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COREY BAUMGARTNER

A COMMUNITY MEMBER gathers health information at a health fair sponsored by the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Feb. 20.

Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah promotes journey to wellness

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – To help promote positive changes in the physical

Tribal Center in Cedar City and its theme was a “Journey 2 Wellness.” To celebrate the upcoming Olympic Games in Rio, each booth represented

a special tote that contained items such as a water bottle, bandages and a voucher for a free lunch. As they made their way around to the nearly

“I hope that people realize all the opportunities for wellness and health in their community”

–Meagan Beesley

and emotional health in the community, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah sponsored a health fair on Feb. 20. The event took place at the Paiute

a city that has hosted the Olympic Games in the modern era beginning with Athens in 1896.

During the event, participants were given

40 booths, they filled out a “medal sheet” by answering participation questions and getting

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High winds cause damage in Cedar City

BY CODY SMITH
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – High winds uprooted a tree in Cedar City Feb. 18, which fell on the LDS Institute of Religion building at 650 W. Center St., causing minimal damage.

Officials at the National Weather Service Salt Lake City Weather

Forecast Office issued a high-wind warning to residents throughout Southern Utah of the possibility of sustained wind speeds reaching 40 mph and gusts of up to 60 mph. According to Weather Underground, sustained wind speeds reached 46 mph, and gusts measured at 70 mph.

“I was sitting right

by the front door,” said Lorraine Thompson, a support specialist at the institute. “We just heard a suction, a big suction sound, and then a big boom.”

Thompson said she knew it wasn’t a sound that she had heard before.

“We went out and saw

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CODY SMITH

HIGH WINDS IN CEDAR CITY uprooted a large tree at the LDS Institute of Religion building near Southern Utah University Feb. 18.



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NICOLE SHAFER, of Southwest Wildlife Foundation, addressed the Cedar City Council Feb. 17 in regards to the proposed Information Destination Trail Head Facility.

City council reviews resources and plans for Southwest Wildlife Foundation project

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – For years many people have enjoyed the walking trail that winds through a portion of beautiful Cedar Canyon. The 3-mile round trip trail allows young and old to exercise and enjoy the great outdoors, with benches, water fountains and beautiful scenery.

A proposed project, the Information Destination Trail Head Facility, will go beyond bathrooms by providing a visitor center to help educate people about the Southwest Wildlife Foundation, the animals and the wildlife that are native to Cedar City.

Many educators currently use the park to help teach students about the environment, ecology and appreciating the unique flora and fauna that surround Southern Utah.

The project has been the vision of Martin and Susan Tyner, founders of the Southwest Wildlife Foundation. The foundation created the Cedar Canyon Nature Park, which the walking trail passes through.

“The park was never about me, or for me,” Martin Tyner said. “The park has always been about the people of Cedar City, Iron County and Utah. It’s going to benefit the community, schools and the environment in

more ways than we know.”

While the plans are completed and the facility is projected to be finished by summer of 2016, the foundation is still in need of funding. Of the \$138,554 proposed budget for the project, only \$75,000 of the total has been received/approved. The foundation is hoping to receive the rest of the needed funds from the city and other entities that have an interest in the project.

While deadlines to apply for RAP tax and other possible funds from the city have passed, there is still a possibility of receiving some assistance from the city once the

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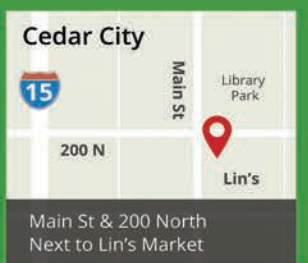
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AMY BATES, with her sons Ethan and Sean, speak to community members at the Utah Foster Care "Foster Forum" Feb. 17 at the Heritage Center.

JEFF LOWE

Utah Foster Care shares emotional stories of loving foster families

BY JEFF **LOWE**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Utah Foster Care hosted a "Foster Forum" night at the Heritage Center Feb. 17 to help community members understand more about becoming a foster parent and to debunk some of the myths about being a foster family.

Ben Ashcraft, area representative of Utah Foster Care for the Southwest Region, gave a brief presentation about foster care and showed the film "Removed" about two young siblings who were removed from the home of their biological parents and placed into foster homes. The film shares the emotional story of a young girl being separated from her baby brother and reliving past traumatic events through triggers in her life in various foster homes.

"Children in foster care, they have a past, they have a history and it's very traumatic generally," said Ashcraft. "I love how this video lets us see it through her eyes ... it gives us a different perspective into the child's life."

Ashcraft emphasized the central message of Utah Foster Care – that any parent can be a perfect parent for children in foster care. He said there is a great need for foster parents in Southern Utah with more than double the number of children in

foster care than there are foster parents to care for them.

"I want to let you guys know how grateful I am for you to come here tonight," Ashcraft said. "To those of you who are already licensed as foster care parents, for your dedication to the job you do. It is not an easy job."

"I really don't know that it takes a special person (to be a foster parent) as much as it takes a willing person," he added.

Amy Bates, a recruiter with Utah Foster Care, shared some of her experiences being a foster parent. During a short video presentation, Bates said she has had 54 kids in her home and has been able to adopt eight of them.

"It is hard when they leave," Bates said, "but to me it seems so selfish to say because it's going to be hard for me, I don't want to have a child that needs a home come to our home. I have ways of dealing with my sadness and dealing with my grief. I can get in the car and turn up my music really loud or I can talk with my friends, but with this child have another home to go to?"

The event also included a panel discussion with a biological mother of a child who was placed in a foster home, as well as the case worker and the foster parents involved. The mother has since been reunited with her child and spoke with

gratitude about the foster care program and the people involved in helping her family.

"These three have a huge part in my life forever," the mother said of the caseworker and the foster parents. "My caseworker ... didn't give up on me through it all and I am where I am today because of him."

"I will forever be grateful to (the foster parents) for what they've done," she added. "They cared for (the child) when I was not able to. I have my (child) back now because of them. The day (the foster parents) brought my (child) home, I'll never forget; they cried, I cried. I'm just grateful for foster care ... these are amazing people and my (child) has (its) mom today and I am a wonderful mother to my (child) because of these three."

In addition, two of Bates' children, one biological and one adopted, spoke at the event. They shared their feelings about the important role being a foster family has played in their lives.

Utah Foster Care will be conducting a training session for new foster parents in March. Trainings take place every three months, approximately. For those interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, visit www.utahfostercare.org or contact Amy Bates at amy.bates@utahfostercare.org or (435) 463-7404.

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Gilbert Great Hall
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1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Opinion

TO THE EDITOR

SUU's EDGE Program helped me learn survival skills

I am a great adventurer and I decided I wanted to learn more about edible wildlife in Southern Utah. During the summer of 2015 I traveled to my backyard, Cedar Mountain and Pine Valley Mountain with my husband, Tayson Whittaker, and survival guide brother-in-law Tyler Whittaker.

I grew up loving the outdoors and recently married someone who also loves hiking, camping and hunting. I spent so much time on the mountain, a lot of it won-

dering where my next meal would come from. This led me to think, "what if I did get lost or stuck in the wilderness? Would I have the means necessary to survive?"

I decided to learn different survival skills including being able to identify different edible plants and medicinal plants in Southern Utah. I made plans with my husband and survival guide and we set forth on a few trips into the surrounding mountains.

On Cedar Mountain

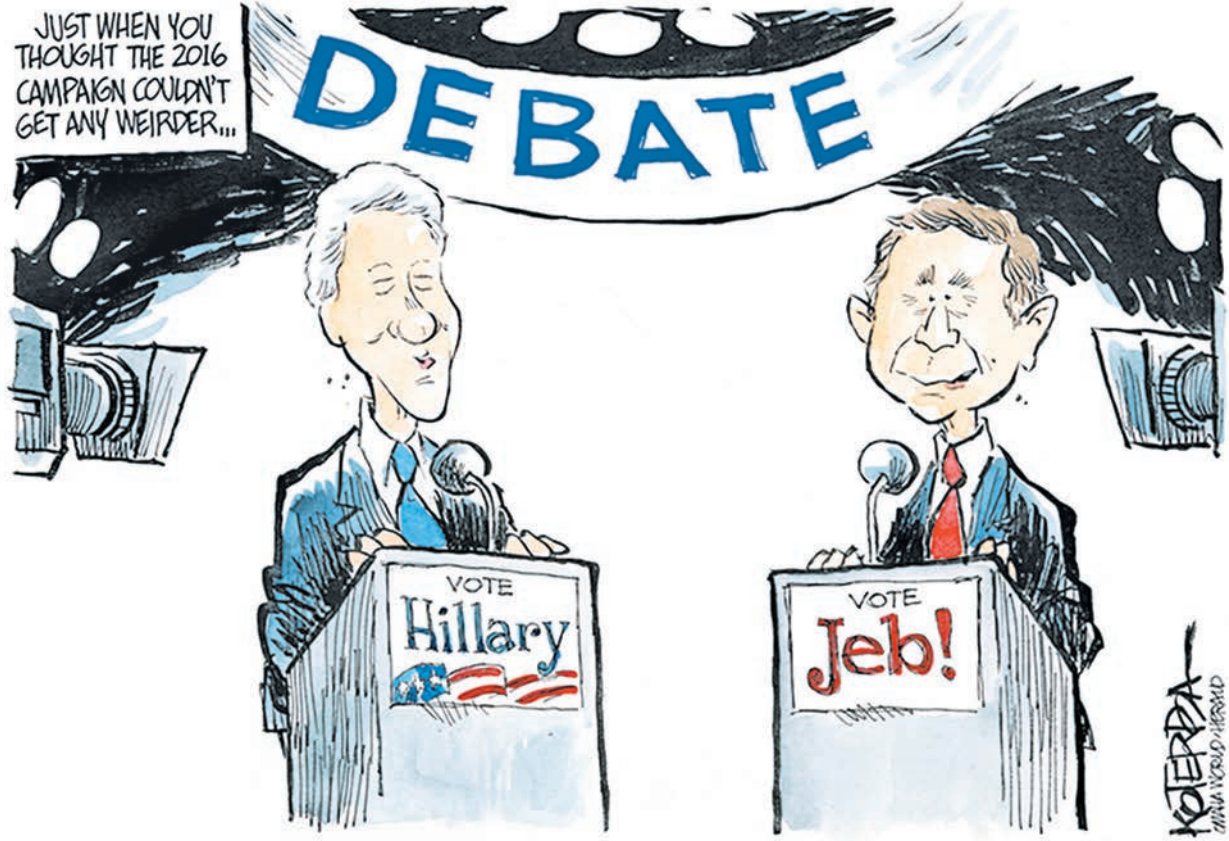
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PHOTO COURTESY OF BREANNA WHITTAKER

BREANNA WHITTAKER, of Cedar City, looks for edible berries in the Southern Utah wilderness.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT THE 2016 CAMPAIGN COULDN'T GET ANY WEIRDER...



Simple kindness can make a difference

Sometimes, without much thought, we make a decision that allows us to feel good about ourselves and feel the warmth of other human beings. My decision came recently when I received a phone call from a fifth grade girl. Her name was Betsy, and she asked if I could speak to her elementary school class about business and writing.

Such calls are common, and I usually turn them down. I figured Betsy was only calling to fulfill a school project. Plus, what could I impart to children who are still struggling with their times tables?

But for some reason I accepted. When I arrived at the school, her teacher told me, "When Betsy told me you were coming I was worried that she might



Cyclops

BY BRYAN GRAY

have been making it up. I'm really excited, especially for Betsy, because she has been let down too often in her life."

