does, and took in the game safely. The Utes made things look easy at the start, marching 75 yards in just three plays, then struck again on its next possession thanks to quarterback Devin Dampier. He ran for a 22-yard TD and followed up with a 46-yard scoring pass to Brandon Pegan that made it 14-0.

We hadn't played five minutes of the first quarter, so I paused and looked around. Still only a small number of people inside the restaurant as the Utes enjoyed the lead.

The TV people pointed out through most of the broadcast that BYU had won the last three games in the rivalry and 21 of the last 25 meetings have been decided by seven points or less. As time ticked towards halftime, the Cougars found their rhythm and scored the next 20 points – two field goals and two touchdowns – to rally and take a 20-14 lead at the intermission.

By then, the multitudes – some in BYU gear, some supporting the Utes – showed up and the noise level picked up with each successful play produced by both teams. When Pegan caught his second touchdown pass from Dampier on a 14-yard connection, Utah reclaimed the lead at 21-20 and didn't let it go.

BYU was undone by four interceptions from sophomore quarterback Bear Bachmeier (still love the name), and the Utes ended up sealing the victory when Dampier scored on a 3-yard run with 12:03 to play in the game.

Final: Utah improves to 9-0 and beats the Cougars, 28-20. The final nail in the BYU coffin came when Bachmeier's last-ditch heave from the Utes' 41-yard line was picked off in the end zone by Nate Richie with 2 seconds left.

Utah has won 15 in a row, the longest streak in FBS, and Morgan Scalley hasn't lost as a rookie head coach. We're nine games in to 2026, and he has the Utes in the conversation for the College Football Playoff.

As for BYU, they fell to 7-2 and likely took a hit when the newest rankings came out Tuesday. They were No. 7 coming into the Holy War matchup.

If you watched this game from the start, whether at home or with fellow fans who didn't want to spend money on travel and game tickets, you received a treat worthy of the status this rivalry has generated through its history.

Attending next year's game is optional, mainly because the view can be better from home.

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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. True or False: While the NHL did not play games on Election Night Nov. 3, the NBA had a full slate of games scheduled.
2. Also from the NHL, what Central Division team ended its nine-game losing streak in stunning fashion, scoring four goals in the final two minutes of regulation and adding the game-winner in overtime for a 5-4 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Nov. 3?
3. The first rankings for the 12-team College Football playoff were released last week. Utah was placed at No. 3, but where did BYU end up?
4. Who is still the NFL's only winless team through games played Nov. 1?
5. What Arizona Cardinals tight end leads the NFL with 66 receptions through last week's games?
6. In a strange twist of football history that last happened 52 years ago,, what unique feat did Tampa Bay quarterback Baker Mayfield pull off in the Bucs' 16-0 shutout over the Atlanta Falcons on Nov. 1?
7. Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow has thrown for 525 yards in a 2021 game, but he added a 462-yard effort in a 43-36 overtime win against what AFC South opponent last week?
8. In a bit of a surprise, the Denver Broncos rallied from a 24-13 second-half deficit to beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 28-24, and move into first place in the AFC West. What career wins milestone did Denver head coach Sean Payton reach with the victory?
9. What Los Angeles Laker leads the NBA with 41 made 3-pointers through games of Nov. 2?
10. In a move that proved to be no surprise, the LIV Golf tour announced Nov.. 5 it will shut down operations, effective immediately. How many seasons did the tour that featured 54-hole tournaments and shotgun starts last?
11. Jason Kanzler was hired last week as the new manager of the Seattle Mariners. Who did Kanzler replace in the dugout after three seasons?
12. The NFL trade deadline happened Nov. 10. What defensive lineman was the big player that changed teams from the Tennessee Titans to the Chicago Bears?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. New Orleans Pelicans.
2. San Francisco Giants.
3. Ovechkin has scored a single goal and has 930 goals in his career.
4. True. Dybantsa scored 19 points in 27 minutes as the Wizards lost to the Cleveland Cavaliers, 121-111.
5. The kickoff between Utah and BYU from Rice-Eccles Stadium happens Saturday at 10 a.m.
6. The Trailblazers beat Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, 43-26.
7. Kansas City lost to the Seahawks, 20-3.
8. New England Patriots quarterback Drake Maye.
9. The Cardinals have lost 10 straight home games, last winning at State Farm Stadium on Sept. 14, 2025.
10. Luke Bryan.
11. Ernie Johnson,.
12. New Jersey Devils.



