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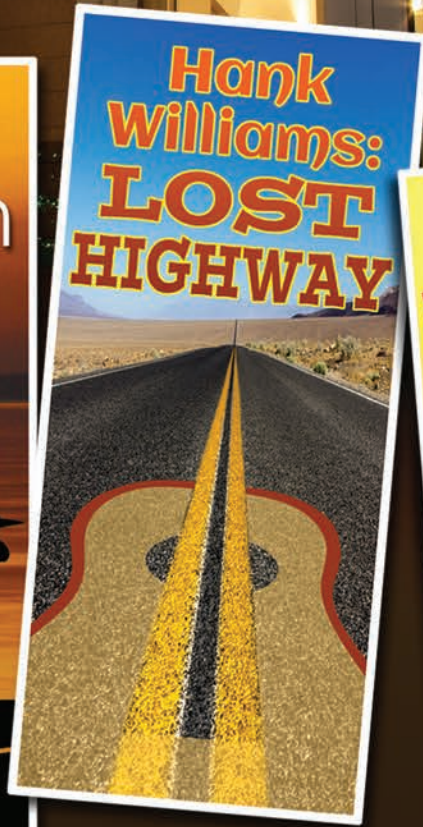
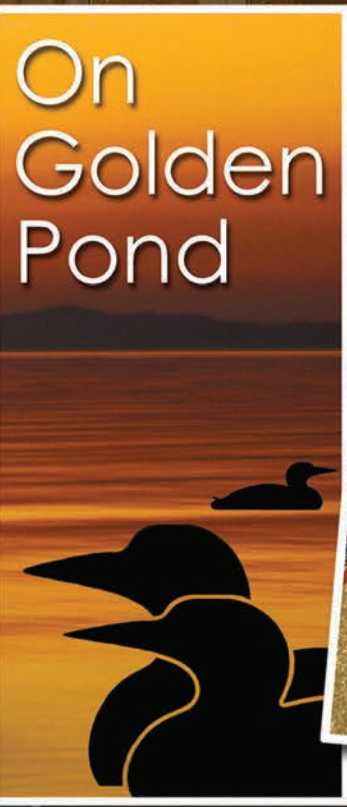
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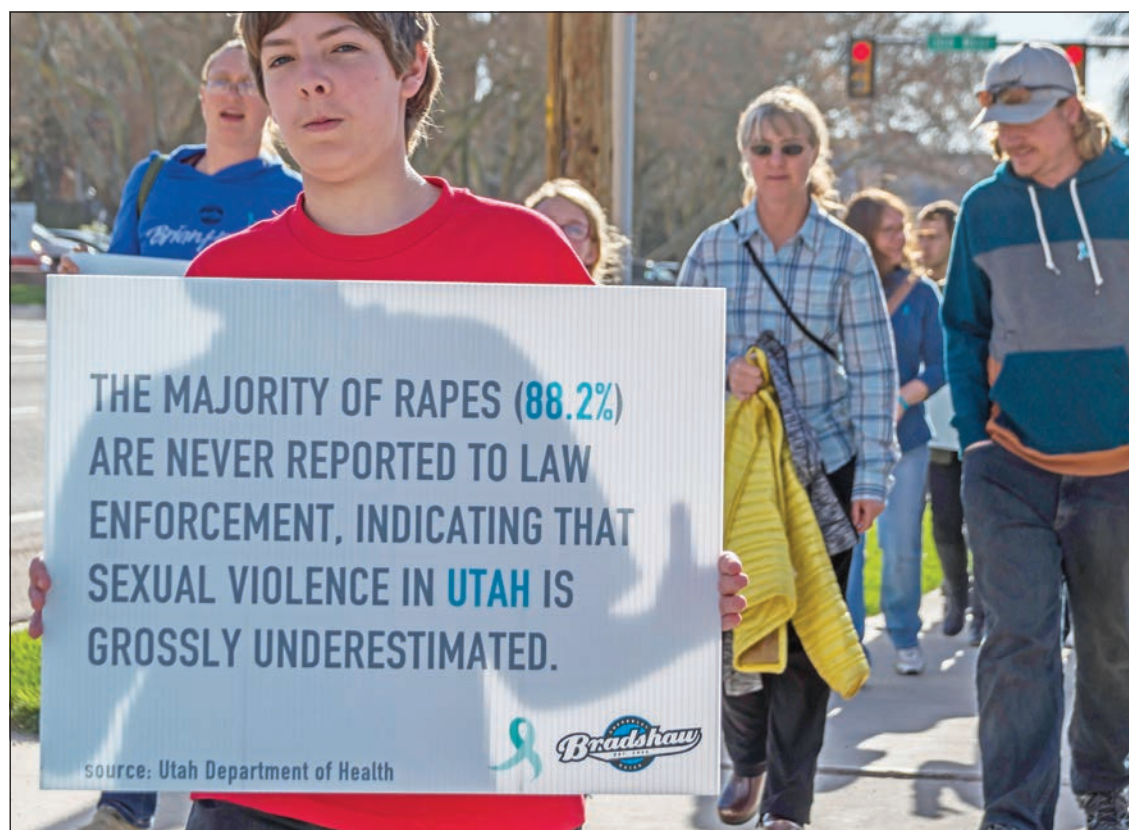
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## Take Back the Night walks against sexual assault



CODY SMITH

BY CODY SMITH

Reporter

**CEDAR CITY** – The Canyon Creek Women’s Crisis Center hosted Take Back the Night April 13, a walk in which 70 participants started at SUU’s Sharwan Smith Living Room and ended in Main Street Park.

As a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, CCWCC employees Andrea Donovan, women’s group facilitator, and Robyn Lewis, outreach case manager, led the walk against sexual violence and gave inspirational speeches at its end. Along the way, participants fought the growing wind and chill as night grew nearer.

CCWCC Volunteer Codi Meyers started working with the organization a year ago. She said domestic assault prevention is something she feels strongly about.

“It is really important to me to be able to speak out about sexual abuse and be in a community that will speak out about it,” Meyers said. “This is something that we don’t talk about a lot

in Utah, and it’s important that some people are willing to talk about it and willing to be loud.”

Many of the participants carried signs with messages that spoke against sexual abuse. Volunteers posted the signs in the grass around the park as Donovan and Lewis spoke out against sexual violence.

“Acknowledge that we will be walking together, and (we’re) all on our own journey – and that this is good and important work,” Donovan said as the group departed from SUU. “In this journey we intend to focus on women and children’s strengths and recognize that this is at the center of anti-violence work.”

Donovan said research on rural intimate partner violence suggests an increase in frequency and severity is linked with geographic isolation, lack of resources, scarcity of employment, absence of public transportation, and a “lack of anonymity in rural communities.”

“This is why the work we are

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**COMMUNITY MEMBERS WALKED** from Southern Utah University to Main Street Park in Cedar City April 13 as part of Take Back the Night, an effort to raise awareness of sexual assault.

