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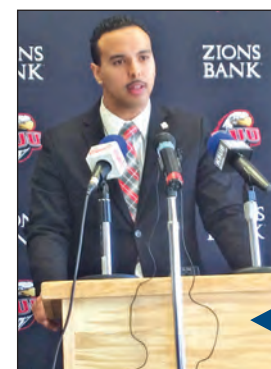
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Fan Fest draws huge crowd

THE UTAH JAZZ DUNK TEAM performs with Thor during half-time of the SUU versus Northern Arizona basketball game Jan. 9.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Southern Utah University kicked off the first of three Winter Fan Fests Jan. 9 with a packed house of alumni and community members at the Sharwan Smith Student Center Ballroom just before the SUU versus Northern Arizona basketball game.

Fan Fests support Thunderbird Athletics and are designed to bring together alumni and community members for fun, food and SUU sporting events.

Upcoming Fan Fest events will take place Jan. 15 at the Sharwan Smith Center Rotunda before the women's gymnastics team taking on the University of Utah, and Jan. 28 at the Sharwan Smith Center Ballroom before the women's basketball

team's game against Idaho State University. Fan Fests start at 5:30 p.m. and go until event time. Although Fan Fests are free, athletic events require a valid ticket or student ID and take place in the Centrum Arena.

"It's a chance for alumni and community relations to reach out to our alumni base as well as the community and invite them back onto the campus and to just have a good time with their Southern Utah University family," said Ron Cardon, SUU alumni director and organizer of the Fan Fests.

"This is a chance to kick off the New Year by coming on campus and having a good time," he added.

The Jan. 7 Fan Fest featured free food, a bounce house, face painting and other activities for kids, as well as a prize drawing for SUU athletics merchandise.

SUU's mascot, Thor, made an appearance and the SUU cheerleaders led the crowd in a few cheers before making their way to Centrum Arena for the game.

"This crowd speaks to the desire to be part of the campus, and to be part of what's going on, and that's exciting for us," Cardon said of the more than 500 people in attendance. "If you look back to the founding, (the community) did everything to make this school possible. There have been things throughout the history, even within the last year people have really stepped up to make a difference for this school. The entire university community appreciates that. This is one event to say, 'come be a part of what's going on on campus! We hope people always feel welcome.'"

For more information about SUU Fan Fests, visit www.suu.edu/alumni.

Utah state engineer discusses Groundwater Management Plan

BY ASHLEY **LANGSTON**
Reporter

IRON COUNTY – In 2012, a Groundwater Management Plan was released for the Beryl/Enterprise area that aims to reduce the amount of water being pulled from the ground each year and balance that amount with the amount of water returning to the ground.

This will be done by "regulating" water rights, or prohibiting their owners from drawing water from the ground. The plan will be implemented over the next 115 years, reducing which water rights may be used in stages, beginning with the most recently issued. Now, Cedar Valley water owners could face a similar challenge.

State Engineer Kent Jones visited Cedar City Jan. 7 for a meeting with water rights owners and interested citizens to discuss the likely institution of a Groundwater Management Plan for Cedar Valley and ask for the public's help in verifying the information he has on existing water rights.

Before Jones fielded questions, employees from the Utah Division of Water Rights presented on water policy, Groundwater Management Plans, and the current situation in the Cedar Valley.

Deputy State Engineer Boyd Clayton said before the state engineer can institute a Groundwater Management Plan there must be significant scientific research, more public meetings, and the ability for the public to comment in writing. He said a plan for the Cedar Valley has not been decided yet.

However, because of the way the state law is written, water rights are "first in time, first in right," meaning if a GMP is instituted, water rights issued more recently may have to be cut back. He said if that happens, the owners don't actually lose their right, but are unable to draw water from the aquifer unless at some future time enough water is available to make those rights useable.

"This isn't a time to panic," he



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Firefighters are needed in Cedar City

BY CODY SMITH
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – City officials have released a call for Cedar City residents to apply for the chance to become a volunteer firefighter. CCFD fire engineer Travis Fails said the city is looking for men and women who live within the city limits. To be considered, applicants must submit completed applications to Fire Station #1 291 N. 800 West, Cedar City, by Feb. 5. A printable copy of the application can be found at www.cedarcity.org or the CCFD's Facebook page.

Fails said training volunteers can take

several months and each will receive extensive and valuable experience and certification. After applying, applicants can expect to be contacted by

evening. "Fire One and Fire Two certifications take the most time, but the Wildland and Hazmat Certifications are rela-

dedication with more than gratitude. "All of our volunteers are paid on call," Fails said. "We actually have volunteers come in for

24-hour shifts quite often, so they get paid for those 24-hour shifts." Volunteerism, especially at a fire department, requires some personal

their jobs," Fails said. "They have to take care of their families and insure for their livelihoods, of course, but were willing to help them with that."

Fails said there is no cost for the volunteers, but the training process is expensive.

"We're looking for people who have family based here that they plan on a long-term commitment to Cedar City," Fails said. "But, it's relatively expensive to train somebody and get all the gear."

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a member of the CCFD by the end of February. "There is a lot of time and commitment to it, but it's a good experience," Fails said. Volunteers will train two to three days a week for roughly four hours a day, and the training typically takes place in the

tively quick," Fails said. "After we get them through Wildland, we can start getting them on trucks, which should be pretty quick." Fails said the CCFD only hires from their volunteer roster, so when a paid position becomes available, only those

sacrifices, but Fails said CCPD officials are willing and experienced with working with volunteers lives. "We try to cater to

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PAUL COZZENS takes his oath of office at the Jan. 6 Cedar City Council meeting.

City council begins new year with new members, new goals

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The Cedar City Council had its first meeting of the year Jan. 6 and the first meeting with its two newest members, Terri Hartley and Craig Isom. Also present was re-elected councilmember Paul Cozzens, who was sworn in during the meeting.

“I’ve really enjoyed my service on the council for the last four years,” Cozzens said. “We have an unbelievable community here in Cedar City that

asked that the public help keep a more watchful eye out for suspicious behavior when they are driving past that area and to notify the police of any concerns.

Another topic discussed was notably the most debated agenda item of the evening and perhaps future meetings. The Leavitt Land Investment is currently building a student housing project for SUU students on 300 West. The single occupancy units are designed to house 140 students. However, parking concerns are stirring up debates.

for the developer, but will also help pave the way for the integrity and viability of future developments around campus and the city.

Cases of emergency, such as a fire, where firetrucks cannot get close enough to the building due to crammed parking lots, could compound problems. The situation could make it more difficult to put out fires and prevent rescue workers from getting close enough to the multi-storied facility.

During the budget review portion of the meeting, it was announced that

“We have an unbelievable community here in Cedar City that can’t be matched.”

–Paul Cozzens

can’t be matched.”

“We have a spirit of volunteerism here and I look forward to learning from their perspectives, traits and strengths that they bring to this council,” he added.

He ended his remarks by thanking those who voted for him.

“I appreciate your confidence and this opportunity to serve,” he said.

Among the opening discussions, it was brought to the attention of the council that there has been an increase in vandalism at the cemetery. The council has

According to City Engineer Kit Wareham, the planning commission recommended .85 parking spaces per bedroom as well as .25 parking spaces per bedroom for visitors, but this may not be enough with the trend of more students driving to class as opposed to walking.

While it is presumed that because the housing development is close enough to campus that fewer students will drive, arguments on both sides of the street want to be sure the plans for proper parking are not just good

a proposed 2 percent rate increase be provided to all full-time city employees. The increase has been a long time coming, but has never been far from the minds of the mayor and council.

“This goes along with the commitment we made to city employees when we were elected,” Wilson said.

The proposed rate increase plan also includes a provision of \$50,000 to the police department as a component for retention of officers. The proposed plans will be voted on during the Jan. 16 meeting.

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Opinion

TO THE EDITOR

Keep calm, keep choice

To the Editor:

The choice that Iron County residents have for who provides their orthopaedic care, and how it is to be provided, is about to become severely constricted for some in this new year as Intermountain Healthcare rolls out a new managed care product known as SelectHealth Share.

The new product boasts a network of 2,200 physicians. However, what Intermountain will not be telling the residents of Iron County is that there are only four orthopaedic surgeons in the area – two of those are employees of Intermountain and will be providers; the other two are within an independent practice and will not be providers - Dr. Ben Robinson and myself, Dr. Randy Delcore.

I own and operate an ambulatory surgery center here in Cedar City specializing in orthopaedic care. The prices for orthopaedic procedures are truly a fraction of the costs the hospital would charge for those same procedures. However, my surgery center has been, and continues to be, barred from participating in SelectHealth networks.

This is undeniably difficult to understand when one recognizes that the surgery center, as a provider, is “willing” to accept the terms of a provider agreement and the reimbursement rates that go along with being a provider. It is even more confusing when one knows that an “Any Willing Provider” law exists here in Utah,

which should mandate that “willing providers” be allowed to participate in any insurance networks they choose.