PREP SCOREBOARD - FALL STANDINGS

SCORES

Football

3A South

11/7 3A playoffs, semifinals
At Zions Bank Stadium, Herriman
Morgan 37, Richfield 9
Logan 53, Juab 45

11/14 3A playoffs, championship
At Eccles Coliseum
Morgan vs. Logan

1A South

11/6 1A playoffs, semifinals
At Zions Bank Stadium, Herriman
Beaver 17, Kanab 0
Duchesne 28, North Summit 12

11/14 1A playoffs, championship
At Eccles Coliseum
Beaver vs. Duchesne

STANDINGS

RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

Football

3A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Juab (2)	6-0	9-3
Richfield (5)	5-1	10-3
Canyon View (6)	3-3	7-4
N. Sanpete (8)	3-3	6-5
Cedar (9)	3-3	6-6
Manti (11)	1-5	3-9
Carbon (12)	0-6	1-10

1A South

	REGION	OVERALL
Kanab (2)	3-0	8-4
Beaver (3)	2-1	8-4
Enterprise (6)	1-2	5-6
Parowan (9)	0-3	2-10



from Jason Marsteller
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Southern Utah tied the school scoring record, set new program marks for assists and margin of victory, and beat Bethesda 143-49 on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, at the America First Event Center.

The Thunderbirds (3-0) matched the 143 points they scored against Westminster on Feb. 17, 1970 (143-106). Their 43 assists broke the school record of 36, set against New Mexico Highlands in 1980-81 and matched against South Alabama in 1994-95. The 94-point margin broke the record of 86 from a 126-40 win against West Coast Baptist on Nov. 29, 2019.

DJ Smith's dunk off a Jalik Nicholls feed with 39 seconds left produced all three at once: the 143rd point, the 43rd assist and a 96-point lead, the largest of the night. It also gave the freshman his first career double-double, 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Anthony Breland led seven double-figure scorers with 20 points, his most as a Thunderbird. Freshman DeZhon Hall scored a career-high 17 without missing a shot, Jalik Nicholls had 13, Jaiden Feroah 12, and Rashaad Davis and Jajuan Nicholls 11 apiece. All 15 Thunderbirds scored, and none played more than 15 minutes.

SUU to host UHSAA State Football, Special Olympics Utah Flag Football

by Brooke Heath
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Southern Utah University, through its Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games department, will play host to Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) and Special Olympics Utah (SOUT) state football games the weekend of Nov. 13 -14.

SUU will host the UHSAA Small School Football (8-Player, 1A, 2A, 3A) Championship games on Saturday, Nov. 14. The institution will also host the Special Olympics Utah Southern Utah Unified Flag Football Championship tournament, presented by the Las Vegas Raiders, on Friday, Nov. 13. Both events will be played at Eccles Coliseum.

"It is an honor for our campus to continue our long-standing partnerships with both the UHSAA and Special Olympics Utah, hosting championship events in Cedar City," said Jon Oglesby, SUU Assistant Vice President, Sports and Destination Engagement. "Providing venues for rural and southern Utah to experience opportunity and success are critical pieces of our institutional mission, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to create experiences for Utah student-athletes and their communities."

The UHSAA games on Saturday, Nov. 14 will start with the 3A championship game at 10:00 a.m., followed by the 2A championship game at 1:00 PM. The 8-Player championship game will kickoff at 4 p.m. while the 1A title game will start at 7 p.m. Gates will open for spectators at Eccles Coliseum at 9 a.m.