When I asked her to explain, the teacher said, "You need to understand that most of our students come from fairly well-to-do families. The parents are mostly professional people, the students travel widely, and the family income allows for the children to enroll in special programs."

"But Betsy doesn't come from this neighborhood. She arrives on

city bus; her mother is convinced Betsy is bright and can progress in this school."

"What about the father?" I asked.

"She doesn't have one in her life. He deserted the family right after she was born."

"But why would she invite me to speak to her classmates?"

"From the newspaper," said the teacher. "I don't know if her mother helped her out or not. All I know is she or her mother cut out clippings of your column and Betsy claimed

she always wanted to be a writer when she grew up."

The teacher continued, "Listen, most of these kids invite a family member or one of their father's locally-famous friends. But in Betsy's case, she really didn't know anybody. I don't want to be mean, but honestly that's why I'm so glad you came."

Betsy introduced me to her classmates and I delivered an appropriately boring 45-minute speech to fifth graders more interested in recess than the aspects of the written word. One week later I received a thank you card from her and wrote back with a smattering of wish-you-well pleasantries.

Months later, I telephoned her teacher. "I

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Local master falconer to present Birds of Prey of the West

BY JEFF **LOWE**

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – The Southwest Wildlife Foundation is set to present Birds of Prey of the West, a fun and informal presentation about birds of prey found in the western United States, on Feb. 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at North Elementary in Cedar City.

Martin Tyner, a Cedar City resident and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator, educator, master falconer and author, will present the program, which will include live raptors, including a golden eagle named Scout, followed by a question and answer period and a slide presentation.

Tyner has been presenting wildlife programs for more than 40 years. According to a press release from the Southwest Wildlife Foundation, Tyner “started caring for the sick, injured and orphaned wild critters in his home town of Simi Valley, Calif. at age 12. At age 19 he was hired as curator of birds of prey at Busch Gardens, Calif. He worked in the movie and television industry training big cats, elephants, primates, sea mammals and raptors.”

Tyner has lectured at colleges and teaches summer classes at Southern Utah University, according to the release. Tyner has been honored by the Utah Legislature for his wildlife rescue and environmental education efforts. He is the author of “Healer of Angels,” first published in 2009.

Because the program includes live animals, it is recommended that children younger than 10 years of age not attend. For more information, call Martin Tyner at (435) 590-1618. Information about the Southwest Wildlife Foundation is available at www.gowildlife.org.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTIN TYNER

MARTIN TYNER, a Cedar City resident and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator, educator, master falconer and author, will present Birds of Prey of the West Feb. 29 at North Elementary. The program will include live raptors, including a golden eagle named Scout.



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JULIE HAMMARI

From as early as second grade, she knew she wanted to be a teacher. Julie Hammari earned her master’s degree in education from SUU where she learned to go beyond the textbooks and curriculum, ultimately leading to her being awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, twice.

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2016 Week 4 Legislative Session Update

We are over half way in this session, but only about a third of the work has been accomplished. Based on past sessions this is about normal. As a Southern Utah delegation we continue to work on some important funding items – funding to continue the very successful Utah Prairie Dog Program, funding for a new business school building at SUU, funding to implement a physician assistant program at Dixie State University in conjunction with the University of Utah Medical School, and funding to help with operations for the Utah Shakespeare Festival and the Utah Summer Games.

The two medical marijuana bills, SB 89 and SB 73 will be heard on the senate floor this week. I will give you an update on the progress of those bills next week. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has voiced opposition to SB 73, which is Sen. Madsen’s bill, but they have no problem (their words) with SB 89, which is my bill and Rep. Daw’s bill.

School Board Elections

The old way of choosing state school board members was declared unconstitutional in federal court last year, so a bill called SB 78 is providing a one year temporary fix bill for this year’s elections, and then hopefully next year the legislature will find a more permanent and comprehensive solution.

SB 78 essentially says that the selection committee, that decides what candidates will be considered by the governor to be put on the ballot for election, can’t base their decision on political factors, affiliations, or educational viewpoints, as per what the federal judge ruled was happening with the old way to select state school board candidates. SB 78 passed the full Senate and now awaits consideration by the House.

There are three options being considered as a permanent solution to state school board elections. One is partisan elections, a second is nonpartisan elections and a third is a hybrid option that includes partisan, nonpartisan and appointed members. What is your opinion? Please message me with your feedback on what you think would be good to look at for next year.

Firearms

Sen. Weiler’s bill SB 43 just passed, which seeks to provide a pilot program for Utah eighth graders to learn about firearms safety and what to do in the case of a firearm threat at school. It’s not going to teach students how to use firearms, but what to do and who to tell if a firearm is found. It would also train them on what to do in situations with an active shooter.

Parents can choose to opt out of the training if they want. The class would never involve an actual firearm in class, and school districts will make all decisions related to the class, whether it is held before, during or after school and whether or not the school district will participate at all.

During testimony in the Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee, it was pointed out that Utah children have been killed or injured because they handled found

firearms. Many children in Utah grow up around firearms and are aware of the potential danger but many are unfamiliar with them and do not have the opportunity to learn at home. This class will give those children the opportunity to learn in a politically neutral environment.

Hate Crimes

This week, SB 107 was presented in committee. SB 107 is a hate crime bill that, if passed, would punish a crime and punish the intention behind the crime. Sen. Urquhart, the sponsor of this bill, openly admitted to previously being against hate crime legislation.

Hate crimes, according to Urquhart, are an attack on a community and not simply an individual. If convicted of a hate crime, it would enhance the penalty by one degree. It must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt that one of the motivations in committing the crime was hate.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has publicly come out in opposition to this bill. They feel that a delicate balance between religious freedoms and LGBT rights was struck with last year’s legislation and this bill is not needed.

Senate Concurrent Resolution: Pornography

Sen. Weiler believes that pornography today is similar to the health crisis we experienced with tobacco 70 years ago. People believed back then that tobacco was not addictive and or harmful, and similarly Sen. Weiler believes pornography is also both addictive and harmful. He has sponsored S.C.R. 9 Concurrent Resolution on the Public Health Crisis. This resolution calls for “education, prevention, research, and policy change at the community and societal level” in order to address what the resolution calls a “public health hazard.”

The resolution was presented on Feb. 5 in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Sen. Weiler pointed out that this is a non-binding resolution designed to bring attention to research that shows pornography can be addictive and harmful, especially to developing minds.

He is not trying to ban pornography, despite what many media outlets have reported. He did say that he is interested in looking closely at how England handles internet porn.

Though England is generally seen as more liberal than the United States when it comes to nudity and sexually explicit material, their government has had the foresight to require households to opt-in to having internet pornography available online. The resolution passed out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee with a favorable recommendation on a vote of 5-0-1.

Thank you for the messages and input that I have received this session. The questions you have asked and suggestions you have given have been very helpful. I do my best to respond to all requests although there are times I am unable to, due to the workload. I have a great SUU intern named Casey Gabaldon, and she is very helpful in coordinating meetings and constituent responses. My contact info is evickers@le.utah.gov and my cell is (435) 817-5565.



SEN. EVAN VICKERS
Utah State Senate



REP. JOHN WESTWOOD
Utah House of Representatives

The fourth week of seven is now history, and we are more than halfway through the session but our work is moving very slowly, and not even close to being halfway done. Appropriation committees are finished and the final prioritizations have been submitted to the Executive Appropriations Committee.

The EAC will now make the final decisions as we work toward a final balanced budget. We heard from Sen. Hatch this week and his concerns with the growing federal deficit. You must understand that the state of Utah has a Triple A rating and our maturity on our general obligation debt is short and well-managed, with a debt level of more than \$3 billion.

We in the Utah House are moving to morning and afternoon floor times of two hours each this next week, extending to three hours in the afternoon. Our focus is on passing House bills at present, as the last two weeks of the legislative session is spent on passing only Senate bills.

Our requests for appropriations that we have met with the committees on are prairie dog relocation funding, Utah Shakespeare Festival operation funding, Utah Summer Games

HCR 7 –Resolution for a Statue for Fathers Escalante and Dominguez to be erected at the Capitol.

HB 158 – Campaign Fund Restrictions for County and School Board Offices – where funds raised for these offices in campaigns must be reported as are other offices.

HB 186 – Volunteer Health Care Continuing Education Credit – where medical personnel can receive one hour of continuing education credit for every four hours attending to those people in a coverage gap. Up to 15 percent of their credits could come from this source.

HB – DUI Enforcement Funding – Increased fee \$50 for impounding vehicles, which would lead to more stops helping remove drivers that are driving under the influence of alcohol.

HB 155 – Reporting of Child Pornography-Computer Technicians – where if a computer technician discovers child pornography while repairing or working on a computer, a report must be filed.

HB 183 - County Option Sales and Use Tax for Highways and Public Transit Amendments – where now the county can approve from 10-40 percent to transit, making it

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sponsorship, the Coal Creek Flood Control project, and the new SUU Business Building that has been prioritized at No. 4 coming out of the appropriations committee, for \$8 million of the \$17 million total project.

Some of the bills of interest passed out of the House this week include the following.

HB 87 – Clean Fuel Conversion Amendments – where vehicles can be converted to natural gas.

HB 127 –License Plate Options – where the words “In God We Trust” can be on the license plate. It is now the third standard plate in our state and we are the 19th state to place those words on the plates.

better for third class counties that have smaller transit authorities to fund.

HB 160 – Justice Court Judge Qualifications – where the bill moves to have attorneys only be justice court judges. This bill was amended to counties of the first and second class only and grandfathered in existing judges.

Many issues come before us. I appreciate as always the short emails and messages that I receive. Thanks for allowing me to serve. I am very proud of our area and towns and the good people that are willing to support us during the session. Please message me anytime at jwestwood@le.utah.gov.

HIGH WINDS

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the tree, and we just felt grateful that it came down where it did.

Although the extent of the damage has not been determined, Thompson said it appears to be minimal. The tree fell on one of the few reinforced walls along the south side of the Institute.

"It fell in three sections," Thompson said a witness told her. "It tipped then stopped, tipped again, stopped, and then it went the third time. We're so lucky it didn't come into the building."

Thompson said the architect decided to preserve the trees surrounding the institute, and it

was one of these original trees that was uprooted. Crews will be checking the root structures of the remaining trees in the near future.

According to www.institute.lds.org, the institutes of religion program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offers education for those ages 18 to 30.

"The Institute is concerned with education for eternity and provides an opportunity for students to be touched and nurtured by the Spirit through classes and activities," the website reported.

The objective of LDS institutes of religion is to instruct its pupils to discuss and implement the teachings of the LDS Church.

HEALTH FAIR

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vendor signatures. Visiting all the booths helped community members go for the gold with their health choices and earn a raffle ticket to win prizes.

Some of the many health-focused booths included the familiar professions of chiropractors, doctors, dentists, optometrists, home health providers; even Bikers Against Child Abuse was on hand to support the fair.

While some booths were geared toward Paiute Tribe members, Meagan Beesley, the health fair organizer,

explained the health services provided at the tribal center were available to everybody.

"We really want people to know that although the event is held at the Paiute Tribal Center, we have a community health clinic that is open to anyone. And they have a sliding scale fee and payment plans so it's very affordable."

"I hope that people realize all the opportunities for wellness and health in their community," she added. "These are resources for individuals and families and hopefully they can make those connections so they know where to go in the future."

CITY COUNCIL

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new budget is approved later this year. The foundation hopes to have the environmental surveys complete, along with the donations of time and materials from other companies received by that time.