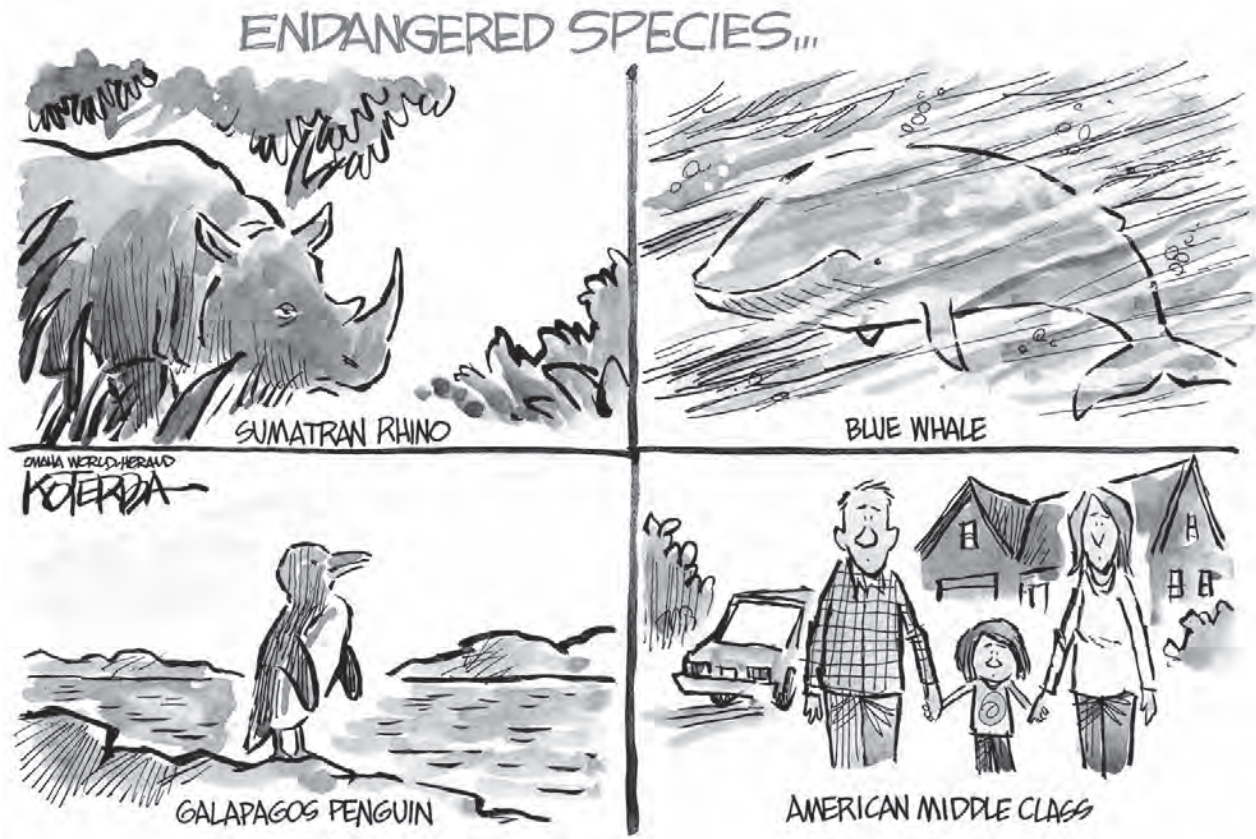
It has been claimed that the “Any Willing Provider” law may only apply in Utah’s rural areas with neither Washington nor Iron (counties) qualifying as rural areas. In fact, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, Iron County falls under the classification of a non-metropolitan area - specifically a “micropolitan” area - with a principal city population between 10,000 and 49,999. It is grouped with “non-core” (totally rural counties) in the NCHS classification. In other words, Iron County is rural and should be an area catering to “Any Willing Provider” per the law.

What does this mean for the average Iron County resident and possible future orthopaedic patient?

It means that if you need to see an orthopaedic surgeon and you are signed up for SelectHealth Share, you may only choose from the two hospital-employed surgeons to care for your orthopaedic needs because there will be no coverage for out-of-network treatment. The “choice” to truly have the doctor you want is taken away because of that product.

According to the SelectHealth Share product description, large employers buying into this product will be locked into it for three years because the rate of premium increase will be guaranteed

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Four things to disappear in 2016

Here are four things we (hopefully) will not have to listen to or read about in 2016. As teenagers say, “They are just so 2015!”

The Affluenza Teen

Here we have an out-of-control rich kid whose idea of “roughing it” is eating surf ‘n turf at a Sizzler. His idea of social drinking is connecting an IV of Jose Cuervo to his bloodstream – and when he plowed into a parked car in 2013, killing four people, his attorney argued that the poor boy was a victim of being coddled in a privileged household (“affluenza”).

Let’s not blame the attorney; his job was getting the boy a soft landing on drunk driving and manslaughter charges. The real culprit in the legal decision was Judge Jean Boyd who



BY BRYAN GRAY

“bought” the defense’s argument.

Two years later the now 18-year old is being held on probation violation charges in a Mexican jail. Amazingly, the kid at press time is stalling his deportation to the U.S.

Considering what happens in Mexican jails compared to U.S. incarceration, one has to believe the boy is intoxicated again. My 2016 wish is that the boy’s plight disappears from the media; there’s no great story about a spoiled brat

being locked up for 10-20 years.

Utah’s Affection for the Religious Freedom Movement

Utahns enjoy “bellying up to the bar” with religious conservatives complaining about government and society restricting their religious practices. Hey, beware of what you wish for (and the companions you keep).

A new survey of American Christians found that while 82 percent support religious freedom

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Iron County Coordinating Council prepares for new year

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

ENOCH – The first Iron County Coordinating Council meeting of 2016 took place in the Enoch City Offices building on Jan. 6. Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson presided over the meeting of mayors and commissioners, which included Enoch's newly elected mayor, Geoffrey Chesnut.

Among the agenda items discussed, the council took time to focus on the question of how effective the ICCC is and if its purpose could remain both relevant and successful for 2016.

Parowan Mayor Don Landes voiced concerns about meeting attendance. Because important decisions cannot be voted on without a quorum, a total of at least five elected officials, it is crucial to have everyone present. He then proposed a charge for each mayor and commissioner to attend every meeting, or at least have an official representative at each of the ICCC meetings, which

take place every other month. Landes offered an additional reason for the charge as everyone can benefit from each other's experiences.

"I'm interested in what's happening in the county and I'm looking for things that will help me do

one," he said. "Beyond the societal functions, we learn from the expertise of one another and can rely on one another to help solve potential problems."

Adding to the need to learn from and lean on one another, Wilson spoke to the effectiveness of more

"One thing I would like to see is a better working relationship with open communication between the mayors and commissioners," she said. "Having a forum like this, where we all get together and discuss these various issues, can be very useful

ment of the county and our communities' going forward."

Everyone agreed and expressed their desire to continue having the meetings and to make them more substantial so as not to have meetings just for the sake of having meet-

To further help maintain the stability and validity of the ICCC, Landes nominated Wilson as chair of the council. Wilson accepted and then nominated Landes as the vice chair. A treasurer position was also created, which was accepted by Chesnut.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

COMMISSIONER ALMA ADAMS, Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut, Mayor Maile Wilson and Mayor Don Landes discuss agenda items at the Iron County Coordinating Council meeting Jan. 6.

a better job in Parowan," Landes said.

Chesnut agreed that a more complete council is more effective for the communities.

"The idea behind the council is an important

cooperation and communication between the mayors and commissioners. With so many decisions going on in Iron County with local and state governments, it's important to be on the same page.

and beneficial, but we have to rebuild some of the working relationship that has deteriorated over the past year and come to these meetings with a cooperative 'let's work together for the better-

ings. With that goal set, the council also resolved that if there were no major agenda items at the time of a meeting, that the information and decisions could be handled via email or other means.

Over the next few meetings, the duties of each council position and their relative bylaws will be discussed and updated to ensure there is integrity and accountability throughout the council.




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NEW ENOCH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, from left to right, David Harris, David Owens, Shawn Stoor and David Owens, along with new Enoch City Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut, are sworn into office Jan. 6.

Enoch mayor, three city council members take oath of office

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

ENOCH – Geoffrey Chesnut, Enoch City’s new mayor, along with city council members David Harris, Shawn Stoor and David Owens, were sworn into office Jan. 6 at their first city council meeting at the Enoch City offices.

“This is a historic day where we will fill out our governing body once again,” said council member Steve Johnson, who

“We don’t need to be all in agreement to do that,” he added. “We need to be able to be free to speak our will; we need to be free to say what we think without feeling ridicule or pressure from other people ... I would hope that we could start this new process ... and we can work openly, with the best information possible to make the best decisions we can make.”

“I would hope that would be the will of everyone here and I

of the United States, the Constitution of Utah and to discharge their duties with fidelity.

Later in the meeting, a member of the community stepped forward and shared his thoughts with the new city council and mayor.

“Many of us moved to Enoch for a reason,” he said. “Some of us moved here for several reasons, one of which, it is not Cedar City. It’s not anywhere else, it’s Enoch and the city servants

“This is a historic day where we will fill out our governing body once again”

–Steve Johnson

was acting as mayor pro tem to open the meeting.

Before the new mayor and incoming council members took their oath of office, Council member Gary Wilcken shared a message with the new governing body.

“I have fought with the best and I have worked with the best,” he said speaking of his experience on the city council. “Our job is to protect the rights and goodness that’s here in Enoch to the best of our ability.

suspect that it is. Let’s not be anything but civil; let’s work our tails off to do the job we need to do; but let’s make sure that in the discussions somebody else’s opinion isn’t belittled or somebody else is not belittled in our dialogue with each other,” he concluded.

With that, Chesnut, Harris, Stoor and Owens gathered in the center of the meeting room and solemnly swore to support, obey and defend the Constitution

have done a marvelous job here at managing this city. I would just encourage you to remember that it’s easy to commit somebody else’s money to expenditures that you think are worthy, but I would just encourage you to use a high degree of fiscal responsibility as you make decisions going forward.”

The Enoch City Council meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Enoch City offices.

CYCLOPS

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another bath on gold for the third consecutive year, its longest slump in 30 years, and the futures market looks for similar declines in 2016. If you listened to the metals hucksters and you bought silver at the beginning of the year, you lost 12 percent; gold also lost about 10 percent of its value in 2015 (and a whopping 45 percent since

reaching a record high in 2011). Hmmm, compared to gold and silver that darn Obama economy doesn’t look bad after all!

Fear of Being a Victim of Islamic Terrorism

A significant percentage of Americans say they are fearful of dying or being injured in a terrorist attack. Statistically, they probably have a better chance of choking on an apricot or being struck by an ice cream truck.

Let’s take the prag-

matic and hopeful advice of Lady Mary Crawley on the popular Downton Abbey PBS series. Crawley actress, Michelle Dockery, told a national magazine last week, “All we can do is travel hopefully.”

Let’s live our lives hopefully in 2016.

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E-cigarettes: helpful or hurtful?



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BY CRAIG BENNETT
Reporter

IRON COUNTY

– According to the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation 2016 Winter Health publication, the 2015 Utah Prevention Needs Assessment youth survey shows a 300 percent increase in teens using electronic cigarettes, surpassing alcohol as the most commonly abused drug among youth.

From 2013 to 2015, the 30-day use rate of e-cigarettes among high school seniors increased from 3.6 percent to 14.3 percent with about 31 percent of 12th graders reporting having experimented with what the health department is calling a drug

user's bloodstream that are used in antifreeze and heavy solvents.

Second, e-cigarettes turn kids into addicts. EC's are simply drug devices that open the door to vaporizing every drug imaginable, according to the report.

Third, big tobacco knows they are losing customers to traditional tobacco; EC's are their new way to ensnare youth into a life of addiction, the report stated. EC manufacturers and retailers know 95 percent of lifelong tobacco users start around 14 years old. The study states that companies target this group

have turned "vaping" into competition at parties. Best smoke tricks or vape tricks are performed and judged. According to many YouTube videos, even some young people are being sponsored by companies promoting e-cigarette products.

Elected officials on all levels – city, state and federal – have been wrestling with a way to better regulate the devices to keep them out of the hands of minors. Lawmakers have passed laws that prevent anyone under the age of 19 from purchasing e-cigarette products. A minor is not allowed to enter a vapor shop or smoke

E-cigarettes are largely unregulated, relatively inexpensive and advertised freely, unlike tobacco products

delivery device.