## Park Discovery defaced by vandals

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

Reporter

**CEDAR CITY** – On April 15, Austin Bingham, division head for Parks and Outdoor Facilities, received a disturbing call from the police dispatch that Park Discovery had been vandalized. When he arrived he was met with a display of gratuitous graffiti, including

profanity spray painted all over the park’s wooden structures.

“I was disappointed,” Bingham said. “I couldn’t imagine that someone could have done this.

“We’ve dealt with graffiti and vandalism in the past but not to this extent,” he added.

The park was immediately closed and Bingham and his crew got to work

removing much of the graffiti and profanity with a pressure steamer in preparation to repaint and re-stain the affected areas. He estimated that the number of manpower hours used to begin restoring the park has already been over 100 hours and the damage at around \$5,000.

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CEDAR CITY FACEBOOK PAGE

**PARK DISCOVERY IN CEDAR CITY** was closed last weekend after vandals defaced the park’s wooden structures with spray paint and other graffiti.



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# Safe house renovation project underway

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BY **CANYON CREEK WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER**

*Special to Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** – Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center's 20-year-old safe house is getting a much overdue renovation and expansion to safeguard women and children fleeing domestic abuse and sexual assault.

"In an ideal world, we'd happily close the doors to our shelter because it was no longer needed. The reality is that in the last five years, we've more than doubled our shelter bed nights and have been consistently at full capacity," said Cindy Baldwin, executive director of the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center.

Baldwin said the influx can be attributed to several factors, including population growth,

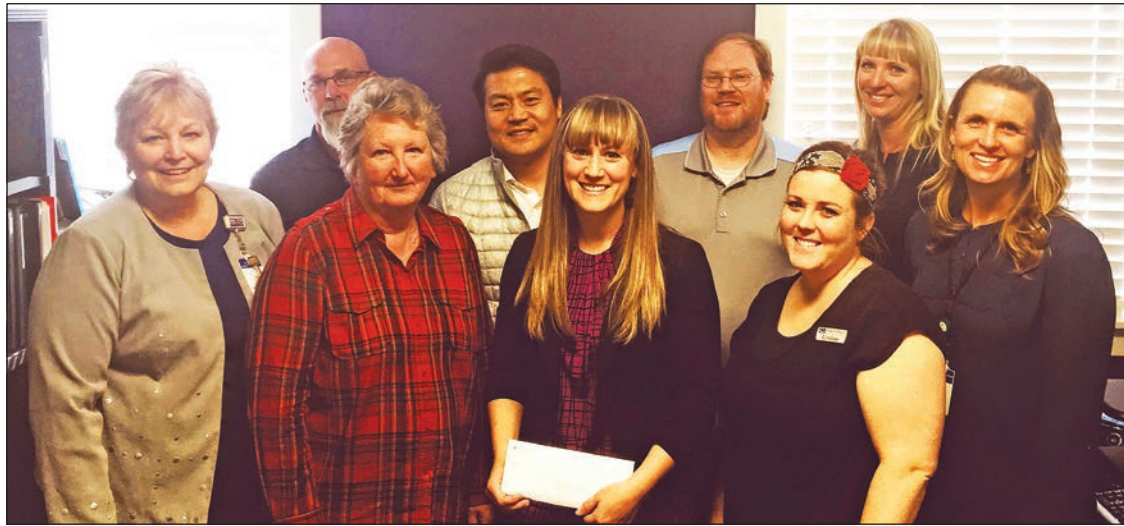


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**REPRESENTATIVES FROM INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE AND VALLEY VIEW MEDICAL CENTER** met with Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center Executive Director Cindy Baldwin and members of the CCWCC's board to present a community contribution for \$50,000 toward the renovation and expansion of their safe house. Pictured back row, left to right, Keith Mason, Johnny Oh, Tom Hughes, Jayme Payne (CCWCC Board Members). Front Row, from left to right, Cyndi Wallace (Director of Nursing, Valley View Medical Center) Bev Emery (CCWCC Board), Cindy Baldwin (CCWCC Executive Director), Lindsey Bremmer (CCWCC Board), Amber Rich (Intermountain Community Benefit).

nationwide increase in the incidence of abuse, an increase in community awareness of the free services that are available, and the introduction of the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) to Cedar City and Enoch, one of

only four communities in Utah who piloted the program.

The pilot was funded by the Utah Legislature in response to the state's growing death toll of women and children, which increased 14 percent in 2014 while

the state's overall homicide rate declined. In the last four years, domestic violence-related deaths in Utah accounted for more than half of all adult homicides.

"This program creates a partnership between victim advocates

and law enforcement officers to connect high-danger victims with services," Baldwin said. "The first step of the protocol is to ask 11 evidence-based questions to help first responders evaluate the danger of a situation, and also helps victims become more self-aware about the seriousness of their situation?"

Since the program was initiated in September 2015, 41 victims have screened as "high danger" in Iron County. "These women and children are being identified, connected to services, relocated if needed, and protected," Baldwin said. "We're keeping them safer and preventing the potential of homicide, but this means we're also increasing our need for shelter, services, and always, funding."

Another factor is Canyon Creek's philosophical shift to extend shelter services for up to 90 days for clients.

"When people come to us it's often with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, and we help them rebuild their lives," Baldwin said.

She explained that 30 days is

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## Local First Utah urges city council, community to support local businesses

BY **COREY BAUMGARTNER**  
Reporter

**CEDAR CITY** – During the April 13 Cedar City Council meeting, Kristen Lavelett, executive director for Local First Utah, gave a presentation on the importance of the community supporting its locally owned businesses.

"Local First Utah is a non-profit organization that exists with the mission to educate the public, government and business owners about the value and vitality of locally owned business

to our economy and our community," Lavelett said.

She also added that when a consumer spends \$100 at a national retailer, \$13.60 of that money stays in the community. However, if that same amount is spent locally, \$55.30 stays in the community. This helps local businesses support and depend upon one another as well as create more jobs and camaraderie in the community.

Local business owners also offer personal expertise and dedication in their character and quality of

their product.

"This helps create a vibrant, active independent business community that amplifies life in Cedar City for new businesses and neighbors alike and this benefits everyone," Lavelett added.

She then explained the goals of Local First Utah.

"We want to help businesses adequately brand themselves as locally owned and work to educate the public on benefits of buying from locally owned business," she said. "Our public call to action is a

simple shift of 10 percent of annual spending. If every household in Utah shifted 10 percent of their annual spending towards locally owned business, 1.3 billion dollars would stay in our state's economy."

For more information on understanding the importance and impact of supporting the local economy and a list of the 10 critical reasons to shop locally, visit [www.localfirst.org](http://www.localfirst.org).

Also during the council meeting, Kathy Dahl, of the Employee Advisory

Council, presented April's Employee of the Month award to Jordan Smith, a Cedar City firefighter. Dahl read the aloud the citation to those present.

"Jordan always has a great attitude and is a hard worker. He also sets a good example for others by continuing his education and maintaining a high level of physical fitness. Jordan is always pleasant to work with and treats those in the public with respect and makes sure their needs are met. Jordan is a great employee and very deserving of this award."