Recognizing the need of the foundation and an opportunity to help improve the community, Council member Fred Rowley invited the foundation to attend the Feb. 17 meeting to discuss ways to acquire the remaining funds for the project.

"This facility would begin to create an anchor that eventually would work into a visitor's center that if done properly could bring tourists off the highway and to the

nature park to look at actual living animals in their natural habitat. I would like us to find some method to help them along with this," Rowley said.

Nicole Shafer, secretary for the Southwest Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors, presented the plans and proposal to the council.

"This will be a great benefit to our partners, (including educators who use the park as an outdoor classroom) and everyone that travels the trail," Shafer said.

For more information, to make a donation or to volunteer time and materials, go to www.gowildlife.org, and visit the foundation's Facebook pages under Cedar Canyon Nature Park and Southwest Wildlife Foundation.



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Local family remembers World War II veteran with historic flag

BY JEFF LOWE
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – A flag signed by 189 U.S. soldiers in a Philippines hospital during World War II was on display at the Cedar City Library Feb. 19. The flag is making its way around the country to visit the surviving signers and their families, one city at a time.

The family of World War II veteran Carson L. Norris hosted a special gathering for community members to see the historic flag. The Master Singers volunteered to sing a few songs, and in addition to the flag, sev-

eral of Norris' journals and personal items during the war were on display at the event.

Norris' granddaughter Jessie Haley said it was common practice for soldiers to sign a flag as a sort of yearbook during the war. Several of the flags have been found around the world, including this one, which was found by Debbie Anthony in a box of rags in Pennsylvania.

"Somebody donated a box of rags to an auto shop and they were going through it and found the flag," Haley said.

Of the 189 signers, Anthony has tracked down all but approxi-

mately 27 families, said Robbyn Bumgardner, Norris' daughter.

"I was really shocked," Bumgardner said of learning of the flag's existence, adding that her father was "the best guy in the world" and a "cowboy" from Randolph, Utah. Norris passed away two years ago last September.

Haley said the army rejected Norris at first because he was a cattle rancher and thought he would be of more value back home. Norris thought otherwise.

"He quit his job, just dropped everything so he could fight for our country," Haley said.

After leaving home and completing basic training, Norris was shipped to the Philippines where he contracted hookworms and malaria, which necessitated a stay at a hospital and led to him signing the flag, said David Haley, Norris' grandson-in-law. Upon leaving the hospital, Norris was sent to Nagasaki, Japan where he continued to serve his country.

"He wanted to fight for his country," Haley added of her grandfather. "He sacrificed everything."

For more information about the flag, visit The Names of the Flag community on Facebook.



FAMILY MEMBERS of World War II veteran Carson L. Norris, Erin Bumgardner, Regan Mardis, Jessie Haley and Robbyn Bumgardner, pose for a photo with a flag signed by 189 U.S. soldiers during the war.



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DR. WILLIAM HEYBORNE, right, assistant professor of biology and director of the SUU Center for STEM Teaching and Learning, was recently honored at this year's Midwinter Conference for the Utah Science Teachers Association in Provo.

SUU alumni and professors recognized at science awards ceremony in Provo

BY **SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATION**
Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY — Professors and alumni of Southern Utah University were recognized and honored in this year's Midwinter Conference for the Utah Science Teachers Association (USTA). The annual conference, held in early February in Provo, Utah, showcases teachers around the state who are exceptional at what they do. More than 700 teachers and educators were in attendance for the conference, the biggest turnout since the beginning of the association 18 years ago. John Taylor of SUU, also the president-elect of USTA, said, "It is heartening to be surrounded by so many quality science teachers. This huge networking event brings together

Utah's best and brightest when it comes to science education." The USTA states its purpose as the "advancement, stimulation, extension, improvement and coordination of science teaching in all fields of science at all educational levels." An annual conference is held to recognize educators at every level and to award special honors for lifetime achievements. Among those recognized were two of SUU's current faculty: Peggy Wittwer, assistant professor of teacher education and director of SUU Cedar Mountain Science Center, and Dr. William Heyborne, assistant professor of biology and director of the SUU Center for STEM Teaching and Learning. Wittwer was awarded The Marvin J. Tolman Science Award (for life-

time achievement and commitment to science education). A professor of 14 years in the Beverley Taylor Sorenson College of Education, Wittwer is heavily involved with educating future teachers. She is currently on the board of the Iron County School District and SUU Partnership STEM School and teaches Elementary STEM Endorsement courses for teachers from Jordan, Canyons, and Iron School Districts. The Outstanding Higher Education Science Educator award was presented to Heyborne. An alumnus of SUU himself, he earned a master's degree in entomology from Oregon State University and a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Northern Colorado. After a few years of work in Iowa, Heyborne was welcomed back to

SUU in 2011 by former professors who are now colleagues and peers. Other award recipients from SUU include recent graduate Madison Clark, now a local science teacher at Cedar Middle School, Nate Blackner, an alumnus currently educating the students at Richfield High School, Stephen Ellet, teacher by chance who utilized SUU's summer semesters to instruct at Wayne Middle School, and Lance Atkinson, fourth grade teacher in Delta and faculty member of the Cedar Mountain Science Camps. "We hope events like these will spread awareness of science education," said Taylor. "Science teachers are hard to come by in general, so when one excels at their work, we do our best to praise and foster their creativity and dedication."

LETTER

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I was able to identify edible berries, dandelions, mushrooms, and comfrey. And on Pine Valley Mountain I was able to find wild onions,

spearmint and much, much more. There were countless edible plants in my own backyard like dandelions, sunflowers, raspberry plants, yarrow, and more medicinal comfrey. I acquired other skills like hunting and fire building, CPR and

first aid. I feel rather confident now every time I enter into the dark woods of Southern Utah. I believe I will be able to survive a little bit longer than I would have before. This event was brought to us by the Southern Utah University EDGE

Program, a program provided by SUU to help its students engage in many different opportunities around the community and the world.
*Breanna Whittaker
Cedar City*

CYCLOPS

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just wanted to touch base and find out how Betsy is doing?" "Oh, she's doing well; I mean she is really quite bright and verbal," the teacher said. "I feel kind of sorry for her though. A large group of children are going to Disneyland after school ends. One of the parents arranges it and informed all of the parents. Betsy, of course, doesn't have the money, but to her credit she hasn't made a big deal of it." I thought about the students I had addressed.

For them, it was an easy request. The trip, the teacher told me, was \$400 each, far out of reach for Betsy's mother. And for me, it was an easy decision. "Thanks for inviting me to your class, Betsy. Incidentally, my check is in the mail. Say hello to Mickey. And when you earn some money writing, pay it back to some other person who has a dream." *The opinions stated in this column are solely those of the author and not necessarily those of the ownership or management of this newspaper.*

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Cinderella Pageant brings out beauty and character for princesses in the making

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

IRON COUNTY – It was a Saturday to remember for Cinderella hopefuls as they participated in the annual Iron County Cinderella Pageant. Dressed in their best royal attire, with all the accessories and a smile to match, young girls and young women displayed their beauty and character for the judges and an encouraging audience.

For many years, Cinderella Pageants have helped define and develop confidence and character in young women ages 3-26. As education is an important part of the process, scholarships are awarded to winners at the state and international levels.

Lori Mosley, director for the Iron County pageant, has been involved in the pageant for 21 years and is in her second year as director. She was also recently awarded director of the year by the Utah Cinderella pageant committee.

“It’s very satisfying because I

can look at these girls and see how much they’ve grown in a year,” Mosley said.

During the pageant, as each princess created magical memories on stage, they were judged in

onstage interview with Mosley.

The questions consisted of topics such as the contestants’ favorite foods, games to play and what they would do with a lot of money. While most answers

mom or a dad is not a hard job at all. Other awards were also given to overall winners in the categories of Talent, Beauty, Personality and Photogenic.

“Everybody wants to go home with a crown, but not everyone can,” Mosley said. However, she also encouraged the parents by saying, “Your daughter getting on the stage and doing this and putting herself out there is what makes her, not the crown.”

“It’s not the crown on your head, but the crown in your heart that counts,” she added.

Every Cinderella hopeful that competed in the Iron County Pageant is eligible to enter the state Cinderella Pageant in June. There is plenty of time to perfect their talents and polish up that perfect smile.

Those girls and women choosing to compete at the state level will also have the continued expertise of Mosley, who will be hosting workshops, finding sponsors for fundraising and answering questions to make sure each princess is prepared.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

THE 2015 AND 2016 CINDERELLA ROYALTY poses for a photo at the annual Iron County Cinderella Pageant Feb. 20.

four categories. First is a judge’s interview; second and third are modeling casual wear and then formal wear; and finally, those girls ages 7 and older performed a talent, and those ages 3-6 did an

varied, it was clear that the perfect meal is macaroni and cheese; the best game to play is hide and seek and the best thing to spend a lot of money on is a trip to Disneyland. It was also revealed that being a

2016 CINDERELLA PAGEANT WINNERS:

BABY:

Cinderella: Evelyn Chaves

TINY TOTS:

Cinderella: Rayni Parsons
Beauty: Summerae Peterson
Personality: Roxie Redd

TOTS:

Cinderella: Jazmine Evans
Photogenic: Cheyenne Siemers
3rd Alt. Beauty: Braylyn Larson
2nd Alt. Beauty: RanDee Ekker
1st Alt. Beauty: Ashtyn Allen
Overall Beauty: Rylee Smith

3rd Alt. Personality: Ayla Hulet
2nd Alt. Personality: Porsche Day
1st Alt. Personality: Lily Loveridge
Overall Personality: Caydence Smith

MINI MISS:

Cinderella: Gracee Grundy
Beauty: Payton Espinoza
Talent: CaDance Church

MISS:

Cinderella: Brooklyn Larson

TEEN:

Cinderella: Brynlee Bybee
Beauty: Camryn Taylor
Talent: Ame Plummer

WOMAN:

Cinderella: Ashlee Humphries



COREY BAUMGARTNER

THE BATTLE NEARS as Cedar High students perform “Les Miserables,” directed by Zac Trotter, at the Cedar High School auditorium.

Cedar High victorious in Victor Hugo’s classic ‘Les Miserables’

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Last week Cedar High School theatre students brought to life Victor Hugo’s classic tale, “Les Miserables.”

Complete with a live orchestra and a steam-punk-themed twist, the cast captured the spirit of each iconic scene. From prisoner to penance, the story follows Jean Valjean as he strives to escape his past and change his life for the better, despite being

constantly pursued by the unrelenting Inspector Javert. There were tender and tearful moments following the love story of Cosette and Marius and the battle that nearly kept them apart.

Director Zac Trotter praised the students for their courage and dedication.

“Possibly the most ambitious show ever attempted at CHS, ‘Les Miserables’ has put our talents to the test, and proven, once again, that

these students can do things that are hard,” he said.

“Many of the actors you see in the show will not pursue acting as a career, but they are developing skills they can take into any field,” he added. “That’s what it’s all about.”

In the end, the epic words of Victor Hugo echoed in the distance. “For there are many great deeds done in the small struggles of life ... but even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise.”