Logan Reid, director of prevention at Southwest Behavioral Health Center, said, "I don't remember the data ever showing such a sharp rise in the use of one drug in such a short period of time. The scariest part about this trend is that youth are smoking more than just nicotine through these devices."

There are three main reasons, among a host of others, why the Southwest Utah Public Health Foundation is saying e-cigarettes pose risks to health.

First, according to the report, vapor exposes users to cancer-causing metals such as lead, nickel, formaldehyde, benzene and isoprene. Vapor also emits chemicals into the

with cool devices, tasty juices, and advertising that appeals to kids.

Local law enforcement officers are finding the product a challenge as well. In terms of prevention and detection, the devices are a nightmare. They are easily concealed and don't produce the smell or smoke that traditional cigarette products produce. Another concern is that the vapor is liquefied and officers can't tell if there is caffeine present, marijuana or other substances.

According to health professionals, a big concern is that e-cigarettes are largely unregulated, relatively inexpensive and advertised freely, unlike tobacco products. Teens and young adults

shop, but the product is currently being sold in convenience stores throughout the area.

The owner of GoVapors in Cedar City, Layne Sorden, said, "Our industry has been scrutinized to the point where articles and gossip are now all being fired from the hip. All the latest 'supposed' studies I have seen about popcorn lung, child marketing and formaldehyde are nothing more than an attempt to hurt people, gain back tobacco taxes and protect the tobacco industry."

"The popcorn lung study was caused when ejuice contained the ingredient Diacetyl which has never been in our

Chamber of Commerce to honor 'Best of Cedar City' winners

BY CEDAR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Special to Iron County

CEDAR CITY – After two months of nominations and voting by the community, the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the 2016 "Best of Cedar City" awards.

Winners will receive their awards and recognition at a gala on Jan. 20 at the Sharwan Smith Student Center Ballroom at Southern Utah University.

Twelve different "Best of Cedar City" awards will be presented. They honor community members and businesses for encouraging and promoting a positive and vital economy, and for preserving those unique qualities that make the Cedar City area a special place to live, work, and visit.

"A lot of the time, people do things to better our community without getting this recognition," said gala banquet chair Jory Corsi. "These awards give us a chance to identify those in the community who make Cedar City what it is today."

This year's Best of Cedar City award winners are listed here.

The 12th award, the

Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Award, will be announced at the gala by Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Chris McCormick. Community members are invited to attend the

1920s theme. Tickets are on sale now for \$45 per person, and can be purchased online at www.cedarcitychamber.org, or by calling (435) 586-4484. Seating is 10 guests per table.

This will be the 66th

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gala and celebrate award winners.

This year's gala festivities will include a prime rib dinner, performances by the SUU Ballroom Dance team, music provided by the SUU Jazz Band, and a

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LETTER

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for years two and three. As a result, employers will be stuck with this insurance product for at least another two years if it proves to be unpopular with employees in the first year.

Additionally, I believe the process is flawed when decision-making for treatment of an illness or a condition in managed care plans inserts other entities into the patient-physician relationship resulting in a patient being viewed as a member of a "population."

A SelectHealth Share product description states, "Population health is when

healthcare provider organizations (health systems, hospital organizations, physician groups) take on financial accountability for the health of a population."

This will lead to discriminatory care.

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It is time to stand up and say a resounding "No!" to efforts to herd you to certain doctors and pigeon-hole you into a particular segment of a population, ostensibly to lower costs. The reality of that plan will certainly lead

to orthopaedic care with higher costs.

If you truly value having your "choice" of doctors, let your human resources and benefits departments know that you do not want this kind of impersonal health care with very limited choices. And if you find yourself with an emergency situation, rest assured that I will be able to care for you with SelectHealth Advantage or SelectHealth Share whether I am "on call" or not - just ask.

*Randy G. Delcore, M.D.
Cedar Orthopaedic
Surgery Specialty Clinic
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Surgery Center*

VAPING

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ingredients and was eliminated in almost all vape products in the last few years. The formaldehyde study was done when an e-cigarette was modified beyond human use to put over 1,300 degrees to produce the chemical. Industry products put out less than half of that temperature," Sorden added.

In addressing child prevention, Sorden said, "it has been hands down heavier combated by the

vape organizations than the tobacco companies ever dreamed of."

Sorden also said e-cigarettes can help smokers and their families. Some studies show they may not pose as big a health risk to others through second-hand inhalation as traditional cigarettes and may even help smokers who are trying to overcome addiction.

"On a personal note, it is troubling to hear our local, state and federal government agencies have no regard for the lives we are helping," Sorden

added. "They don't see the faces of our tobacco cancer survivors when they come to us for help and their lives are changed. They don't see moms and dads no longer filling their children's lungs with second hand smoke. Tobacco is an addiction and being an addict myself for 17 years, I understand what these people are going through. We all pay the same taxes and I'm tired of these agencies attacking us for more money. We are here to help smokers, not start kids on a new addiction."



CODY SMITH

CEDAR CITY FIRE FIGHTERS assess a fire at 100 W. 200 South in Cedar City Jan. 6. The fire displaced eight Southern Utah University students.

Fire displaces eight SUU students

BY CODY SMITH

Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The first day back to school ended in tragedy for eight Southern Utah University students Jan. 6, when a blaze left them without a home.

Police and fire crews arrived at 100 W. 200 South in Cedar City at approximately 7 p.m. and extinguished it within minutes. Following the fire, emergency responders treated one female and one Cedar City Police officer for smoke inhalation, Fire Chief Mike Phillips said. Investigators determined the fire originated in the garage, but were unsure as to what caused it as of press deadline.

The remaining seven tenants escaped the flames

unharmful, but not unaffected. Jennilyn Kulikawski, one of the displaced students from Logan, said their bad luck started when she and her roommates returned to the apartment they all shared last semester to find it flooded. She said it smelled of mold and crews had arrived earlier in the day to tear out the carpet, but she never expected anything else.

"It started in the garage," Kulikawski said. "We were all just doing our own things inside, and then we started smelling smoke ... we opened the door to the garage and it was just engulfed in flames."

She said they panicked, but tried to evacuate the dwelling.

"We started yelling 'everybody get out, it's on fire.' I ran up the stairs and

was banging on her door," Kulikawski gestured to one of her roommates.

Authorities contacted the Red Cross, which housed the students for the night. Elizabeth Campos, a displaced student from Las Vegas, said the fire wouldn't have been as devastating if they all were not from out of town or had somewhere else to go.

Campos said the police arrived first and an officer rescued a sleeping student from the basement. That officer and the rescued student were later treated for smoke inhalation.

"I never thought that this would happen to me, you know," Campos said. "You know what you're going to do if something like this happens to you – but you don't. We were all so scared."

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WATER

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said, adding that while the state engineer is directed by law to give priority to the earliest water rights, he may consider voluntary arrangements and entities and individuals in the area are encouraged to work together, participate in discussions, and try to find solutions.

Assistant State Engineer James Greer said the Cedar Valley Aquifer is being depleted about 28,000 acre-feet per year, which is 4,000 to 8,000 acre-feet more, per year, than is recharged on average. However, water rights exist for between 50,000 and 76,000 acre-feet, and those rights need to be reduced to "safe yield," or the 20,000 to 24,000 acre-feet that is believed to go back into the aquifer in an average year.

When asked what water right years were in danger of being "regulated," or cut, Greer said unfortunately the list of existing water rights has inaccuracies, so they don't know that at this point. However, he asked owners of water rights to visit the Division of Water Rights website and look at the list of rights to make sure their information is accurate. The list can be found at www.waterrights.utah.gov under the Law/Agreements tab, Groundwater Management Plans, Cedar Valley (Iron County), and Priority Listing.

Jones also said because certain areas are seeing greater declines in water levels than other parts of the valley, the GMP may take that into consideration and cut back rights based on both region and priority date.

While many questions were fielded and comments were heard during the meeting, Jones also asked anyone with comments to submit them by Feb. 12 to waterrights@utah.gov or Utah Division of Water Rights, 646 N. Main St., P.O. Box 506, Cedar City, Utah 84721-0506.

Much of the data presented dated back to the 1930s and 1940s, and Jones was asked whether the goal was to bring water levels back up to that point. He said while an increased water table would be nice, "we're just looking to do what needs to be done to stabilize" and stop from depleting the aquifer further. He said in the areas with the most depletion, the

water table has dropped up to 90 feet and subsidence has actually decreased the storage capacity of the aquifer.

It was brought up by a member of the Coal Creek Irrigation Company that the company and the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District are working to develop aquifer recharge basins and capture much of the water that evaporates in the Quichapa Lake area, and Paul Cozzens, a Cedar City Council member and water

conservancy district board member, said Cedar City has seen some success with small recharge efforts. He asked if any resources, such as funds or engineering work, were available from the state to help the valley with further efforts.

Jones said his office did not have any such resources available, but that there may be some options through sister agencies such as the Drinking Water Board. Paul Monroe, Central Iron County Water Conservancy District executive director,

said the district has been working on efforts to build gravel pits to trap excess water from Coal Creek during high runoff years and allow it to percolate into the aquifer rather than evaporating.

This project has been in the works for at least four years, and the district has been working with the Utah National Guard. However, state funding is not available and the project has been pushed back another year, for possible completion in 2018. Monroe said some

board members are eager to speed up the project and may push to do something sooner without the help of federal or state funds.

The CICWCD board has been working hard to find ways to import water to the valley, in addition to conserving and better utilizing Coal Creek water. It applied for water rights in valleys northwest of Cedar City in 2006, and in 2014, was granted those water rights. However, it has been involved in a legal battle since. Monroe said if those

court cases are resolved in the district's favor, being able to import that water will certainly work in the favor of water rights owners who face regulation under a Groundwater Management Plan.

Those interested in viewing the list of water rights or learning more about studies that have been done in the Cedar Valley or the information that was presented at the GMP meeting are encouraged to visit www.waterrights.utah.gov.

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Faculty art exhibit opens at Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery

BY JEFF **LOWE**

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Southern Utah University's Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery opened its new exhibit Jan. 7 with crowds of faculty, students and community members gathering to view the annual Art and Design Faculty Exhibition.

The exhibit will run through Feb. 6 and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 7 p.m.

The show features art, in various media, by full-time SUU faculty members Eric Brown, Samuel Davis, Rheana Gardner, Jessica Gerlach, YiDan Guo, Jeffrey Hanson, Susan Harris, Brian Hoover, Andrew Marvick, Jay Merryweather, Deborah K. Snider, JungYun Son, Benjamin Sowards, Hala Swearingen and Russell Wrangle. Also featured in the exhibit are pieces by adjunct faculty members Randall Cabe, Elayna Clegg,

Glen Lyman, Birgit McMullen, April McPherson, and Steven Swift.