Dahl explained that Smith was instrumental in helping the fire marshal develop and write a new emergency plan that will greatly benefit Cedar City.

It was also determined that concerning last week's request to create a nativity scene on Mayor's Square, that it would be better to place the manger scene on private property and a location will be determined later in the year. Possible locations discussed are near the Town and Country Inn, or Jocelyn's Floral.



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# Opinion

## FROM THE EDITOR

### My friend Joe and the certainties of the universe

When I heard the words from noted academician, LDS Church leader and Southern Utah native, Bruce Hafen, that there are some people who would rather be certain than right, I immediately thought of my friend (more of an acquaintance, really), "Joe" (not his real identity).



**JEFF LOWE**  
Managing Editor

Everyone has a friend Joe. He's the guy who has a multitude of opinions – an opinion on seemingly every subject, as a matter of fact. Not only does he have lots of opinions, but as I said, he is certain of his opinions, and he is certain that he is right.

Unfortunately, that means that everyone else who dares to disagree with him is wrong. Although I'm sure I would love talking to Joe about a few, less-certain matters of the universe (say, death or taxes, perhaps), I have learned to avoid

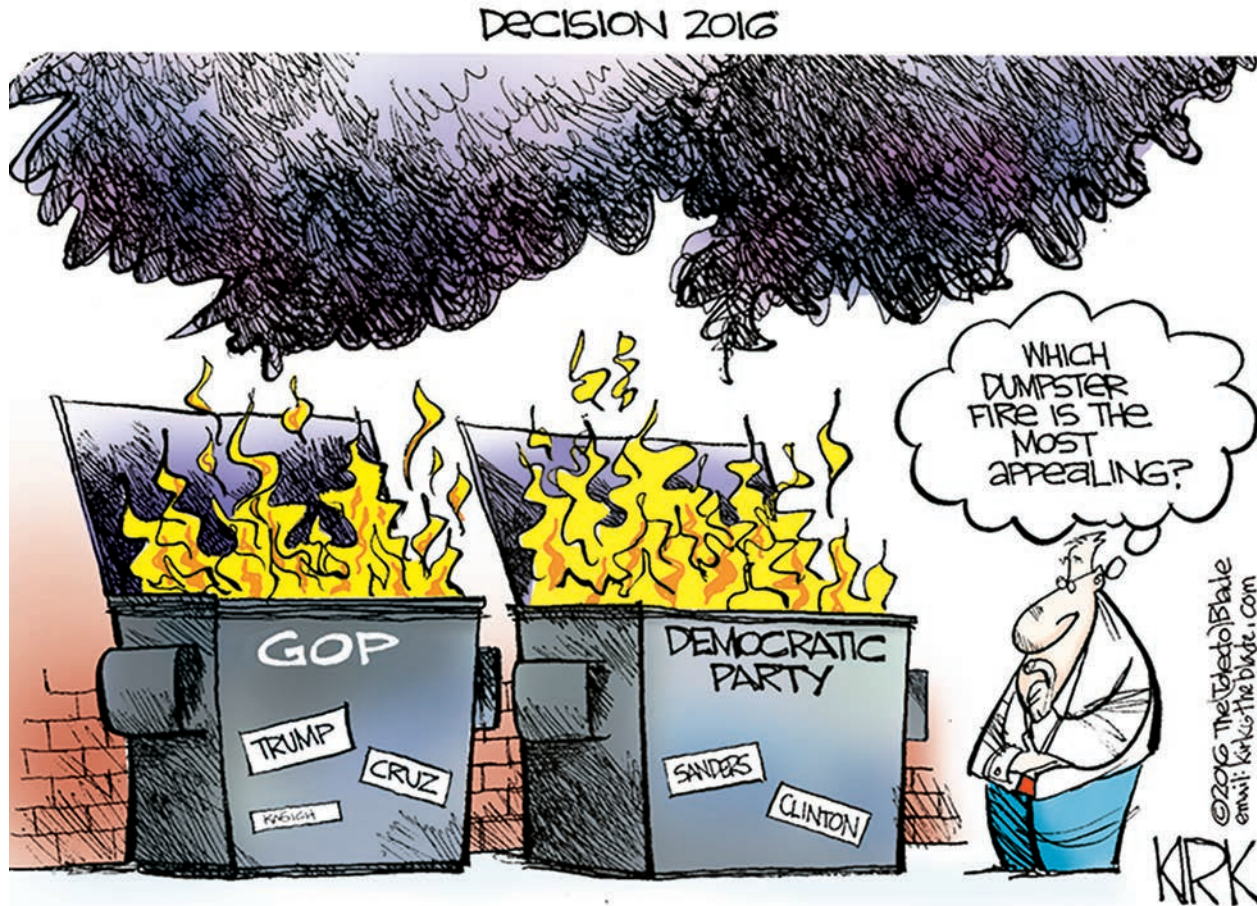
talking to him at gatherings, especially if anyone within earshot mentions anything about immigration, abortion, gun control, the current presidential election, or who has the best pizza within a 100 mile radius.

Wherever Joe goes, he takes his opinions, rigidity and inflexibility with him.

If you are traveling with Joe and trying to get from Point A to Point B, his way is not the best way, it is the only way. If, in this example, you don't go Joe's way and it turns out to be a perfectly reasonable means of getting to point B, nothing you can say or do will convince him of it.

In fact, if Joe hasn't already exited the vehicle, backtracked several miles and hailed a taxi cab in an effort to pursue his predetermined route, he will happily list all the

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### Free markets, not presidents, lead economy

Author Michael Lewis ("The Big Short" and "Moneyball") had this advice for worrywarts: "How many times does the end of the world ... arrive before we realize that it is not the end of the world ... ?"

I recalled these words when reading a news story last week offering theories as to why Americans were spending less at retail merchants. One consultant pointed to "shopper uncertainty" due to an up-and-down stock market and terror attacks in Europe.

My answer is simple: using these fears as guides, ISIS has already won; plant a bomb in a Brussel subway station and America will close



## Cyclops

BY BRYAN GRAY

*Let's get real, whomever we elect as president will have very little impact on the actual economy*

up shop. As for the stock market gyrations, think of the dramatic drop in the 2008-2009 recession; the S&P index has increased 270 percent since then and is near its all-time high.

But an even worse excuse came from a multi-

state merchant who says some of his customers are uneasy because of the presidential election.

Let's get real, whomever we elect as president will have very little impact on the actual economy. Presidential picks for the

Supreme Court can alter social policy, but the economy generally relies on employers, investors, and free markets, not the occupant of the Oval Office.

Numerous studies have demonstrated that the stock market, a reflection of projected profits of U.S. companies, does about equally well no matter which political party holds the presidency. Since 1960, for example, the broad stock market has risen at least 20 percent in 20 of these 56 years.

