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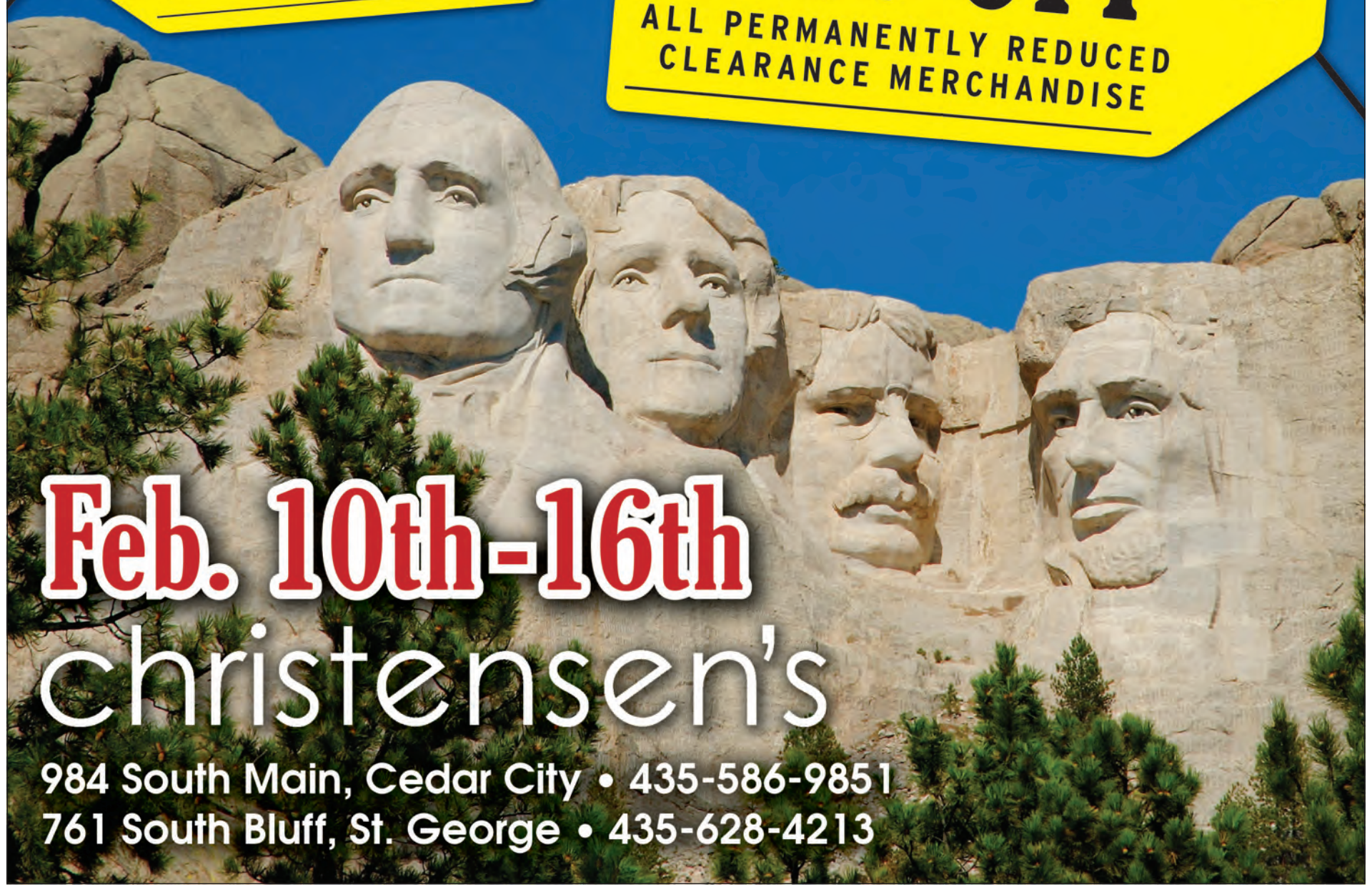


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Utah attorney general and local author discuss human trafficking in Southern Utah



JEFF LOWE

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – SUU Convocations hosted a special screening of the film “Prophet’s Prey,” co-sponsored by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, on Feb. 3, followed by a panel discussion

with Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes and local author Sam Brower discussing human trafficking.

The event drew a large crowd of students and community members to the university’s Hunter Conference Center.

“Prophet’s Prey,” directed by Amy Berg and produced by

Ron Howard and Brian Grazer, is a documentary film based on Brower’s bestselling book by the same name and his seven-year investigation of Warren Jeffs and the FLDS community as a private investigator. Brower’s investigation contributed to the eventual

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‘Operation: Seismos’ sizes up National Guard’s disaster readiness

BY COREY **BAUMGARTNER**
Reporter

IRON COUNTY – Forty-eight hours may not seem like a lot of time, but to the National Guard, it could mean the difference between life and death, especially following the aftermath of an emergency or major disaster. That’s why the Utah National Guard recently initiated a mock training exercise in Iron County called Operation: Seismos.

Conducted last Friday and Saturday from the National Guard Armory in Cedar City, the 213th Forward Support Company of the Utah National Guard, stationed in St. George, covered every aspect of a real disaster scenario, specifically a devastating earthquake with a magnitude

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THE 213TH FORWARD SUPPORT COMPANY of the Utah National Guard went through disaster training in Cedar City last week.

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UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL SEAN REYES meets with members of the community at Southern Utah University’s Hunter Conference Center to discuss human trafficking in the state.

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Cedar City council discusses e-cigarettes

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Several members from the Iron County Prevention Coalition attended the Cedar City Council meeting on Feb. 3 to discuss the latest lure affecting the health of youth in the community – e-cigarettes and vape pens.

While similar to e-cigarettes, vape pens, or AVPs (Advanced Personal Vaporizers) are used to inhale any number of vaporized flavored chemicals, referred to as e-juice, and are most often mixed with varying levels of nicotine.

The list of pros and cons along with countless studies, both for and against e-cigarettes and “vaping,” is vast. While arguments for both sides are convincing, many agree on one thing; they pose a very real health risk to youth. The biggest concern is that these devices are not regulated as strictly as tobacco, which makes it difficult to know exactly what chemicals are being inhaled and their

long-term effects.

That’s where Heidi Baxley, prevention specialist at the Southwest Behavioral Health Center, and coordinator for the ICPC, wants to make a difference. She and other concerned counselors and citizens presented a case to the city council about creating an e-cigarette and vaping ordinance that would make purchasing such products more difficult for youth, while providing stricter punishments for those distributing them to youth.

The concern is based largely on data received from the latest Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) survey, given to students from the sixth to 12th grades, which showed alarming increases of e-cigarette use.

“We know there’s a direct correlation between accessibility and youth use rates,” Baxley said.

With 42 retail locations that sell e-cigarettes or vaping products in Iron County, 33 of them located in Cedar City, it is easier for kids to have access to them.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

JILL MCKINLAY displays a vape pen at the Feb. 3 Cedar City Council meeting.

However, it was also noted that most kids acquire these products anonymously online, or by stealing them from stores or their parents. Ashley Whiting, a counselor at Cedar Middle School, has seen

the increase of use and abuse first hand, citing several places from school assemblies, to the bus where students are using. Whiting also noted the difficulty in catching kids in the act because new vaping dispensers are disguised as computer flash drives, ink pens, and even asthma inhalers.

Many believe vaping companies are targeting youth. This argument is difficult to refute when there are more than 8,000 flavors of e-juice, which includes flavors such as gummy bears, peanut butter and jelly, cotton candy, Papa Smurf and even unicorn vomit. Many vape pens and other vaping paraphilia are even decorated with Hello Kitty and Star Wars references.

High school sophomore Ethan Bates also believes he and his peers are being targeted.

“I can definitely tell that these products are being targeted toward kids because of the flavors,” said Bates, who listed more flavors of ‘e-juice’ that included Captain Crunch

and Berry Blast. “If that’s not targeting toward kids, I don’t know what is.”

Layne Sorden, owner of Go Vapors, in Cedar City, also shared some vital information about the industry. His store is 100 percent anti-tobacco and he said many of his customers are cancer survivors, or family members of survivors, who have successfully used vaping to quit smoking altogether. He is also very concerned about the rising trend in youth becoming e-juice junkies.

“There are other retailers out there who don’t care, but we are actively fighting to stop these products from getting into the hands of the kids,” Sorden said.

While the council will take time to consider all the information, Council member Fred Rowley is adamant about protecting youth by advocating revised regulations that will help make sure all e-cigarette and vaping products are more secure and there are severe punishments for anyone peddling or providing these products to minors.

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Leavitt Center to host Veterans' Breakfast and panel discussion on 'What Makes an American?'

BY JEFF LOWE

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – The Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics & Public Service at Southern Utah University is hosting two special events this week as part of February's Politics in Action month.

On Feb. 11, the center will host a panel discussion, "What Makes an American?" in conjunction with SUUSA's Identity Week. The panel will include a discussion with Cressly Perez, SUU student, Bradley Cook, SUU Provost, Tina Calamity, SUU staff member, and Mark Sinagra, SUU student and veteran. The discussion will begin at 6 p.m. in the Starlight Room (upper level of the rotunda in the Sharwan Smith Student Center). Refreshments will be served.

The panel members will discuss their views of what it means to be an American and share some of their life experiences and perspectives, said Bailey Bowthorpe, a member of the Leavitt Center's Student Executive Council.

The goal of the event



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"is to show the attendees that it's more than just living here that makes someone an American," she said. "Its (purpose) is to foster personal American pride

... for each person who comes."

"They've all had really different life experiences," Bowthorpe said of the panel members. "To be

able to hear from students, peers, administrative and faculty members ... it should just be a really interesting discussion."

Members of the cen-

ter's Student Executive Council will ask the panel members a series of questions. If time allows, questions may be opened up to audience members.

"There's a lot of political rhetoric, especially around election time, about what ... it means to be an American, so we thought it would be cool to explore that subject more in depth, but take it and learn about it from these different perspectives," Bowthorpe added.

The following day, on Feb. 12, the Leavitt Center will host a Veterans' Breakfast starting at 8 a.m. at the Alumni House (northeast corner of 300 West and University Boulevard). Veterans and a guest will eat for free and all others are asked to make a \$2 donation to the Iron County Veteran's Coalition. The event is co-sponsored by the veterans' center on campus.

"This is a way for us to show our appreciation for veterans," Bowthorpe said. "We focus on appreciating our veterans a lot during November when it's Veterans Day, but we don't often take the time to say 'thank you' and do something for them."

For more information about the Leavitt Center and more upcoming events, visit www.suu.edu/leavittcenter.

Southwest ATC Foundation receives \$50K donation from Iron County Restaurant Tax

BY PEGGY GREEN

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY – Southwest Applied Technology College has announced a \$50,000 donation to the SWATC Foundation campaign "Building Tomorrow's Workforce Today" from the Iron County Commission utilizing the Iron County TRCC tax, also known as "restaurant tax."

The donation will fund essential meeting and dining space and support the Culinary Arts program on the new campus in Cedar City, Utah.

"We are excited about the economic possibilities of this new facility. SWATC will be able to

host large events, including the UCAT conference in June," said Maria Twitchell, member of the Iron County Restaurant Tax Advisory Board. "This will bring more people to Cedar City and increased opportunities for catering by many of our local restaurants."

The objective of the Iron County Restaurant Tax Fund is to leverage the funds generated by the 1 percent tax on all prepared food in Iron County for the marketing, development, operation and maintenance of tourism, recreation, cultural and convention projects. The mission of Southwest ATC is to provide excellence in job skill training in response to the needs of

the region's employers. In order to fulfill this mission, the college first obtained funding from the state to build a new campus and second, developed a foundation to furnish the classrooms and labs.

The college hired Neal Smith, owner of Old Oakey, Inc., and placed him at the helm of the fundraising efforts to equip the state-of-the-art campus. Smith said, "This generous gift from the Iron County Restaurant Tax Fund will support our new Culinary Arts program and meeting/dining facilities. The development of these resources is vital to our service region and the economic development of Iron County."

Smith feels the cam-

paign will continue to attract community partners and significant donations that will enable the college to sustain its efforts

and fulfill its mission in Iron, Beaver, Garfield and Kane counties.

Smith can be reached to discuss donation oppor-

tunities on behalf of the SWATC Foundation by telephone (435) 327-1073 or email NLS400@msn.com.

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Opinion

TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for supporting the holiday light fundraiser

Dear Community,

This brings the 11 year donation total to \$10,965.99. I already have plans for a bigger and better display for 2016. So, thanks again for being so generous and I look forward to seeing you at the display in December.

Ben Hohman
Cedar City

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the people of Southern Utah for their generosity in support of my holiday light fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Utah. Together, this year we raised \$1,528.73 from onsite and online donations.



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BEN HOHMAN'S HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY helped raise \$1,528.73 for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Utah in 2015.

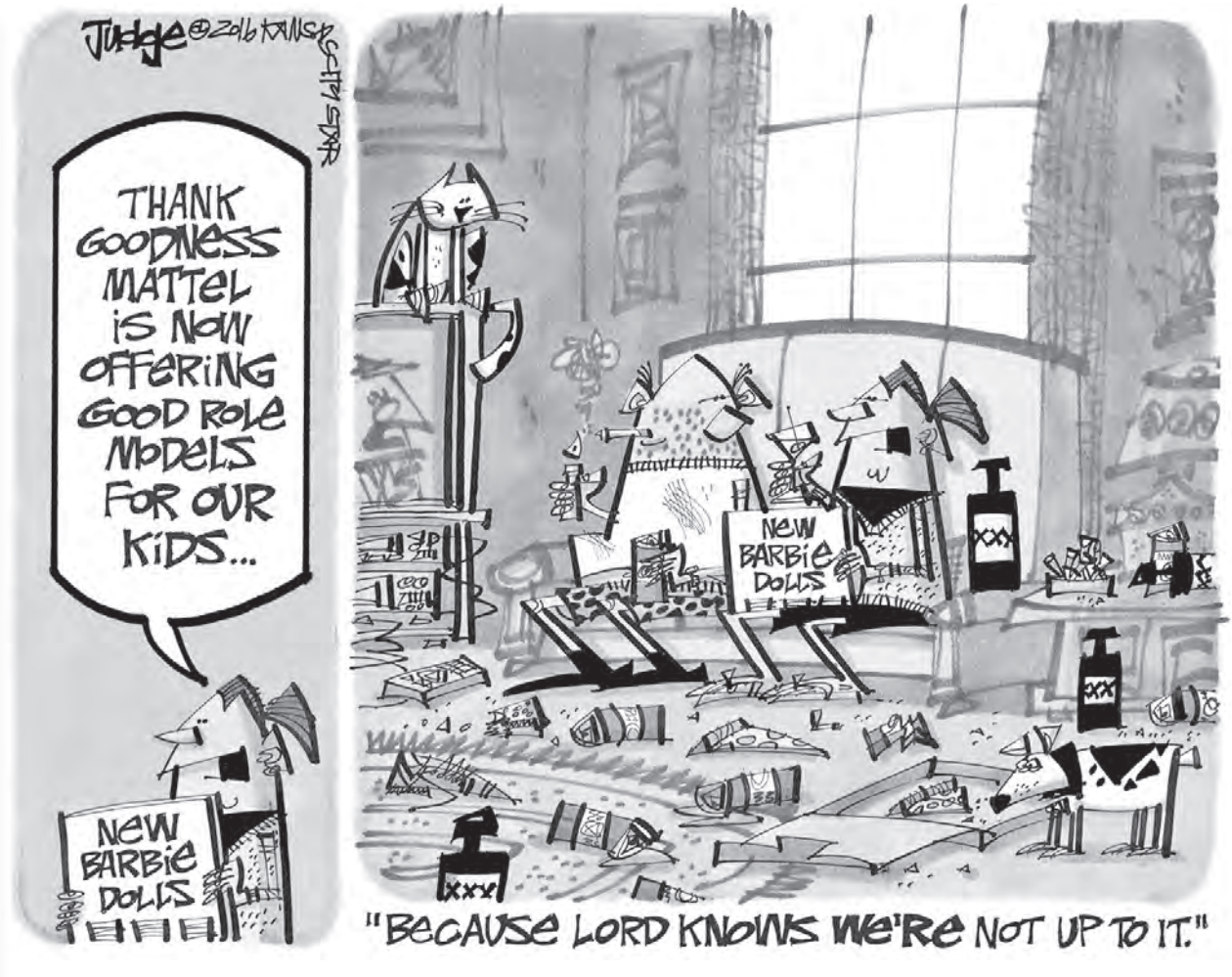
Environmental groups are about protecting scenic wonders in our great state

To the Editor:

According to Mr. Falk, ranching is destroying native plant species to the brink of extinction in the western United States. Livestock are poisoning and depleting water supplies, killing stream flows, increasing soil erosion and eat up native grasses that have devastated

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After reading Craig Bennett's article, "Controversy Continues Over Use of Public Lands in the West," I read a timely article by Will Falk, "Pinyon - Juniper Forests: BLM is a Ranching Industry Tool," in the San Diego Free Press."