SUU's College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a graduate program in Arts Administration and a Center for Shakespeare Studies, according to a press release distributed by the college.

It offers 16 degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1,100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus, according to the release.



JEFF LOWE

THE ANNUAL ART AND DESIGN FACULTY EXHIBITION will run through Feb. 6 at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery.

SUU Honor Band hosts high school students

BY CHARLEY **WALQUIST**

Reporter

CEDAR CITY— The Southern Utah University Music Department hosted its annual High School Honor Band Concert, "In Flight," Jan. 9 at the Heritage Center Theater under the direction of Dr. Adam Lambert, director of band and brass studies at SUU.

After an audition process and several months of individual practice, 70 high school students from around Utah, Arizona, and Nevada rehearsed as a group for two days and then put on the concert.

"We had a really strong group this year," Lambert said.

"They came prepared, and we were able to focus on the music making this year," he added.

The students came from a variety of high schools, including Canyon View, Cedar, Parowan, Hurricane, Box Elder, Carbon, Copper Hills, Delta, Fremont, Kanab, Lincoln County, Logan, Millard, Moapa Valley, Richfield, and Toole.

The students had access to the audition music – composed by Dr. Keith Bradshaw, SUU

Music Department Chair – in July, and they had to submit an MP3 recording of their audition piece in November. SUU faculty then chose 70 students to participate in the honor band.

The students received copies of the music and learned it

ing a piece. This is an ensemble made up of both music majors and non-music majors. The group performed "El Camino Real" by Alfred Reed.

Lambert then explained the process the high school students went through in pre-

paring while the honor band

from an orchestra piece. "Stormbreak" by Jim Casella was the next on the program, and Lambert compared it to the storms he experienced while living in Nebraska. The piece featured storm sounds from all the students and a

"(My favorite part was) working with the students and getting to know the students from the other areas," Lambert said.

"It was a strong group this year, and with the auditions it was a select group," he added.

The students provided an excellent concert and had a good audience turnout. Lambert would like to thank music faculty at SUU, particularly Dr. Virginia Stitt, Dr. Thomas Herb, Dr. Lynn Vartan, and Dr. Keith Bradshaw for their help with music and sectionals. He would also like to thank Laura Bird, Shianne Ogzewalla, and the other SUU students who helped make the honor band possible with copying music and stage organization.

Lambert would also like to thank the band directors from the different high schools who helped get their students ready for the honor band. Finally, he thanks the students who participated for their hard work and for their parents' support.

"It was another great year, and I look forward to another year of opportunity," Lambert said.



STEVEN WALQUIST

THE SUU DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC performs "In Flight," the annual Honor Band Concert directed by Dr. Adam Lambert, at the Heritage Center Theater Jan. 9.

paring while the honor band transitioned on stage. The band then performed the piece "A Festival Prelude" by Alfred Reed, followed by "English Folksong Suite" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, an enjoyable piece adapted for bands

complex percussion section.

The group then played a more relaxed piece entitled "Rest" by Frank Ticheli. The students ended their concert with the piece the concert was named for, "In Flight" by Samuel Hazo.

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Film about SUU's history wins national competition

BY SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

Special to Iron County

CEDAR CITY – “Back Up the Mountain,” a docudrama produced by Southern Utah University about its history and founding, won a “Winnie” award for Best Film Short in the Equus Film Festival in New York City.

The award was recently announced after the film was screened in New York City at the end of November.

The Equus Film Festival features films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, commercials, training educational materials, art and literature about horses. SUU’s film depicts the heroic story of the men and women and the horse “Old Sorrel” who braved deep snow drifts to save a lumber expedition attempting to get lumber from the mountain while building SUU’s first building.

The film festival ran from Nov. 18-20 at the Village East Cinema in lower Manhattan. “Back Up the Mountain” was screened as an official selection and later recognized for the Best Short Award. Director Jon Smith and SUU



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OLD SORREL breaks through the snow for a scene in “Back Up the Mountain.” The film depicting the founding of Southern Utah University was shot at Brian Head Resort in February 2015.

Vice President for Alumni and Community Relations Mindy Benson, along with assistant director Anne Smith and wrangler/actor Jake Benson attended the screening in New York.

SUU communication professor Jon Smith wrote, produced and directed the 19-minute film that was shot on location in Cedar City and Brian Head Resort. SUU President Scott L Wyatt

commissioned the film be produced to help promote SUU’s history. The film was edited by Lee Byers. Jasen Wade, an SUU alumnus, stars as Neil Bladen, the man credited with having the determination to head back into winter storms to retrieve essential lumber for the school.

Many other local residents and descendants of the original founders played key

acting roles.

The film has also been recognized in other film competitions. It has received a Telly Bronze Award and also an Award of Recognition for Special Purpose Productions from the Best Shorts Competition. A clip from the film is also featured as a nominee in the “Filmed in Utah” promo for awards that will be announced in March 2016.

SUU'S first convocation brings multimedia artist

BY SUU CONVOCATIONS

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CEDAR CITY — Nationally acclaimed puppetry-artist, Jesse Mooney-Bullock, will be presenting “The Eloquent Object: Sculptural Puppets that Speak Volumes,” during the first Convocation of the 2016 spring semester on Jan. 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Gilbert Great Hall of the R. Haze Hunter Conference Center. The event is free and open to the general public.

Mooney-Bullock is known for his various works of art, including sculptures, paintings, wooden figures, puppets and more. Not only does he craft various works of art, but Mooney-Bullock also uses a blend of writing and storytelling with his creations. With that, he displays his talents by performing in front of live audiences across the globe.

Mooney-Bullock has a deep passion for his process, from conceptualizing his work on paper to his final live performances. According to his website, www.jessemooneybullock.com, he also develops a skill away from the artistic world with inventive engineering, which helps

him perfect his sculpture and wood-carving crafts.

In 2015, Mooney-Bullock’s enormous dragon-head puppets with opening jaws, along with a full-sized elk stag creation, was nominated for a Jeff Award in Puppet Design for their parts in the play

Hammer Trinity. In 2014, he produced “The Jungle and A Kite’s Tale,” and in 2013 he produced the puppet show “Bear Boy,” which was funded by the City of Cincinnati’s Art Ambassador’s Fellowship program. Other awards for his work date back to 2002.

Mooney-Bullock is currently working on a piece called “Luigi Bullooney’s Circus Menagerie,” an out-of-the-box hand-puppet show that features specialized puppets performing amazing feats of dexterity and hilarity.

SUU Convocations is a distinguished lecture series hosted by Southern Utah University. The program’s purpose is to foster the growth of lifelong learners by engaging students of all levels and disciplines. For more information on SUU Convocations visit www.suu.edu/convocations, www.facebook.com/suuconvocations or follow @SUUConvocations on Twitter.



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JESSE MOONEY-BULLOCK, a nationally acclaimed puppetry artist, will present at Southern Utah University Jan. 21.

Giving time is hard, but ...

BY MARY ANNE ANDERSEN

Cedar City Arts Council

Utah is tops when it comes to volunteering and charitable giving. This comes as no surprise to those of us who live here. Church opportunities aside, our community offers many chances to give our time, and sometimes means, for the betterment of someone else. We expect to do it and have learned that the happiness we get back is not just a tired cliché.

I can’t speak to opportunities at the hospital, for instance, or in the schools or the sports programs, although they must abound. But what I know the most about is the volunteers who give to the arts (Ahem, like the members of the Cedar City Arts Council Board, for instance).

You might think that only the smaller arts organizations benefit from donated help, but are you aware that the BIG arts organization in town, even with its multi-million budget, receives support from an ever-increasing number of volunteers? I refer, of course, to the Guild of the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

Under the current leadership of Susan Wooten and the efforts of Bob and Shirley Kramer, the membership of the Guild increased from 85 to 201 in 2015. That is more than doubled, folks. And of course the more hands, the more work that can be done. The total in cash that Guild efforts provided to the Utah Shakespeare Festival this year was \$19,000 and there were also gifts-in-kind worth \$6,400.



For instance, Guild members donated 76 engraved key chains, 109 memory spheres, 104 roll-up crayon caddies, and 146 quiltation bags. Each of these items was handmade by volunteers and then sold at the Randall Jones Theatre Gift Shop.

Ted and Connie Porray and Judy Colwell were able to retrieve items from a defunct gift shop in Salt Lake and also host a yard sale at the Porray home to bring in cash from items that were no longer of use to anyone else.

If you haven’t attended one of the Curtain Call Luncheons, lunch and interaction with one of the actors from the festival, you’ve missed out on something really fun. I asked a member of the festival once if the actors thought these affairs were dreary. He looked at me and said, “These people make their livings being in front of a crowd. They thrive on such things.” Oh. Yeah.

I wore Jordyn Caldwell’s name around my neck as part of the Guild’s Adopt-an-Actor program. The chance to support individual actors cost the patrons, but made me feel like one of the in crowd—worth the price. Christmas in July, The Back Stage Store, Welcome Bags, Welcome Barbecue – all involved the efforts of many guild volunteers.

Now, you might observe that a lot of time was spent resulting in modest financial results. Why not just write a check? If this is how you feel, you don’t get the volunteer thing. Money is easy.

Giving time is hard, but allows the giver to say, “I am a real actor in that beautiful thing which I love.”

For winter fun, the puck stops at Cedar's Glacier Ice Rink



LOCALS ENJOY A DAY ON THE ICE
at Glacier Community Ice Rink in Cedar City.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

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Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Many locals are turning to the Glacier Community Ice Rink as the place to chill out with family and friends during the long winter months. And thanks to the Youth & Enthusiasts Together for Ice non-profit organization, kids of all ages can come and learn how to skate and learn a new sport, ice hockey.

Y.E.T.I. has teams for both youth and adults from beginners on up.

Over the past three years, Y.E.T.I. president Kerry Fain has made sure the program lives up to its motto, "Kids and Community First."

"It's nice to be able to offer the community something different and give the kids a chance to branch out into another sport," she said.

While some may hesitate beginning a new sport because

of cost, Fain explained that if a person doesn't have the gear, the Y.E.T.I. program, thanks to its generous local business sponsors and donors, will help pay for the cost of their hockey equipment.

"We make it affordable for the kids and help them find a way to get the equipment because hockey is a fairly expensive sport," she said, adding, "With our programs we are able to draw kids from every walk of life and we want to make sure that there is no child left out that wants to play."