During those big gains, Democrats held the high office 11 years and Republicans nine years. Similarly, the market dropped 20 percent or more in four years;

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## CORRECTION

In Craig Bennett's article appearing in the April 13, 2016 edition of Iron County Today entitled, "Governor to sign four education bills," it was incorrectly stated that legislation signed by Gov. Gary Herbert will eliminate the use of

the student SAGE test. Although the new legislation will not eliminate the SAGE test for students, it will eliminate the use of student SAGE test scores in evaluating teachers in favor of a locally controlled evaluation decision.

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# SUU celebrates aspiring women in technology

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER  
Reporter

**CEDAR CITY** – The Southern Utah Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards ceremony took place April 16 in the Great Hall of the Hunter Conference Center.

The National Center for Women in Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing honors high school girls who are active and interested in computing and technology.

Dr. Shalini Kesar, SUU associate professor of information systems, CSIS, has been involved with the organization since the beginning.

“This program, which provides encouragement and support to girls in grades K-12 and higher, gives these girls an aptitude in computing and aspirations to continue in this field,” Kesar said. “Our goal is to build awareness about the technology field and to give participants confidence in the skills they acquire.”

During the ceremony, Dr. Kesar welcomed the audience gathered in the Great Hall.

“This is not a competition, it is a celebration for the young aspiring women,” she began. “We want you to realize that computing is not just boring programming. The world is changing and there are many diverse careers now from healthcare to manufacturing, security and even government you can get involved with.”

Speaking of the NCWIT, she said, “This is an event from our heart to inspire these girls and give them more options and choices in their education.”

Following Kesar, SUU Provost Dr. Brad Cook shared some inspiring insights with the girls.

“This is your opportunity in which you can have a great career,” he said. “You can become leaders and contribute to our economy and our country in terms of having your voices heard at the tables within companies and government

by having the skill set that you’re going to have.”

He also added, “I don’t think you understand how important of a role you’re going to play in the future of this country and the world. The most predictive factor in the educational level of the children is the educational level of the mother. You have a serious responsibility to add your voice to those in the world because we need your voice.”

During the lunchbreak portion of the afternoon, Kesar and special guest Nichole Stohler, regional sales manager at Imperva, Inc., sat down in special red chairs and talked about the importance of women in technology. The red chairs are part of a nationwide campaign (www.sitwithme.org) to help recognize the value of women’s technical contributions in the world.

Stohler validated the value of women pursuing a career in computer technology fields and the growing need for their education and expertise in



COREY BAUMGARTNER

**RECIPIENTS OF THE SOUTHERN UTAH ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING AWARDS** gather at Southern Utah University April 16. The awards event honored high school girls who are active and interested in computing and technology.

the world.

“Technology is changing the way people live their lives and that inspired me to be a part of the technology industry,” she said. “There’s a realization that

women bring interesting and creative ideas and that makes your product better and the more competitive your organization will be.”

She also shared that education is an absolute

critical foundation and component of a successful career, and she emphasized that an educated woman can still have a quality

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH**

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# Cedar City Library implements RFID technology for self-checkout process

BY JEFF **LOWE** AND  
**COREY BAUMGARTNER**  
*Managing Editor and Reporter*

**CEDAR CITY** – The Cedar City Library implemented its new radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology and self-checkout process on April 18 with a demonstration from city council members Craig Isom and Ron Adams, and Mayor Maile Wilson.

The new technology is part of the library’s “Breaking Down Barriers” project, which will increase staff availability to allow them to offer more personalized service to patrons.

“It will free up the staff to go out and help patrons more,” said Library Director Steven Decker. “The staff are already working hard behind the desk, but if we can free them up to go out and help patrons find the info they need and help them with computer issues and things like that we’re happy to be able

to do that.”

At the new self-checkout computer kiosks, patrons can scan their library card or I.D. linked to their account and will not only be able to check-out their own materials, but also renew their items and reserve computers to use the internet. Previously, during the checkout process, each item would have to be scanned individually, which was very time consuming for staff and patrons. Now, with the upgraded touchscreen technology, and RFID scanners, patrons can self-checkout several items at once and print a receipt with all the necessary information.

RFID will not only provide reliability and efficiency during the check-out process for patrons, but also the check-in process for librarians by saving time and the need for more than one staff member to assist with the process. The RFID will also improve the speed and accuracy

during inventory by rapidly reading the RFID tags and notifying library staff electronically if a book or other material is incorrectly shelved, hasn’t been checked in or needs updating.

“With circulation stations being replaced by the self-checkout kiosks, library staff will provide more personalized service to the community,” according to a statement from the library. “Currently two to three staff members manage the circulation desk, but with this implementation, there will be only one staff at the circulation desk at a time. This will allow other staff members to be readily available to help patrons with their needs, whether it is computer assistance, answer reference questions, help identify and locate materials in the library, and provide reader’s assistance.”

Library staff will also be

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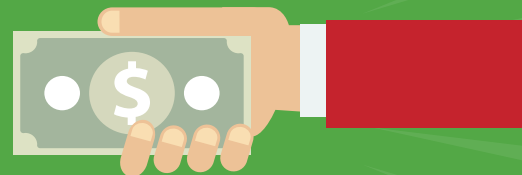
**CEDAR CITY MAYOR MAILE WILSON** demonstrates the new self-checkout process at the Cedar City Library April 18.

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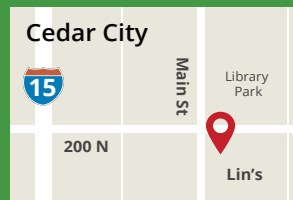


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# Local group asking for Brinkerhoff's resignation

BY CODY SMITH  
Reporter

**IRON COUNTY** – Michael Tuttle, AFSCME executive director, submitted a letter to Iron County Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff April 11 on behalf of the members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1004 Iron County asking for Brinkerhoff's resignation.

The letter states that during Brinkerhoff's term as commissioner "some very concerning things" have occurred. One of Brinkerhoff's roles was to act as the commission's liaison to the Iron County Sheriff's Office, former IC Commissioner David Miller said in an interview in February. Tuttle's letter states Brinkerhoff has voiced he will not run for reelection, thus he "has nothing to lose."

"We feel that this attitude has clouded your decision making," Tuttle wrote. "With the recent resignation of Commissioner Dave Miller and the November election for Commissioner Adams' seat we feel that this is the best time for a new start for the citizens and the employees of Iron County. At this time sir we are asking for your resignation from your position as Iron County Commissioner."

As one of the letter's premises, it states despite the objections of Sheriff Mark Gower, mayors within Iron County and members of the public, the commission voted to sell the Iron County Ambulance service. The commissioners' decision led to the liquidation of the lieutenant position held by Jody Edwards within the county sheriff's office. Although Edwards' termination was due to the liquidation of his position, the letter states he had no disciplinary actions and asserts that it was done as retaliation to Edwards speaking out against the sale of the ambulance.

Edwards appealed his termination to the Career Service Council. The county then appealed the CSC's decision to reinstate him, and after nearly a

year of litigation when the CSC met to discuss how to resolve the situation, the county abruptly dropped their appeal hours before the meeting. Edwards was then reinstated to the sheriff's office, only to retire months later.