"BECAUSE LORD KNOWS WE'RE NOT UP TO IT."

This land is your land, and our land

According to a recent poll, Utahns are about evenly split on the idea of suing the federal government over the issue of who owns and controls public land. Then, of course, there are many who have no opinion or no clue as to what the jack-rabbit invested land is all about.

That's foolish since the state of Utah appears ready to spend \$14 million of my and your taxpayer money to start the legal process. Therefore, everybody should have an opinion (The governor does. In a radio interview last week he said the \$14 million would be a good investment - but only if



Cyclops

BY BRYAN GRAY

Utah won. Gee, I could say the same thing about purchasing a lottery ticket!). Hey, I'm not a lawyer, but I've heard the 2nd Amendment folks constantly reminding me that words ("the right to bear arms") are clear. So when it comes to public land matters, I refer back to Utah Enabling Act signed by our local leaders as a condition of statehood.

In it, Utah agreed to "forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within said limits owned or held by any Indian tribe; and that until the title thereto shall have been extinguished by the United States, the same shall be and remain subject to the disposition of

the United States." To this non-lawyer, that's pretty clear. And how about Article 3, Section 2 of the Utah Constitution: "The people inhabiting this State do affirm and declare that they forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within the boundaries hereof." Most legal experts think the language is clear. The federal government owns the land until Congress decides to give it back, a difficult challenge since the West has a small fraction of Congressional representatives.

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Washington County commissioner sends urgent alert to State Cattlemen's Association

BY CRAIG BENNETT
Reporter

SOUTHERN UTAH – Control of federal land in the western United States, including Utah, continues to be controversial and people on both sides of the issue feel strongly about the cause.

With the shooting death of Cane Beds, Ariz. resident Levoy Finicum, one of the occupiers of the wildlife refuge in Burns, Ore., and the arrest of Ammon Bundy, his brother Ryan and others including a journalist, tensions are running strong on both fronts.

Chalice Finicum Finch, daughter of Levoy Finicum said, "My dad was a family man. Almost everything he did was for his family. He wanted us children to live in a free land and be safe. He spent countless hours with us. He truly loved being a father and was excellent at it. In my dad's eyes the family who worked, played, studied, and talked together would stay together and in the end he will be right."

In the aftermath of the

Oregon standoff, focus has increased on the legality and constitutionality of transferring public lands to the states.

Steve Bloch, legal director for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, in speaking with Iron County Today, expressed his view of the issue.

"Utah's Transfer of Public Lands Act and similar radical attempts in other western states to 'take back' federal public lands are almost surely unconstitutional and doomed to failure," he said. "Federal public lands are owned by all Americans; they were never owned by the western states and those states are surely not entitled to seize ownership of them now. Should the states ever succeed in taking title to these lands away from the United States, the result would be more drilling, mining, and grazing to the benefit of a few and the detriment of the vast majority of Americans."

Recently, Washington County Commissioner Alan Gardner sent an urgent alert to the State Cattlemen's Association. According to Gardner's email, open season has been declared on cattle and cattle ranchers.

"There's a Facebook page now promoting shooting cows on public land," the email stated. "It's been reported by thousands,

to the link above, they are not just promoting killing cattle, but ranchers as well."

The page had 454 "likes" as of Feb. 7.

"Please don't feel the need to share the page," Gardner's email said.

The page has targeted New Mexico rancher Adrian Sewell, in particular, but is also attacking others. There are reports of arrests in Oregon for cow killing since the page has been put up. They claim open season on livestock on public lands and claim to have already killed 23 so far."

According to the State Cattlemen's Association, there are several things ranchers can do right now.

1. If you are a Facebook user, please report the page, noting that it is promoting the criminal acts of shooting people and animals, as well as animal cruelty.

2. Alert your local law enforcement of the threat to you,

your family, your animals and your livelihood.

3. Alert your neighbors and friends of the threat and the need to remain on alert.

4. Contact your local media and ask if they will help spread the word about the danger in your community.

5. If you believe you have lost cattle to this program, immediately contact local law enforcement, your Livestock Board inspector, your local game warden and the federal or state land management agencies you deal with.

6. Document any dead cattle and or any other signs of damage or destruction on your ranch. Remember that in the past fences have been cut, water tanks drained, bolts removed from windmill or water towers and more. There is actually a whole book on Monkey Wrenching livestock production instructing on how to best harm ranchers.

7. Don't confront anyone engaging in cow killing or suspicious activity on your property, leases or allotments.

"Federal public lands... were never owned by the western states and those states are surely not entitled to seize ownership of them now"

-Steve Bloch

but Facebook, according to the email replies every time saying it doesn't violate community standards, even though the page is promoting felony criminal actions."

The group's page is Public Lands Hunt Club found at www.facebook.com/Shootwelfare ranchers.

Gardner's email goes on to say, "Unfortunately according

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Authorities put out carbon monoxide warning to motorists



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BY CRAIG BENNETT

Reporter

IRON COUNTY – With the winter season in full swing and with the amount of snow that has fallen in the area, authorities are putting out a warning to motorists.

The lethal consequences of carbon monoxide in engine exhaust (sometimes called the silent killer) is tragically illustrated by hundreds of people dying each year from CO poisoning caused by several factors.

One of these factors is a running vehicle inside a closed garage. Others die

by the combustion in gasoline engines. These engines produce extremely high carbon monoxide concentrations. Even when a gasoline engine is properly tuned, it produces more than 30,000 parts per million of carbon monoxide in the exhaust stream before entering the catalytic converter. An exhaust leak can allow escape of CO before it has a chance to be converted to non-toxic CO₂ before entering the catalytic converter. It enters the vehicle through holes or open windows. Exhaust systems must be gas and exhaust tight and

where exhaust gases could collect and then be pulled into the car, especially if there happens to be an exhaust leak. Plus, the amount of carbon monoxide is much higher during initial start-up of the engine, and decreases dramatically after the catalytic converter warms. Continually starting the engine produces even more CO than letting the engine run. In older model cars and trucks without a catalytic converter, the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning increases.

The Center for Disease Control and

The lethal consequences of carbon monoxide in engine exhaust (sometimes called the silent killer) is tragically illustrated by hundreds of people dying each year from CO poisoning

or become extremely ill in homes with attached garages. Still other causes of death involve people who are stranded in their car and leave the motor running to keep warm or driving or riding in a vehicle with a defective exhaust system.

These tragedies often occur when a vehicle has a poorly tuned engine, motorists drive vehicles with the trunk lid or rear tailgate open or with holes in the car body, allow children to ride under a topper on a pickup truck, or operate a vehicle in any enclosed building.

Problems are caused

sealed from the engine to the end of the tailpipe. An exhaust leak can allow escape of CO before it is converted to non-toxic CO₂ in the catalytic converter.

So what do you if you become stranded or stuck in the snow? Some say to open a window on the downward side of the car and operate the engine only for a short time until the car warms up and then shut it off. But is that correct?

With the engine not running, snow may cover the exhaust pipe. An open window on the downward side of the car will likely be in a low pressure area

Prevention (CDC) has stated that a significant hazard of unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning presents itself with each winter storm as a result of snow-blocked vehicle exhaust systems. Five-hundred deaths occur annually by carbon monoxide poisoning.

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Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to host health fair

BY JEFF LOWE

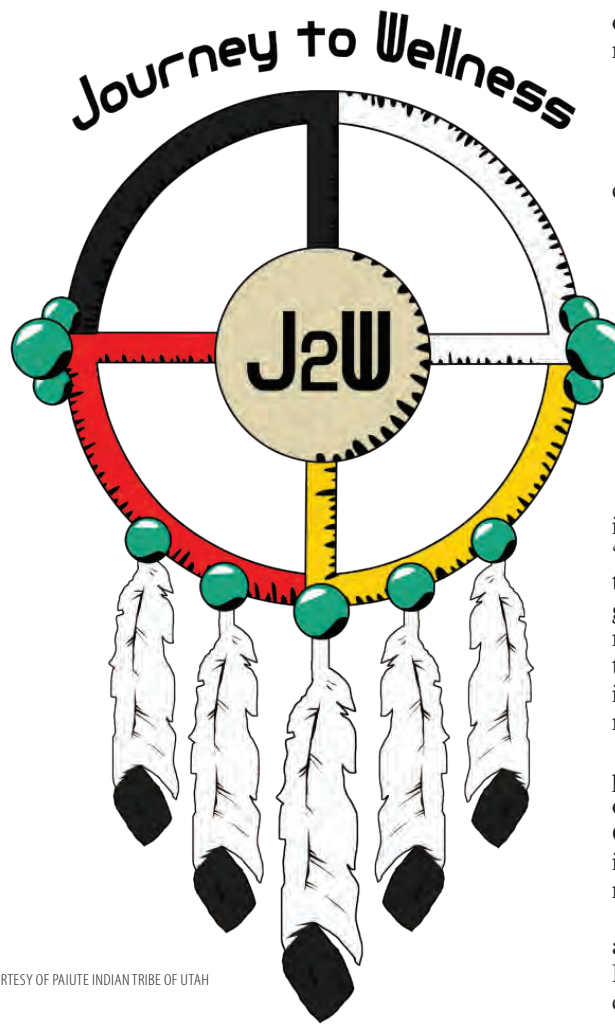
Managing Editor

IRON COUNTY – The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah will be hosting a health fair Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Paiute Tribal Building (440 N. Paiute Drive, Cedar City).

The event is open to the public and local vendors and businesses will be on site to give free health screenings and discuss important health information.

The theme of the health fair is “Going for the Gold with Health” and will be centered on the upcoming Olympic Games. Organizers are hoping to help as many community members as possible on their “Journey to Wellness.”

Each of the vendors will have an Olympic theme and participants will have the opportunity to have a medal sheet signed by all the vendors. Completed sheets can be entered into a raffle for exercise equipment, cookware, sporting goods, exercise videos, gift cards and



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other health and wellness related prizes, said Meagan Beesley, one of the organizers of the event.

The free health screenings will involve a blood pressure check, a glucose check, and height, weight and BMI measurements, Beesley said. In addition, participating vendors will share information ranging from mental and physical wellness and ways to stop smoking to parenting tips and providing car seat checks.

“I don’t think I can put a value on it,” Beesley said of the importance of the health fair. “There’s so much information that’s going to be there ... it’s going to be a really good experience for community members to find out what is available in their area – all the health resources they have here.”

“A lot of people ... are surprised at the amount of wellness opportunities we have here in Cedar City,” she added. “I hope it will be a really good opportunity to make connections.”

For more information about the health fair, contact Hope Silvas at (435) 586-1112 ext. 408.

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of 7.7.

Training is a vital aspect of every public safety department because preparation is paramount to making sure every minute is maximized for saving lives, homes and communities. In a major disaster, it can be overwhelming for local law enforcement and emergency personnel to cover all the ground necessary to keep the city and citizens safe. That’s when the National Guard can be of great assistance by providing additional man-power and equipment to support the local first responders.

The Utah National Guard is a vital asset in both capacity and capability in providing the extra man-power needed to help keep the citizens and city safe. They can assist in patrolling and guarding disaster “hot-spots” for looting, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations and the shelters set up for people who have lost their homes during the disaster. But they can also help in restoring communications, power and search and rescue

operations.

That’s why the 213th FSU sent a convoy of nearly 100 soldiers to train alongside local law enforcement and emergency personnel, who are the first responders during a crisis. From communications, transportation, civilian and structure protection and organization, the 213th used every opportunity to improve its training and preparation in the event of a major disaster in Southern Utah.

“Our state mission is to assist with natural disasters throughout Utah,” said Lance Jensen, of the 213th. “This is our opportunity to prepare for and practice what we need to do to support the communities that we all live in.”

Because the National Guard prides itself on being prepared for every situation, even the recent snowstorm added to the training by providing an unexpected element to the operation. “This makes it more real-world scenario for us,” Jensen said.

During the disaster training, the 213th brought a convoy of its specialized military trucks for water, fuel, transportation and communications. It

even flew in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter so the soldiers could practice sling loading equipment to the Blackhawk, such as a Humvee. Sling loading is a crucial ability in times of crisis as it allows soldiers to attach heavy loads, such as food, water, supplies and vehicles to a helicopter, which can reach civilians trapped in hard to reach areas, or cover terrain that may be too damaged, or dangerous to reach by foot or vehicle.

Most may not have noticed their presence, but the 213th completed its training successfully and will now assess the After Action Review to help improve further training exercises for both the National Guard and the local first responders.

While the citizens of Cedar City and the surrounding communities in Southern Utah hope such a disaster never happens, they can have a greater confidence and trust in the trained and experienced local first responders and the full support of the Utah National Guard. Together they will help keep the peace while also helping pick up the broken pieces and restoring life and hope to the community.

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2016 Week 2 Legislative Session Update

Medical Marijuana

A very important bill I have been working on, along with Rep. Brad Daw, passed out of committee with a vote of 6-0 this week. This bill, called SB 89 Medical Cannabidiol, is a very important first step toward creating a safe way for patients in need to access a certain part of the cannabis (marijuana) plant that provides medical benefit, but does not have psychotropic properties.

An alternate bill called SB 73 Medical Cannabis Act, is seeking to allow use of marijuana in Utah similar to California and Colorado. I certainly hope that lawmakers will use extreme caution as they consider these two bills. I feel my bill is a help to those who need it, and a protection to patients and our communities.



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
Utah State Senate

bill does is specifically prohibit the selection committee from basing their selections on political factors, affiliations, or educational viewpoints. This bill received a favorable recommendation from the committee.

Alcohol Policy

There will be a handful of bills this session that try to eliminate the “Zion Curtain.” The so-called “Zion Curtains” are partitions unique to Utah restaurants that separate restaurant bartenders preparing alcoholic drinks from the customers who order them. These partitions are often made of frosted glass.

The intent of the “Zion Curtain” was an effort to combat excessive drinking by keeping alcohol out of sight of restaurant patrons who choose not to drink alcohol. Bills that try to eliminate the “Zion Curtain” arise every year, but they are not typically met with success.

Internet Tax

Currently, most online sellers do not collect the tax on the goods and services sold to people who purchase these goods and services from Utah residents, and some businesses collect sales tax while others don't.

The proposal before the Utah Legislature is basically this: the Utah Tax Commission (UTC) would have online sales platforms that sell more than \$2,500 worth of items to Utahans provide a quarterly report on these buyers, and then the UTC would contact buyers about paying sales tax on items they had purchased.

Something to consider: in practice, doing this could mean lower sales tax for all businesses, both online and brick and mortar (like businesses on Main Street), as with this proposal the state won't be collecting more tax, just the same amount, but distributed between online and brick and mortar businesses.

Budget Information

Utah is recognized routinely as one of the best fiscally-managed states in the nation, and taking into account that our Utah Legislature is able to create and approve a budget in a matter of weeks is truly a testament to the great people of our state and the elected leaders who represent them.

We have hundreds of millions of dollars of budgets to review for the next two weeks; everything from business, economic development, and criminal justice, to natural resources, agriculture, and public education, just to name a few. The Utah Constitution requires us to balance the budget each year.

Things are going really well here at the Capitol, but we are certainly in high gear in this second week and won't be slowing down anytime soon. I very much appreciate your support, feedback and insight as I represent our area. Please contact me anytime by cell (435) 817-5565, or by email at evickers@le.utah.gov. Thank you.

The 2016 Legislature is underway and after many talks and ceremonies it comes down to doing the business of the state. Many issues face the state as in prior sessions that I have attended. This is my fourth session and big issues keep coming up, year after year.

I am happy that we have decided and voted to move the Utah State Prison to west of the Salt Lake City Airport and the old prison will be taken down and the property will be sold for commercial development, hopefully to businesses in the high tech arena that will bring clean air, high paying jobs to our state. The effects of the prison relocation will be felt throughout Utah.

The Religious Freedom bills passed last year have already proven to be groundbreaking for our state. You may have seen the recent tax increase at the gas pumps of 4.9 cents per gallon that will be used for our roads.

One area that has not been addressed from previous years is the Medicaid issue and making sure that our people are insured. Issues that have contributed to making this a contentious issue have been that we would like the insured that are able to work to do so and the costs alone must be budgeted and sustained over the years. Other states that have expanded Medicaid have seen the numbers increase dramatically from those projected, adding more strain on the state budget.

Programs will be presented this session as to how we deal with this Medicaid issue and how we move forward. I do not want to take money from education to fund the expansion of Medicaid. I know that we as a state do not have the resources to cover all the

expenses associated with the expansion. This is a tough issue.

Our first big issue is to pass the Base Budgets for the state. These budgets are basically the budgets of the previous year that are put in place before work begins in the different appropriations committees to examine the budgets of the many agencies for the coming year.