For information on how to become a Y.E.T.I. member, or just come chill out on the ice during public skating times, visit YETIskates on Facebook, or call (801) 243-4028 for a list of updated skate times.

There's still time to join a hockey team, so grab your skates, gloves and jacket and head over to the Glacier Ice Rink, located at 2090 Royal Hunte Drive, behind the Aquatic Center.

Civil Air Patrol squadron in Cedar City needs volunteers

BY DAVID L. ASAY

CAP Cedar Mustangs Commander

CEDAR CITY – Few people realize that Cedar City is home to one of the oldest squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol; it was founded by returning World War II pilots.

The Civil Air Patrol is considered an auxiliary to the U.S. Air Force and serves as a civilian, volunteer organization dedicated to a threefold mission: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. The Civil Air Patrol needs your help to continue this longstanding service tradition in our community.

The Civil Air Patrol is located in a hangar at 2296 Aviation Way just north of the airport and meets on Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The main focus of current enrollment is on the Cadet Program. Young men and women from ages 12 through 18 participate in leadership training courses, team building activities, aerospace education including flights, and training to understand and respond in emergency situations. It adopts Air Force military courtesies and drill practices as leaders instill in youth the Core Values of Integrity, Volunteer Service,

Excellence and Respect.

Aerospace education has always been an integral component of Civil Air Patrol. Members receive training from pilots, hands on flight time in orientation flights in Civil Air

Patrol aircraft, flight simulator experience, classes in understanding flight and even rocketry exercises. For those interested in flying, this is a good place to begin learning the possibilities and realizing the dream.

The Cedar Mustangs has a long history of assistance in emergency services. When an aircraft or lost hikers go missing in the area or a natural disaster occurs, the Civil Air Patrol responds with search staff.

Members train with locator devices for downed aircraft and have a comprehensive radio communication system using UHF and VHF frequency equipment.

Civil Air Patrol aircraft are among the first in the skies after natural disasters or in emergency situations. In past years, the Civil Air Patrol has accomplished many missions in this area and trained people to be ready with emergency packs to leave at a moment's notice.

All these services are provided by volunteers. The Civil Air Patrol needs volunteers to keep up this tradition of excellence in Cedar City. It appeals to those with a desire to serve their community, state and nation in these different facets. This squadron has a heritage and unique history in Southern Utah. Utah has been known for being a state that understands volunteer service and values it. Take a close look at the Civil Air Patrol and step up as a volunteer in fulfilling the three-fold mission of Civil Air Patrol in this area.

For more information, contact David Asay, Cedar Mustangs Commander, at (435) 463-3555 or visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.cap.utah.gov.



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FOUNDED BY RETURNING WORLD WAR II PILOTS, Cedar City is home to one of the oldest squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol.

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13

CDAR CITY COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, city offices.
PAROWAN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN THE PAROWAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM, featuring students from kindergarten through 12th grade, 9:30 a.m. The event will continue with a luncheon at 11 a.m. in the auxiliary gym, and a town meeting at noon in the school's auditorium.

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE COLOR COUNTRY CHAPTER MEETING, 7 to 8 p.m., Crystal Inn Cedar City, no dues, non-profit organization empowering abused children, for more information call 559-4505 or email colorcountrychapter@hotmail.com.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING, 10 a.m., Cedar City Library, for more information call Betty at 586-9790.

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"LIVE ABOVE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS" BY VERNON HOWARD, "all problems are caused by immersion in time. Now is New! Rest in freedom from past memories," 7 p.m., a 25-minute video followed by casual discussion, free, Cedar City Library in the Park rare books room, The Literary Club, 559-7777.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 to 9 p.m., Parowan United Methodist Church social hall, 190 N. Main St.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 6 p.m. AA Misfits, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.
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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS JUST FOR TODAY, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.
CDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 865-1387 for an appointment, accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and all private insurances, with a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14

CDAR CITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB, 7 p.m. at the library, this month we will discuss "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell, our selection for February is "Very Valentine" by Adriana Trigiani.
IRON COUNTY CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD, 7:30 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, for more information visit www.ironcountycitizenreviewboard.org.

COLOR COUNTRY NIGHTWRITERS MONTHLY MEETING, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, rare books room, meeting open to all writers and would-be writers, no cost, if you are interested in writing or learning to write please attend.

BILINGUAL STORY TIME AT THE CEDAR CITY LIBRARY IN THE PARK, 10:30 a.m., this monthly story time will be offered in Spanish and English, free.

JANUARY MEDITATION SESSION AT THE HEALING TREE, 7 to 8 p.m., 535 S. Main St. Suite 4 in Cedar City, participants will be introduced to a variety of meditation approaches designed to increase awareness and foster a calm mind, no previous meditation experience required, contributions to the class will be by donation, if you would like to make a gift the suggested donation is \$5 per class.

CDAR CITY MASONIC LODGE #35 MEETING, 7 p.m., 2120 W. Skyview Road, Cedar City, for more information visit www.cedarcitylodge.org or call (435) 704-0045.

COLOR COUNTRY COMMUNICATORS, Cedar City Toastmasters, 7 a.m., 86 W. University Boulevard, Pastry Pub Banquet Room back door. Find your voice. Shape your future. Be the leader and speaker you want to be, www.cedarcitytoastmasters.org.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS LUNCH BUNCH GROUP, noon, Cedar Bowling Center, 421 E. Highway 91, Cedar City.

AL-ANON HOPE FOR TODAY (FOR THE FAMILIES OF ALCOHOLICS), 8 p.m., The KKCB Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (435) 531-1045.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 15

SUU FAN FEST, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Sharwan Smith Center Rotunda, free food and games before the gymnastics meet, everyone invited.

FREE DANCE AEROBICS CLASS, 9 a.m., class is medium to high impact, but can be adapted to any fitness level. Easy, fun dance moves. Moms can bring young children. People of all ages welcome. For information call Allison at 327-2091.

FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located on Freeway Drive between JR's Truck Stop and the Travelodge, community welcome.

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS LIVE AND LET LIVE, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 16

PAROWAN BIRTHDAY BALL, 7 p.m., Iron County Fairgrounds Building, free, with the theme "A Stitch in Time."

WINTER STAR PARTY IN BRIAN HEAD, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Brian Head Navajo Lodge, visitors can bring their own telescopes or use one provided by rangers, event dependent on good weather, call 586-9451 ext. 4425 for up-to-date information and questions.

CDAR BREAKS GUIDED SNOWSHOE WALK, a 2-mile trek in a winter wonderland, snowshoes available, to make a reservation or for more information call 586-9451 ext. 4425.

SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET: YEAR ROUND, every Saturday rain or shine, 9 a.m. to noon, 905 S. Main St. at IFA Country Store in Cedar City, local vegetables, greens, fruit, herbs, baked goods, artisan cheese, live plants, flowers, jams, raw honey, farm fresh eggs, and more.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Cedar City Public Library, free meetings, no obligation, for anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively, contact (435) 310-0779 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. women's meeting, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6:30 p.m. AA BB Study, and 8 p.m. My Story speaker meeting, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. (TGISS) AA and 6:30 p.m. 12x12 Book Study, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

MONDAY, JAN. 18

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY NATIONAL PARK FEE FREE ENTRY, encouraging Americans to explore America's natural beauty, rich history and culture.

BOOK BABIES: STORY TIME FOR TODDLERS AT THE CEDAR CITY LIBRARY IN THE PARK, 10:30 a.m., free.

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RED ROAD TO SOBRIETY/AA MEETING, open meeting, 6 p.m., Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, 440 N. Paiute Drive, Cedar City, for more information call Chris at 586-1112 ext. 307.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon Speaking from the Heart AA and 6 p.m. AA Misfits, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MONDAY NIGHT BASIC TEXT STUDY, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 19

STORY TIME AT THE FRONTIER HOMESTEAD STATE PARK, 10 a.m., an opportunity for preschool children to learn about the past through stories and history-related activities, story time is free thanks to the support of the Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau.

CDAR CITY ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING, noon, Ramada in Cedar City, for more information call (435) 865-7637.

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ANNUAL BEST OF CEDAR CITY AWARDS GALA WITH THE CEDAR CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SUU Sharwan Smith Center Ballroom, this year will include a prime rib dinner, performances by the SUU Ballroom Dance team, music provided by the SUU Jazz Band, and a 1920s theme, tickets are on sale for \$45 per person and are available at www.cedarcitychamber.org or by calling 586-4484.

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SUU faces 'ultimate' challenge in first meeting with BYU



COREY BAUMGARTNER

FLINGING A FRISBEE in freezing weather is not easy, even for the seasoned skills of Ultimate Frisbee players from Southern Utah University. The team squared off against Brigham Young University on a chilly night Jan. 8. In the teams' first meeting ever, SUU's squad proudly played against both the A and B teams of BYU. The Thunderbird throwers showed some impressive catches and scores, but BYU won both matches (Team A: 11-7, Team B: 11-2).

1ST BIRTHDAY

Deklen James Wilks

Deklen James Wilks turned 1 year old on Nov. 29, 2015. His parents are Rory and Darci Wilks of Cedar City. His proud grandparents are Corey and Mary Ann Kemp of Parowan, David and Marcia Eyre of Minersville, and Tom and Sally Wilks of Hawaii.



80TH BIRTHDAY

Annette C. Bauer

Annette C. Bauer turned 80 years old on Jan. 7, 2016. She is loved by her husband, Bud, her five children and their spouses, with 23 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren; she is dear to each one of them. She celebrated her special day with her family. Happy birthday to our dear wife, mother and grandma!



Laurena J. Adams

Laurena J. Adams, of Cedar City, celebrates her 80th birthday Jan. 12, 2016. She married Frank J. Adams on Aug. 22, 1959. They are the parents to Cole, Connie (deceased), Kelly (Kevin), and Kori (Brian). Her family and friends would like to wish her a happy birthday!



MISSION

Shellie Rae Williams

Shellie Rae Williams has been called to serve in the Anchorage Alaska Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She will speak on Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. in the Cedar 16th Ward Chapel, 1925 W. 320 South. Shellie will enter the Missionary Training Center on Jan. 20. Her parents are Bruce and Lori Williams.



90TH BIRTHDAY

Mona Jean Harvey Sonntag

Mona Jean Harvey Sonntag, of Cedar City, celebrated her 90th birthday Jan. 7, 2016 and enjoyed an open house reception with family and close friends on Jan. 9. She has spent almost 30 years in Southern Utah.