"The Commission was constantly overstepping its bounds as to the operations of the Sheriff's office," Tuttle wrote. "Instead of treating the Sheriff as the elected official that he is, the commission attempted to treat him as if he was an employee that worked for them. During this time the Sheriff received a lot of interference anytime he made decisions about the operation of his elected

*"The Commission was constantly overstepping its bounds as to the operations of the Sheriff's office"*

**–Michael Tuttle**

office."

According to the letter, there were wage concerns in the sheriff's office, and in an attempt to address these concerns, Gower requested to be added to the agenda for the Oct. 12, 2015 ICC meeting. However, days before the meeting was scheduled, the commission amended the agenda not to include Gower.

"The Sheriff was told he had no valuable input as to the wages of his employees," Tuttle wrote. "The elected sheriff was not allowed to discuss issues within his office at a commission meeting."

At this time, Gower backed a majority of his deputies whom decided to

unionize, citing concerns that they too could be terminated without cause at any time. Gower took the podium in the regularly scheduled ICC meeting, and with 56 supporters at his back, reminded the commissioners he expected to meet with them in the near future to establish a dialogue of collective bargaining.

"We think we can have just as good of a dialogue with the sheriff and with Del as we would with a third party," Brinkerhoff said in the October meeting. "You may not share that opinion, but that is the position we take."


Brinkerhoff ensured Gower that the commission would be open to discussing issues with county employees; however, on Oct. 13, 2015, Brinkerhoff sent a text message to ICSO Lt. Del Schlosser proving, Schlosser said, it is the ICC that refuses to communicate – not the Sheriff. "Del, I have been planning to meet on Friday, but after reading (a reporters) tirade. I am canceling the meeting. Dale," the message stated, according to Schlosser.

On the morning of Oct. 13 the commission voted on and passed a resolution which disallowed Iron County from collective bargaining.

In mid-2015 county officials contracted an independent inspector to conduct a statewide salary survey. The survey allowed officials to adjust county employees and elected leaders' pay to more closely mirror the state normal for each position. County officials utilized the information within the survey as they finalized the 2016 county budget, Miller said in an interview in October 2015.

"This was done without input from the elected officials and department heads," Tuttle wrote. "The Sheriff and Lt. Schlosser were in fact told by commissioners to have no contact with the people conducting the pay study."

When the commission approved the new pay scale via the 2016 County Budget, Tuttle's letter claims there were issues

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## WALK

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doing this evening is so very important," Donovan said. "We are creating grassroots community anti-violence practices."

Research indicates that when victims of violence receive positive social responses following their experiences of violence it is the prime indicator of their ability to recover from trauma, Donovan said. Positive social responses include validation of one's experience of violence and support from police, law enforcement, community members and

social service providers.

In 2015 the CCWCC emergency shelter assisted 103 adults and 83 children, Robyn Lewis said. The CCWCC mobile crisis team assisted with 155 protective orders, child protective orders and stalking orders. The mobile crisis team also assisted 530 clients with legal advocacy.

"Violence impacts us as a community," Lewis said. "Walking beside someone is very different than walking behind or in front of them. Honoring the leadership of the women who are surviving and resisting Intimate Partner Violence."

## VANDALISM

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Mayor Maile Wilson said, "We don't ever want to be a community where vandalism and graffiti takes us to the point where we don't want to take our kids to the park because of it."

She also spoke highly of all those involved in the clean-up process.

"We have amazing employees and citizens who have donated time and materials and they are very much appreciated," she said.

On April 16, according to the city's Facebook page, police officers spoke

with a Wal-Mart employee who remembered selling paint to three juveniles the previous day. With the help of the store's video camera police officers tracked down, interviewed and recovered evidence leading to two arrests. As of press deadline, a third suspect had been identified, but had not yet been located.

Also, using the repairs as a rally-cry, members from the community joined together on April 19 to help repair, repaint and re-stain the damaged wooden areas and restore the beauty of the "park built with love dedicated to the love and development of all children."

## AWARDS

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home life and a successful career.

Later, Aaron Vimont, technical project manager and webmaster for NCWIT, shared words of encouragement with the girls. Speaking of potential feelings of intimidation and enough qualifications, he reminded them that, "You're not alone, and you are not an imposter."

You do belong here and we will provide you with the resources you need to succeed."

He also echoed all of the NCWIT leaders in their thanks and appreciation toward all the parents and educators who have and who continue to encourage these girls.

"It may not be obvious, but your encouragement really sticks with them," he said.

Following the speakers, the girls were brought on

# Utah honors crime victims with special April events

BY CRAIG BENNETT

Reporter

**CEDAR CITY** – Every April, the Office for Victims of Crime promotes victim's rights and honors crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's theme was "Serving Victims, Building Trust, Restoring Hope."

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime, with the help of the U.S. Department of Justice, observed National Crime Victims' Rights Week last week with special events and programs, including statewide candlelight vigils, educational forums at local universities, a children's coloring contest, and more events in local communities.

UOVC also plans to commemorate the advancement of victims' rights by having its 29th annual Crime Victims Conference at the Zermatt Resort in Midway, Utah, April 21-22. The conference is targeted toward victim advocates, prosecutors, and law enforcement professionals. This year's theme will be

"21st Century Solutions: Enhancing Response to Victims." As part of the conference, OVC will honor individuals and organizations who have provided extraordinary contributions to their community in their efforts to serve victims of crime.

National Crime

The act was financed by fines and penalties paid by offenders; the Crime Victims Fund supports services for victims of all types of crime, including assistance for attempted homicide survivors, survivors of childhood sexual abuse and victims of human trafficking, as

for the Office for Victims of Crime with U.S. Department of Justice, said in a press release. "If victims are to trust that the criminal justice system will work for them, we must meet them where they are – physically, culturally, and emotionally."

"When we take the time to focus on the victim in the aftermath of crime – to address their needs for safety and justice – we can begin to build trust and restore the hope of those victims and their communities," she added. "We all play a role in helping victims as they rebuild their lives."

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime encourages widespread participation in victim-related observances throughout the year. For additional information about this year's National Crime Victim's Rights Week and how to assist victims in your community, visit [www.crimevictim.utah.gov](http://www.crimevictim.utah.gov).

*"We all play a role in helping victims as they rebuild their lives"*

–Joye E. Frist

Victims' Rights Week honors and celebrates the achievements of the past 30 years in securing rights, protections and services for victims. The bipartisan Victims of Crime Act, passed by Congress in 1984, created a national fund to ease victims' suffering,

well as rape crisis centers and domestic violence programs.

VOCA also funds victim compensation programs that pay victims' out-of-pocket expenses such as counseling, funeral expenses, and lost wages.

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## LIBRARY

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available during the transition period to answer questions and help patrons with the new self-checkout system.

Funding for the project was received by the library from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, "a federal agency which supports Utah libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act and

administers grant dollars through the Utah Library Division," according to the statement.