We work in appropriation committees for the first two to three weeks to help hammer out the budget issues. Once done with the Base Budgets, we will begin work on the some 1,200 bills that have been introduced for this session.

Some of the bills that have passed the House of Representatives this year are: HB 53 Business Resource Centers – being restructured under the Governor's Office of Economic Development; HB 58 Hemp Extract Amendments – requiring more study to be done on existing law; HB 31 Enterprise Zone Amendments – renews and extends Enterprise Zone tax amend-



REP. JOHN WESTWOOD
Utah House of Representatives

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ments for rural counties and provides better tracking; HB 17 Assessment Area Foreclosures – where a super lien exists, judicial foreclosure action is required to take property back from public entity; HB 98 Death Benefit for National Guard – death while on active duty with National Guard of \$100,000; HCR 7 Korean War Veterans Recognition – recognizes veterans for serving in Korean War; and HCR 1 Waters of the United States – a resolution supporting the Utah AG case asking to vacate this bill.

Appropriations we are working on include Utah Summer Games, Utah Shakespeare Festival, Rural Utah Alliance, Coal Creek Flood Control mitigation, and, of course, prairie dogs.

Public Education

This week, the Utah Legislature took a look what is being called “equity spending” in public education. Those who support charter schools are lobbying the legislature to divert an additional \$36 million dollars toward charter schools. Charter schools don't have taxing authority, and so must get their funding from other school districts that do, along with state money.

It's always a tricky balance, but I do have concerns about diverting resources away from our local school districts. Other funding requests being considered right now include \$100 million for a statewide one-to-one student technology program, and \$175 million for optional extended day kindergarten.

Water Infrastructure

Water is, and always should be, of critical importance to our state. As such, we can expect to see many water bills this session. One bill coming out of the Senate, SB 80 Infrastructure Funding Amendments, has been met with some public pushback. The bill is intended to create a water infrastructure fund, and would take this money from certain sales and tax revenue that was originally deposited into the Transportation Fund.

School Board Elections

Many citizens who spoke to the bill during the public comment period were worried this money would be used on projects like the Lake Powell Pipeline. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Stuart Adams, said the fund, at least initially, would be a revolving fund intended to help local water authorities improve their outdated infrastructure. The bill passed out of the committee (5-2) with a favorable recommendation.

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New emergency app provides key info during emergencies

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

IRON COUNTY – With the successful completion of the Utah National Guard’s recent disaster training operation in Cedar City, Iron County is doing its part to help improve citizens’ lives during emergencies.

John S. Higley, emergency management coordinator for Iron County, has partnered with QuickSeries Publishing to create a smartphone app specifically designed to help an individual or family prepare for and respond appropriately when disaster strikes.

The emergency app, Iron County UT Community Preparedness, will assist anyone to utilize the three keys to surviving an emergency: Preparedness, Response and Recovery. The app provides emergency checklists, unique family info, personal emergency contact info and scenarios before an emergency.

It can also show shelter locations, medical services, danger zones and real time

updates during disasters to help keep people safe and informed. The app can also deliver alerts of where to pick up food, water, medicine and other supplies to help endure the disaster until the repairing and rebuilding processes can



begin.

The most important thing people need to do concerning emergency preparation, Higley says, is “take it seriously.” He added, “We get so complacent because every day we’re doing the same thing and don’t think about preparation as much.”

Higley also advises people serious about survival to play the “What if” game to help their families prepare for worst case scenarios. For example, “What if our heater goes out on a cold winter night? How would we stay warm?” Other questions include, “How much gas is in the car?” or, “Do we have a 72-hour kit?” and “Where should we meet in case of an emergency?”

“Preparation is huge,” Higley said. “The little things can overwhelm someone pretty fast, especially during an emergency ... But if they just do one thing at a time ahead of time – like getting a 72-hour kit and watch for sales on emergency equipment such as flashlights, food storage and other items – they’ll be ready when that disaster stress hits.”

The free app is available now for both Apple and Android devices.



IRON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT has partnered with QuickSeries Publishing to create a smartphone app designed to help families prepare for and respond to disasters.

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Of course, one or two guys think the language is loose and gives Utah the right to sue. Suppose those guys are the same ones who will receive the \$14 million.

The Utah fight has other supporters as well. One man, a former Forest Service employee, was quoted in the Salt Lake Tribune last week claiming that grazing rights legislation gives ranchers property rights if they improve the range. In other words, if I rent another man's apartment and spend my own time painting and giving it a facelift, I can claim I now own the apartment. Sorry, nice try!

In the meantime, we see a gang of muddle-headed anarchists "taking over" a nature preserve in Oregon, preventing employees from reporting to work, and asking other nitwits to "bring their arms." The remaining members of this posse are saying they will leave their illegal occupation only if the government gives them immunity. Let's see what happens the

next time a group of bank robbers call from a Wells Fargo branch and make the same request!

Maybe the federal government and the Bureau of Land Management have been a little too strict in some cases. But the fact remains that ranchers who cannot afford to purchase their own land are getting a permit to use the ground that you and I own for a mere pittance. And I'm not sure an oil company would care as much as the BLM about protecting watershed, nature, or antiquities.

It comes down to this for me: If the legislature throws \$14 million at the attorneys and we, as taxpayers, lose the case, I'm going to try to get some of my money back. I'm going to send a bill to rancher Cliven Bundy and ask that he send me my share of the millions of dollars he and his son have neglected to pay for raising cattle on my (and your) land.

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LETTER

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iconic American animals like bison, elk, deer, big horn, pronghorn and sage grouse.

Mr. Falk recommends writer Lynn Jacobs' book "The Waste of the West: Public Lands Ranching," which tells us how both the Forest Service and the BLM were created to serve the ranching industry. Maybe that it is why the agencies are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture instead of the Department of the Interior.

I know there are many BLM and Forest Service employees that are good stewards of the land and strive to do what is best for life on public lands.

I have been concerned for some time about the destruction of the pinyon-juniper forests. Jacobs revealed that between 1950-1964, three million acres of pinyon-juniper forests were converted to grazing lands, while between 1960-1972, the forest service and BLM cut over a third of a million acres in Utah and Nevada

alone by using chaining, mechanical seeding and chemicals which traumatizes the natural landscape communities, for short term gain for livestock at the expense of the lands long term health.

Most of us don't see this destruction happening in rural areas. We don't see the grass and small herbaceous plants that cows, sheep, and goats eat from the "plankton of the land." Tragically livestock grazing has destroyed the plankton of the land in the western United States and around the globe more extensively than has any other human pursuit.

Among the many conflicting ideas in Craig Bennett's article, it is difficult to believe that environmental groups are unduly influencing public land policies through efforts to close dubious right of ways and limit the use of public lands. Environmental groups are about protecting scenic wonders in the great state of Utah and preserving nature's diversity of native fauna and flora.

Cathy O'Leary Carey
Brian Head

TRAFFICKING

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arrest, conviction and sentencing of Jeffs.

To begin the panel discussion, Reyes clarified his purpose for attending the event and responded to those who expressed concern over potential prejudices levied against FLDS members and former members, given the subject material.

"I am not here to vilify the polygamist community," Reyes said. "Warren Jeffs happened to be polygamist. He happened to belong to the FLDS faith. That does not make everyone who practices plural marriage the same as Warren Jeffs. It does not make everyone who is in the FLDS community guilty by association."

"This discussion, and really Sam's film, is not about religion," he continued. "It's about somebody who uses a position of trust to take advantage of others, even his own. I could say that there are many other religions and there are many other very respected organizations who have had leaders who have exploited and abused their own people through

that relationship of trust ... and yet we tend not to judge those entire communities by the acts of a few."

Professor Douglas Bennett, chair of the Political Science and Criminal Justice Department at SUU, moderated the discussion and asked the panelists why it took so long to start prosecuting cases involving the trafficking of young people in some polygamist communities.

Reyes said the simple answer to the question is that in order to prosecute a case witnesses are needed.

"Witnesses only come forward when witnesses feel safe," he said. "Historically, witnesses have never felt safe enough. Those who even expressed the potential for cooperating with the government in terms of turning evidence over and being witnesses against any community that we suspected was involved with trafficking or sexual abuse ... they were intimidated so much with threats - and I'm saying this anecdotally. I know of some directly, but I don't want to speak of any particular case - threats that they would be kicked out of the community,

that their property would be taken away, mothers would be reassigned to someone else, that their siblings would be split up. All of these things are indicative of psychological tactics that you would expect from, as Sam said, organized crime."

Because of this, Reyes said often those who are known to have engaged in crimes of human trafficking are often prosecuted under violations of different laws, such as tax evasion. But, he added, this doesn't mean human trafficking doesn't exist, even locally.

"There are modern-day slaves," he said. "There are 20 to 40 million people worldwide (committing these crimes), and a lot of them reside here in our state and they hide in plain sight and commit these atrocities."

Brower added that it is extremely difficult to get members of the FLDS Church who have been victimized to testify.

"It's been over a decade now that we have all been working really hard to get those witnesses to come forward and talk about it, it's nearly impossible," he said.

"There is a lot of

international human trafficking that ends up here in America, but this is a homegrown human trafficking that needs to be addressed," Brower added of the Jeffs' situation. "This is something that happens here and is kind of exported to different states and even internationally in Canada and Mexico. It's our own homegrown problem."

Reyes said most human trafficking happens outside the confines of organized religion, but warned that perpetrators of these crimes are cunning and use a variety of ways to subjugate their victims, including religious threats.

"Yes, religion can be utilized, like any other thing, to establish trust or to coerce people into staying in that horrible situation," Reyes said.

Speaking of human trafficking, Reyes added, "It's happening abroad ... but it's also happening here ... it's even happening in Iron County. A lot of people don't want to believe, but it's out there."

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Classic comedy portrays laughter and love as life's true riches

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The Southern Utah University department of Theatre Arts and Dance recently put on an entertaining performance of the popular and Pulitzer Prize winning play, “You Can’t Take It With You.”

The performances ran for five days from Feb. 4 through 8.

Written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, the play portrays the challenges and chuckles of life during the 1930s, including the effects of the Great Depression. While not many plays have had

such a successful lifespan – 80 years and counting – the popular play continues to leave audiences with plenty they can take with them, such as laughter and the value of having a loving family.

The play touches on some rather sensitive themes, such as the subtlety of tax evasion, the oppression of communism and what can happen when a career becomes one’s downfall. But there were also plenty of laugh-out-loud moments from the unique cast of quirky characters, including

Martin “Grandpa” Vanderhof and his eccentric and entertaining family.

One plot in the play revolves around Vanderhof’s granddaughter, Alice, who falls in love with a young man whose family is quite different from hers. They appear to have more affluence and influence in the world than her peculiar family and she fears falling in love will not only cause problems, but be impossible. However, despite her worries and comedic chaos that ensues, everyone discovers that no matter how many plays go unpublished, dances go unperformed, or

even if the basement blows up; where there’s love and laughter, things always work out.

Dan Frezza, who plays Vanderhof, was perfect for the part.

“It’s a wonderful role to play,” shared Frezza, who is no stranger to the stage, having performed many roles at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Bringing his signature wit and wisdom to the role, as all wise grandpas do, Frezza finished each performance leaving the audience inspired and entertained.

“I always hope to make

them laugh, get a little teary and think. That’s why I love being an actor,” he said with a genuine smile.

With that smile, Vanderhof saves the day for Alice, her future husband and her father-in-law to be; the hard-boiled businessman who finds out that life is about much more than money.

In the end, Director Richard Bugg summed up the play perfectly.

“Turning our ambitions toward loving each other is the true secret of happiness,” he said.

“After all, love is ultimately the only thing that you can take with you.” Hopefully, that includes lots of laughter as well.



SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY'S department of Theatre Arts and Dance recently performed “You Can’t Take It With You.” The play gave audiences plenty of laugh-out-loud moments and left them thinking about the value of family.

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ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH
will present a family-friendly concert Feb. 13.

ROLLAN FELL

Orchestra of Southern Utah to present 'Aloha Jubilee'

BY SARA PENNY

Orchestra of Southern Utah

CEDAR CITY – Since 2004, the Orchestra of Southern Utah has presented its Saturday Jubilees, programs recognized by the League of American Orchestras as valuable educational experiences for the families of Southern Utah.

We have celebrated Chinese New Year, painted miniature planets, and made African masks. We have projected images from the Hubble telescope choreographed to the music of Holst's "Planets."

This year, the orchestra will present "Aloha Jubilee" on Feb. 13 at the Heritage Center. The day will begin at 1 p.m. with

displays in the lobby, followed by a music concert at 2 p.m. The program will feature Jacob Lee's "Polynesian Rhapsody," commissioned by the orchestra for this occasion.

A medley from "Pirates of the Caribbean," immediately recognizable to all young people, and excerpts from Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade," the musical voyage of Sinbad the Sailor with violinist Katherine Maxwell, will also be presented. Following the concert, there will be hands-on arts and science activities.

Admission is \$5 per person and babies are free. Three cans of food for the Iron County Care and Share will buy one free admission.

But what makes this year's jubilee unique is the activities associated with it. There are a range of activities available to various participating groups.



On Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in the SUU Music Building there will be a composition seminar led by Chad Cannon. The event is free.

On Feb. 12 there will be a

STEAM festival for 5th and 6th grade students at the Heritage Center. Various museums from the Salt Lake area will be bringing presentations and exhibits for discovery and activity. There will be two short music concerts at 10:15 a.m. and 1:35 p.m. There will be about 100 free seats for the use of interested community members. Guest composers and performers from the Asia/American New Music Institute will be in attendance.

On Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Heritage Center teachers and university education students are invited to talk to the representatives and view the materials from the various museums. No children please.

On Saturday afternoon,

there will be a jubilee for the whole family, as described above.

On Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. there will be an OSU concert; complete renditions of the works named above plus Gershwin's "Cuban Overture" will be performed.

To watch children excited by something new, creating their own works, and bouncing in their seats to beloved music is a joyful way to spend an afternoon. Come travel with us across the seas, enjoy and learn about Polynesian culture, and experience art and sciences together.

For more information, visit www.osucedarcity.blogspot.com and www.facebook.com/events/1653788418226853.



BOYD REDINGTON

ANDREA NELSON shares global instruments with families at OSU Jubilee.



BOYD REDINGTON

SUU ANIMAL AMBASSADORS give families an up close look at live creatures.

Local Groovefest Music & Art Festival founders cancel annual event for 2016

BY PEGGY GREEN

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY – Tim and Lisa Cretsinger have made the difficult decision to cancel the Groovefest Music & Art Festival of 2016 because of Tim Cretsinger's ongoing health issues.

Tim Cretsinger was diagnosed with throat cancer on Dec. 12, 2013 and the road has been long and arduous for the festival founder. The aggressive chemotherapy and radiation treatments have taken a toll on his body.

Tim has lost his voice and the ability to swallow. He receives nutrients solely from a feeding tube placed in his abdomen; he has suffered through pneumonia, and recently was diagnosed with Bells Palsy, which resulted in having his left eye sewn shut.

The altruistic decision to cancel the annual festival is based on the couple's current inability to contrib-

ute to event planning and support of the volunteer crew as they have done for more than 20 years. Upon notice of the cancellation, crew members backed the difficult decision and want the couple to put their health and well being first.

The volunteer crew collectively decided to continue with the prepa-

Groovefest American Music Festival.

Groovefest Music & Art Festival was born in Oregon in 1993 – the passion project of Tim and Lisa Cretsinger, owners of record store Groovacious. In 2000 the Cretsingers moved to Cedar City, Utah and shared their store and the festival concept with Southern Utah.

Groovefest Music & Art Festival is a unique arts experience for Cedar City.

The festival has grown into a seven-day celebration of the arts and includes Groovekids, LitFest, Campfire Concert in the Canyon, kick-off

and after hours concerts, two-days of free music, art and food in the Main Street Park and workshops for all community members.

The festival is staffed by community volunteers and financially supported by local businesses, which makes it a true community effort and a wonderful experience for young and old alike. Visit www.groovefestutah.com.

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The Soiree and Art Auction will take place as planned on Feb. 13 at the Iron Gate Winery and the Support Show on May 14 at Mike's Tavern – both in Cedar City, Utah. Details of the events can be found at www.facebook.com/



COREY BAUMGARTNER

TIM CRETSINGER applauds a band at the 2015 Groovefest Music and Arts Festival.

Local youth in custody to paint 'Mural of Hope' with world-renowned artist

BY BECKI BRONSON

Special to Iron County Today

IRON COUNTY

World-renowned mural artist Emanuel Martinez, whose art is featured in The Museum of American Art at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., is coming to Iron County to paint with around 20 youth who are currently incarcerated at the Southwest Utah Youth Center.