WEDDING



Cleo Kathryn Riggs and Taylor James Rasmussen

Cleo Kathryn Riggs and Taylor James Rasmussen were married in the St. George LDS Temple on Jan. 9, 2016. A reception followed that same evening in Santa Clara, Utah. The newlyweds plan to live in Springville, Utah. The groom is employed as a pharmacist. The parents of the bride are Brent and Clara Riggs of Pasadena, Calif. The parents of the groom are James and Jillynn Rasmussen of Parowan, Utah.



Looking for an internal medicine physician? Meet Dr. Todd Garrett

A Cedar City native, Dr. Todd Garrett earned his bachelor's and master's degree from Southern Utah University and his medical degree from the Albany Medical College in Albany, NY. Dr. Garrett completed an internship and residency at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and earned the title of Major in the United States Air Force. He is a board certified Internal Medicine physician. Dr. Garrett enjoys spending time outdoors with his family, playing sports, and reading. Please call 435.868.5500 to schedule your appointment.



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East gets visit from prevention specialist

The week before Christmas our fourth grade classes were privileged to be able to have Mr. LaMar Macklin come into our classrooms to talk about living our lives in a healthy way. Mr. Macklin came every day for an hour to talk about drug prevention.

This goes a long way for our students, being taught healthy ways to live our lives, and learning that saying “no” is OK. Macklin is a Prevention Specialist for Iron County.

He spends the majority of his time working in the schools in Iron County, and runs courses in the alternate education programs for youth in custody. “My passion is working in prevention and showing youth there is a better, healthier way,” he said.

South makes goals aimed at improving students

Upon entering the doors of South Elementary, you’ll notice a bulletin board representation of a cooperative project between our school and the Utah State Office of Education in conjunction with Harvard University.

The project is called “Assessment to Achievement” and while you may notice we are spending more time with standardized testing practice this year, we are poring over the data these assessments provide, and making SMART goals aimed at improving student achievement.

There are two weeks left in the second quarter. What better time to assess your student’s achievement and work ethic? Take a look at PowerSchool and choose one thing to improve on. Make a SMART goal to improve something by 10 percent – homework return, attendance, reading logs, anything!

Teach your student how to write a SMART goal and stick to it. Spend time evaluating it daily or weekly, and help them graph their progress. Teach your student the intrinsic rewards of setting a goal and achieving it!

Enoch LEGO engineers ready to shine

Enoch Elementary students and teachers had a wonderful and safe winter break. Now that school is back in session, we have lots of events coming up in the near future.

SEP meetings will take place the first week of February. Students will be bringing home additional information about these meetings.

Our LEGO competition team, consisting of six fifth grade students, will get a chance to shine on Jan. 16. Mrs. Christine Hunter is the coach of this team. We look forward to great success from our LEGO engineers.

Mid-year reading and other academic assessments are currently taking place. These assessments help our school serve each learner on an individualized basis. The Enoch Elementary PTA has challenged students to dedicate themselves to more consistent nightly home reading. In an effort to meet the goal for a fun reward at the end of the school year, each student must pitch in and commit to help.

Three Peaks working on academic, social skills

We are so happy to be back in school after our long winter break. The students are working hard on all their academic and social skills. Three Peaks Elementary students will be taking the mid-year DIBELS test and the Reading Level Assessments this week. These scores will help teachers and interventionists assess reading strengths and weaknesses in students and ultimately help them.

Please set aside time to read with and to your child at home. This extra opportunity to practice newly learned skills, makes a huge difference.

As we begin the second half of the year, please know that every child can and will learn. Our teachers and staff are some of the most caring and committed professionals you will find. We have a district that is concerned about each and every one of the students. If we all work together, our students’ accomplishments will be endless!

Local couple offers college students weekly Bible study and dinner

BY CHARLEY WALQUIST
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Local couple Robert and Melissa Bantum, host a weekly, evangelical Bible study for college students Sunday evenings during school semesters where students socialize, eat dinner prepared by the Bantums, sing worship songs and participate in a Bible study and prayer session.

The fellowship, dinner, and Bible study take place Sunday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. The Bantums provide dinner every week, and anyone is welcome to attend.

“The college Bible study was organized after SUU students expressed a desire to fellowship with other Bible

The evening begins with the students arriving at the Bantums house and socializing until dinner is ready. The Bantums then serve dinner buffet style. After the young adults finish eating, they move into the living room where one to three students lead worship, a time of singing Christian music.

“Our favorite part each week is listening to the students worship. It’s loud and heartfelt,” Melissa Bantum said.

The students then participate in a Bible study. Over the past few years, they have done a wide variety of studies.

“Some of the Bible studies that we’ve done include Biblical dating; we’ve studied various books of the Bible, The Lord’s

The Sunday night time works well with students because it gives them a place to go Sunday night for fellowship and dinner, and it gives students a refresher to start the week of school. It is also an encouragement for the Bantum family.

“God is good and has blessed our family with these amazing young people and their passion for following Christ,” Melissa Bantum said.

“Each week it encourages us that so many college-aged students make faith their priority and truly have a desire to honor God through their time at SUU,” she added.

With the vast number of students, there have been challenges, but the Bantums are



BENNY LIENHARD

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE in a Bible study hosted by Robert and Melissa Bantum last year.

based Christians,” said Melissa Bantum.

The Bantums have been hosting up to 50 plus college students since the fall of 2012.

“A few students, including Ray Jones Jr., point guard for SUU a few years back, spoke with us about a lack of opportunities to meet other Bible believing Christians in Cedar City. We brainstormed a few ideas, and the first study began,” Melissa Bantum said.

“The main goal of the group is the same goal that we have for our lives, and that’s to bring glory to God in all we do. Encouraging others to do the same would probably best sum up what we hope to see emanate from the group,” she added.

Prayer, and we are now starting a series on Christ’s seven last statements of love from the cross,” Melissa Bantum said.

Following the study, the Bantums lead a discussion, and then the students break for prayer groups until the end.

The group numbers fluctuate year to year, depending on what is going on at the school.

“Due to graduation, the biggest change that we see from year to year would be the number that attend,” Melissa Bantum said.

“It started off with about eight students, and over the following year and a half grew to over 50 students from all different denominations and backgrounds,” she added.

grateful to host the students to feed and encourage them for the coming week.

“Challenges have ranged from burning dinner to helping students with really difficult life stuff. We’ve learned a lot and are so thankful for our opportunity to be in their lives to love, teach, and encourage them,” Bantum said.

The study for the current semester started up Jan. 10 and will continue for the next several weeks. Any young adult is welcome to join the group for dinner and the time of Bible study and fellowship.

The Bantums are excited for another semester of encouraging students. For more information, contact Melissa Bantum at (704) 343-7097.

Coats for Kids sees clothing donations increase in 2015

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY - The Knights of Columbus organization in Cedar City wrapped up another successful year of Coats for Kids Jan. 8 with a donation to The Family Support Center of Southern Utah.

In total, volunteers helped gather 381 coats and \$484.89 this year, in addition to another 187 items of winter clothing. The donations were distributed to community members through the Family Support Center.

Howard Austin, who heads the charity through the Knights of Columbus, said the money donated will go toward purchasing new coats to start next year's drive. The coat drive started in the middle of November and ended just after Christmas this

year. Donations were up by almost 30 coats compared to last year's total, Austin said, making this the most successful Coats for Kids drive in Iron County since the Knights of Columbus started organizing the project.

"It's thanks to the people in the community," Austin said. "That's where the volume comes from. All we do is the collection work."

After joining forces to gather a then record number of coats last year, the Knights of Columbus once again teamed with Paul Smith and the Mesa Hills Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to help supplement the coat donations. Smith was also instrumental in working with Cedar Middle School to gather and donate coats that had been left for a long period of time at the

school's lost and found, Austin added.

"That probably accounted for another 40 or 50 coats," Austin said of the school's donation. "It worked well. It helped the school get rid of their problem and it got the coats in the hands of kids that needed them."

Giving recognition to charitable community members and the Family Support Center, Austin said he is pleased to have assisted in helping so many kids and families this year, especially during such a cold winter.

"We're happy that people have supported our drive as well as they have," Austin said. "The very day (we started) was the very first day of our snow, and it never left. The demand has been there all winter long. In a way, that's great. The (purpose) of the program is to help out the kids."



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CEDAR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE President Chris McCormick and other representatives of the chamber present Roger Bender, the owner of the Wendy's franchise, with the Business of the Month recognition.

Cedar City Wendy's recognized as the Business of Month

BY **CEDAR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
Special to Iron County

CEDAR CITY - The Wendy's franchise in Cedar City provides a level of service that is unsurpassed in the fast food industry. What sets this particular franchise apart is its dedication to providing exceptional service, the positive attitude of its employees, quick and efficient order turn-around, and a sincere desire to give back to the community.

Those who frequent the drive-through have had the good fortune of being greeted with a warm and cheerful "Hello" and

lively conversation with Mary, a sweet and fun-spirited woman. Then there's Cameron, a positive, friendly, service-minded manager who always goes the extra mile. The entire staff is friendly, upbeat and genuinely seems to love what they are doing.

Roger Bender, the owner of the Wendy's franchise, is a generous man who frequently contributes to organizations in the community. He serves on the hospital board and gives of his personal time and his resources. The owner and staff at Wendy's are a tremendous example of what it means to be community minded.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS made a final donation of coats to The Family Support Center of Southern Utah Jan. 8. The organization helped gather a total of 381 coats for kids this season.

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Obituaries

Donald Lorenzo Horsley



Donald Lorenzo Horsley, born Jan. 31, 1922 in St. George, Utah to John Horsley and Abigail Melvina Abbott Horsley, passed away on Jan. 7, 2016 in Beryl, Utah.

He was the ninth child of nine children. He lived in Mesquite, Nev. until the age of 11 when they moved to Veyo, Utah.

With the help of his sister Barbara, who was living in California, he enlisted in the Navy in 1940. He shipped out of Pearl Harbor one week before it was bombed. He spent quite a bit of time in Panama during the war. After a little more than six years, he was discharged from the Navy. He came home to Veyo, then bought a farm in Beryl with his sister Cleora and family in 1947.

While a bachelor on the farm he met a beautiful young girl, Janet Louise Parks, from Arizona, who came to visit her sister who was also living in Beryl. Donald and Janet were married Dec. 31, 1954 in Pioche, Nev.

To that union were born three sons, Donald Lorenzo Horsley Jr. (Donny), Ernest Leon Horsley and Spencer Parks Horsley.

Donald worked for the Union Pacific railroad, retiring in 1984. Upon retiring, he and Janet were ordinance workers in the St. George Temple for years and took a church history tour with his sister Barbara and husband Earl Sherratt.