Lauren McAfee, assistant librarian, who wrote the grant to acquire the new technology, was impressed with the results.

"Now we can spend more time helping people instead of being stuck behind the desk checking out and checking in materials," she said. The \$46,000 grant funded the RFID tags for the books,

audio books and DVDs, scanners, wands and computers.

Cedar City Library is at 303 N. 100 East in Cedar City, and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library is closed Sundays and all major holidays.

For more information about the new RFID Technology and self-checkout process, contact the library at (435) 586-6661.

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# Summer youth conservation crew positions open with Dixie National Forest

BY CRAIG BENNETT

Reporter

**SOUTHERN UTAH** – According to a press release from Marcia Gilles, public affairs officer for the Dixie National Forest, now is the time to apply for paid summer youth conservation crew positions on the Dixie National Forest.

If you are a young adult, age 15-21, and are looking for a rewarding outdoor job for the summer, the Dixie National Forest is looking for you. The Dixie National Forest and Southern Utah University are seeking youth applicants to work on the Youth Conservation Corps this summer.

Challenge yourself as a crew leader or crew member of a five to seven person high school-aged crew while conducting work related to Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation in some of the most beautiful places in Southern Utah. Crews are located in Cedar City, Panguitch, Escalante and St. George.

If you are 21 years old, you can apply to be a YCC crew leader, or if 15-18 years old apply for a crew member position. Crews will work on watershed restoration, trail clearing, recreation site maintenance, and fence building projects across the forest. All conservation crew project work will be physically intensive, carried out in rugged outdoor environments and exposed to varying weather conditions.

Not only is this a paid hourly job, all participants will learn about the natural environment and management of the Dixie National Forest, while participating in hands-on projects and educational field trips throughout the summer. All participants will be trained in first aid and CPR, defensive driving, outdoor skills and safety.

If you want to work outdoors, meet new friends, learn new skills, gain leadership responsibilities, have fun and develop your career resume while getting paid doing this, apply for the YCC summer crew jobs today.



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**THE DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST** and Southern Utah University are seeking youth applicants to work on the Youth Conservation Corps this summer.

The YCC (high school) crew program begins June 1 and continues through the first week in August. The CIC (college) crew program begins May 9 and continues until the second week in August. Crews consist of six to seven crew members with an adult crew leader to assist and guide projects throughout the summer. YCC Crew Member positions are paid \$8 per hour and CIC Crew Member positions are paid \$10 per hour. A typical work week consists of 4-10 hour days for a 40 hour work week typically Monday through Thursday.

The projects you will work on include trail construction and maintenance, fence building,

wildlife habitat preservation, visitor use surveys and much more. The benefits of the program include increased skills that will build a personal connection to public lands. It will also help participants to develop many other skills that are needed in future careers.

According to Caleb Smith, assistant crew manager, "The Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative (IIC) provides educational career based internships for high school and college individuals to better prepare these individuals in becoming part of tomorrow's public land leaders. The Career Internship Corps (CIC) Ages 18-plus and

the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Ages 15-18 programs are sub programs within the IIC."

You can apply online by going to <http://iicinternships.com>. Click on the IIC Application on the right hand side. Fill in the application and save it to your computer. Submit the application, a cover letter, a resume, one letter of recommendation, and contact information for three references.

Send the information to Caleb Smith, CIC Crew Assistant Manager, or Miranda Gubler, Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative Internship Coordinator. For more information, call (435) 586-5020 or email [cic@suu.edu](mailto:cic@suu.edu).

## County Republican Convention propels commission race

BY CODY SMITH

Reporter

**IRON COUNTY** – The competition to assume backing from the GOP during the race for Iron County Commission seats A and C dominated the Iron County Republican Party 2016 Nominating Convention April 17.

Six potential candidates attempted to garner support in the Canyon View Middle School auditorium for commission seat A, but only two will continue to the June 28 primary. Although the day's proceedings began with questions from the crowd expressing confusion as to the purpose of this year's voting process, candidates took the stage and quickly warmed up their audience of 200 credentialed voters.

During an earlier meeting, a vote for interim Commissioner Seat A went to Casey Anderson, who will serve until Jan.



CODY SMITH

**SAM BROWER** speaks at the Iron County Republican Party 2016 Nominating Convention April 17.

1, 2017. On March 25, former commissioner David Miller resigned from Seat A midterm after holding it for over three years. Iron County Commissioner Alma Adams said Miller moved to Alaska.

During the first round of voting, Casey Anderson received 80 votes; Michael Bleak received 63 votes; Gary Howe received 24 votes; Megan Gower received 22 votes; Gaylord Ivan Robb received 8

votes; and James Lunt received 5 votes.

After tallying the votes, a party member noticed that 202 were counted. Unfortunately, this means two votes were mysteriously included.

Nevertheless, the party decided collectively to continue without casting their votes for round one again.

Leading into the second round of voting, the party members in charge of the ballot boxes brought the boxes in front of the crowd, opened them and turned them upside down. Before each remaining vote, they inspected the boxes in this manner. A single "spoiled ballot" had already been placed in one of the boxes. It was discarded, and voting continued.

Round 2 of voting ended in 94 votes for Anderson, 81 for Bleak and 25 for Howe, knocking him out of the race.

Round three garnered Bleak 101 votes while Anderson's count dropped to 97. Since neither candidate received a 60 percent majority, both will move on to the primary election with Bleak as the GOP

candidate.

For Iron County Commission Seat C, currently held by Alma Adams, three candidates are currently slated to compete in the primary: incumbent Alma Adams, Jody Edwards and Sam Brower.

At the completion of the first round for Seat C, Adams received 115 votes, Jody Edwards 41 and Sam Brower 40.

Following the second round, Adams received 128 votes to Jody Edwards' 60.

Although Adams received 68 percent of the vote and the support of the GOP, he, Edwards and Brower will continue on to the primary election due to Senate Bill 54, which states that candidates can collect a specified number of signatures and gain entry into the primary regardless of convention results. All three gathered the 421 signatures needed to be placed on the ballot.

# SAFE HOUSE

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often an unrealistic window of time to initialize legal action, secure housing, employment, insurance, schooling, childcare, and myriad other necessities to move on with life independently.

"The extended time allows these women the necessary time to heal," she said. "Some actually need to heal broken bones, and all of them need to heal emotionally to get out of crisis mode where they can make rational decisions about their future."

Canyon Creek's need for support has been answered by generous community contributions, Iron County Home Builders Association, and Intermountain Healthcare.

"We've grown and expanded so much and it has taken the whole community coming together," Baldwin said. "I started the project not knowing the details of how it was going to get funded, but knew it would. It's just a testament to me that if you're doing the right thing for the right reasons, it always works out."

The Iron County Home Builders Association had already adopted the safe house project, including the donation of nearly 50 people's time on the project, when Intermountain Healthcare stepped in with a \$50,000 Community Contribution to help fund the cost associated with the expansion and remodel.