Tickets for the UHSAA championship games are available for purchase at GoFan.co/UHSAA. For more information on the UHSAA and state tournament information, visit UHSAA.org.

High school student-athletes competing in UHSAA state championship events hosted on the SUU campus are also eligible to earn three SUU elective credits for a $30 processing fee through an initiative expanding educational access. For more details on the program guidelines and claiming credit, visit UHSAA Winter Tournaments Credit.

The Special Olympics Utah Unified Flag Football Championship, presented by the Las Vegas Raiders, on Friday, Nov. 13 will be the inaugural hosting of Unified Flag Football on the SUU campus. Games are scheduled to tentatively start at 9:30 a.m. at Eccles Coliseum, and will feature teams from throughout southern and central Utah. For more information, visit https://tournifyapp.com/live/southff/schedule.

Parking will be available for both events in designated free lots, which include Lots 2, 10, 11, 12, and 14 on the SUU campus.

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

Registration for the 2027 Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games will open on Tuesday, Dec. 1. For more information and a tentative schedule of 2027 events, visit utahsummergames.org.

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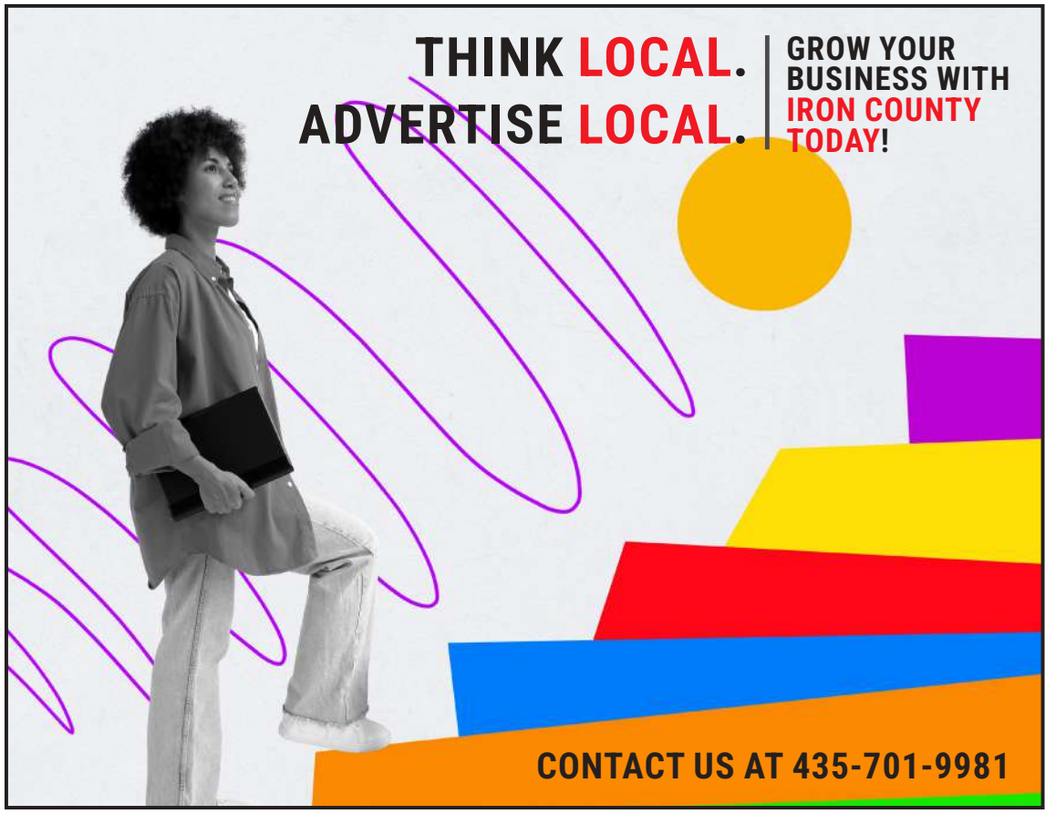
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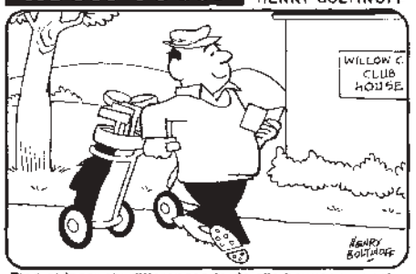
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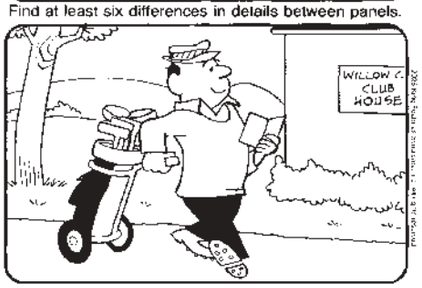
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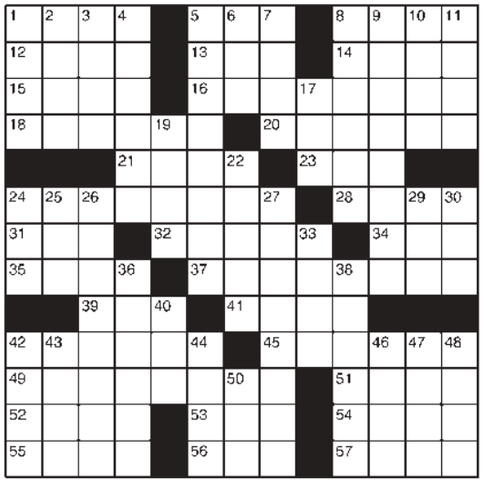
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Trivia Test Answers