It is part of his charitable organization called the Emanuel Project, which provides art supplies and learning materials, training and support, and art therapy for incarcerated students. Martinez, who was once himself an incarcerated youth, uses his program to give youth offenders an outlet through which they can create positive expression, and provide the hope that comes

through creativity and education.

Martinez was sent ideas by local incarcerated youth for the past several months, with which he has created a concept art mural design to be painted inside the Southwest Utah Youth Center correctional facility. The mural will be 44 feet wide by 24 feet high, and Martinez will spend two weeks with the students painting the mural, which began Feb. 3. An unveiling of the project will take place Feb. 16.

Jill McKinlay, assistant program director at Southwest Utah Youth Center, has spearheaded the effort to bring Martinez to Iron County to work with the incarcerated youth.

"What a privilege to have someone like Emanuel Martinez come and work with our youth to paint a mural of hope in our building," McKinlay said. "I can tell

you that when you are able to connect these youth to being a contributing part of something special and important, it makes all the difference for them to learn the changes necessary to turn their lives around. I love where I work, and I love what I do, and I'm very proud of the progress our programs are able to make with our local youth and families."

Steve Schofield, principal of Iron County School District Alternative Programs, said, "Our charge is to try to provide as many educational opportunities to these youth as possible. We have exceptional teachers and staff inside the facility to work with the youth. The Emanuel Project is a wonderful oppor-

tunity for our youth to learn to express themselves. Having Emanuel Martinez here working with our youth is going to be tremendously impactful for them. With input from various local sources, including community members and students inside our facility, Emanuel Martinez has designed a mural that he will sketch on the wall and paint with the help of the youth inside the facility. Approximately 20 students will be able to participate in the project, however all future youth needing these specialized services will be able to enjoy the outcome."

The Southwest Utah Youth Center is a multi-use program and is part of the Utah

Department of Human Services, Division of Juvenile Justice Services. The facility includes a detention center, home detention, case management services, and a secure care treatment program. The Youth Center is designed to benefit teens, families, and community partners in Iron County and surrounding counties. It serves youth ages 10 to 21 years old and is committed to providing a safe, positive, learning environment for teens and families.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BECKI BRONSON

WORLD-RENOWNED ARTIST EMANUEL MARTINEZ will be in Iron County this week to paint a mural with 20 youth who are currently incarcerated at the Southwest Utah Youth Center. An unveiling of the project will take place Feb. 16.

Cedar High School to present 'Les Misérables'

BY CEDAR HIGH DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY—Cedar High School's Drama Department is working on its most ambitious show to date. As if "Les Misérables" wasn't a big enough undertaking, Cedar High is giving America's favorite musical an entire makeover.

Fast paced, Steampunk, and a gender equal cast makes this rendition unlike anything Cedar City audiences have ever seen before.

"We found that today's audiences don't want to sit in the theatre for three hours straight," said musical director Randy Allen. "We are speeding up the tempo of the entire show."

Besides the pace, the whole world is being re-imagined.

Director and drama teacher Zac Trotter got the idea to Steampunk the show while he was watching "League of Extraordinary Gentlemen." Steampunk is a fictional genre that has become quite popular in recent years.

"Everyone has seen 'Les Misérables' many times and we knew we had to make ours different to be appealing," Trotter said. "Steampunk is gritty, unique, and offers a new visual identity to this

concepts put on the show, it's still vital to get the message across," said Remington Comp, who will be playing Jean Valjean in his last show at Cedar High. "It comes from portraying these

In this show, the role of Javert will be played by a female - 11th grade student Sydney Beacham. Beacham has been acting since she was 6 years old and has been well groomed to take on this challenge.

an exciting task to rethink the motives of this character, while still keeping her true to who Javert is."

There are women playing several roles throughout the production including Javert, Enjolras, and the Bishop. The Steampunk genre is more gender

'you can't play that part because you're a girl! This year I let anyone audition for any part they wanted and then gave it to the one who was best, male or female," Trotter said. "I am very pleased with how this cast has come together to embrace these new concepts and to make them successful on stage."

"Les Misérables" plays Feb. 18-22 at 7 p.m. in the Cedar High School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door with cash or check for \$7 general admission, \$10 VIP seating (admittance to the theatre early and access to VIP exclusive seating), and \$25 for a family pass.

There is also a gala and silent auction on Feb. 19 starting at 5:30 p.m. for \$15 and includes dinner, access to the silent auction, and a VIP ticket to the show. Gala tickets can be purchased from any cast member or by calling CHS at (435) 586-2820 and asking for Jen Denhalter.

For more information, please visit the CHS Drama website at www.chsStudioRed.com.

CEDAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS run through a rehearsal of "Les Miserables."



PHOTO COURTESY OF ZAC TROTTER

beloved musical without compromising its integrity?"

The actors have been in rehearsals since the beginning of December to get the show ready.

"Even with the new

characters honestly and as they were intended."

Comp has had his work cut out for him taking on such an iconic role. His counterpart has worked just as hard to create hers.

"This isn't the kind of part that comes along everyday, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to play this character," Beacham said.

Trotter added, "It was

step into these roles naturally. The decision to make these characters female did not happen until auditions, however.

"I've never thought it was fair to tell an actress,

neutral and allows actresses to

Les Misérables

Cedar High School

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The Grace Adams Tanner Lecture in Human Values presents

BART D. EHRMAN

Professor Ehrman has published extensively in the fields of New Testament and early Christianity, having written or edited thirty books including five *The New York Times* bestsellers: *Misquoting Jesus: The Story of Who Changed the Bible and Why* (2007); *God's Problem: How the Bible Fails to Answer Our Most Important Question - Why We Suffer* (2009); *Jesus, Interrupted: Revealing the Hidden Contradictions in the Bible (And Why We Don't Know About Them)* (2010); *Forged: Why the Bible's Authors Are Not Who We Think They Are* (2012); and *How Jesus Became God* (2015).

Thursday, February 25

Discussion

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Charles Hunter Room
Hunter Conference Center, SUU

Keynote Lecture

"Did the Early Christians Forget Jesus? Eyewitnesses, Oral Traditions and Distorted Memories"

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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COREY BAUMGARTNER



THE COACHING FACTORY AT SUU honored alumni coaches who competed for championships in their respective sports in 2014-2015 with a presentation at halftime of the SUU men's basketball game Feb. 6.

'The Coaching Factory' inducts 2016 hall of fame class

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY - "The Coaching Factory" at Southern Utah University inducted two new members into its hall of fame Feb. 6 with a banquet and special recognition ceremony during halftime of the SUU men's basketball game at Centrum Arena. Ben Davidson and Calvin Albrecht were honored as the

2016 inductees, making up the 16th hall of fame class.

During the halftime presentation, the public address announcer gave a brief history of "The Coaching Factory."

"In 1986, a SUU alumnus sports reporter created the moniker 'The Coaching Factory' because of the success alumni coaches were having while coaching high school athletic teams. Over the past 26 years 'The

548

State Championships

390

Runner-Up Awards

19

National Championships

Coaching Factory' alumni have won 548 state championships and 390 runner-up awards. In addition they have won 19 national championships and two coaches are in the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame," said the announcer.

Davidson, a 1972 SUU graduate in physical education, "devoted nearly four decades of his life to Southern Utah University and its students," according to the

induction program notes. "In 1979, he became (an) athletic trainer and P.E. faculty member (at SUU) as well as track and field coach for the NAIA level Thunderbirds, paving the way for the program's entrance into NCAA competition."

During his coaching tenure, Davidson helped four of his athletes achieve an individual

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Maverik and local communities make adventurous donation to Toys for Tots

BY COREY **BAUMGARTNER**
Reporter

CEDAR CITY - For two years in a row, Maverik convenience stores and their loyal customers have made generous donations to the Toys for Tots Foundation.

Coordinator Jeff Lennert, accompanied by his daughter Cheyenne and Assistant Coordinator Ryan Merrill, met Feb. 8 at the Maverik store located at 220 N. Airport Road to receive the charitable check from Maverik, Inc.

The donations were gathered whenever Maverik customers spent their Trail Points and/or rounded up their change during purchases. Maverik, Inc. then matched the contributions from each store, which will go back into their respective communities.

Iron County District Manager Jenifer Morgan and

her Iron County stores came in at the top of the list again, nearly doubling their donations from last year. This year the Maverik store on Airport Road, directed by Collette Hendry, raised the largest portion of the \$10,057 and Hendry was honored to have the check presented at her store.

There are 22 other Maverik locations within the Red Rock Region which includes Utah, Arizona, Nevada and Colorado. The total raised at all the stores, including the matching Maverik, Inc. donation, totaled \$88,794.94.

The check was proudly presented to Lennert by Sam Campbell, regional director of Maverik, Inc.

"I'm really proud of everybody," Campbell said. "It's exciting because the money goes back into the community and that's a big deal."

Morgan also wanted to be

sure Maverik customers know how much they are appreciated for their support and patience during the process.

"We are so grateful for our customers who rounded up their change," she said. "This program helps take care of the kids in our community and at the end of the day, the reward is huge."

Lennert also expressed gratitude to the Maverik, Inc. team for its generous support over the past two years.

"This takes a lot of worry out of the fundraising process," he said and added, "The money raised here does not go towards the foundation's operational expenses. Every penny raised here in Iron County, will be spent in Iron County to help purchase toys for local children."

Last year, Toys for Tots was able to help purchase toys for 1,401 children in Iron County.

COLLETTE HENDRY, left, and Jenifer Morgan, right, present a check to Jeff Lennert, Toys For Tots foundation coordinator, on Feb. 8.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

Support 4-H Valentine's Day Seeds for your Sweetheart fundraiser

BY CANDACE SCHAIBLE

Special to Iron County Today

IRON COUNTY – Have you purchased your vegetable seeds yet? Consider supporting 4-H with this year's seed purchase. With a goal of raising money for the Iron County 4-H program, Master Gardeners are assembling boxes of heirloom vegetable, herbs, or wildflower seeds this Valentine's Day.

Each box contains seven different heirloom seed packs from Baker Creek Seed Company (www.rareseeds.com). Boxes can be picked up at the USU Extension Office, 585 N. Main St., starting on Feb. 9 between 8:30 and noon, and 1 and 5 p.m. Preorders can be placed online at www.eventbrite.com or call (435) 586-8132 for more information. Boxes are \$15 each and you can choose from the five different boxes listed below.

Herb Box

The herb box contains seven different types of herb seeds: Cilantro, Genovese Basil, Thai Sweet Basil, Common Chives, Dill, Rosemary and Giant of Italy Parsley. You will receive one package of each. These seeds can be planted directly in the ground any time after May 1 or started indoors in mid-march and later transplanted outdoors any time after May 20.

Greens Box

The box of mixed greens

contains: Mizuna Lime Streaks, Arugula, Brune D'Hiver Lettuce, Little Gem Lettuce, Monstrueux De Viroflay Spinach, Oriole Orange Swiss Chard, and Dwarf Siberian Kale. You will receive one package of each. These seeds can be planted directly in the ground any time after March 15.

Salsa Box

The salsa vegetable box contains everything you'll need to make the perfect salsa: Break O Day Tomato, Comstock Sauce & Slice Tomato, Tomatillo Verde, Yellow of Parma Onion, Craig's Grand Jalapeno Pepper, Anaheim Pepper and Cilantro. You will receive one package of each. You will want to start the tomato, tomatillo and pepper seeds indoors in mid-march, then transplant outdoors any time after May 20.

can be planted directly into the ground any time after March 15.

Mixed Flower Box

The mixed flower box contains seven different types of flower seeds: Black Boy Bachelor's Button, Bells of Ireland, Bright Lights Cosmos, Rubenza Cosmos, Double, Carnival Rosy Red Hollyhock,

American Legion Poppy, and Blue Bedder Salvia. You will receive one package of each. These seeds can be planted directly in the ground any time after May 20.

Tomato Box

The tomato box contains seven different types of tomato seeds: Mortgage Lifter Tomato, A

Grappoli, D'Inverno Grape Tomato, Golden Jubilee Tomato, Amish Paste Tomato, Cour Di Bue Tomato, Black Elephant Tomato and Dester Tomato. You will receive one package of each. You will want to start these seeds indoors in mid-March, then transplant outdoors any time after May 20.

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WITH A GOAL OF RAISING MONEY

for the Iron County 4-H program, Master Gardeners are assembling boxes of heirloom vegetable, herbs, or wildflower seeds for this Valentine's Day. Boxes are \$15 each and can be picked up at the USU Extension Office.

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BRAELEY BAUER AND KAYLEE HOPKINS will be the two FFA members from our area competing at the state convention in Richfield next month.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIP HANSEN

Canyon View High FFA students win area contest

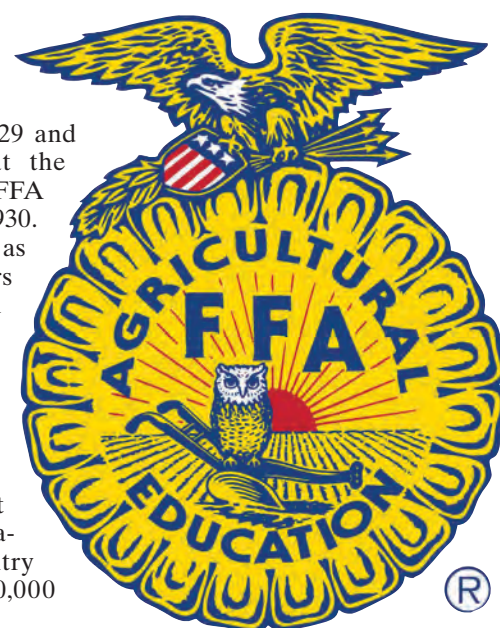
BY KIP HANSEN

Canyon View High School FFA Advisor

CEDAR CITY – Along with other students from around the state of Utah, Canyon View High School FFA members recently competed at the Area 9 FFA Contests at Southern Utah University.

When the dust had settled two Canyon View freshmen students were standing on the top of the heap in the "FFA Creed Speaking Contest." Braeley Bauer and Kaylee Hopkins will be the two FFA members from the area competing at the state convention in Richfield next month.

The FFA Creed was written by agricultural education pioneer E.M. Tiffany in 1929 and it was adopted at the third National FFA Convention in 1930. FFA was organized as The Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Mo. in 1928 and in 1988 the name was changed to The National FFA Organization. FFA is the largest student organization in the country with more than 700,000 members.



Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, city offices.

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.

SUU FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS "HIROSHIMA MON AMOUR", 7 p.m., Sharwan Smith Center Theatre, all films are subtitled, free and open to the public.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II CLASS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way in Enoch, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

STORY TIME AT THE CEDAR CITY LIBRARY IN THE PARK, 10 and 10:30 a.m., free.

TAE KWON DO CLASS TO BENEFIT THE CANYON CREEK WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Cedar City Aquatic Center, \$25 per month, ages 5 and older with any experience level, sign up at the Aquatic Center.

COLOR COUNTRY WINDS COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSAL, 7:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City, no audition, must be able to play a band instrument and read music, we even welcome "rusty" players who want to begin playing again.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP, 6 to 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, come join our support group for conversation, games, and friendship, family and friends are welcome, call Jerry at 590-6244 for more information.

IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk in), Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, for questions call 586-2437.

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, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

AWANA BIBLE CLUB, for youth ages 3 through sixth grade, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Valley Bible Church.

ACTIVITY CLASS FOR THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA, 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Cedar City Senior Center, \$25 includes lunch, snacks and materials, AWANA is a non-denominational children's Bible ministry with more than 60 years experience, for more information contact the church at 586-0253 or Keith at 865-1704.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) MEETINGS, lose weight without buying special foods, morning meeting weigh-in at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:30 a.m., evening meeting weigh-in 6:30 with meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Cedar City Library in the Park, for more information call LuAnn Lundquist at (435) 319-0407.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP, 6 to 7:30 p.m., for women 18 and older, Canyon Creek Outreach Center, for more information call Rhea Church (morning meeting) at 586-3233 or Liz (evening meeting) at 867-4784.

"HOW TO QUESTION ACQUIRED IDEAS" BY VERNON HOWARD, "by willing to work for yourself and discover the true answers within yourself," 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., 95 N. Main St. #22 in Cedar City. For more information call (435) 867-9411.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 6 p.m. AA Misfits, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WOMEN'S MEETING, noon, Cedar City Library in the Park, Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS JUST FOR TODAY, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St.

CEDAR 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, Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Parowan Library Lounge.

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.

DINING FOR WOMEN CEDAR CITY CHAPTER MEETING, 5:30 p.m., potluck and short presentation, DFW chapters fund grassroots programs helping women and girls in education, health, business and self-worth, for questions and the address of this month's gathering, email BethGaines54@gmail.com or call or text (435) 201-3529. For more information on the non-profit, visit www.DiningForWomen.org.

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.