The many benefits of learning to play piano

BY MARY ANNE ANDERSEN
Cedar City Arts Council

Some of them are vocalists. Others play instruments, string or wind. Some want to direct choirs or band in middle or high school. Some see themselves as those traveling elementary music teachers. The occasional one hopes for a career as an opera or pop singer, who will probably teach private students in a studio of her own. Whatever the aspirations, all music majors at SUU have one thing in common: each must pass a Piano Proficiency Exam, designed to make certain a graduate from our music department has basic piano skills. In fact, no university will graduate a music student who cannot perform at a minimum level on the keyboard, considered the most essential of

musical instruments. And for many of these otherwise accomplished musicians, this is the hardest part of their undergraduate studies. Students who bullied their parents into letting them quit piano lessons eight years ago, now have to buckle down and learn to play scales, cadences, arpeggios, and how to harmonize simple folk tunes – think “Yankee Doodle” or “Silent Night” – and sight-read four-part hymns. And they really struggle. Often, tears are shed, teeth are gnashed, and some even go so far as to call their moms and say, “You were right.” So the moral of this story is, if you think there is the slight-

est chance your child wants to go into music professionally, require her to take piano lessons now.

no other activity can, and there are proven payoffs in math and language. For instance, having to read two lines of music at a time, each in a different clef, stimulates the visual cortex and the occipital lobe parts of the brain.

As pianists are using their eyes to read, manipulating all 10 fingers in various sequences involves the primary motor cortex, the prefrontal cortex, and the cerebellum. And because the eyes are on the music, those 10 fingers must find their ways on the keyboard without being watched, a process that stimulates the parietal lobe, and the entire right hemisphere of the brain. Hence that benefit to

learning the system of numbers we deal with every day.

If you have ever watched a pianist play, you know that both feet are often engaged, (primary motor cortex), and that doesn't even take into account the organist, whose two feet deal with another line of music and a keyboard of their own!

Of course, music isn't just physical mechanics. When mastered, the piano becomes a tool for the expression of emotion and beauty; the prefrontal cortex engages when students apply techniques of dynamics, articulation, rhythm, and tempo. By himself, the pianist can produce beauty and find emotional expression as his brain informs the hands of what to do.

I've never had one student say she was sorry she took piano lessons. I hear daily from those who are sorry they didn't.



But there is more to the story. Numerous studies have shown that learning to play the piano activates the brain in ways that

Cedar City Arts Council announces spring mini-grant deadline

BY SARA PENNY
CCAC Board Member

CEDAR CITY – The Cedar City Arts Council has announced that its spring mini-grant deadline will be Feb. 28. Applications and guidelines are available for download at www.cedarcity-artsCouncil.org under Support and Quick Grants.

Mini-grants are awarded semi-annually to individuals, groups, or organizations in the visual, performing, and literary arts, to support creative endeavors that strengthen communi-

application may be emailed to artistgrant@cedarcityartscouncil.org. Please mail completed applications to: CCAC, PO Box 2655 Cedar City, UT 84721. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 28, 2016. Notification of awards will occur within 30 days of the deadline.

Applications postmarked after Feb. 28 will be retained and considered in the following grant cycle. Applicants may receive repetitive funding, but not in two consecutive grant cycles. Applicants must be residents of Iron County and are encouraged



PATRICIA HILL CREATES JEWELRY (left) for her workshops by utilizing chemistry. Her work is facilitated by a CCAC grant.

MARTY WARBURTON'S GROUP has received an artist's grant to produce a music recording. Group members include, Marty Warburton, acoustic guitar and lead and harmony vocals; Pam Warburton, lead and harmony vocals; Kylee Landon, lead and harmony vocals; Hayli Jo Cizmas, lead and harmony vocals; and John Landon, bass guitar.

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Mini-grants are awarded semi-annually to individuals, groups, or organizations in the visual, performing, and literary arts

cation between artists and the community. The maximum award for each proposal is \$500, and a total of up to \$3,000 is awarded to applicants annually by the CCAC.

Grant funds may be used to purchase supplies or equipment, rent displays or performance venues, support mileage or registration costs to attend educational or training sessions, purchase promotional advertising, or other needs as demonstrated in the grant application guidelines. Questions regarding the

to become members of the Cedar City Arts Council. Other rules and restrictions may apply.

The Cedar City Arts Council (CCAC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the arts in Iron County. Our mission is to foster a thriving arts community in Iron County through advocacy, appreciation, education, and support. The organization is completely volunteer-run, all the funds CCAC receives through donations or memberships are used to help the arts thrive in our community.



Orchestra of Southern Utah to perform 'The Rhythm of the Sea'

BY KRISTIN BEAUCHAMP-BUTT

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY - The Orchestra of Southern Utah is excited to present a respite from the cold weather outside with its tropical themed concert "The Rhythm of the Sea" on Feb. 25.

Under the direction of Xun Sun, several pieces depicting nautical adventures and island themes will be played at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center.

Feel the trade winds at your back as the orchestra sails along with a popular medley from "Pirates of the Caribbean," composed by Hans Zimmer and Klaus Badelt. Then travel to Cuba with Gershwin as he reminisces with his "Cuban Overture." Inspired by the sights and sounds of Havana, this piece interweaves a catchy and lighthearted melody with traditional Caribbean rhythms.

Rimsky-Korsakov's epic "Scheherazade" will be performed with talented violinist Katherine Lee Maxwell soloing. "Scheherazade" paints an exciting picture of the exotic Orient from the perspective of 19th century Russia. Although kept purposefully vague, Korsakov took inspiration from fairy tales such as Sinbad and Prince Ajjib to craft this thrilling and beautiful



KATHERINE LEE MAXWELL AND JACOB LEE

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symphonic poem.

"Polynesian Rhapsody," an original composition by Jacob Lee, will be premiered. The piece incorporates two traditional Maori songs into the music and lyrics. The premiere will be accompanied by a choir directed by Jackie

Riddle Jackson. The piece was commissioned by the Orchestra of Southern Utah. Jacob Lee is a Roy L. Halversen Young Artist Competition winner for "The Casey Jones Overture," which the OSU performed last year.

Violinist Katherine Lee Maxwell and

Jacob Lee are the children of Allan and Caroleen Lee and grandchildren of OSU resident composer Hal Campbell. Both Katherine and her mother are OSU violinists and Jacob was an R. L. Halversen composer last season. He is now pursuing an upper graduate degree at the University of Nebraska since graduating from SUU. Katherine worked with Professor Rebecca McFaul of the renowned Fry Street Quartet in Logan and is now a senior in Violin Performance at SUU studying with Dr. Xun Sun.

The concert also includes a live performance from the Southern Utah University Polynesian Club dancers directed by Toanui Tawa. The Polynesian Club has been active for more than 20 years at SUU and the dancers come from many South Pacific Nations. These exceptional dancers will transport you to the islands with both graceful and forceful choreography.

The Feb. 25 concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Theater. Tickets are available at the Cedar City Heritage Theater Box Office by calling (435) 865-2882 or online at <http://www.heritagectr.org/>. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$30 for groups up to six. Because evening concerts are recorded, it is requested that babies and children younger than 6 not attend. Children older than 6 are welcome at all OSU concerts with adult supervision.


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CHARLEY WALQUIST

ADEN (AJ) SAHAGUN, of Dixie Mountain Bike Trail Association, presents Angela Wade, of Fastenal, with a plaque of appreciation.

DMBTA thanks local sponsors for support

BY CHARLEY WALQUIST
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The Dixie Mountain Bike Trail Association has actively been working to make and maintain new mountain biking trails in Iron County, and after all the work that has gone into making this possible, the association took time to thank its sponsors for all their support and involvement in making this a possibility.

The DMBTA met with Fastenal, a major sponsor of trail building projects, on Feb. 18, and presented its members with a plaque of appreciation.

Other trail building sponsors, including the Cedar City BLM, Earl Grimshaw at Three Peaks Graphics, Mason Stevens, Mac Urie, Stuart Hampton, and Rusty Slade, were unable to make it due to high winds that day.

Cedar City Fastenal has been a major part in the project of setting up several trails around Iron County and Angela Wade, general manager at Fastenal Cedar City, was a huge help to DMBTA through everything.

“I came to Angela at Fastenal and asked if she’d sponsor trail projects in Cedar City, and she said yes. She was happy to do whatever they could to help,” said Aden (AJ) Sahagun, founder of the C-Chapter and member of DMBTA.

“She donated \$1,000 in tools, and we were able to get wheel barrows, gloves, pick bars, screws, and other needed items. A thousand bucks goes a long way in trail building,” he added.

In addition to the generous

donation, the DMBTA also received 25-30 T-shirts and hats from Fastenal to use as prizes at the events.

“I think it’s been great using Angela’s stuff as prizes. We tell people to donate something with their name on it, and it ends up helping them out too,” Sahagun said.

These projects gave DMBTA and Fastenal the opportunity to work with kids and outdoor enthusiasts. A wide variety of people came to help on the trail days, including Boy Scouts and a large population of SUU students working to help the school win “Most Outdoorsy School in the Nation.”

The DMBTA is working hard with the BLM to make as many of these trails available as possible in Cedar.

“I think our town is an exceptional outdoor area. We are growing our trails, and people are coming to town and spending their money here. All of this is in Cedar,” Sahagun said.

The DMBTA would like to thank Fastenal for its generous donation and all its help and support. The association would also thank the Cedar City BLM for providing so many trail days and the Forest Service for donating tractors to help them. In addition, the DMBTA would like to thank Iron County Today for helping get the word out.

“Our highest turnout was after the paper published a preview. We had over 70 people at that trail day,” Sahagun said.

For more information or to join DMBTA, visit www.dmbta.org.

Artist’s mural inspires change in local youth

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – Renowned artist Emanuel Martinez and 12 young men and women from the Southwest Utah Youth Center, completed an inspiring painting project on Feb. 16.

What was once a plain wall in a small gymnasium has now become a mural of hope for everyone who sees it. Entitled “Visualize Your Goals,” the mural was designed to utilize the facility’s windows as portals into the future, encouraging the youth to make good choices in their lives and careers.

Martinez painted his first mural when he was 13 years old. He was in an at-risk youth facility and needed hope. It came from a caring mentor who also helped Martinez find his talent for painting and gave him the confidence and courage to transform his life for the better.

A fellow artist created and named a program after him and his inspiring story. Now, 48 murals in 13 states later, Martinez and the Emanuel Project (www.emmanuelproject.org) continue to give back by painting murals of hope in detention facilities to encourage the youth to find their

talents and lead successful lives.

During the unveiling, several people, including a few of the youth artists, spoke about the process and how much the mural meant to them. Jill McKinlay, assistant program director at Southwest Utah Youth Center, was proud of the youth who worked on the mural.

“What a great celebration for these youth,” she said. “We are in the business of changing young lives and whenever we make mistakes, and go outside the lines, we can go back and correct, it will be okay, we can make it better, together.”

Martinez also took a few moments to express his gratitude for being commissioned to help paint the mural, but more so to inspire the youth to use their talents to rise above their circumstances.

“Art saved me as a young person and now I help others recognize what their talents are,” Martinez said. “This is a real testimony showing that when given the opportunity, how young people can come together and be part of a team and implement such a beautiful piece of artwork.”

“The kids did a great job and I want to encourage them to do

better in their decisions and their lives and I hope we can stay in touch,” he added.

Following Martinez, some of the youth who helped to paint the mural spoke of how the project helped distract them from their problems and gave them something to look forward to.

“The most important thing in this project is that we help take the kids away from their problems and encourage them in their future choices,” Martinez said.

Steve Kaelin, education specialist for the Utah State Office of Education, also spoke proudly of the mural and the youth.

“The real experience isn’t that we got a mural out of this, but that the youth got an opportunity to meet a great man and be able to have a connection with him and feel of his strength and positive power,” Kaelin said. “There is a hope that comes from a shared vision and working together in a positive way ... that hope created by the mural is converted into health and healing; opportunities and options in finding their interests and their talents.”