Donald is survived by his wife, Janet; his sons, Ernest and Spencer; and a niece, Betty Horsley Ence, who was raised by his parents, along with other nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, eight siblings and his son Donny.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Newcastle Ward in Newcastle, Utah. A viewing will be before the service on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in the Parowan City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Ruben E. Burgess



Ruben E. Burgess, 80, passed away on Jan. 6, 2016 at his home in Enoch, Utah, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on Aug. 2, 1935 in Altonah, Utah to Earnest and Mabel Nielson Burgess.

Sgt. Ruben Burgess honorably served in the Korean War into the Vietnam War Era, proudly earning the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, just to name a few of the many medals. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the military never left him.

He had such pride and showed unconditional love for each and every one of his family members and close friends, as family and friends will attest.

Ruben is survived by the mother of his children, Marlene L. Burgess; their three children, Debbra Barnson (John Sr.), Danny Burgess and Terry Burgess; sisters who loved him dearly, Tyresha Hooper and Jeannie Davis; nieces, nephews and extended family.

He also leaves behind many wonderful grandchildren, great-grandchildren and was also blessed with a great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Jan. 11, 2016 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 West, Cedar City, Utah). A viewing was held prior at the mortuary. Interment was in the Cirdeville Cemetery, next to his wife, Jeanette Burgess, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Mary Joanna (Jo) McNealy Roe



Jo was born Oct. 16, 1938 to Norma and Burvel McNealy in San Bernardino, Calif. She passed from this life Jan. 1, 2016 in Cedar City, Utah. She was raised in the Imperial Valley, Calif. until 1945 when the family moved to the San Bernardino, Calif. area.

She graduated from Colton High School in 1956 and married the love of her life, Jerry E. Roe, Nov. 1, 1958. They have three children: Robert E. Roe of Parowan, Utah, Ronald D. Roe, of Windsor, Calif.

They also have 15 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 32 foster children.

Jo is survived by her husband, Jerry; a sister, Delores VanMeter of Parowan, Utah; and a brother, Burvel Scott McNealy of Mentor, Ohio. She is preceded in death by granddaughter Danelle Lee Roe; parents, Norma and Burvel McNealy; and her two sisters, Dotty Jean Griffin and Delyn R. Nodurft.

Jo worked for the Rialto Unified Schools for 33 years and held several offices with California School Employees Association.

They moved to Cedar City in 2008 when her husband, Jerry, became the minister of the Cedar City Church of Christ.

She will be missed by all.

A viewing was at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 West, Cedar City, Utah) on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016. Memorial services were Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 at the Church of Christ (1075 Fir Street, Cedar City, Utah) at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Children's Cancer Society in her honor.

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NEED *of the* WEEK

The Need of the Week comes from the TLC Pantry. The pantry is the second largest in Iron County and serves many families and individuals with good nutritious food. However, they often have difficulty providing adequate protein in their weekly food bags.

State sources often do not give anything more than a can of tuna per family each week. Cheese, eggs and fresh meat are seldom available. Protein is the most common nutritional deficiency among the poor.

Cases of tuna or any other meat or protein sources that are donated to the pantry could help the poor of this county immensely. True Life Center is at 2111 N. Main St., next to Lefty's Hideout. They can receive donations Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. until noon. If you have any questions, please email Robert McCoy at help.for.the.homeless.one@gmail.com.

Ione Mitchell Perry



Ione Mitchell Perry, age 91, passed away Dec. 30, 2015 in Parowan, Utah. She was born on Sept. 29, 1924 to LeRoy and Della Clark Mitchell in Parowan, Utah. On Nov. 21, 1942 she married DeVar Perry in Cedar City, Utah.

Ione is survived by a brother, Howard Mitchell of Hailey, Idaho; cousins Eleen Robinson of Parowan, Utah and Betty Sevey of Salt Lake City, Utah, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, DeVar Perry; a son, Roy Perry; and cousins Greta Wood and Alda Clark.

A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 at the LDS Parowan 3rd Ward Chapel (90 S. Main St., Parowan, Utah). A viewing was on Monday, Jan. 4 before services at the church. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

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Today

Falcon boys finish hoops sweep over Redmen

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

The Canyon View boys' basketball team wore a simple reminder – "2007" – on their wrists as they faced Cedar on Jan. 8. With a chance at making another piece of history against their crosstown rival, it didn't take long for the Falcons to put that message to good use.

Cord Johnson scored 16 points and Xavier Stoker added 11 as CV held the Redmen without a point for more than seven minutes at the start and cruised to a 51-39 win before a packed house at the Falcons' Nest, completing its first season sweep in nine years and improving to 9-6 overall.

The tone was set in the first quarter as the Falcons scored the game's first 13 points and never looked back. Canyon View kept Cedar off the scoreboard until the final minute of the opening period, and coach Robbie Potter said it was all a part of the continuing growth of his team.

"They're continuing to develop. We're at Game 15, they're at Game 10," Potter said. "This is a different environment, and with five more games under our belt, we knew we could take advantage of some things early."

Johnson helped the Falcons fire the opening salvo with a 3-pointer and added another bucket off a steal near the

CANYON VIEW 51 CEDAR 39

Cedar	2	10	11	16	--	39
CVHS	15	9	13	14	--	51

Cedar – Boettcher 4, Fletcher 4, Nielson 15, Fakahua 12, Haynie 4. Totals 15 8-11 39.
3-pointers – Nielson 1.

Canyon View – Johnson 16, Jensen 8, Stoker 11, Camba 8, Blackner 2, Lambeth 2, Miller 4. Totals 20 7-15 51.
3-pointers – Johnson 2, Jensen 2.

JR ROBINSON



halfway point of the opening quarter as CV built a 9-0 lead and sent the gym into bedlam.

By the time Keenan Nielson broke the drought and hit the first field goal for the Redmen with 47 seconds left in the period, the home team had a 13-2 lead. Cedar's second field goal came with 5:48 left in the half when Mason Fakahua drove inside for a layup, and Canyon View built the lead to 19-4.

The Falcons led 24-12 at the half and never let the margin fall below double figures over the

final 16 minutes. When the final horn sounded, the black-and-teal student section streamed onto the floor and celebrated the moment with the players.

"Every kid had 2007 written somewhere on their body, and I was here for that as a first-year assistant under (athletic director Jim) Langford," Potter said. "Our program is going in the direction we want it to ... I'm hoping both Cedar teams can make it to the Centrum (for the 3A state playoffs). That's our goal at this point."

The only area CV struggled in was at the free-throw line. The Falcons were under 50 percent at 7-of-15, while the Redmen (5-5) were 8 of 11.

"You don't celebrate until the buzzer sounds," Potter said.

Stoker said with the first of four road games to start Region 12 play on deck, the feeling from completing the sweep of Cedar was ideal.

"We can't be complacent because we have two really good teams next week," Stoker said. "We competed tonight and

tried to get good shots ... This win feels astounding. Any time you beat Cedar, it's nice."

Canyon View started Region 12 play at Carbon on Jan. 12 and will travel to play Juab on Jan. 15. Results weren't available at press deadline.

Cedar, which beat Richfield 46-38 on Jan. 6, opens Region 9 play at home tonight against Snow Canyon, then hosts Desert Hills on Jan. 15. Coach Craig Cardon said the Redmen will be successful in the chase for the title with consistent effort.

"It depends on which team shows up," he said. "We're Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. If the team shows up with confidence and energy, we can play with some teams. If we come out flat and lethargic, we'll get hammered all year long."

Nielson led Cedar with 15 points and Fakahua added 12.

At halftime of the game, the Steve Hodson Cancer Classic presented donations of \$5,000 each to three families fighting cancer. The families of Jennifer Fakahua (mother of Cedar junior Mason and wife of assistant football coach Oscar), Sophia Kohler and Georgia Brady were all given the proceeds from the Dec. 28-30 tournament and honored in a ceremony.

Photos of the presentation are available on Twitter @ Tomzsports.

Warren named new head football coach at SUU



BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – In its two-week search for a new head football coach that culminated Jan. 11, Southern Utah University athletic director Jason Butikofer wanted one who would continue the "more with less" mentality, a "brick-by-brick" approach built under Ed Lamb for the last eight seasons.

After an extensive nationwide search, Butikofer had the one he wanted all along.

Demario Warren, who came in with Lamb as an assistant in 2008 and served as defensive coordinator the last two seasons, was introduced as the 12th head coach of the T-Birds

at a press conference at the Sharwan Smith Center on campus.

As the decision-making process moved forward, Butikofer said he had 18 candidates the school was looking at following the announcement of Lamb's departure for BYU on Dec. 26. Finding Lamb's replacement came down to one simple quality.

"We needed to find a leader who had the energy and mental toughness to sustain and elevate this program," Butikofer said. "At the same time, we needed a leader that had a vision for continuing to be true to who we are."

"Ultimately, Demario

Falcons finish second at Irontown Duels

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

The annual Irontown Duels wrestling tournament took its turn over at the Cedar High gym on Jan. 8 and 9, and both Cedar and Canyon View had solid showings.

The Falcons finished as runner-up to eventual champion and future Region 12 opponent Juab with a 7-1 record in the two-day duals tournament. Canyon View suffered its only loss to the Wasps, who won the team title by running the table with a perfect 8-0 record.

"Juab is a solid team," Canyon View coach Dallas Lowry said. "We got worn out a little bit after the match against Snow Canyon. Juab was tough."

The Falcons added

wins over Salem Hills and Hurricane to complete their run to the No. 2 spot.

Cedar was directly behind the Falcons and took home the third-place trophy with a 6-2 overall duels record, with the lone losses coming against the Wasps and Skyhawks.

Among the individual medal winners, freshman Brady Lowry was the lone Falcon to earn top honors by winning a three-way tiebreaker at 120 pounds. Lowry said while the experience and workload from the weekend wasn't anything out of the ordinary, the preparation he goes through in practice has been a big help.

"I feel like I can get things together mentally," Lowry said. "My drilling partner, Ryan Ball (also a freshman), helps me out



TYLER HALEY, of Canyon View, second from right, stands on the winners' podium at the Irontown Duels at the Cedar High gym.

a lot ... Our team loves each other, doesn't matter if we're a freshman or senior."

Four Cedar wrestlers won individual titles at the Duels, including Caleb Weaver (126), McCrae Murray (195), Nate Ellis (220) and Koalman Kimber (285).

Redmen coach Luke Payne said with three weeks remaining until the South Divisional tournament, the Irontown Duels were a chance to get some of the Christmas-New Year's holiday rust out of the team's system.

"We improved on our neutral and we were really good on take-downs," Payne said. "We got a little more work on bottom, escaping, and being ready for our big matches."

"We got eight matches

after the holidays after the holidays. We had to work off the fruitcake," he added.