CEDAR CITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, this month we will discuss "Very Valentine" by Adriana Trigiani, the selection for March is "The Hired Girl" by Laura Amy Schlitz.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS SOUTHWEST UTAH CHAPTER OFFERS FREE BRIDGES AND FAMILY TO FAMILY CLASSES, 7 p.m., Southwest Behavioral Health Center, 245 E. 680 South in Cedar City, free, reservations are preferred, call Robert Heaton at 590-7749 or Rosie Fletcher at 590-0880.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE III CLASS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way in Enoch, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

CEDAR CITY MASONIC LODGE #35 MEETING, 7 p.m., 2120 W. Skyview Road, Cedar City, for more information visit www.cedarcitylodg.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.

IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk in), Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, for questions call 586-2437.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. women's meeting only, 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, or for information on the Hope for Today meeting call (435) 531-1045.

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.

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

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FRIDAY, FEB. 12

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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SATURDAY, FEB. 13

"ALOHA! JUBILEE" AND STEAM FESTIVAL, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Cedar City Heritage Center, with a kid-friendly concert by the Orchestra of Southern Utah at 2 p.m., \$5 per person and free for babies, one free admission with three cans of food for the Iron County Care and Share, hands-on activities and displays from the Leonardo, Thanksgiving Pointe, Gateway Discovery Children's Museum and more.

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, Star Parties are dependent on good weather, call 586-9451 ext. 4425 for up-to-date information and questions.

CEDAR 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.

LUNAR PARTY WITH THE SOUTHERN UTAH SPACE FOUNDATION, 7 p.m., Three Peaks Recreation Area, catch a great view of the moon through our large telescope, free and open to the public, donations are always appreciated and help us buy better equipment for community events, for more information visit www.susf.org.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 1315 MONTHLY MEETING, 9:30 a.m., Marriot Springhill Suites, 1477 S. Old Highway 91, Cedar City, veterans of all services are welcome.

SOUTHERN UTAH WOODTURNERS, 9 a.m., Cedar High School Wood Shop, 703 W. 600 South, anyone interested in woodturning, from beginner to the very experienced, are invited to attend, the group usually has a challenge for the month and a demo on turning, for more information call (805) 712-2174.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR MONTHLY MEETING, 11 a.m., anyone interested in joining OES is invited to join us for a lunch following the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m., for more information contact Kim Fiero at 867-6222.

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, FEB. 14

VALENTINE'S DAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. (TG/SS) 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, FEB. 15

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

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.

IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk in), Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, for questions call 586-2437.

AWANA BIBLE CLUB, for teenagers in seventh through 12th grades, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Valley Bible Church, AWANA is a non-denominational children's Bible ministry with more than 60 years experience, for more information contact the church at 586-0253 or Keith at 865-1704.

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.

CEDAR 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.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

CEDAR NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE PARENT MEETING, 7 p.m., Canyon View Middle School, all attendees will receive \$5 off their child's registration, online registration will be available this year from Feb. 17 to March 16 at www.leaguelineup.com/cedarnational, the cost is \$50 per player and is open for all baseball and softball players league age 8 to 14 in the Canyon View High School boundaries, anyone with questions may email cnlitleague@gmail.com. Tryouts are the week of March 21.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I CLASS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way in Enoch, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

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.

CEDAR CITY ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING, noon, Southwest Applied Technology College, 510 W. 810 South in Cedar City, for more information call (435) 865-7637.

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.

IMMUNIZATIONS/WIC/VITAL RECORDS, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk in), Southwest Utah Public Health Department, 260 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, for questions call 586-2437.

RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP, 6 to 7:30 p.m., for women 18 and older, Canyon Creek Outreach Center, 95 N. Main St. #22 in Cedar City. For more information call (435) 867-9411.

AL-ANON "EASY DOES IT", 7 to 8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, 2279 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, for more information call (435) 531-1045.

AL-ANON, 7 to 8 p.m., Parowan United Methodist Church social hall, 190 N. Main St.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon Speaking from the Heart AA, 6 p.m. AA Misfits and 8 p.m. AA Cedar Group, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., call 865-1387 for an appointment, accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and all private insurances, with a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

CEDAR CITY COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, city offices.

ENOCH CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., city offices.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II CLASS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gateway Preparatory Academy, 201 Thoroughbred Way in Enoch, free, for more information call (435) 867-5558 ext. 113, or email instructor Larry Laskowski at larrylas@gmail.com.

STORY TIME AT THE CEDAR CITY LIBRARY IN THE PARK, 10 and 10:30 a.m., free.

TAE KWON DO CLASS TO BENEFIT THE CANYON CREEK WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Cedar City Aquatic Center, \$25 per month, ages 5 and older with any experience level, sign up at the Aquatic Center.

COLOR COUNTRY WINDS COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSAL, 7:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City, no audition, must be able to play a band instrument and read music, we even welcome "rusty" players who want to begin playing again.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP, 6 to 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, come join our support group for conversation, games, and friendship, family and friends are welcome, call Jerry at 590-6244 for more information.

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AWANA BIBLE CLUB, for youth ages 3 through sixth grade, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Valley Bible Church.

ACTIVITY CLASS FOR THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA, 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Cedar City Senior Center, \$25 includes lunch, snacks and materials, AWANA is a non-denominational children's Bible ministry with more than 60 years experience, for more information contact the church at 586-0253 or Keith at 865-1704.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) MEETINGS, lose weight without buying special foods, morning meeting weigh-in at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:30 a.m., evening meeting weigh-in 6:30 with meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Cedar City Library in the Park, for more information call LuAnn Lundquist at (435) 319-0407.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP, 6 to 7:30 p.m., for women 18 and older, Canyon Creek Outreach Center, for more information call Rhea Church (morning meeting) at 586-3233 or Liz (evening meeting) at 867-4784.

"BEING AWARE OF AWARENESS" BY ECKHART TOLLE, "the awareness that I am becomes aware of itself. Be the still watcher of what arrives in your mind," 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., 95 N. Main St. #22 in Cedar City. For more information call (435) 867-9411.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 6 p.m. AA Misfits, The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WOMEN'S MEETING, noon, Cedar City Library in the Park, Cedar City, for information call (877) 865-5890.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS JUST FOR TODAY, 8 p.m., The Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St.

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People

MISSION

Stacie Rachel Twitchell



Stacie Rachel Twitchell, of Cedar City, Utah, has been called to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her mission began at the Missionary Training Center in Mexico City, Mexico. She will journey on to the Houston Texas Spanish Speaking Mission after a few months of study in Mexico. Her farewell was at Cedar City Cove Ward on Jan. 24, 2016. She

is the daughter of Lawrence and Rachel Twitchell, of Cedar City, Utah.

Dallen Lee Whicker



Dallen Lee Whicker has been called to serve in the Canada, Calgary Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He reports to the Missionary Training Center Feb. 17. Parents are Greg and Sheral Whicker of Cedar City.

Triston James Loveland



Triston James Loveland has been called to serve in the Baton Rouge Louisiana Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His spoke in church Sunday, Jan. 31 and reported to the Provo Missionary Training Center on Wednesday, Feb. 3. He is very excited to serve and would like to express his gratitude to all who have loved and supported him on

his way. His parents are Trecea and James Loveland.

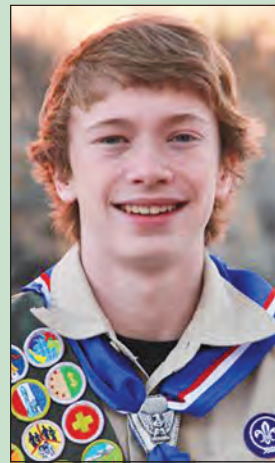
EAGLE SCOUTS

Sterling Bradshaw



Sterling Bradshaw has earned his Eagle Scout Award. He is a member of Troop 1861 and would like to thank all his leaders, the scouts, his friends, and those in the community who helped him achieve this goal. For his Eagle project, with the help of those mentioned, Sterling organized and repaired camp site shelters at White Bridge Campground in the Dixie National Forest near Panguitch Lake. He is the son of Mark and Stacy Bradshaw.

Drew Stathis



Drew Stathis, 15, of the Cove Ward, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He will receive his Eagle Scout award on Feb. 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Drew is the son of Jonathan and Kathryn Stathis of Cedar City. He is the grandson of Fred and Kathy Whicker of Summit and Stephen and Barbara Stathis of Annandale, Va. He is the great-grandson of Loie Jean Murray of Cedar City. Drew would like to thank all those who helped him with his Eagle project and his scout leaders.

There is no charge for birth, first birthday, mission, Eagle Scout, 50th anniversary (and up), wedding and 80th birthday (and up) announcements. Announcements and photos can be submitted to news@ironcountytoday.com or at 389 N. 100 West, Suite 12, Cedar City. The deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for the next week's issue. Announcements should be 100 words or less. Call 867-1865 ext. 6 for pricing for all other announcements.

NEWBORN



Deklan Jeffrey Okeson

Deklan Jeffrey Okeson was born Jan. 17, 2016 to Liz and Jeff Okeson of Enoch. He was 20 1/2 inches and weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. His brother is Teagan Okeson.

WEDDING

Reagan McDermott and Chandler Banks



Reagan McDermott and Chandler Banks are delighted to announce their marriage on Saturday, February 13th, 2016 for Time and Eternity in the St George Utah Temple. Parents of the bride are Dani McDermott and Jeff McDermott. Parents of the groom are John and Tammy Banks A reception will be held in their honor that evening from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Enoch

LDS Stake Center located at 2233 E. Village Green Rd on the corner of Heather Hue Rd.

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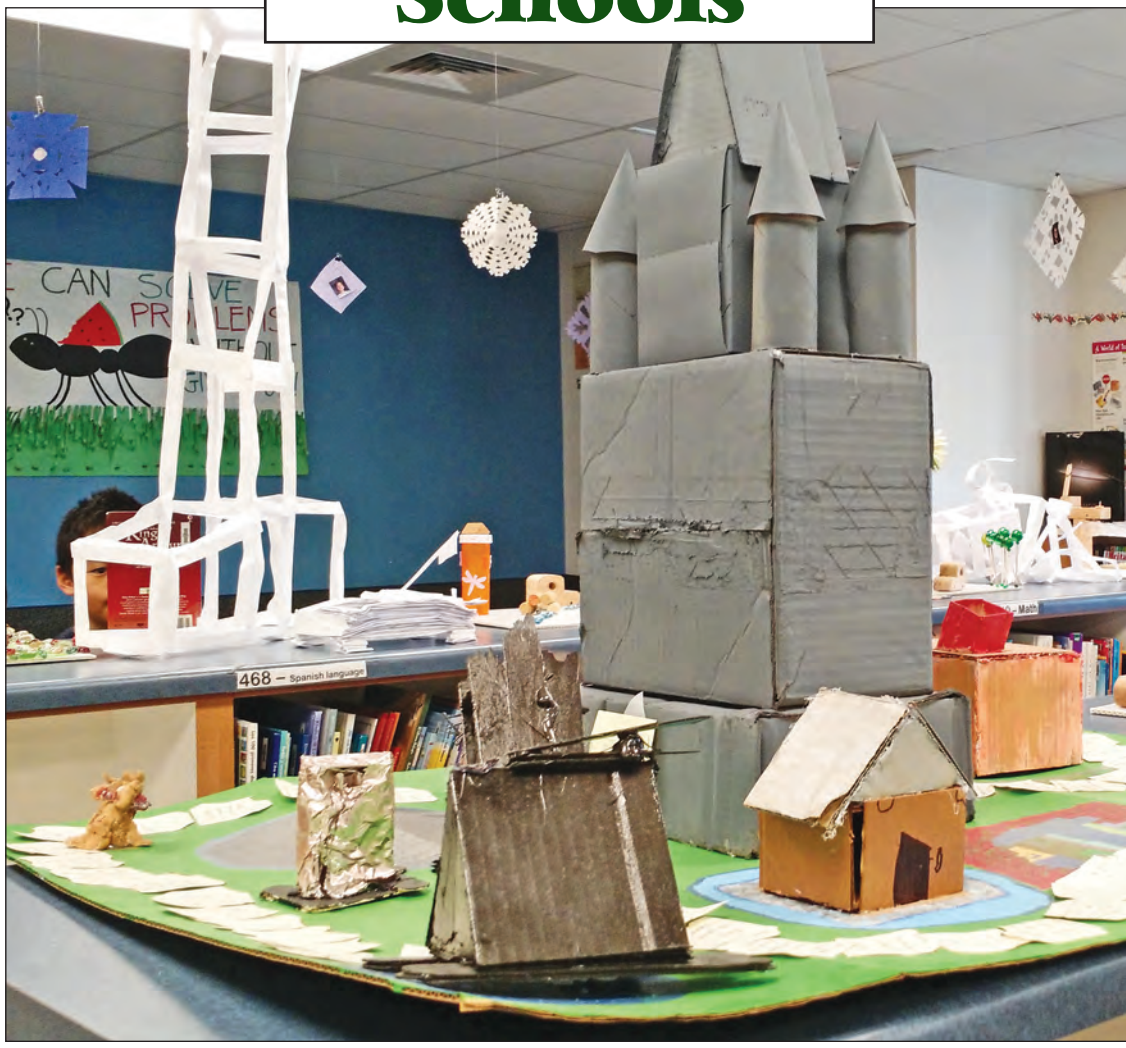
Iron County School District schedule will not make up snow day

The Iron County School District has received notification from the acting state superintendent of schools, Sydnee Dickson, that it has been granted an exemption from needing to have students make up the Feb. 1 snow day. It will be business as usual and the school calendar and schedule will not change.

Iron County School District kindergarten registration to begin

Kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year is set to begin this month. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016 may register for kindergarten. All enrolling kindergarten students will need (1) an official state birth certificate, (2) Social security number/card, (3) Immunization record (required immunizations include DPT, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, 2 Varicella (or the chickenpox disease).

Vision and hearing screenings will be available during registration. All parents and students are encouraged to attend registration, even if immunizations and birth certificate/



social security numbers are not completed or available by the registration date. Please plan on one to one and a half hours to complete the registration process with your child. Please do not bring younger children to registration, if possible.

School registrations will take place at the individual schools' gymnasiums; dates and times are as follows.

Iron Springs Elementary – Feb. 24 from 1 to 4 p.m.

E. Valley Elementary –

March 2 from 1 to 3 p.m.

North Elementary – March 16 from noon to 3 p.m.

Fiddlers Elementary – March 17 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

South Elementary – March 23 from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

East Elementary – March 24 from noon to 3 p.m.

Enoch Elementary – March 30 from noon to 3 p.m.

Parowan Elementary – March 31 from noon to 3 p.m.

Three Peaks Elementary – April 6 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Three Peaks students to attend STEAM Festival

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who took the time to attend SEP conferences last week. The information shared with parents will help improve your child's education and will help them succeed in future career and college pursuits.

A big thank you to the PTA for running the Scholastic Book Fair last week. Their efforts helped provide books and materials for those who wished to purchase items.

On Feb. 12, the fifth grade classes will be attending the STEAM Festival at the Heritage Center. They will be involved in many hands-on activities to help learn about science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. We wish to thank the sponsors of this event for providing these wonderful learning opportunities for our students.

A reminder that Monday, Feb. 15 is President's Day and no school will be held.

Gateway Academy students build structure models

"The child passes little by little from the unconscious to the conscious, treading always in the paths of joy and love." – Maria Montessori

The Middle School Art students at Gateway Academy have been busy building models of their playground designs. Students used marbles, scrap wood, string and many other items to build their structures. Students did some amazing work and the models are on display in the Gateway library.

Our after-school program is seeing great interest in our Chinese class. Thank you to the Confucius Institute at SUU for providing this opportunity for our students. Students are also enjoying art, cooking, yoga, drama, writing and many other opportunities at our after-school program.

As a reminder, Gateway is out of school Feb. 12 and 15 for the President's Day holiday.

COACHING

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national championship, with five more earning second-place finishes and two earning fifth place finishes.

Albrecht, a 1973 graduate of SUU, enjoyed a 30-year career coaching football, boys' basketball, track and field and cross country at his alma mater, Beaver High School. In that time he led his teams to 11 state championships in three sports, according to the program notes. With 351 wins, Albrecht is among the state leaders in basketball wins posted at one school.

Albrecht has been awarded Utah's coach of the year in both basketball and track and field.

Plaques for Davidson and Albrecht will be mounted on the Wall of Honor and Recognition in

the J.L. Sorenson Physical Education Building at SUU.

In addition to the hall of fame induction, Dr. Steve Lunt and SUU hosted a "Night of Honor" on Feb. 6 for those SUU alumni who competed for a state championship in the 2014-2015 year. The evening included a banquet dinner and special recognition during the SUU men's basketball game.

Since 1988, members of "The Coaching Factory" have competed for a state championship 936 times, with 546 state championships being awarded, Lunt said. In 2014, 35 high school coaches in the state of Utah were graduates of SUU. The next closest institution was the University of Utah with 17 coaches.