“We have great youth and I appreciate and respect them so much for what they’ve been able to accomplish with this great artist,” he added.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

EMANUEL MARTINEZ, center, views his finished mural at the Southwest Utah Youth Center.

Pink Tea event to benefit kids at SUU's Camp Kesem

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

IRON COUNTY – The MOMS Club of Iron County is sponsoring its sixth annual Pink Tea event on March 19. The charitable event helps raise money for local women's and children's charities throughout the community.

Proceeds from this year's event will help Southern Utah University's Camp Kesem, a week-long camp for children with parents who are fighting cancer.

Cyndi Wallace, Pink Tea committee chair, spoke of the importance of Camp Kesem and how it can be difficult to have a normal life when a child's parent is battling cancer. Camp Kesem gives them a chance to get away from some of that stress.

"It's different when a child has cancer and the attention they receive, but when it's a parent that has cancer, sometimes the kids can get lost in the shuffle. At Camp Kesem they can get away



COREY BAUMGARTNER

THE SIXTH ANNUAL PINK TEA EVENT, sponsored by MOMS Club of Iron County, will take place March 19 to raise money for local women's and children's charities throughout the community.

from things for a while and feel normal," said Wallace, adding "the parents are so grateful for the experience their kids are getting."

Last year, the Pink Tea event

helped send 65 kids to Camp Kesem and they are hoping to send 90 this year. To help raise the goal of \$1,000 the Pink Tea committee members have been

creating and selling one-of-a-kind birdfeeders made from tea-cups and saucers.

Pink Tea committee member Cheryl Wagner applied for and

received a \$250 grant to help purchase the craft supplies, including birdseed. The grant was received from Thrivent Financial, a Christian-based financial services company located in Las Vegas.

According to Thrivent Financial Associate David Thiel, the mission of the company is to "help people be wise with money and live generously and do something to help in their community." Thiel also made a special trip from Las Vegas to help the Pink Tea committee volunteers build the birdfeeders.

The Pink Tea event will take place March 19 at 2 p.m. at the Heritage Center. If you would like to sponsor and help the Pink Tea cause, contact Sponsor Committee Chair Alice Maas at (435) 867-6188 or by email at alice.m@msn.com.

For more information on Camp Kesem, visit www.camp-kesem.org/southern-utah or Pink Tea of Southern Utah on Facebook.

SUU student plans to take humanitarian trip to Morocco

BY JEFF LOWE
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Anthony Braun, a student at Southern Utah University, is traveling to Morocco as part of his EDGE project, a special project designed to help students achieve a unique personal or professional goal, according to SUU's website.

Braun will be partnering with The Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program (CULP) and International Volunteer Headquarters, a worldwide volunteer organization, to teach English, donate money and school supplies, and assist in improving classrooms in Morocco.

"I've always had a desire to travel the world," said Braun, a graduate of Canyon View High School in Cedar City. "The plan is to travel to Morocco the second week in July for four weeks to participate in various forms of humanitarian work."

"We'll be working with a lot of local groups there, working with various sports programs, educational (programs)," he added.

For Braun, this is a project several years in the making. During his junior year of high school, Braun made plans to travel to Kenya for humanitarian work, but his travel visa was delayed and he was forced to travel to Costa Rica instead.

"I had such a great opportu-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANTHONY BRAUN

ANTHONY BRAUN makes preparations to travel to Morocco as part of his EDGE project at Southern Utah University.

nity (in Costa Rica) I traveled to Columbia and volunteered there," Braun said. "One of my big motivations was eventually to get to Africa and this was a good opportunity for me to actually get there."

Braun is looking forward to immersing himself in a new culture and learning as much as he can about Morocco and its people. He said he finds deep satisfaction in helping and giving back in the international community. In addition to his humanitarian goals, Braun hopes to encourage young people in the Cedar City community to pursue and accomplish their goals.

"I think it's important to have big goals, regardless of where they are in the world, and to pursue them in any way that you can," he said. "It's good to extend a helping hand to other parts of the (world), to less-developed countries."

"It's powerful ... (and) important to have interaction between cultures," he added.

Braun is in the process of reaching out to community members and local businesses to gather supplies and donations to take to Morocco. He is collecting notebooks, pencils, pens and other items that will enhance classroom experiences in Morocco.

To donate supplies for Braun's humanitarian trip or to make a donation, contact Anthony Braun at moroccoajb@gmail.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF H&R BLOCK

TOM MILK, right, presents a check to River Wright for \$1,000 as part of H&R Block's \$1,000 to 1,000 Daily campaign.

Cedar City has its second \$1,000 winner

River Wright, a college student at Southern Utah University, is Cedar City's second winner of the H&R Block \$1,000 to 1,000 Daily campaign. Wright works at the Market Grill; he was one of H&R

Block's first clients to file in January. Tom Milk is Wright's tax professional and has been helping him prepare his tax returns for several years. Wright plans to use the money for school expenses.

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

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

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"LETTING GO!" BY JAMES SWARTZ, Vedanta, "everything I need will be supplied to me when I let go of the obstacles that are preventing me from knowing who I am," 7 p.m., a 25-minute video followed by casual discussion, free, Cedar City Library in the Park rare books room, The Literary Club, 559-7777.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 to 9 p.m., Parowan United Methodist Church social hall, 190 N. Main St.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WOMEN'S MEETING, noon, Cedar City Library in the Park.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS JUST FOR TODAY, 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.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Parowan City Office Building.

ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH RHYTHM OF THE SEA CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Heritage Theater, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, \$30 for groups of six, tickets are available at the Heritage Theater.

SUU CONVOCATIONS FEATURING BART D. EHRMAN ON THE TOPIC "DID THE EARLY CHRISTIANS FORGET JESUS? EYEWITNESSES", Oral Traditions & Distorted Memories," 11:30 a.m., Hunter Conference Center Gilbert Great Hall, free and the general public is encouraged to attend.

SUU CONVOCATIONS FEATURING GALEN ABDURRAZZAQ ON THE TOPIC "WOMEN IN JAZZ," 7 p.m., SUU Sharwan Smith Center Church Auditorium, free and the general public is encouraged to attend.

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

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

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. 26

SUU DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS "MORE COWBELL! THE SOUNDS OF THE 1970S" ROCK 'N' ROLL CHOIR SHOW, 7:30 p.m., Heritage Theater, admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth, under the direction of Dr. Steve Meredith, the SUU Choirs time travel back to the 1970s and perform a series of songs from the period in irresistible choral arrangements, for tickets call 586-7872 or visit www.suu.edu/pva/arts.

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

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SATURDAY, FEB. 27

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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.

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. 28

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

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

MONDAY, FEB. 29

BIRDS OF PREY OF THE WEST, 6 to 7:30 p.m., North Elementary School, free and open to the public (recommended ages 10 and older), this program includes a Powerpoint presentation with outstanding photos and videos of birds of prey found throughout the western United States. There will also be live raptors at the program and a question and answer period will be included with wildlife rehabilitator and Southwest Wildlife Foundation founder Martin Tyner.

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

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

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TUESDAY, MARCH 1

GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY'S KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 9 to 11 a.m., offering enrollment for full- and half-day programs.

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.

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SOUTHERN UTAH ROCK CLUB MEETING, 6 p.m., Cedar City Aquatic Center, new members welcome, door prizes, rock drawings, show and tells and refreshments. There will also be planned monthly rock hunts. For more information visit www.southernutahrockclub.net.

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People

80TH BIRTHDAY

Marlene Fife Riddle



membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Marlene Fife Riddle celebrated her 80th birthday Feb. 8, 2016 with her family and friends at the Old Rock Church on Center Street. She and her husband of 60 years, Budd Riddle, own a beautiful pioneer home on 300 East in Cedar City, where they have spent most of their married life. She has a beautiful yard and has always enjoyed gardening. She is often found quilting, and has made beautiful works of art for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is proud of her pioneer heritage and her

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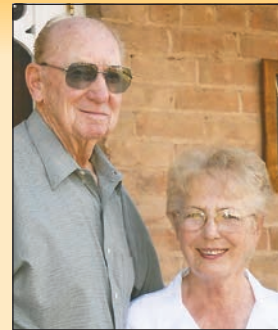
Contessa Eleanor Langston



Contessa Eleanor Langston, daughter of Dustin and Ashley Langston, of Enoch, was born Feb. 9, 2016 at 11:03 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Tess is welcomed by her excited older siblings, Kate and Roark. She is the granddaughter of Craig and Ilene Langston and Gale and Jennifer Riddle, all of Cedar City.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Budd Smith Riddle and Marlene Fife Riddle



Budd Smith Riddle and Marlene Fife Riddle celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 15, 2016. They have five children, Vickie Jensen, Jackie (Bryan) Jackson, Ronald (Liz) Riddle, Marilyn (Todd) Green, and Gale (Jennifer) Riddle. They have 20 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. They have lived, worked and served in Cedar City for almost their entire lives, except a short time in Salt Lake

City and Budd's time in the military at the end of World War II. They are faithful members of the LDS Church and have served in many leadership roles. They are wonderful parents and grandparents and their family loves them very much.

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.

SUU Department of Nursing honors outstanding nurses

BY DONNA LISTER

SUU Department of Nursing

CEDAR CITY – The annual Celebration of Southern Utah Nursing dinner and awards ceremony took place Feb. 19.

Each year the SUU Department of Nursing asks for nominations of outstanding nurses in the Southern Utah area. Seven nurses were selected out of those nominated by patients and/or peers to be recognized. The winners include Chanda Hutchings, medical surgical nurse; Amanda Potter, home health nurse; Erma Kaye May, small hospital generalist; Phyllis Maughan, labor and delivery nurse; Aubrey Lauritzen, critical care/ER nurse; Carly Ashworth, long term care nurse; and Lauri Baumgartner, community/public health nurse.

In addition to the nurses

recognized, Dr. William Clayton Petty was recognized for his service on the Department of Nursing Advisory Board. Also, the graduating class of Fall 2014 was recognized because they all passed the NCLEX-RN on the first try. They were the sixth class graduating from the SUU Nursing program to achieve the 100 percent pass rate on the first try. If every member of a class passes the NCLEX-RN on the first try each gets invited to the Celebration of Southern Utah Nursing.

If you would like to nominate a deserving nurse to be considered for the next awards ceremony (to be held in March 2017), send nominations to Southern Utah University, Department of Nursing, 351 W. University Boulevard, Cedar City, Utah 84720.



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SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF NURSING honored Chanda Hutchings, Amanda Potter, Erma Kaye May, Phyllis Maughan, Aubrey Lauritzen, Carly Ashworth, Lauri Baumgartner, Dr. William Clayton Petty and the graduating class of Fall 2014 at the Feb. 19 Celebration of Southern Utah Nursing dinner and awards ceremony.



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Schools

Gateway Academy students celebrate Valentine's Day

"We discovered that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being." -Maria Montessori

Students at Gateway Academy had a wonderful time celebrating Valentine's Day. Students decorated sugar cookies, wrote letters of friendship and exchanged Valentines.

It's time for Kindergarten Registration at Gateway Academy. It will take place Tuesday March 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, March 2 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For the 2016-17 school year, Gateway Academy is offering a full-day program option as well as the traditional half-day program. For more information contact joniohanlon@gpacharter.org or call (435) 867-5558.

Three Peaks has annual Patriot Awards program

The Three Peaks Elementary fifth grade stu-



PHOTO COURTESY OF GATEWAY ACADEMY

GATEWAY ACADEMY STUDENTS decorate cookies for Valentine's Day.

dents had their annual Patriot Awards program last week. Each student had the opportunity to pass off 17 items in conjunction with the history of our country. For example, students recited the Gettysburg Address, memorized the order of U.S. Presidents, recognized US symbols, state capitals, and more.