1. Columbia; 2. Tanzania, Africa; 3. Queen Hippolyta; 4. Fermented tea; 5. Corleone; 6. Andy Weir; 7. 17; 8. Litchfield Penitentiary; 9. Summer footwear, usually made of canvas; 10. The Agora

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1 Eye drop
5 Gullet
8 Grime
12 Jazz singer James
13 Financial pro
14 Body sci.
15 Hearty dish
16 Abraham Lincoln's birthplace
18 Arm bones
20 Craig of "Skyfall"
21 Ms. Rowlands
23 Qt. fractions
24 George Washington's birthplace
28 Planted, as seed
31 Anger
32 Bellini opera
34 Steal from
35 Shade of blue
37 Gerald Ford's birthplace
39 Always, in verse
41 Venue
42 Subway line in an Ellington song
45 Saint of Avila
49 Harry S. Truman's birthplace
51 Farm team
52 Worry
53 Ring decision
54 Noggin
55 Disarray
56 Junior
57 Spanish for "this"

DOWN

1 TV/radio host John
2 Words to Brutus
3 "Up and —!"
4 Steak tartare ingredient
5 "Barbie" actress Kate
6 Chest-beating beast
7 Wizard's prop
8 Intimidates
9 Cutting teeth
10 Croupier's tool
11 Texter's sign-off
17 Phone bug
19 Check
22 Buenos —
24 Sportscaster Scully
25 Roth svgs. plan
26 Flip-flops
27 Aspiration
29 Stir-fry vessel
30 Cagers' gp.
33 Prado display
36 Bakery supplies
38 Bacteriologist's study
40 Brazilian city
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44 Crazy
46 Alimony recipients
47 Bicycle part
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50 Former MGM rival

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Carolina?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
3. COMICS: Who is Wonder Woman's mother?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What is kombucha?
5. MOVIES: What is the main family's name in "The Godfather" movies?
6. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the novel "The Martian"?
7. MATH: How many sides does a heptadecagon have?
8. TELEVISION: What is the name of the women's prison in "Orange is the New Black"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are espadrilles?
10. HISTORY: What was the main marketplace in ancient Greece called?

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