"This has taken such a

huge weight off our shoulders," Baldwin said. "It has moved up our timetable and given us the ability to do all the little things right."

Jason Shakespeare, who chairs the project for the Home Builder's Association, said work is being done at cost and most of the labor is donated. He said, "We have spouses, families, and this project is with them in mind. The builders in our community are a tight-knit group even though we're in competition with each other, and we come together when there's a need. This is the type of thing that is right up our alley."

Cyndi Wallace, Interim Administrator at Valley View Medical Center, echoed the sentiment that this is a community that supports its own.

"This funding is a gift from Intermountain Healthcare, but it's a result of efforts on a local level to know and respond to the needs of our neighbors," she said. "We know and understand the mission of not-for-profits. It's our mission too, and when Canyon Creek and its clients are safe — physically, mentally, and emotionally — it helps us here at the hospital in a very real, fundamental way to help people live the healthiest lives possible."

A former client of Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently expressed her thanks for the community who saved her life and the compassionate hand-up from Baldwin and staff that allowed her to find the

peace she had not known for years.

Fleeing a controlling and abusive husband who took her money, broke her car, and threatened her life repeatedly with a deadly weapon, among other forms of abuse, she left with no other option than to seek shelter with her childhood abuser to keep her two children off the street.

After being assaulted and attacked in front of her children by this family member, she finally sought refuge at Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center

where her family resided for a little over a month while she picked up the pieces of their life.

"We had lived in 27 places in seven years," she said. "The things we endured can't easily be explained and go beyond what people can see on the surface. The abuse was unimaginable."

Despite the overwhelming circumstances, this woman fought to create a better life for her family. She was attending school amid the abuse and when she entered the shelter she had a little more than

a semester left to graduate with her bachelor's degree.

Canyon Creek accepted her into their longer term Transitional Housing Program, which subsidized her rent, assisted her with clothing, furniture, food and other necessities of life to become self-sufficient, and also offered healing through their weekly support group for survivors. She graduated from Southern Utah University in May 2015, found employment, started a career, and created a safe haven for her children.

"My kids have made

friends and found some stability," she said. "My daughter even smiles again and has become a sweet, social person, which she was not before. I'm so thankful for all the help my family has received. It has helped me change my life, and kept me and my kids safe from living in an abusive home."

If you or someone you know is in need of domestic violence services or resources, or if you want to donate to this cause, you can visit Canyon Creek's website at [www.ccwcc.org](http://www.ccwcc.org) for more information.



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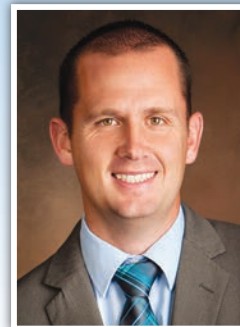
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## EDITOR

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reasons why your way was wrong, completely ignoring any obvious evidence to the contrary. Wherever Joe goes, he takes with him disruption, contention and, dare I say, tyranny.

I'm not sure if I'm the only one bothered by Joe's expressions of opinion, but sometimes it feels that way. In fact, most people seem to agree with Joe and consider him a reliable source of information (not opinion), probably because he speaks with such authority on seemingly every subject ever known to man.

I come from a family – a family that has changed and grown in number over the years – that openly accepts, enjoys and values the diversity that naturally exists among us. Our diversity creates an environment where we learn from each other. In an honest, respectful and open exchange of opinions, we learn truths. We become better people. So it goes with our country and the world.

The Joes of the world are the demagogues. They are the ones who squash dialogue and create totalitarian governments.

Our country was founded on principles that fight against such inflexibility and tyranny. It was founded upon acceptance and principles of tolerance. New York Times author Roger Cohen in a recent article suggests that our country works best when it respects these foundational and fundamental principles.

“Liberty (and other foundational principles) ... demands acceptance of our human differences and the ability to mediate them

through democratic institutions. It demands acceptance of multiple, perhaps incompatible truths,” he wrote.

He goes on to say that in the present condition of our country, “in an age of declamation and shouting, of polarization and vilification” (the conditions wrought by the Joes of our world) we have invited the current menacing political environment which is unhealthy and destructive.

I am well aware that my family is probably not qualified to teach life lessons on most subjects (especially, perhaps, political consulting and theory), but I am confident that there are no Joes among them. Because of this, they are honest, respectful (even while conversing with Joe), great listeners and keen problem solvers. They constantly take in new information and learn from it, even if that information appears to conflict with previously held opinions or beliefs.

I am also confident that my family's way of thinking is consistent with that of this country's founders, who were, again, trying to escape inflexibility and tyranny. In fact, were Joe and I to have that earlier-referenced discussion on the certainties of death and taxes, it would most assuredly come up that the quote is usually attributed to Benjamin Franklin, who was, himself, a learner, a listener and someone who understood that we live in a world with many shades of grey.

That is, unless Joe says it was Donald Trump, then obviously the quote came from Donald Trump and don't you dare try to convince him, or the group of people surrounding him, otherwise.

## BRINKERHOFF

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that Schlosser and other members of AFSCME have repeatedly attempted to rectify but to no avail.

“In this same budget year, the Commission voted to take \$500 away from every county employee's benefit plan,” Tuttle wrote. “At the same time each commissioner was given a near \$10,000 raise. The money for their raises alone would have paid for 60 employees benefit plan to remain the same.”

According to the budget the county allocated an additional \$137,825 over the 2015 budget to the Iron County jail, which includes an increase of \$80,000 to wages and \$94,000 to employee benefits. The IC jail falls under the ICISO.

The ICISO received a budget reduction of \$326,403 when compared to 2015; \$312,000 of the change is due to the commission's decision not to fund eight new patrol vehicles, Miller said in an interview in December 2015. The sheriff said the budget shows otherwise. The budget shows a decrease of \$234,000 in vehicle-related expenses when compared to 2015. The remaining change includes a reduction of \$54,000 in salary and wages/overtime and \$11,000 in employee benefits, which are compiled with various other budgetary changes to make the difference.

Tuttle's concerns do

not stop with the sheriff's office. He stated in his letter to Brinkerhoff that he believes the Commission “forced” Paragonah to end public safety service with the sheriff's office and begin contracting services from a nearby town.

“The commission did this by threatening to withhold fire suppression funds from the Paragonah fire department,” Tuttle wrote. “When asked about this by representatives from Paragonah, Dale told them they were ‘pawns in a bigger game.’”

In addition to Tuttle's concerns that Brinkerhoff aided the commission in strong-arming local authorities, his letter cites the \$60,000 the ICC approved to donate to a political event called the “Western Freedom Festival.” Although Tuttle also cites \$60,000, he believes, is being given to the festival again in 2016, despite it not being in Iron County, the IC allotment is \$20,000 to be made from the Transient Room Tax.

Community members have questioned possible violations of the Utah Code in reference to the county's TRT policies, which can be found at [www.tax.utah.gov](http://www.tax.utah.gov), and states, “Counties or municipalities may adopt this tax to support tourism, recreation, cultural, convention or airport facilities within their jurisdiction.”