We would like to let our fifth grade students know how proud we are of them and the

hard work they did to prepare for this year's Patriot Program. A big "thanks" to the fifth grade teachers for getting this big event ready - Mr. Jason Robison, Mrs. Jenne Wittwer, and Mrs. Sherrie Mackelprang.

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss Day on Wednesday, March 2. Some of the festivities include pajama day, read-a-thon, guest appearances from "Thing One" and "The Cat in the Hat," and birthday cookies.

North prepares to break ground on its new school

North Elementary is excited to be getting ready for our new school. Ground will be broken in a few weeks if all goes well with the weather.

In the meantime, parents are notified that when construction

begins, we will be moving the parent pickup to the northeast side of the school where the buses now load and unload. Buses will be loading on the west side of the school on 600 West. Your help in ensuring that all students go home safely will be much appreciated!

CV Middle performs 'Dear Edwina'

Canyon View Middle School is proud of its performing arts class. Each year the students in performing arts have the honor of participating in a production coordinated and directed by Mrs. Anderson.

Students have a wide range of talents and abilities and each year the production turns out to be a great success. This year students participated in a play called "Dear Edwina." It is the story of a young girl who gives advice to her friends, family, and neighbors through singing in a musical show. The performers practiced hard and were able to perform several shows.

All of the performers enjoyed the performance and the songs from the show can still be heard throughout the school in small groups of friends as they discuss the things they enjoyed about the performance. CVMS is proud of its performing arts.

Motivational speaker Marc Mero to come to Cedar City

BY CHARLEY WALQUIST
Reporter

CEDAR CITY - Motivational speaker and former WWE Wrestling Champion Marc Mero is scheduled to speak in Cedar City, and community members Dennis and Misty Cheek, D&M Discount Realty, as well as Lance and Yvette VanSant are working to raise the remaining funds to bring him to one of the local middle schools.

Mero will speak at Canyon View Middle School in the afternoon of March 31 from 1:20 to 2:20 p.m. He will then speak at an evening event for the community at the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah gym on March 31 from 7 to 8 p.m.

This will be a ticketed event, and all proceeds are non-profit and will go toward this event. Any extra funds will be donated to the Iron County Summer Lunch Program. Mero is a motivational speaker who focuses on battling the effects of bullying and encouraging people to stand up to bullies.

According to the event flier,

"Marc Mero ... brings a powerful message to students and adults alike."

It continues, saying, "His enthusiasm is contagious as he empowers people of all ages and walks of life to make positive

to bring in outside sources to give them positive feedback and to teach them how to set goals," said Misty Cheek, one of the main coordinators of the event.

"I desperately wanted my grandkids to see him," she added

for \$2,500. I scheduled him," Cheek said.

Cheek talked with several of the schools in Cedar City about hosting Mero, but she was informed that the schools set their budgets a year in advance,

fundraisers to raise the needed \$2,500 to bring him to CVMS, including a Valentine's Day Treat Sell and an Indian Taco Sale. There is also a gofundme account and a State Bank account for direct donations.

As of Thursday, Feb. 18, \$1,865 had been raised. The Indian Taco Sale occurred two days later.

"If we get above and beyond our needed amount, we are donating it to the Iron County Lunch Program, a program set up to give kids in low-income homes lunch at the park when there is no school," Cheek said.

"I can't wait for him to come. We need more of this in Cedar," she added.

For those interested in seeing Mero speak, the CVMS showing will be for students only, but the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah gym can seat up to 400. The tribe has purchased a number of tickets, but there are still some available.

To donate to the cause, visit State Bank and donate to the account MarkMero2CedarCity or visit www.gofundme.com/MarcMero2CedarCity.



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MARC MERO, motivational speaker and former WWE Wrestling Champion, is scheduled to speak in Cedar City March 31.

choices and achieve their goals."

To preview his talks, visit www.thinkpoz.org or search Marc Mero: A Mother's Love on Youtube.

"We have a serious problem with bullying in our schools because kids have it 24/7 with technology. I think it's important

when explaining how she found out he was coming to Utah.

She heard that Mero was making a trip to Richfield in April but was informed that the event was completely booked.

"I called his event coordinator, and she said they would come to Cedar to do one school

meaning that the Cheeks would have to find a way to raise the funds.

Cheek began getting sponsors and contacted Yvette and DJ Lance VanSant, members of the hospitality guild at SUU, to help raise the money.

The group has done several

Obituaries

Kurt Walter Wippler II



SPC Kurt Walter Wippler II began his journey on July 16, 1983 in Los Angeles, Calif. as the son of Debra Jean Nettelhorst and Kurt Walter Wippler. He spent his childhood in Las Vegas, Nev. as well as Colorado Springs, Colo. where he made friends to last a lifetime.

As a young adult Kurt moved to Cedar City, Utah where he met and married Stefanie Petersen. Kurt and Stefanie are the parents of three beautiful children, Jayden, Gavin, and Trinity.

On March 17, 2006 Kurt enlisted in the Army National Guard and began his military career. He served with Echo Battery First Battalion 145th FA Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09 and a second deployment with Battery C Second Battalion 222nd FA FC Operation New Dawn Iraq 2011.

Following his military career, on Sept. 11, 2013 Kurt and Morgan Gardner were blessed with a son, Jareth. In 2015, Kurt found the last love of his life in his longtime friend Jennifer Behunin and the two planned to be married this July at the Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire, where they both have worked as volunteers for several years. Kurt loved each and every one of Jennifer's children as his own.

He was an active member of Amtgard International, a foam-fighting, arts and science organization, where he was known as Baronet Conrad Dragonsboon of The Barony of Dragonspyre in The Kingdom of The Desert Winds. He was a member of the fighting company The Star Questing Dragons (SQD). He was currently serving as Man at Arms to Duke Squire Neobrood Cassius.

Kurt's journey came to a sudden end in the early morning of Feb. 14, 2016 when he suffered a severe asthma attack and was unable to be revived.

He is survived by his parents Kurt Walter Wippler and Debra Jean Nettelhorst; his fiancée Jennifer Behunin; the mothers of his children, Stefanie Wippler and Morgan Gardner; the parents of his heart, Dawn Gardner, Delbert Cummins, Dyane McSpadden and Troy McSpadden; his children Jayden Steven Michael Wippler, Gavin Kurt Wayne Wippler, Trinity Paige Wippler, Jareth Buddy Wippler, Danica Sayge Gardner, Rayne Issac Wood, Caleb Ray Wood, Natalie Esther Wood, Levi William Wood, Brooklynn Marie Fabela, Phoebe Arian Fabela, Leo Prestin Goodman, and Joseph Giovanni Gilleo; his siblings, Jennifer Nichole Sutton, Eric Wade Wheeler, Jaden Larson Wood Buchanan (Jenny Young Wood), Justin Von Dea, Mark Brinton, Sarah Brinton, Joshua Boyle, Sarah Davis, Katelynn Wood, Matt Younger, Evan Anderson and Michelle Anderson; his many aunts, uncles and cousins; and his furbabies Astrid Snow, Joon, and Ace.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Erin Sean Williams McSpadden. Services will take place at The National Guard Armory at 1065 N. Airport Road, Cedar City, Utah on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at 1 p.m. The family is requesting donations in lieu of flowers. An account has been set up in his name through acceleratefunds.com, <http://acceleratefunds.com/projects/help-the-family-of-kurt-whippler/>.

Arrangements are being handled by Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Ole Robert Jones



Ole Robert Jones (also known as Ole Bob), 78, of Cedar City, Utah, peacefully passed away in St. George, Utah on Feb. 2, 2016. He was born in Prairieville, Texas Nov. 26, 1937 to Clifford Neil Jones and Veda Janevia Jones (Olson).

Ole was a wonderful and unique man. He was charming, witty, kind and intelligent. He was a true engineer and enjoyed learning and innovating his entire life. He and his wife, Carol, built their beautiful home together. Over the years, family and friends created lasting memories by helping Ole and Carol with the solar and irrigation systems, the pond, the green dome and planting trees.

If you were blessed to have a conversation with Ole, you would leave impressed and joyful as he likely imparted knowledge about a topic using his gift of storytelling and sense of humor.

Ole graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He retired in 2000 from EG&G at the Nevada Test Site. He also spent many years in the Marine Reserves.

However, Ole was not defined by his education, career, or his intelligence. What defined Ole was his heart, his strong work ethic, his guidance and influence on his family and friends, and his ability to connect with others.

He was devoted to wife, Carol, and his four children, Rodney, Kelly, Kymberly, and Stephanie; his step-son Eddie, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also had many others look to him as a father figure and pillar in their lives.

Ole enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow up, inspiring them in their career pursuits, and helping them learn various skills. They loved working with him on his property in Cedar City, Utah. He left a legacy of working hard, living a simple life, and taking time to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

Ole is survived by his wife of almost 25 years, Carol Ann Jones; siblings Clifford Jones (Liz) and Tommy Jones (Lynne); daughters Kelly Lasley (Mark), Kymberly Hajek, and Stephanie Council (Jerry). He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ole was preceded in death by his son, Rodney. He impacted each child in a unique and special way, and was proud of them all. We will share many fun stories for generations to come.

A celebration of Ole's life will be held in the spring at his home. The 1,800 trees they planted will be budding and beautiful at that time. To get specifics about the celebration, or to send condolences, or to share stories with the family, please email olerobertjones@hotmail.com. The family appreciates your support and prayers during this time.

Yvonne Higbee Day Chamberlain Matheson



Yvonne Chamberlain Matheson, age 86, passed away at her home in Parowan, Utah on Feb. 15, 2016. She was born in Cedar City, Utah Jan. 17, 1930, the only daughter of Scott and Arvilla Higbee Day. She had three brothers, Norman, Wilford and Allan Day.

Yvonne married her high school sweetheart K C Chamberlain and to their union were born six children, Brenda, Paul, Carol, Alison, Vicki and Randy.

Yvonne loved tagging 'long side her daddy on the Day Farm in Parowan Valley. When she would fall asleep in the saddle, she would wake up under a rabbit brush, where her father had placed her. She was riding with Daddy before she was 1 year old. Her most prized love, next to her daddy, was her horse, Pee Wee.

She attended Parowan and Cedar City schools as well as the B.A.C.

Yvonne will be remembered for her many accomplishments and musicianship. She spent endless hours playing the piano for city and school musicals. She held the position as organist and pianist for church organizations. She was a wonderful music arranger and writer.

Her passion shown through as the arranger of the piece "May the Road Rise to Meet You" as sung by Parowan's Community Choir. She and Ramona Stubbs were the organizers of the group. She was a member of Parowan's Vermillion Voices, danica of the Singing Mothers Choir and Parowan's 3rd Ward Annual Christmas Cantata.

After K passed in 2005, she married Jack Matheson on Aug. 21, 2010. Jack increased our family with four beautiful children, Lance, Voy, Sheila and Cecil and their families. She loved all of Jack's family dearly and loved spending time with them. She especially loved the "sister quilting parties." We are so appreciative of Jack's love and tender care for Mother over the years of their marriage. Their marriage was filled with humor, fun, companionship and good memories.

Yvonne passed away at her home in Parowan in the presence of her sweet husband and daughter, Alison. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Paul Plough and granddaughter Krista Williamson.