For more information about "The Coaching Factory," visit www.suu.edu/ed/pe/history.html.



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Enoch West Stake to host family history fair

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

ENOCH – The Enoch Utah West Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be hosting “Creating our Future by Discovering our Past,” an all-day family history seminar at the Enoch Utah West Stake Center, 3600 N. Minersville Highway, Enoch, on Feb. 20.

The seminar will start at 9 a.m. with a keynote presentation by Elder Dane O. Leavitt and continue with open labs and classes until 2 p.m.

“This is the third year we have done this,” said Bill Randall, an organizer of the event. “It’s to help people in the community to learn more about family history and to learn about their ancestors – how to find and research their ancestors, learn stories about them ... where they come from and

maybe why they are the way they are.”

Following Leavitt’s presentation, classes will be offered on various family history topics. Classes will begin every 45 minutes and will cover indexing, family history research, learning how to use www.familysearch.org, discovering one’s pedigree, and researching family member history, Randall said.

“Each year it has grown,” Randall said of the family history event. “We’ve seen more people come and this year we anticipate even more.”

In addition to the classes offered, an open computer lab will be set up to allow people to go through the process of researching and documenting their own family members. Family history consultants will be on hand to give instruction and guide community

members through the research process.

“There’s been a great (resurgence) around the United States and around the world of people wanting to know about their family history,” Randall said. “It’s a great way to understand your family and understand where you’ve come from ... you can learn about some of the habits you might have, some of the traditions, and why you have them.”

“It helps strengthen families,” he added. “The whole purpose of the LDS Church is to help strengthen families and (develop) a stronger bond together, to work together to accomplish a common cause. Knowing your family history and ancestors helps you to do that.”

To pre-register for the event, visit www.lds.org/familyhistoryfair. For more information, contact Bill Randall at (435) 592-0923.

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Calvary Chapel
101 E. Nichols Canyon Rd.
Suite A-6, Cedar City
10 a.m. - Sundays,
7 p.m. - Thursdays
867-8188

**Cedar City Seventh Day
Adventist Church**
4571 N. Hwy. 91, Enoch
11 a.m. - Saturdays,
592-2142

**Christ the King
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155 E. 400 South,
Cedar City
586-8381
9 a.m. & 11 a.m., -
Sundays

Enoch Stake
3600 N. Minersville
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586-5950
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1477 S. Old Hwy 91,
Cedar City
10 a.m. Sundays
233-0047

**Parowan United
Methodist Church**
190 N. Main, Parowan
10 a.m. - Sundays,
6:30 p.m. - Thursdays
477-1334

**Red Hills Southern
Baptist Church**
4277 N. Wagon
Wheel Dr., Enoch
10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. -
Sundays
865-7068

**Sonrise Christian
Fellowship**
201 E. 3800 N.
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586-3640

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
70 N. 200 West, Cedar City
10 a.m. - Sundays
586-3623

Trinity Lutheran Church
410 E. 1935 North,
Cedar City
10 a.m. Sundays
586-7103

True Life Center
2111 N. Main St.,
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Sundays
867-0405

Valley Bible Church
4780 N. Hwy 91, Enoch
11 a.m. - Sundays
586-0253

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2624 W. Hwy 56,
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information is incorrect, please call 867-1865
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Obituaries

Utahana Winn Asay



Utahana Winn Asay, age 71, passed away on Feb. 2, 2016. She was born on June 7, 1944 in Milford, Utah to Harold Alvin and Rowena Bradford Winn.

Utahana is survived by her husband, Glen, of Parowan, Utah; her children Juanita (Rick) Hollaway of Cedar City, Utah, Kimberly Ann (Robert Leroy) Simmons of Parowan, Utah, and Preston Orval (Tonya) Asay of Cedar City, Utah; her brothers, Lavar Kirby of Stockton, Calif., Calvin A (Julie) Winn of Duck Creek, Utah, and Darcy M Winn of Salt Lake City, Utah; her sisters, Joelene (Jess) Cervantes of Saratoga Springs, Utah, and Becky Smith of Milford, Utah; along with 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Rowena Winn; and her son Rory Glen Asay.

A graveside service was Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Robert Lee Smith



Robert Lee Smith, age 60, passed away on Feb. 4, 2016 in Cedar City, Utah. He was born on Oct. 7, 1955 in Bourne, Mass. to Herbert Lee and Nancy Anne Biswick Smith.

He was a Vietnam Vet who served in the Army proudly for 20 years. The only part he regretted was jumping out of perfectly good airplanes.

Robert converted to the LDS faith in 2007; one could say that his testimony burned with fire. He was sealed to his wife and two biological children in the Manti Temple. That was a golden moment.

Though in size he was big, in actuality he was a big teddy bear. He bought flowers to just make his wife smile.

Robert is survived by his wife, Cheryl Rees Smith; his two biological children, David and Madison and their adoptive parents Jason and Stacy Rees; and his mother- and father-in-law David and LaRee Rees.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother.

He was loved by many and will be missed by all those who loved him.

Arrangements are being handled under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.



Melanie Ann Pousard



Melanie Ann Pousard was born on Nov. 8, 1950, in Highland Park, Los Angeles, Calif. to Robert Clarence Haigh and Ann Victoria Fudali. She graduated from Franklin High School in Highland Park.

She joined Bank of America, where she met the love of her life, Richard E. (Rick) Pousard. They were introduced by a mutual friend at a bank function. They were married on March 28, 1975 in Las Vegas, Nev. In 1978, they were introduced to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) and were baptized in June of that year. They were sealed together for time and eternity in the Los Angeles Temple one year later.

Melanie continued to work for Bank of America until the birth of their first child, Amanda Le, in 1980. Amanda was followed by two more children, Richard Eric Jr. (RJ) in 1982, and Anne Michelle in 1983. They lived in San Dimas, Calif. for 17 years before moving to Glendora, Calif.

Melanie was a devoted mother, wife, and homemaker, dedicating her time, her considerable talents, and her boundless love and energy to her family.

In 2007, Rick retired from banking and he and Melanie moved to Cedar City. Melanie was noted for her organizational, creative, and domestic abilities, having owned a small catering business and publishing a book on wedding planning.

Melanie, both in California and Cedar City, was active in the LDS Church with a special love for the Relief Society, having held several leadership and service positions.

In Cedar City, she and Rick continued to look for opportunities to serve in the community so they ushered for the Utah Shakespeare Festival for seven years.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Pousard, her three children, Amanda (Jake) Ackerman, Annie (Dan) Chase, and RJ (Danielle) Pousard; her brother Robert, and her 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 with a viewing before at the Cedar North Stake Center, 95 N. 2125 West, Cedar City, Utah. Interment was in the Riverton City Cemetery, 1500 W. 13200 South, Riverton, Utah, on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Betty Halterman



Betty A. Halterman, 82, of Gwinn, Mich., died peacefully Monday evening, Feb. 1, 2016, at her daughter's home in the presence of her family and under the care of UP Home Health & Hospice.

Betty was born on July 4, 1933 in Montreal, Canada, a daughter of the late Frederick and Edith (Clarke) Jones. On Feb. 14, 1961, Betty married Bruce Stedman Wightman in Las Vegas, Nev. and he preceded her in death in February of 1968.

Betty was formerly employed by the Mattel Corporation in the Barbie Doll Division for many years. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She moved to Michigan in September of 2004 from Parowan, Utah.

Betty was a bright light to all who knew her. Her undying energy and endless optimism left an impression everywhere she went. Most knew her as Grandma Betty through her volunteer work in the Gwinn schools and community, and by friends of her family that she treated as her own. Her generosity and selflessness knew no limits.

Betty is survived by two children, Valerie Wightman, of Gwinn, and Glenn (Kristen) Halterman, of Gilbert, Ariz.; eight grandchildren, Tori, Alisha, and Kaylee Arnsparger, Austin, Lauren, Preston, Mason and Dallin Halterman; and one sister, Pearl McGhee of Riverside, Calif.

Visitation was at the Canale Gwinn Funeral Home, 96 E. Stephenson Ave, Gwinn, with a service following in the funeral home with Bishop Robert Winn of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. Spring burial will take place in the Gwinn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to World Missions Outreach Organization for Nepal c/o Wells Fargo Bank, 115 N. Pine St., Gwinn, MI 49841.

Betty's obituary can also be viewed at www.canalefuneral.com where relatives and friends may leave a note of remembrance.

There is no charge for obituaries of 400 words or less with up to two photos. Please email submissions to news@ironcountytoday.com or bring to 389 N. 100 West Suite 12, Cedar City. The deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. For pricing information for obituaries longer than 400 words, please call 435-867-1865 x 106.

Local Sub Zero Ice Cream is named Cedar City Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month

BY CEDAR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CEDAR CITY – The Cedar City Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the Business of the Month (sponsored by Pizza Hut) for February 2016, Sub Zero Ice Cream.

The owner, Chad Ostler, and his staff always have a smile on their faces and are ready and willing to serve each and every person, young and old. They are frequently seen out in the community, attending various events, presenting at the local schools and sharing this fascinating process of making ice cream.

Sub Zero Ice Cream was founded in 2005 by chemist Jerry Hancock and his wife, Naomi. Jerry

wanted to provide his customers with a unique experience as well as delicious ice cream so he used his background in chemistry and engineering to create an ice cream experience that uses flash freezing with liquid nitrogen.

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MEMBERS OF THE CEDAR CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE present the February Business of the Month recognition to Sub Zero Ice Cream.

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Cedar, CV send 28 to state wrestling championships

State wrestling qualifiers

The 3A South Divisional wrestling tournament was held Feb. 5 and 6 at Cedar High. The top eight finishers from each weight advanced to the state meet that will take place Feb. 12 and 13 at the UCCU Center in Orem.

Here are all of the qualifiers from Southern Utah and their seeding:

106: Dylan Arenivar (Cedar), 2nd; Dawson Stoor (Canyon View), 3rd; Cayman Davis (Hurricane), 4th; Mikaera Puriri (Snow Canyon), 6th; **Jared Hunt (CV), 7th.**

113: Dustin Barrick (Cedar), 2nd; Nate Olsen (Desert Hills), 4th; Randall Donn (Pine View), 5th; **Ryan Ball (CV), 6th;** Reese Jones (SC), 7th.

120: Brady Lowry (CV), 1st; Kody Hafen (SC), 3rd; **Sandon Stokes (Cedar), 4th;** Braden Holmes (PV), 5th; Levi Webb (Hurricane), 6th.

126: Kasey Robinson (CV), 1st; Zayden Rowley (DH), 2nd; **Tyrell Barney (CV), 3rd;** Jeffrey Wilde (SC), 4th; James Porter (Dixie), 6th; Austin Thompson (DH), 7th; **Caleb Weaver (Cedar), 8th.**

132: Chance Bundy (DH), 1st; Christian Case (SC), 2nd; **Colten Shumway (CV), 3rd;** Kailor King (DH), 4th; Jaden Griffin (H), 5th; **Michael Anker (Cedar), 6th;** Joe Pauley (D), 8th.

138: Hobbs Nyberg (D), 2nd; Ben Worlton (PV), 3rd; Trent Wilson (SC), 4th; **Brennon Robinson (CV), 5th;** Treyson Abbott (H), 6th; Seth Rodgers (SC), 7th.

145: Tanner Terry (DH), 2nd; James Wilson (Cedar), 3rd; Kaden Ricks (DH), 4th; Weston Jeppson (SC), 7th; Andrew Steffan (D), 8th.

152: Liam Williams (DH), 1st; Brady Jones (DH), 2nd; Devin English (H), 5th; **Cole Maxedon (Cedar), 7th;** Corey Barlow (PV), 8th.

160: Eric Gourde (CV), 1st; Allan Madsen (H), 4th; Dane Bulloch (SC), 5th; Blake Evans (DH), 6th; **Clay Anderson (Cedar), 7th;** Cooper Dastrup (D), 8th.

170: Quaid Murray (Cedar), 1st; Tyler Haley (CV), 4th; Byron Anderson (DH), 5th; Tanner Emerson (D), 6th; **Carson Potter (CV), 8th.**

182: Brent Nelson (PV), 2nd; Tanner Nelson (SC), 3rd; **Bryson Bentley (CV), 4th;** Cutler Thomas (D), 6th; **Jade Bulloch (Cedar), 7th.**

195: McCrae Murray (Cedar), 1st; Christopher Stoddard (SC), 5th; Shane Farnsworth (H), 6th; **Andrew Marchant (Cedar), 7th;** Christian Reis (PV), 8th.

220: Nathan Ellis (Cedar), 1st; Russell Farnesi (DH), 4th; **Hayden Giles (Cedar), 5th;** Enoka Fuilaetolo (DH), 7th; Hunter Wood (SC), 8th.

285: Koalman Kimber (Cedar), 1st; Bundy Sewell (DH), 3rd; **Daniel Jordan (Cedar), 4th;** Desmond Wise (SC), 5th; Tyler Heaton (PV), 6th; Timothy Miles (D), 7th; **Jacek Halona (CV), 8th.**

Follow along with results from the state tournament online at www.trackwrestling.com.

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – When it comes to qualifying for the 3A State Wrestling championships, the opportunity to make a statement happened Feb. 5 and 6 in the 3A South Divisional at Cedar High.

Both the Redmen and Canyon View spoke loudly and came away with a handful of solid individual performances.

Four Cedar wrestlers were crowned champions and three Falcons did the same and earned No. 1 seeds in what were strong total team efforts. The Redmen finished second to Juab in the final standings with 255 points, while Canyon View held on to grab third with 207, five and a half points in front of Desert Hills.

In total, 16 wrestlers from Cedar and 12 Falcons will compete at the state meet that runs Feb. 12 and 13 at the UCCU Center in Orem.

The Falcons grabbed the early headlines in the final matches, with freshman Brady Lowry beating Juab's Jayce Lind 15-5 at 120 pounds, and sophomore Kasey Robinson got a pin early in the third round to beat Desert Hills freshman Zayden Rowley and earn his place atop the medal podium.

Robinson admitted he had a hard time making weight during the season, but credited night runs on the treadmill for extra help.

"Every morning, I go in for weights, and maybe twice a month I'd run five miles at night," Robinson said. "My family has helped me so much, and my coaches have, too."

Robinson's older brother, Brennon, earned the No. 5 seed as a senior at 138 pounds with a 10-2 win over Hurricane's Treyson Abbott.

In one of the more inspirational wins of the finals, Eric Gourde earned the third top seed for CV when he broke a tie with a third-round escape and held off Juab's Joey Aagard by a 12-9 count.

"I've been working on this for 15 years straight," said Gourde, who was sixth at last year's state meet. "This is the beginning of the grind. Next week, I'm going to be working on getting my conditioning

working on. That's why they were successful. Canyon View's never had a state champion, and I think we have a really good opportunity."

Cedar scored top seeds in four of the five upper weights, led by junior Quaid Murray, who scored a key reversal late in the third round and beat Richfield's Austin Biggs 9-5 in the 170-pound final.

"When (Biggs) titled me, I was like 'oh, crap, I'm running out of time,'" Murray said. "I just kept weaseling around, looked ahead, and got the reversal."

Quaid's older brother, senior McCrae Murray, won the title at 195 pounds by making quick work of North Sanpete's Hootchy Brewer with a pin in just 32 seconds.

At 220 pounds, freshman Nathan Ellis pulled off one of the bigger upsets of the tournament as he scored a third-round takedown and held on to edge Carbon senior Dallin Mower, 2-1. Mower had pinned his three prior opponents to get to the final.

"I practice with Koalman (Kimber) all the time to help me handle the pressure," Ellis said. "Now I just need to work on getting stronger and faster on my feet for next week."

Kimber wrapped up a strong tournament for the Redmen when he won the heavyweight title by pinning Juab's Jaxon Kendall in 1:35. Coach Luke Payne said the team finished in the ideal position.

"It's definitely where we wanted to be. Hopefully it continues to build for next week and the kids realize how good they are," Payne said.

Parowan competed at the 1A Division B qualifying meet held at Juab High, and two Rams wrestlers have advanced to the 1A state meet in Orem.

Junior Reagan Hunt rolled to the No. 1 seed at 170 pounds by beating Justin Cecil of Monticello in the final. He will be joined by senior Alan Taylor, who advanced as the No. 4 seed at 195.



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CEDAR AND CANYON VIEW WRESTLERS take down their opponents during the 3A South Divisional at Cedar High.

up. I'm out of breath now, but that will change when I take state next week."

CV coach Dallas Lowry added: "These three that won did the things we've been practicing and

Musto, Wallace sign NLIs

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – For all the hard work, long hours of practice, and all the stress, the payoff finally arrived Feb. 3 for a pair of Canyon View High athletes. Quarterback Michael Musto has signed his National Letter of Intent to play football at Southern Utah, and swimmer Nathan Wallace – who holds a truckload of school records – will be joining the team at BYU.