The other finishers from Cedar and Canyon View who made it onto the medal podium included Ryan Ball (CV, third at 113), Dustin Barrick (Cedar, fourth at 113), Tyrell Barney (CV, second at 126), Colten Shumway (CV, second at 132), Mike Anker (Cedar, fourth at 132), Brennen Robinson (CV, third at 138), Tyson Roundy (Cedar, fourth at 138), Eric Gourde (CV, third at 160), Clay Anderson (Cedar, fourth at 160), Tyler Haley (CV, second at 170), Quaid Murray (Cedar, second at 182), Bryson Bentley (CV, third at 182), Carson Potter (CV, fourth at 195) and Hayden Giles (Cedar, third at 220).

Color Country Futbol Club to offer certified referee course

BY FRANCY MERDES

Special to Iron County

Color Country Futbol Club is pleased to announce that they will be hosting an entry level Certified Referee Training

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Lady Reds rally, beat Wildcats

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

They didn't have the offensive production of recent games Jan. 7, but the Cedar Lady Reds had just enough left in the defensive tank to rally and preserve their winning streak heading to Region 9 play.

Courtney Morley, Dream Weaver and Hannah Williams scored nine points apiece, and Cedar wiped out a seven-point halftime deficit on the way to a 41-38 victory at Richfield. The Lady

Reds won their fifth game in a row and improved to 9-3 on the season.

Cedar trailed 22-15 at the break, but held the Wildcats (7-5) to just six points in the third quarter and 10 in the fourth. The Lady Reds won despite shooting only 6-of-8 from the free-throw line and getting outrebounded 29-20. Richfield committed 21 turnovers.

The Lady Reds opened Region 9 play at Snow Canyon on Jan. 12. Results weren't available at press deadline.



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CEDAR 41, RICHFIELD 38

Cedar	8	7	12	14	--	41
Richfield	13	9	6	10	--	38

Cedar – Morley 9, Weaver 9, Williams 9, Elison 4, Whetmen 4, Myers 2, Davis 2, Robinson 2. Totals 17 6-8 41. 3-pointers – Weaver 1.

Richfield – Daniels 12, Bastian 11, Christensen 8, Jones 3, Franks 2, Roberts 2. Totals 14 7-16 38. 3-pointers – Daniels 3.

Bauman reflects on 25 years, new season

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CEDAR CITY – He started with a team that had only eight gymnasts and took its competitive lumps, more often than not. A quarter-century later, Southern Utah gymnastics coach Scott Bauman has teams that are more likely to dish them out.

Bauman opened his 25th season as the leader of the program with a Jan. 9 tri-meet in Denver and finished second with a 194.100 team score behind the Pioneers and ahead of West Virginia. Heading into the home opener against 2015 national runner-up and No. 4-ranked Utah on Jan. 15 at the Centrum Arena, the leader of the Flippin' Birds talked about some of his favorite moments, starting with his second campaign in 1992.

"In our first year here, we got beat up by everybody," Bauman said. "We re-tooled the entire team. We were like 'everything you did before, forget it. You all have to learn everything new.' The team responded so well."

With the same eight girls who were "murdered" by Utah State – Bauman's alma mater – the year before, Bauman and assistant Jeff Richards retooled the team and qualified for the Western Athletic Conference championship meet in Logan. It featured the Aggies along with Boise State, and was the first big piece of the program's foundation.

"We had never beaten any of them, and we won that meet," Bauman said. "That was impressive, and a turning point for us. That meet was when we knew we could develop kids and coach gymnastics – not just kind of recruit kids and make them good."

While that achievement was notable, getting the word out about the SUU program was still a challenge. It led to Bauman hit-

ting the road for as many camps as he could find.

"It was so hard because Southern Utah hadn't really been recognized back then as a team that you needed to worry about," Bauman said. "Even in Utah, we were fourth on everyone's mind. If you couldn't get in to BYU, Utah or Utah State, you would maybe consider Southern Utah, but not really."

But with tenacity and a whole lot of coaching in the offseason, that impression slowly started to change.

"We really went out and promoted the university by coaching," Bauman said. "We would go out to these huge camps like Lake Owen in Minnesota, so we got a recruiting base from the Midwest from that one camp. We would send our coaches to other big camps, and they'd see our coaches coach, particularly Jeff and I because that was all we had."

"We developed a good reputation with clubs and got to know so many coaches. That's how we got our word out. That (Minnesota) camp was critical to our early success. Now, 25 years into this, we know all of the really good clubs and club coaches and what really good talent looks like."

Bauman's ideal recruit may not land at a top gymnastics program like Utah, UCLA, or Alabama, but have a willingness to grow and develop.

"I'd rather have a kid with a lot of heart, a lot of soul, that wants to learn and continue to progress," Bauman said. "I want to take a kid and drive them, push them, make them better. That's what this program's always been about."

As the calendar moved into the new millennium, Bauman had been a strong candidate to return to USU as its head coach in 2009, a position that eventually went to Richards. After a long

wait, Richards is back at SUU as one of Bauman's assistants along with Jamie Wysong.

"I've been trying for 17 years to get Jeff back," Bauman said. "The situation worked out perfectly. I've been so blessed to be associated with so many coaches I've helped develop, like Jeff Hunt (Arizona State), Caleb Phillips (Iowa), Owen Field (Florida), Jeff Richards



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SCOTT BAUMAN, Southern Utah gymnastics coach, applauds his team during a meet. He started his 25th season as the coach of the program on Jan. 9.

and Kari Louthan. None had any coaching experience before they came here except for Owen, and they've all helped us progress."

While his assistants have tasted success at larger programs, Bauman nearly left for USU himself.

"When I told my family they had offered me the job with a very good package, far more

than I could make here, I saw the reaction from my daughter, so I told them I needed a day or two," Bauman said. "Then I went to (former athletic director) Ken Beazer and told him I needed a second assistant coach. We had to have that, or we would fall behind very fast."

"Ken knew what USU had offered me, then he went to President (Michael) Benson and said 'we'll get you your second assistant.' I decided to stay and it's a move I haven't regretted for one second."

The T-Birds won the WAC title and just missed making the NCAA Nationals as a team in 2010, and then UCLA – the defending national champion at the time – came to the Centrum and were beaten by Bauman's team the following year before a loud, packed house.

"What's crazy in 2010 is we won the championship, had the WAC Gymnast of the Year in Elyse Wheeler the Freshman of the Year in Alyssa Click, I was the Coach of the Year, and it was a clean sweep of the entire meet," Bauman said. "It was the catalyst that pushed us forward to the UCLA meet."

"That was more about the environment in the Centrum than our ability to beat that team. If we hit and they hit, UCLA would have straight-up killed us. If we hit and they stumble just a little bit, they open the door for a team like us. The crowd and support we felt turned the tide in that meet. Val Kondos (UCLA head coach) was the first one to admit it."

The program progressed further into the new decade under Bauman and had an even greater chance to make the NCAA Nationals a year ago. Despite heading into the final rotation tied with Oregon State, the Beavers passed the T-Birds and grabbed the second nationals

spot behind Oklahoma.

But for the first time in school history, two individuals – seniors Ana Jaworski (balance beam) and Jamie Armijo (uneven bars) – qualified individually for the national meet.

"We've always believed we have the ability to get to Nationals," Bauman said. "You've got to scratch and claw your way in. Fight, chew, do whatever you need to do to get there ... Our 2010 team was amazing and we gave Michigan a run for that second spot at the West Virginia regional. I would have put my beam team last year up against anybody, but we had a couple of small errors that cost us."

The effort gave the T-Birds a final national ranking of 16th, the program's highest ever. With Memory Shettles back after a knee injury wiped out her 2015 season and Amber Heltemes – "probably one of the best incoming freshmen we've ever had," Bauman believes – the new team has refilled what the T-Bird coach called "a vacuum in leadership."

"Last year's team scratched, clawed and got as far as they could," Bauman said. "They went to their full potential at that regional and looked amazing. This team has picked up where the senior leaders left off."

And as 2016 hits high gear with teams like Utah and Michigan coming to the Centrum, Bauman knows the battle of competing alongside the top-notch programs takes time, patience and consistency.

"When we first got here, we didn't get to nationals for seven, eight years," Bauman said. "We started getting individuals there, then the team, now that's the expectation. You build. You can't jump into coaching at a small school like this and think you're going to get them to the national championships. It's a slow building process."

WARREN

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clearly exhibited a strong desire to be part of this program throughout the process," he added. "He is 100 percent focused on our future success. Consistency and elevating ourselves to national prominence is at the forefront of the next steps. Simply, he is the man for this job."

While leading one of the top-ranked defenses in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), Warren has produced four NFL Draft-rated prospects, including Miles Killebrew, LeShaun Sims, James Cowser and Dion Turner. The new head coach described

some of his emotions surrounding the process of being hired for his first head-coaching position.

"When everything happened two weeks ago, I went from being nervous for my future in coaching to being excited for being named the next head coach (at SUU)," Warren said as several of his fellow head coaches, members of the media and community looked on. "I remembered reading a quote the next day while my mind was racing. It said 'God is not concerned as much about our comfort as He is our purpose. Sometimes He shakes things up to get us to our destiny' ... I guess it's my time to have a bigger platform to reach more people."

In the end, Warren knew he made the right choice and that he has a challenging road ahead.

"Coach Lamb took this program from an 18-game losing streak to one that can beat anyone on any given Saturday," Warren said. "He didn't do any favors for the person who was going to take over this job. He won Man of the Year and Citizen of the Year. I didn't even know those awards were given out."

"I can't fill his shoes by myself. We have an administration that isn't content being an average program. They have great ideas on how to push this program to be a consistent winner. We have student-athletes that hold themselves and their

teammates to the highest possible standard."

Those students on the team had input on who they thought should be the next hire and most all were in agreement that Warren should be the one.

"The day we heard Coach Lamb was leaving, a lot of us got together and talked to get a general feeling of what mainly the seniors and impact players wanted," offensive lineman Andrew Eide said. "It was pretty much a unanimous decision that we wanted it to be an in-house hire. This last season, Coach Warren stepped up as an authoritative figure for the team and a leader. We felt if he was hired, it would keep us on the same track after we won the Big Sky."

With National Signing Day three weeks away (Feb. 3), none of the current recruits, including Canyon View quarterback Michael Musto, have decommitted, but the work to keep them has just begun.

"We haven't talked about what everyone's role is going to be yet because we've got to get the recruiting buttoned up," defensive line coach Ryan Hunt said. "I'm excited as ever to be here. It's a new era, but we're picking up right where we left off. There are no egos. We just want to move the ship forward."

Warren said there is no timetable in place to complete his staff of assistant coaches. Butikofer said details on Warren's contract are being worked out.

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