She is survived by her children, Brenda of Parowan, Paul (Chris) of Henderson, Nev., Carol Williamson (Rick) of Arco, Idaho, Alison Robinson (Ralph) of Parowan, Vicki Plough of Parowan and Randy (Della) of Cedar City; many nieces and nephews and cousin; brothers Norman (Cherie Taylor) of Parowan, Wilford (Raeona Mackelprang) of St. George and Allen (Brenda Joseph) Day of Issequah, Wash. She has 21 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at the Parowan 3rd/4th Ward Chapel, 90 S. Main St. Viewings were Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 and Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at the church.

Interment was in the Parowan City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

The family wishes to thank all the friends, family, doctor, nurses and home health caregivers who have so kindly cared for our mother.

Robert Dwight Reed AKA Dominic River Mahr



Robert Dwight Reed was born on May 26, 1995 to Jack Arthur Reed and Debora Collins in the Ridgecrest California hospital. His early years were spent in Ridgecrest and Debora later married Thomas Lee Severson.

On Dec. 26, 1999, she bore another son, David Lee Severson. The marriage ended in divorce, and the two children, Robert Dwight and David Lee, were awarded to the grandparents, Paul T. and M. Jo Severson. Paul retired from his position in 2001, and the family, with Thomas Lee Severson, moved to their home in Enoch, Utah.

Bob Reed attended the Enoch Elementary School, then entered Canyon View Middle School. He loved chess and achieved many Cub Scout awards. Bob went to Canyon View High School and eventually went to the Southwest Education Academy (S.E.A.).

He found his place loving the family and friends he had, living with the mother he loved and the father who adored him Cathy and Thomas Mahr. He always said "Debora may have carried me in her stomach, but you always carried me in your heart and soul. We waited for each other for years."

He was considered their beloved son and he called himself Dominic River Mahr. Dominic loved everyone he met and always saw the good in people; he will be missed.

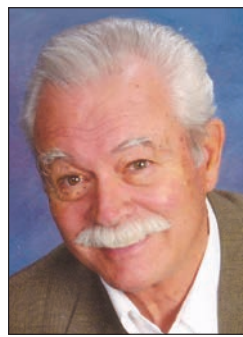
He passed away at his home on Feb. 2, 2016, stating he wasn't feeling well and laid down to take a nap. He was 20 years old; an autopsy is being conducted to determine the cause of death.

Dominic was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Family, friends and Luke will miss you. The Panda Bear will live on forever. Short, beautiful life; forever remembered.

Funeral services were Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 West, Cedar City, Utah). A viewing was before services at Southern Utah Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, contributions are appreciated to help cover funeral costs.

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

Rudolph George Werber



Rudolph George Werber, 81, passed away on Feb. 16, 2016 in Cedar City, Utah. George was born on Dec. 5, 1934 in Tooele, Utah to Rudy and Lydia Werber. At the age of 6, the family moved to Nevada and lived in Panaca and Pioche.

In 1953 he married Dorlene Walker. To this union were born five fantastic children. They were later divorced. On Feb. 16, 1974 he married Julia Anna Torgenson. They were blessed with nine wonderful children. That made George the proud father of 14!

During his lifetime, he worked at many different jobs. He retired as a quality assurance inspector in construction. The family moved to Cedar City, Utah following his retirement.

He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. There were many callings including working in the Las Vegas Temple. His favorite calling was being a home teacher.

George was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be missed.

George is survived by his wife, Julia; his children, Randall Scott Werber (Nyla) of Henderson, Nev., Elaine Hatch (Charles) of Cedar City, Utah, Richard Guy Werber (Seoyoung) of Henderson, Nev., George R. Werber of Cedar City, Utah, Steven Shawn Werber (Lenette) of Cedar City, Utah, Rudolph Nicholas Werber (Megan) of Henderson, Nev., James Derek Werber of Henderson, Nev., Amanda Marie Werber of Hurricane, Utah, John David Werber (Brandy) of Henderson, Nev., Rebecca Ann Werber of Henderson, Nev., Mary Ellen Perkins (Shane) of Hurricane, Utah, Gira Dawn Werber of Henderson, Nev., Adrianna Werber of Cedar City, Utah; 36 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and his brother Robert (Dianne) Werber.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph N. Werber and Lydia Valene Nelson Werber; his son Timothy Don Werber; and his sister Dolores V. Bradshaw.

The family wishes to express thanks to Dr. Clint Bunker and healthcare workers Bill, Donna, Aspen and Nichole. A special thanks to Ethan Bunker and his staff for their sweet service to George.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at the Cedarview Ward Chapel, 1925 W. 320 South, Cedar City, Utah. A viewing was Monday, Feb. 22 at the church. Interment was in the Panaca Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

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.

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Rowdy

Meet Rowdy. He is a 2-year-old male with a lot of energy. He needs lots of activities. He gets along with other dogs and doesn't seem to mind cats. His adoption fee is \$50. Once his new owner gets him fixed, they will get \$25 of that fee back. He has all his vaccines. Rowdy is located at Cedar City Animal Control, (435) 586-2960.



Revy

Meet Revy. He is a 4-year-old neutered male. He loves everyone. He has lots of energy. Revy has manners; he just needs to remember them. He is housebroken, needs lots of attention and loves to play ball. His adoption fee is \$25. He has all his vaccines. Revy is located at Cedar City Animal Control, (435) 586-2960.



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Falcons survive missed FTs, beat Trojans

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – When it comes to the 3A state basketball playoffs, points aren't awarded for the style of victory. The Canyon View Falcons struggled mightily at times in their first playoff game in seven seasons, but did all that was necessary at the end to survive and advance.

Cord Johnson had 14 points, including three crucial free throws in the final 31 seconds, as the Falcons rallied in the fourth quarter and beat the Morgan Trojans 49-46 on Feb. 20 to advance to the 3A quarterfinals at the Centrum.

On a night when the Falcons found themselves in a battle from the start against the No. 4 seed from Region 11, they missed 13 free throws before hanging on and improving to 17-7 overall.

"Between layups and free throws, I'm not exactly sure what was going on," Canyon View coach Robbie Potter said. "It was

a little bit of a nerve thing, and it's something we've got to take care of."

The Region 12 champions tried to push the tempo and it worked well at the start as they built a 13-5 lead in the first quarter, but Morgan had an answer behind the shooting of sophomore guard Cade Russell, who hit three 3-pointers in the first half as the Trojans wiped out the deficit and led 27-24 at the break.

CV briefly got back in front in the third quarter at 31-29 after a steal and layup from sophomore Brantzen Blackner, but Morgan countered with five quick points and took a 39-34 lead to the fourth.

Both sides swapped five-point runs to start the period, but the Trojans were starting to smell a potential upset as they held a 44-39 advantage. That's when the Falcons' free-throw work was put to the ultimate pressure test.

"Basically right now, you do what you have to do to win," said senior

3A PLAYOFFS

Quarterfinal games
at the Centrum,
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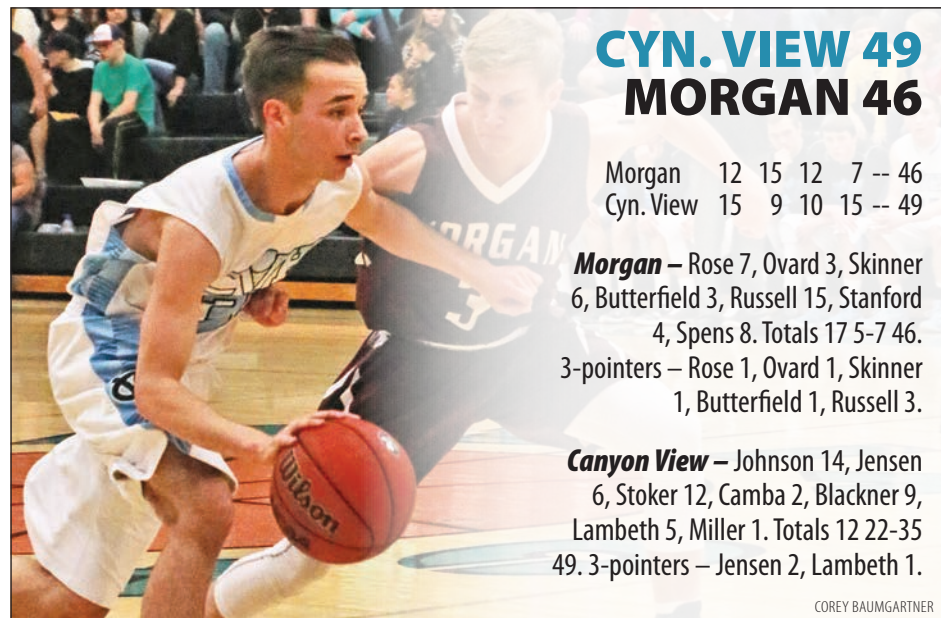
Dixie vs. Logan
9:30 a.m.

**Snow Canyon vs.
Bear River**
11:10 a.m.

**Canyon View vs.
Pine View**
12:50 p.m.

**Desert Hills vs.
Juan Diego**
2:30 p.m.

Xavier Stoker, who had 12 points and made two free throws that helped start the Canyon View comeback. "Our team's been through a lot with sickness and injuries. Our shots weren't going from the free-throw line, so we know we've got to work on those.



CYN. VIEW 49 MORGAN 46

Morgan	12	15	12	7	--	46
Cyn. View	15	9	10	15	--	49

Morgan – Rose 7, Ovard 3, Skinner 6, Butterfield 3, Russell 15, Stanford 4, Spens 8. Totals 17 5-7 46.
3-pointers – Rose 1, Ovard 1, Skinner 1, Butterfield 1, Russell 3.

Canyon View – Johnson 14, Jensen 6, Stoker 12, Camba 2, Blackner 9, Lambeth 5, Miller 1. Totals 12 22-35 49. 3-pointers – Jensen 2, Lambeth 1.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

KENNETH LAMBETH drives past a Morgan defender during the Falcons' 49-46 win in the 3A state basketball playoffs.

"Basketball is all about runs, and the last run helped push us through. When stuff doesn't go your way, that's when your true character shows. I like where we're standing right now," he added.

Canyon View will play defending 3A state cham-

pion and former Region 9 foe Pine View in its quarterfinal game Feb. 25. The two teams played each other Dec. 8 at the Falcons' Nest, with the Panthers coming away with a 56-49 win.

Potter knows with a semifinal berth on the

line, the game plan for the rematch will have a far different feel.

"We played so long ago, we're going to need to look at more current film on (Pine View)," Potter said. "It's a matter at this point of who's going to do enough to win and survive."

Lady Reds roll over Cowboys in opening round

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – The Cedar Lady Reds seemed like they were in control

of their opening-round 3A state basketball playoff game Feb. 19. As the fourth quarter began, the scoreboard told a slightly different story, one tinged

with a bit of stress and anxiety.

With the home team clinging to just a five-point lead, sophomore Carley Davis and the rest of her

teammates found another gear and ran away with an important victory.

Davis scored all her 12 points in the final eight minutes – many

coming on wide-open layups – as Cedar beat the Grantsville Cowboys 60-38 to advance to the 3A state quarterfinals Feb. 25 at the Centrum. The Lady Reds won their ninth straight game and improved to 18-5 on the season.

"Our girls just got after it," Cedar coach John Elison said. "We started to do some full-court pressure, started getting active, and we just got them rattled a little. They didn't seem to handle it too well. All of a sudden, we had a wide-open game."

Cedar led most of the way, but never by more than 10 points until the end. They had a 33-28 lead when the fourth quarter began, but went on a 15-0 run over the first half of the period to basically put the game away.

The Lady Reds fin-

ished with a 27-10 scoring edge that turned what was a tight game into a rout.