Musto finished his senior season with 1,269 passing yards and 14 touchdowns, and added 559 rushing yards with six more TDs for a Falcons team that finished with a 5-6 record. He fought through injuries during the later stages of the campaign and is happy the process is complete with the letter signed and sent.

“It’s been a long, stressful journey,” Musto said. “There was lots of work and lots of support from everyone around me, and I’m glad it’s finally solidified.”

Added pressure for Musto came Dec. 26 when SUU head football coach Ed Lamb resigned after eight years to accept the assistant head coach position at BYU. Although there was some doubt that crept in along the way, a tour of the campus and support from new head

coach Demario Warren helped restore the feeling of security in his choice.

“There had been many stories of new coaches coming in and kids losing their scholarships because the new coach didn’t think the athlete was worthy of a spot on the team,” Musto said. “I was worried at first, but I took the tour with a bunch of recruits, got to know Coach Warren, and when he said ‘we still want you to be part of the T-Bird nation,’ it was relaxing.”

Musto will be worked out at safety when he joins the team, but could also be switched to linebacker. Either way, Musto said he’ll be ready.

“It just depends on where I do better at,” Musto said. “If I’m fast enough and beat out the other competition, they’ll keep me at safety. If I’m slower, they’ll add 10, 15 pounds on me and put me at linebacker.”

The main attractions that helped Musto choose SUU came from the football team’s recent success – including its first Big Sky championship – and his choice of major.

“They’ve been good in the past, but this year was just phenomenal,” Musto said. “They have a great sports medicine and exercise science program, and that’s what I want to get into.”

Born in Virginia, Musto moved to

Cedar City in first grade. He drew interest from Pac-12 school Stanford, but when SUU came calling, it sealed the deal.

“That lit the flame in me,” Musto said. “I’d always wanted to go to Stanford, but it’s a prestigious school, difficult to get in to, and they didn’t have what I wanted to go into for my education. SUU has camaraderie, everyone knows each other, and you can feel it.”

In total, SUU announced the signing of 25 football recruits on Signing Day. Warren said even with the coaching change, being the defending Big Sky champs made the process a lot easier.

“The recruits had a ton of excitement and we have good character coaches on the staff,” Warren said. “They went out, worked their butts off and built the relationships they needed to build. It wasn’t a hard selling point to sell Southern Utah.”

The class featured five players from Region 9, three from Dixie High (quarterback Zak Harrah, wide receivers Bret Barben and Jaden Harrison) and two from Desert Hills (center Justice Alo and linebacker Zak Fuchs). Offensive lineman Dallas McRae from 1A state champion Diamond Ranch also signed to play for the T-Birds.

Warren said Harrah will go on an LDS Church mission first.

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NATHAN WALLACE, LEFT, AND MICHAEL MUSTO, RIGHT, signed their letters of intent to BYU and SUU, respectively, on Feb. 3.



CEDAR 57 DESERT HILLS 49

Desert Hills 12 8 12 17 -- 49
Cedar 16 10 13 18 -- 57

Desert Hills – Clark 5, Jensen 9, Anderson 1, K. Williams 6, E. Williams 4, Beckstrand 24. Totals 18 10-18 49. 3-pointers – Clark 1, Beckstrand 2

Cedar – Weaver 5, Robinson 2, H. Williams 4, Morley 19, Davis 6, Myers 2, Elison 7, Whetmen 12. Totals 19 14-18 57. 3-pointers – Morley 3, Whetmen 2.

Thursday’s game

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Lady Reds hold on to defeat Thunder

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

The Cedar Lady Reds may have felt a little less than invincible after dropping their first two region games on the road at Snow Canyon and Desert Hills. After handing the Warriors their first Region 9 loss last week, Courtney Morley helped Cedar get past the Thunder and into a good position for the stretch run.

Morley finished with 19 points and the Lady Reds survived a fourth-quarter flurry from Ashley Beckstrand to beat Desert Hills at home 57-49 on Feb. 2. Cedar won its fifth straight and moved past the Thunder into second place in the Region 9 standings with three games remaining in the season.

Beckstrand almost single-handedly brought Desert Hills (4-3 Region 9) from behind, scoring eight straight points – including a pair of 3-pointers – as part of an 11-0 fourth-quarter run that put the visitors in front at 45-42 with 4 minutes, 27 seconds left in the game.

But the Lady Reds

maintained their poise and made their free throws down the stretch, hitting eight of 10 from the line in a closing 15-4 run that secured the victory.

“The good part is that we didn’t give up,” Cedar coach John Elison said. “Ashley Beckstrand can get on rolls like that, and that’s what makes you nervous when it’s close at the end. You hate to have to guard against her, but for us to keep our composure, get some good looks, play some good D and get back in the lead was huge for us.”

Beckstrand led all scorers with 24 points, including 16 in the second half. After the junior hit a basket inside that tied the score at 47-47, Morley drained an open 3-pointer with 1:37 remaining that gave the Lady Reds the lead for good.

“When we were tied, it became a rivalry game for us,” Morley said. “Once we got back into it after Ashley hit all those threes, we were fine. We stepped up, closed the deal, and we won.”

“I love my team to death,” she added. “If I didn’t have teammates like ours, I don’t think we’d

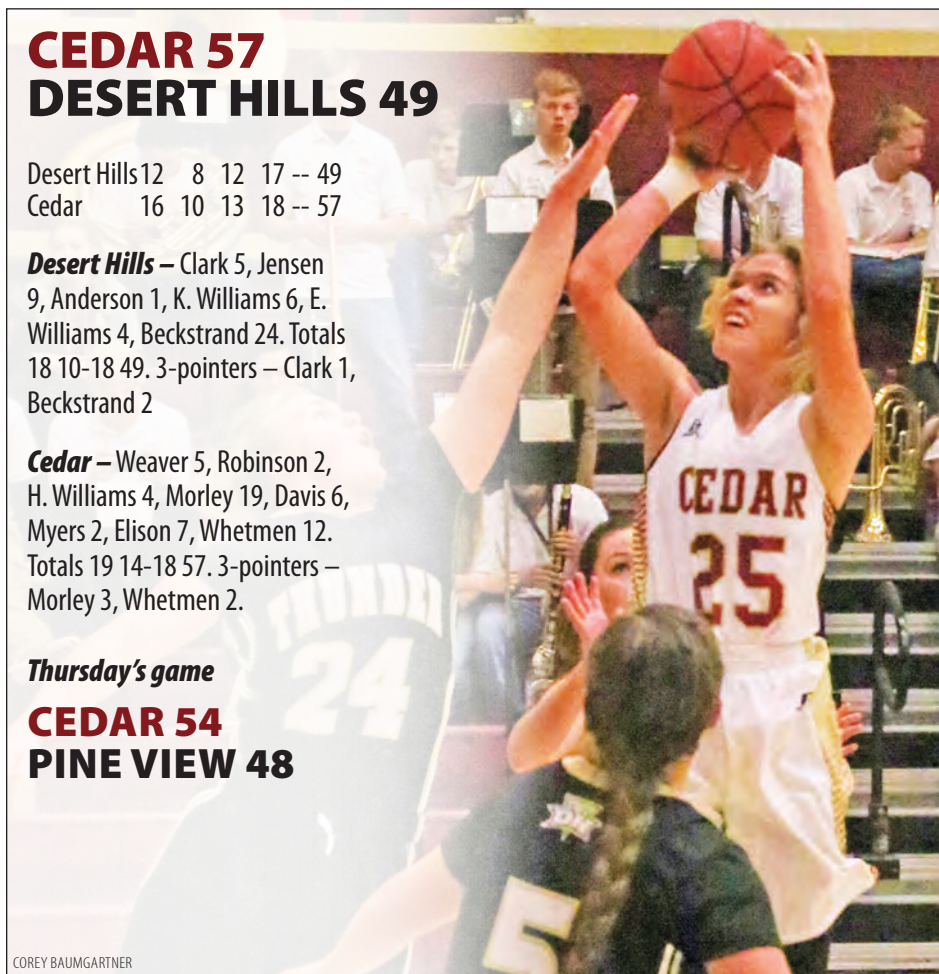
get anywhere. We have friendship off the court, and there’s no drama. We have so much teamwork, we’re definitely going to get to the top.”

The Lady Reds led most of the way, but never by more than nine in the first half. After losing to the Thunder and Warriors on the road, Elison said the team’s confidence has taken a big swing upward.

“We started region 0-2, and to get them back now is a big confidence booster,” Elison said. “We’ve just got to take care of business on the way out, and to get a home playoff game would be fantastic.”

Two nights later, the Lady Reds extended their win streak to six with a 54-48 road win at Pine View behind 13 points from Morley and nine each from Morgan Myers, Maisie Elison and Dream Weaver.

Cedar led 26-18 at the half and kept its one-game lead over the Thunder with two remaining in the regular season. The Lady Reds played at Hurricane on Feb. 9, but results were not available at press deadline. They close at home Feb. 11 against Dixie.



CV boys extend streak, close in on Region 12 title

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – With their winning ways growing toward legendary status, the Canyon View Falcons found out just how hard it will be to close the deal as they welcomed the Carbon Dinos to the Falcons’ Nest on Feb. 5.

After using several big runs to grab the lead, it would take every last bit of intensity for the home team to hold on and close in on the Region 12 title.

Brantzen Blackner led three players in double figures with 14 points, and Canyon View lost most of an 18-point third quarter lead before finishing off a 61-51 win over Carbon, its ninth straight overall, to improve its record to 15-6 on the season.

More importantly, the Falcons are 6-0 in Region 12 and have a two-game lead over Richfield with two to play. They need only one more win over either North Sanpete Feb. 10 or the Wildcats on Feb. 12 to clinch the championship

and No. 1 seed for the 3A state playoffs.

“We knew when we played Carbon the last time that they’re a really good basketball team,” CV coach Robbie Potter said. “We knew they wouldn’t roll over and die. They’re fighting for their spot in the first round (of the playoffs).”

The Falcons fell behind in the early stages of the opening half, but rallied to take the lead each time. A 7-0 run put CV in front 13-10 after the first quarter, and it fell behind again after a 10-2 Dinos run gave the visitors a 20-15 advantage with 5 minutes, 1 second left until halftime.

Following a Falcon timeout, Carbon didn’t score again and CV used a 15-0 run to take a 30-20 lead to the intermission.

As the third quarter began, the Falcons looked ready to run away with the game as they added a 13-0 run to stretch the margin to 43-25, but the Dinos fought back with long-range shooting to make things interesting.

“I probably had a bad

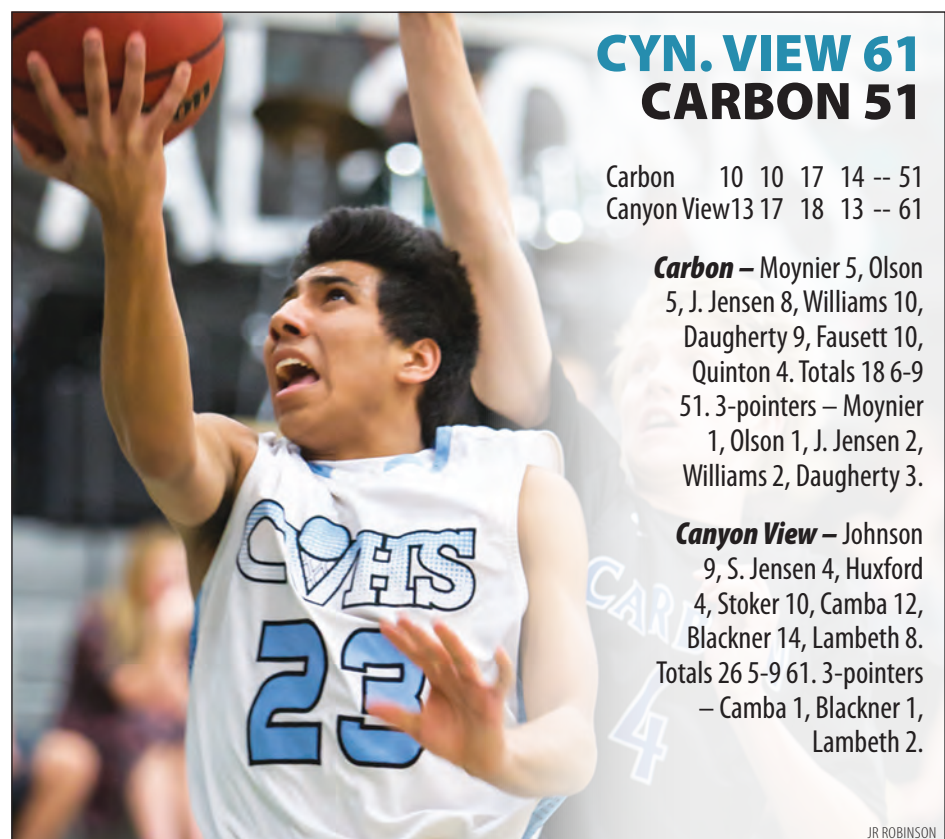
combination of guys on the floor,” Potter said. “They caught on to our plan, so I said ‘let’s just keep them in front of us,’ and we did a better job after that.”

Carbon (3-4 Region 12) trailed 48-37 at the start of the fourth quarter, but senior guard Kasey Moynier hit five straight points – including one of the Dinos’ nine 3-pointers – to spark a 7-0 run that cut the lead to 48-44 two minutes into the period.

After two free throws from Brad Williams, Camba (12 points) and Stoker (10) got involved down the stretch, scoring a pair of big baskets each to help thwart the Carbon comeback bid.

“It was a huge game for us because we have a huge target on our back,” said Camba, who returned to the lineup with Stoker after serving a one-game suspension in the team’s Jan. 29 win over Juab. “We expect the best from every team. We had to keep fighting and not let them get to us.”

On a night where the Falcon girls also played,



CYN. VIEW 61 CARBON 51

Carbon 10 10 17 14 -- 51
Canyon View 13 17 18 13 -- 61

Carbon – Moynier 5, Olson 5, J. Jensen 8, Williams 10, Daugherty 9, Fausett 10, Quinton 4. Totals 18 6-9 51. 3-pointers – Moynier 1, Olson 1, J. Jensen 2, Williams 2, Daugherty 3.

Canyon View – Johnson 9, S. Jensen 4, Huxford 4, Stoker 10, Camba 12, Blackner 14, Lambeth 8.

Totals 26 5-9 61. 3-pointers – Camba 1, Blackner 1, Lambeth 2.

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they fell short of a big upset and dropped a 49-33 decision to the Dinos in the doubleheader opener. CV trailed only 30-28 at the start of the fourth quarter,

but was outscored 19-5 as Carbon pulled away and improved to 6-1 in Region 12, 19-2 overall.

Sara Morley and Lindsey Blanc led the

Dinos with 10 points apiece. Shontae Clark led Canyon View with 14 points in the loss, and the Falcons made 2 of 9 from the free-throw line.

Redmen boys’ win streak snapped at three

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

With a three-game winning streak in tow heading into its Feb. 3 home game, the Cedar Redmen had regained some confidence after starting Region 9 play with three straight losses.

However, the Pine View Panthers used their size and a huge rebounding advantage to grab control early and bring Cedar’s streak to a crashing halt.

Steve Bangerter scored 17 points to lead three players in double figures, and Pine View led nearly wire-to-wire in a 55-45 victory over the Redmen to move into a tie for second place in the Region 9 standings with a 4-3 record and three games remaining.

Cedar fell to 3-4 and into a tie with Snow Canyon for the fourth and final playoff spot, and head coach Craig Cardon said an estimated plus-20 rebounding edge made all the difference.

“We don’t always block off. We think we can just out jump people, and it doesn’t happen like that,” Cardon said. “They had the size and more aggressiveness. Against good teams, you can’t get outrebounded by 20.”

The Redmen trailed 10-9



PINE VIEW 55 CEDAR 45

Pine View 10 12 15 18 -- 55
Cedar 9 5 13 18 -- 45

Pine View – Yates 6, Farrer 10, Johnston 7, Moore 4, Ruesch 11, Bangerter 17. Totals 17 20-27 55. 3-pointers – Bangerter 1.

Cedar – Garrett 5, Boettcher 3, Nielson 12, Fakahua 11, Brinkerhoff 4, Haynie 10. Totals 17 8-14 45. 3-pointers – Boettcher 1, Fakahua 1, Haynie 1.

Friday’s Game

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after a quarter, but went nearly five and a half minutes without a point in the second until sophomore Ethan Boettcher drained a 3-pointer that pulled them within five at 17-12. Both

sides traded baskets later in the period, then Bangerter was fouled shooting a 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left.

Bangerter hit all three free throws to extend the Pine View

lead to 22-14 at the half, and they weren’t seriously challenged the rest of the way. Cedar trailed by as many as 14 in the second half and Pine View made 20 of 27 from the free-throw line to help

secure the win and pull even with Desert Hills in the race for a first-round home game in the 3A state playoffs.

Cedar closed within eight at 44-36 after Keenan Nielson hit a free throw with four minutes left, but the Panthers made 9 of 12 from the line down the stretch to stop the comeback before it could start.

Nielson had a quiet 12 points to lead the Redmen, nine in the fourth quarter. Mason Fakahua added 11 points and Parker Haynie helped out with 10.

For the Panthers, Cody Ruesch backed Bangerter with 11 points and Trey Farrer added 10 before fouling out with 4:25 left in the game.

On Feb. 5, the Redmen led by six entering the fourth quarter, but couldn’t hold it as they dropped a 59-56 decision at Desert Hills. Nielson had a chance to tie the score on Cedar’s final possession, but his 3-pointer rimmed out at the buzzer.

With Snow Canyon’s loss to Pine View, the Redmen are tied with the Warriors for the final Region 9 playoff spot with two games left. Cedar will host Hurricane Feb. 10, then close the regular season at Dixie on Feb. 12.

Thunderbird men fall into Big Sky cellar

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

Southern Utah fell into a familiar pattern on its home floor against Eastern Washington. The T-Birds held the lead briefly in the first half, then gave up runs at the wrong times.

While SUU was able to cut into most of a 13-point deficit, they ended up like Sisyphus. The rock got to the top of the hill, but it crashed down on the T-Birds again.

Bogdan Bliznyuk scored a career-high 26 points, and the Eagles extended their win streak to a season-high four straight games with an 81-67 victory over Southern Utah before an energetic crowd of 1,309 at the Centrum. The T-Birds dropped their sixth straight game and fell to the cellar in the Big Sky standings at 2-9, 4-17 overall.

Unlike the five previous games in the losing streak, SUU competed and stayed in contention most of the way, cutting the margin to four on four different occasions in the second half before Eastern Washington (7-4, 13-10) put the win away with a 13-4 run over the final 3 minutes, 27 seconds.

“We played really well tonight and we fought

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SUU	29	38	--	67

Eastern Washington – Harrell 8, Washington 2, McBroom 19, Benzel 6, Bliznyuk 26, Von Hofe 9, Jois 11. Totals 26-50 20-24 81. 3-pointers – McBroom 3, Benzel 2, Bliznyuk 1, Von Hofe 3.

Southern Utah – Langston 7, Kennedy 9, Parsons 18, McGee 15, Major 6, Davis 2, Thompson 8, Oliverson 2. Totals 24-56 8-13 67. 3-pointers – Kennedy 2, Parsons 4, McGee 3, Thompson 2.

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hard,” said Race Parsons, who led the T-Birds with 18 points. “Just a couple of turnovers here and there, just a couple of breakdowns on defense, the little things.”

SUU led 10-7 at the 13 minute, 40-second mark of the first half, but Eastern Washington rallied to build its largest lead at 38-25 before

James McGee, who was suspended for the Idaho game two days earlier along with Trey Kennedy for a team rules violation, hit a free throw and a 3-pointer that cut the margin to 38-29 at the break.

The T-Birds continued the momentum at the start of the second half with five more points, including a triple from Parsons,

but the Eagles were able to counterpunch and push the lead back to as many as nine.

“Coach (Nick) Robinson’s teams play so hard, you have to match their energy,” EWU coach Jim Hayford said. “They’re snake-bit, but we’re a good offensive team. As we get better at defense, maybe we’ll have

a chance in Reno (at the Big Sky tournament).

“We’ve got some guys who have won big games and played in the NCAA Tournament,” he added. “I like the way my team is peaking.”

Bliznyuk had support from Austin McBroom’s 19 points and a double-double from Venky Jois of 11 points and 11

rebounds. Eastern shot 52 percent from the floor and drained nine 3-pointers to keep SUU at bay.

McGee added 15 points in his return and Kennedy helped out with nine.

“The guys executed well at both ends for 40 minutes tonight,” Robinson said. “A couple of breakdowns allowed them a couple of runs, but the guys stayed resilient and tough.”

The T-Birds shot nearly 50 percent from 3-point range (11-of-23), but the Eagles enjoyed an edge of more than 2-to-1 at the free-throw line – 20-of-24 to 8-of-13. They’ll try again to break the losing streak with road games at Montana on Feb. 11 and Montana State on Feb. 13.

NOTES: SUU fell just short in the rebounding battle for the 14th straight game by a 31-30 count ... Northern Arizona pulled into a tie with SUU for the Big Sky basement after beating Idaho at home 72-70 ... With the win, the Eagles moved into a tie for third with North Dakota, a half-game ahead of Idaho State and a full game in front of the Vandals. The top four regular-season teams earn byes on the first day of the Big Sky postseason tournament.

T-Bird men lose fifth straight, fall to Vandals

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

Before they took to the court to face Idaho on Feb. 4, the Southern Utah men’s basketball team knew it would be without the services of their leading scorers, Trey Kennedy and James McGee, who were serving one-game suspensions for violation of team rules.

The rest of the team struggled to pick up the slack, and it showed up in crystal-clear fashion on the final scoreboard.

Idaho big man Ty Egbert led all scorers with 12 points, and the Vandals held the T-Birds to 27 percent shooting in the second half in a convincing 68-44 rout over the T-Birds in front of 1,213 fans at the Centrum. SUU dropped its fifth straight overall, fifth straight at home, and fell to 2-8 in Big Sky play, 4-16 overall.

“It wasn’t that much differ-

ent,” said junior John Marshall, who was one of three T-Birds to score a team-best nine points. “We were getting open looks, but everyone had an off night. Shots just weren’t falling.”

Even with the loss of a combined 24 points per game from McGee and Kennedy, the T-Birds stayed well within range in the first half. After battling to a 20-20 tie, the Vandals outscored them 8-2 over the final 2 minutes, 54 seconds and took a 28-22 lead at the half.

Things went downhill quickly as the second half began. SUU was outscored 21-6 in the first 10 minutes and Idaho (6-4 Big Sky, 14-9 overall) led by as many as 27. The T-Birds hit just two of their first 14 shots after halftime and were held to 36 percent shooting for the game.

“(Idaho) executed really

well in the second half and knocked down their shots,” Marshall said. “Since we weren’t scoring offensively, we’ve got to do a better job next time of getting in the paint and getting free throws. In the end, we’ve got to make a stand and get stops.”

When SUU got to the free-throw line, the results were rough. The T-Birds made only 8 of 17 from the stripe. Head coach Nick Robinson said the run by the Vandals at the end of the first half was a difference-maker in the game.

“We went into halftime and didn’t quite have the pep in the step that we needed,” Robinson said. “They came out with another mini-run, and the adjustments we made ended up hurting us more than helping us.

“What was said at halftime maybe needed a little more pizzazz. It could have helped

the guys get a little more energy. I made a bad read on their body language.”

Casey Oliverson and Race Parsons were the other T-Birds who had nine points along with Marshall.

NOTES: When Robinson was asked why Kennedy and McGee were suspended, he didn’t offer specifics, but said “we have a high standard with Southern Utah basketball. Violations of team rules have consequences.” He confirmed both players would return for the Feb. 6 game against Eastern Washington ... Nick Blair and Arkadly Mkrtychyan added 10 points apiece for Idaho, who shot 54 percent from the floor ... The Vandals enjoyed a 37-23 rebounding edge, the 13th straight game that the T-Birds have been outrebounded ... Over the last five games, SUU has shot just 59 percent from the free-throw line.

IDAHO 68 S. UTAH 44

Idaho	28	40	--	68
SUU	22	22	--	44

Idaho – Blair 10, Sarbaugh 8, Ingram 5, C. Sherwood 9, Mkrtychyan 10, N. Sherwood 9, George 5, Egbert 12. Totals 27-50 10-18 68. 3-pointers – C. Sherwood 3, N. Sherwood 1.

Southern Utah – Langston 1, Marshall 9, Melifonwu 2, Parsons 9, Major 2, Davis 3, Thompson 6, Oliverson 9, Johnson 3. Totals 15-42 8-17 44. 3-pointers – Marshall 1, Parsons 2, Thompson 2, Johnson 1.

PHOTOS BY CINDY TEGGE



THE CEDAR, CANYON VIEW AND PAROWAN DRILL TEAMS competed at the Utah State Drill Team Championships at Utah Valley University last weekend. Cedar High placed third overall in 3A, finishing fourth in Military, third in Dance and second for Character.

Canyon View advanced out of the semi-final round to compete in the finals on Feb. 6.

The Talons took fifth in Character and sixth in both Dance and Military Character. They finished sixth overall in 3A.

Parowan finished second place overall in 1A at the state tournament, closely behind Duchesne. The Ramettes placed third in Military, second in Dance and second in Character. Saydee Mineer was given a first place medal for the 1A State Drill Down champion. Parowan had three girls named to the all state drill team – Saydee Mineer, Ashlynn Blauer and Jaylee Church. Two girls were named to the academic all state team, Saydee Mineer and Ashlynn Blauer.

Local schools compete at Utah State Drill Team Championships



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“We needed speed having lost a lot of skill positions, so we went after that pretty heavy,” Warren said. “We didn’t lose anybody on the (offensive) line and have only two seniors for the upcoming season, so we stayed away from that area.”

“For the most part, we got a couple of guys at each position, and overall the theme was we were trying to get faster as a team.”

Offensive coordinator Justin Walterscheid said two receivers from California – Isaiah Diego-Williams (Gardena) and Elijah Givens (Palo Alto) – will be a big part of “upping the all-around team speed.”

“We’ve got a good nucleus of big guys, and we want to complement them with some speed,” Walterscheid said.

And the excitement of winning the Big Sky title has certainly helped make Walterscheid’s job easier on the recruiting trail.

“Over the years as our

program has gotten better and better, it’s made recruiting easier,” Walterscheid said. “Kids are more excited when we walk into their school, they know who we are, and especially this year, being Big Sky champs, everyone’s seemed to take notice.”

“There’s a new level of excitement as opposed to previous years,” he added. “It’s something we want to build on, but not feel like we’ve arrived. We’ve got higher goals going forward, and we’re excited.”

Walterscheid said 17 of last year’s 22 starters, including

10 of 11 on the offensive side, will be returning for the 2016 season. He confirmed there are three more openings still to be filled on the coaching staff, but their roles will be determined later.

Wallace will be swimming for more state titles at the BYU pool in his final 3A championship meet Feb. 12 and 13. He had drawn interest from several Eastern schools, including Illinois-Chicago, Notre Dame and Utah, but liked the BYU campus and academic fit.

“BYU is a beautiful cam-

pus, the school had what I was looking for academically, they have a really fast team, and the coaches have programs that will help me succeed,” said Wallace, who plans on majoring in business management. “I’ve always wanted to swim in college, but I knew I had to put the work in. Even with the work, I was barely fast enough.”

Wallace started swimming competitively at the age of 10, but always had a pool in his backyard at home. He swims for the Southern Utah Swim Association (SUSA).

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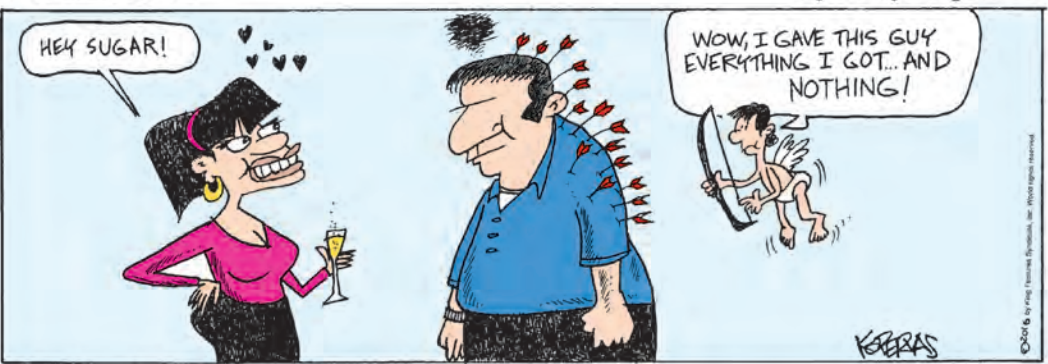
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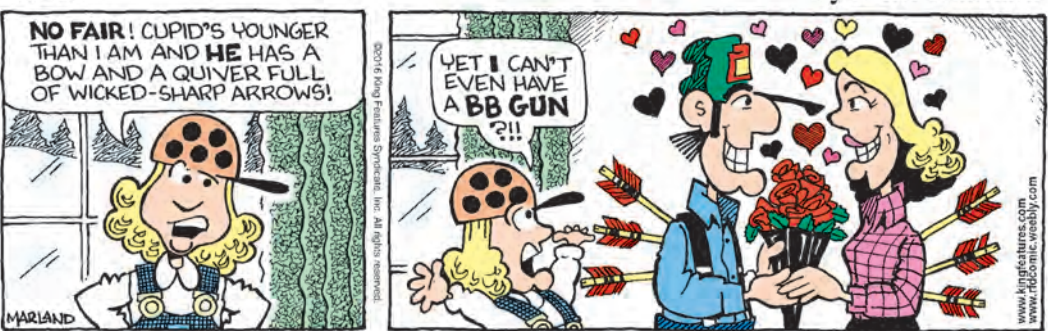
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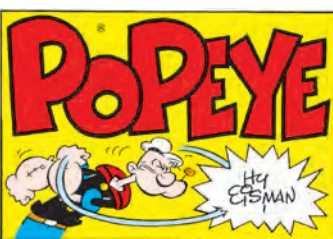
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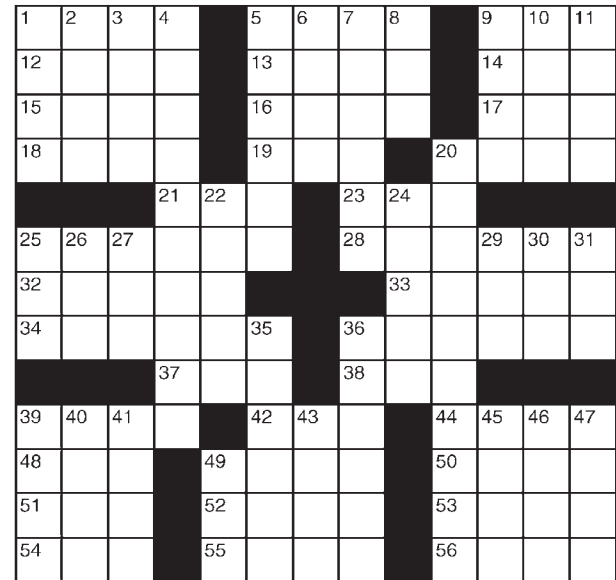
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- 1 Impresses greatly
- 5 Reverb-erate
- 9 — out a living
- 12 Type of pit
- 13 Got bigger
- 14 Guacamole, often
- 15 Roughly
- 16 Exceptional
- 17 Born
- 18 Crystal gazer
- 19 Swelled head
- 20 Wash
- 21 Wearer of a onesie
- 23 UN workers' agcy.
- 25 Necklace fasteners
- 28 Have a huddle
- 32 Hispaniola part
- 33 Concur
- 34 Cook-wear?
- 36 Handle the expense
- 37 Gun the engine
- 38 Exploit
- 39 Metropolis
- 42 Early bird?
- 44 Chantilly, e.g.



- 48 Commotion
- 49 Lotion additive
- 50 Story teller
- 51 Cattle call?
- 52 Luminary
- 53 Tote board stats
- 54 Wapiti
- 55 Favorites
- 56 Toward the sunset
- 4 O. Henry specialty
- 5 Herons' kin
- 6 Rugged rock
- 7 Brave
- 8 Have bills
- 9 Author Ferber
- 10 Chicken —
- 11 Duel tool
- 20 "Hiawatha" writer
- 22 Put your two cents in
- 24 Ducks work
- 25 Half a dance?
- 26 Once around
- 27 Melody
- 29 To and —
- 30 Always, in verse
- 31 Crimson
- 35 Slender
- 36 Boring tools
- 39 Arrived
- 40 "American —"
- 41 Snatched
- 43 Capricorn
- 45 Staffer
- 46 Two-timers
- 47 Formerly, formerly
- 49 Cleo's slayer

DOWN

- 1 Andy's pal
- 2 Sported
- 3 Being, to Brutus

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Challenging
- ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEASUREMENTS: How many seconds are in a day?
2. MOVIES: What comedy of 1980 carried the tagline, "They'll never get caught. They're on a mission from God"?
3. TELEVISION: What are the names of Marge's twin sisters on "The Simpsons"?
4. LANGUAGE: What is a cynophile?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the small indentations on a golf ball called?
6. MEDICAL: What is the more common term for "somniaquy"?
7. GAMES: In chess, what are rooks also known as?
8. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of New York state?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What adjective describes animals with hooves?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What was the prior English name of the nation of Sri Lanka?

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Answers

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Answer

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Solution time: 24 mins.

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