Davis played a key role in the big surge with a pair of layups and four free throws. By the time Abby Butler hit a pair of free throws for the Cowboys with 4 minutes, 23 seconds left, Cedar had a 48-30 lead and knew it would advance to the quarterfinals and a 9:10 p.m. matchup against defending 3A state champion Juan Diego.

"I was feeling it more at the end," Davis said of her effort. "We just got pumped thinking if we don't win, this is our last game. The nerves of coming into the playoffs scared us until we settled down, started passing the ball, taking time on offense, playing good

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CEDAR 60 GRANTSVILLE 38

Grantsville	7	14	7	10	--	38
Cedar	13	12	8	27	--	60

Grantsville – Castagno 3, Knight 2, Ekins 10, H. Butler 3, Cafarelli 5, Crossman 4, Hammond 5, A. Butler 6. Totals 11 14-21 38.
3-pointers – Ekins 1, Cafarelli 1.

Cedar – Weaver 5, Robinson 2, Williams 13, Morley 11, Davis 12, Myers 4, Whetman 13. Totals 20 20-30 60. 3-pointers – None.



COREY BAUMGARTNER

MORGAN MYERS advances the ball during Cedar's blowout win over Grantsville in the opening round of the 3A state playoffs.

T-Birds fall short to Wildcats

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – As much as the Southern Utah men's basketball team has struggled to find any sort of a winning formula, they had every opportunity put in front of them to break a long losing streak that reached nightmarish proportions.

The T-Birds had Big Sky co-leader Weber State on the ropes after erasing an 11-point second-half deficit. In the end, the Wildcats found a way and SUU ended up on the short end of the final score again.

Joel Bolombo finished with a double-double of 34 points and 10 rebounds, and Weber State needed every bit of its 54 percent shooting from the field to hold on for an 87-83 victory over Southern Utah at the Centrum on Feb. 18. SUU fell into the basement in the Big Sky standings at 2-12 and 4-20 overall, losing its ninth straight and seventh in a row at home.

The team played the final 12 minutes without junior guard Race Parsons, who went down with a knee injury and had to be helped off the floor. James McGee, who led four SUU players in double figures with 21 points, said the effort was the T-Birds' best of the season.

"It started with the game at Montana State," McGee said. "We figured out that if you play hard and with a lot of effort, we're just as good as these other teams and we can stay in these games."

When Parsons went

down, the T-Birds trailed 63-58. After a Will Joyce layup, Weber State (11-2, 19-7) got a pair of 3-pointers and a dunk from Jeremy Senglin to extend the margin to 71-60, the largest lead of the night for either team with 9 minutes, 18 seconds remaining.

But when SUU found its second wind, it made its northern rivals sweat big bullets, answering with a 10-0 run of its own over the next two and a half minutes to cut the lead to one.

It was as close as the T-Birds would get.

"It's always hard to see one of your brothers go down," McGee said of the injury to Parsons, who had to be helped down the tunnel to the trainer's room. "We wanted to play harder for his sake so his injury wasn't in vain."

Weber State didn't hit a shot from the floor over the final five minutes, but secured the win with free throws, and a lot of them. The Wildcats tried 11 more shots from the line than from the floor (54-43) and enjoyed a nearly 2-to-1 edge in points from the stripe (34-19).

SUU coach Nick Robinson gave full credit to his team for responding to the Parsons injury the way they did against the Big Sky leaders, who swept the season series.

"The players had a choice to allow the injury to bring us down, but they settled down a little bit and responded," Robinson said. "Overall, it brought us together and the guys did a great job of staying positive."

Trey Kennedy was reinstated from his indefinite suspension after a marijuana possession citation was dismissed. Robinson said Kennedy was allowed to practice with the team before its home finale against Idaho State and his playing status would be determined.

The T-Birds wrapped up the home schedule with an 89-71 loss to the Bengals, its eighth straight at the Centrum and tenth straight overall (2-13, 4-21). Kennedy returned to the lineup and scored three points in eight minutes of action.

Seniors Travon Langston (nine points), Christian Thompson (eight) and Casey Oliverson (10 points, five rebounds) played their final home games for Southern Utah.

NOTES: For the first time since beating Utah Valley on Dec. 5, SUU out-rebounded its opponent. The T-Birds had 30 boards against Weber State's 28 ... SUU made five more field goals than the Wildcats (28-23) ... Weber State shot 59 percent in the first half, but Southern Utah nearly matched them with a 56 percent effort. The teams went to the locker room tied at 48-48 after 11 ties and 11 lead changes ... Northern Arizona moved ahead of the T-Birds in the standings after beating Idaho State 81-68 ... Juwan Major added 11 points for SUU, while Travon Langston and Paris Davis helped out with 10 apiece. ... Every player on both teams who saw game action scored points.



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DENNY HAMLIN, driver of the #11 FedEx Express Toyota, takes the checkered flag ahead of Martin Truex Jr., driver of the #78 Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Boats Toyota, to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series DAYTONA 500 at Daytona International Speedway.

Hamlin makes hearts skip a beat with Daytona win

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

Now that's a way to start a NASCAR season.

Whether you watched Jeff Gordon make his debut with Darrell Waltrip and Mike Joy in the Fox TV booth or listened to the call via MRN on Feb. 21, what we saw in the Daytona 500 was special.

Denny Hamlin looked like he didn't have enough left in the No. 11 FedEx Toyota to get his first victory in the Great American Race. Matt Kenseth, for all his struggles to get to the front after switching to a backup car, had his third career 500 win (2009, 2012) well within reach.

But when Hamlin got the push he needed from Kevin Harvick on the final lap and made the move that left Kenseth to fade back, the race to the finish was on.

And what a finish it was.

Hamlin, who was fourth as the field headed to Turn 3, somehow won the drag race to the line with Martin Truex Jr. and won his first Daytona 500. It was the first for Toyota and the final margin was a microscopic one-hundredth of a second.

Actual distance: 12 inches. And that may be too high of an estimate to the naked eye.

Not only did Hamlin win, he basically grabbed it from Truex Jr. over the final 100 feet, if even that much. Beating and banging without wrecking.

This was easily one of the best Daytona 500s in a long, long time. The finish was even closer than Harvick's win by just .02 over Mark Martin in the 2007 race.

Hamlin admitted in his post-race news conference that he had no idea how he pulled the win off. Once he was able to get past Kenseth – one of his teammates at Joe Gibbs Racing – with a move to the inside that had serious potential to cause a huge wreck, it was gas-mashing time.

And Truex Jr. was the latest to be on the receiving end of heartbreak from another exhilarating Daytona 500 finish.

As the now-retired Jeff Gordon said in his debut broadcast with Fox on the finish, "I've got chills up my spine. That was amazing."

It was the perfect capper to a Speedweeks that was chock full of storylines.

• Rookie Chase Elliott, who replaced Gordon in the No. 24, won the pole last week, but couldn't avoid the infield grass early. He ended up 37th, 40 laps down.

• The consensus in the garage was that Dale Earnhardt Jr. had the car to beat, but he got into an infield wall with 30 to go and finished 36th.

• Despite qualifying on the outside pole and leading 40 laps, Kenseth ended up 14th when his block on Hamlin backfired.

Add in the challenges with the new charter system, fields limited to 40 cars, and a competitive Sprint Cup rookie class, and we're just getting warmed up for the season to come.

The new low-down-force package is in play when the series gets to Atlanta next weekend. It will be intriguing to see how it performs on a mile-and-a-half track.

And after that, it's Las Vegas Motor Speedway and the Kobalt 400 on March 6. It will be my 12th straight year covering the racing there, and I can not wait.

There are fun times and a fun season ahead. If you choose to call the racing boring, that's your business, but it's about time to push the focus on the positive.

Tom Zulewski has a blog that can be found online at www.throughthegearbox.blogspot.com. Followers are welcome on Twitter @Tomzsports.

WEBER STATE 87 S. UTAH 83

Weber St. 48 39 -- 87
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Weber State – Williams 3, John 13, Bolombo 34, Richardson 3, Gittens 5, Cannon 1, Baker 3, Senglin 15, Hill 3, Braxton 7. Totals 23-43 34-54 87. 3-pointers – Williams 1, John 1, Bolombo 2, Baker 1, Senglin 2.

Southern Utah – Langston 10, Marshall 1, Joyce 6, Melifonwu 3, Parsons 5, McGee 21, Major 11, Davis 10, Thompson 8, Oliverson 8. Totals 28-57 19-26 83. 3-pointers – Parsons 1, McGee 5, Thompson 2.

Saturday's Game

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SOUTHERN UTAH 71**

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Parowan boys finish eighth in Region 20

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

The Parowan boys' basketball team wrapped up the regular season by splitting a pair of games last week to finish as the No. 8 seed in its debut season in Region 20.

The Rams lost to Piute 56-46 on Feb. 16, and closed two days later with

a 35-27 win over Valley to finish with a 5-11 region record and 9-12 overall.

In the loss to the Thunderbirds, Parowan fell behind 32-17 at half-time, but got the deficit within eight after three quarters at 43-35. Brett Hunter led the Rams with 18 points and Brenen Rowley added 11 in the seniors' final home game.

Parowan rebounded to close the season with the road win over Valley behind 18 points from Rowley. Despite getting scoring from only four players, the Rams kept the Buffaloes in single digits in each quarter of the game.

The Rams will open play at the Region 20 tournament Feb. 25.



HAIGEN SKOUGAARD goes up for a layup during Parowan's 56-46 loss to Piute Feb. 16. The Rams closed out their regular season with a 35-27 win over Valley Feb. 18.

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LADY REDS

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defense."

Cedar finished with four players in double figures, led by 13 points each from seniors Hannah Williams and Jessica Whetman, while Courtney Morley added 11. Williams said the message in the huddle to start the fourth quarter was a welcome one.

"We said 'do you really

want this? Are we going to give up this easily?'" Williams said. "We weren't just going to lay over, but work hard. We knew this was our game.

"Our work's not over. It never is. We just come ready next week, come out strong."

The Lady Reds and Soaring Eagles faced each other in the preseason at the Sevier Valley Center in Richfield on Dec. 19. Cedar trailed entering the fourth quarter in that

game, but came away with a 67-56 victory.

Williams knows the story will be a lot different in the rematch.

"There's some comfort knowing we can beat them, but they've gotten better and we have, too," Williams said. "It's going to be a whole different ballgame, and we have to come ready to play. We've got to show up and can't start off slow. They're a good team and they'll take advantage."



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AUTUMN ROGERSON dribbles the ball up the floor during a game this season. Parowan closed out its season with a 2-2 record at the 1A state basketball tournament in Richfield. Rogerson scored 15 and 14 points, respectively, in the two wins over Manila and Tintic.

Parowan girls fall in 1A consolation round

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

Despite finishing in the basement of the Region 20 standings, the Parowan girls' basketball team responded with a 2-2 record at the 1A state basketball tournament in Richfield.

The Rams won their initial play-in game with a

38-15 victory over Manila on Feb. 16, then followed up with a 61-52 upset win in the opening round over Tintic. Parowan would drop its final two games, a 41-20 decision to Bryce Valley on Feb. 18, and a 39-36 loss to Valley on Feb. 19.

Parowan finished its first season with head coach Francis Fariani with a 9-16 overall record.

Autumn Rogerson scored 15 and 14 points, respectively in the Rams' wins over Manila and Tintic. Taylor Robb had double-figure efforts against Tintic (15) and Bryce Valley (10).

Ashlynn Blauer led Parowan in the loss to Valley with 13 points and Rogerson helped out with 11.

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