Brinkerhoff declined to comment on the letter at this time.

## CYCLOPS

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Republicans were in office three of those years and Democrats one year.

Government can create economic activity through select tax policies or subsidies, but the bulk of jobs come into existence when the “free market” decides there is an opportunity. We've seen it in the ramped-up building of apartments due to Millennials opting for leasing rather than long-term home investment. We're seeing it in the auto industry; low energy prices have manufacturers boosting production of trucks and SUVs rather than smaller energy-saving vehicles.

It happens state by state. As females advance economically and seek personal satisfaction, day spas and time-saving services blossom. As Latino populations grow, ethnic grocery stores are built. As unemployment decreases, “now hiring” signs flourish and wages edge up.

Governors and state legislators actually have more sway economically than the president. If state mandates become

overbearing, companies will look to relocate to more “business-friendly” states. The economy is elastic; if there is a chance to make a buck, someone will swoop in. Similarly, lack of demand will bring job losses (although the majority of job loss has come due to technology, not the actions of a Republican or Democrat president).

It is silly to put off visiting Macy's or R.C. Willey just because The Donald, “Lyn' Ted,” Hillary, or Bernie could win the Electoral College in November. None of them are strong enough to destroy the largest economy in the world.

A guy who knows something about economics said it earlier this year. In a letter to shareholders, Warren Buffet wrote, “For 240 years it has been a terrible mistake to bet against America and now is no time to start. America's golden goose of commerce and innovation will continue to lay more and larger eggs.”

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## Canyon View students show they have talons of talent

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER  
Reporter

**CEDAR CITY** – Canyon View High School hosted its annual talent competition on Wednesday April 13.

Dr. Swiggity Swag, Dig-Dag-Dave, a.k.a. David Jordan, welcomed the audience to the competition.

Jordan, who teaches band and orchestra, has organized the event for

many years under the names CV Idol and Battle of the Bands. However, this year he wanted to try something new.

“I just felt like it was time for a change,” Jordan said. “I’m always super, super impressed every year we do this.”

He then turned the mic over to Colleen Veylupek, who hosted the evening’s event and kept the audience entertained during the eight great

acts of the evening.

Opening the show were Siera and Stetson, who dedicated the song “Iris,” by the Goo-Goo Dolls, to their friend, Destiny, who was having surgery. Following their guitar and vocal duet, senior Talise Mosley sang the Broadway hit “Not for the Life of Me.”

Seniors Lindsey and Melanie played a dueling duet on the marimbas and junior Ashley Jordan,

sang an original song she wrote about love lost called “Left Behind.”

Breanne and Tyrell showed off their country swing skills to Josh Turner’s hit song, “Why Don’t We Just Dance” and Asia Nielson sang “I’m Not the Only One,” by Sam Smith.

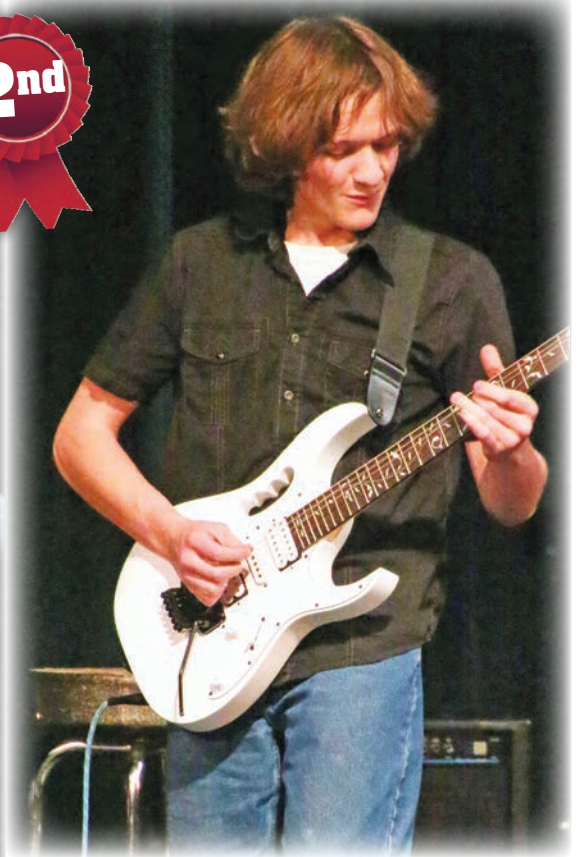
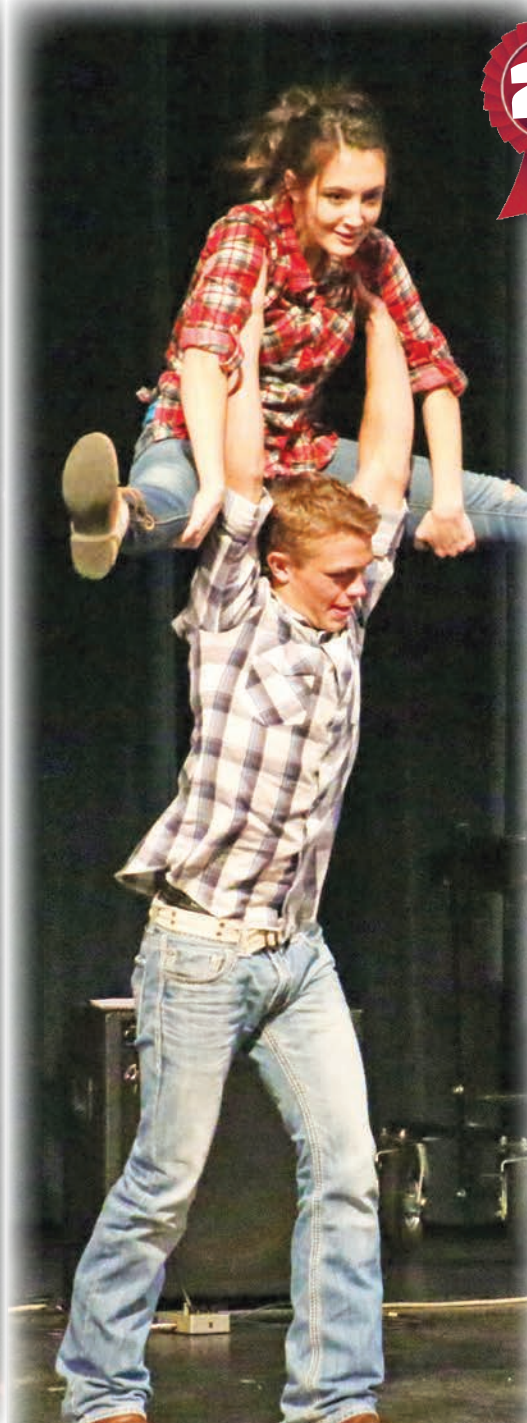
Jonathan Ginoves rocked the house with a finger-flying guitar solo on a compilation of classic rock songs and

ending the competition was Daniel Armijo.

Emcee Veylupek said, “He has the pipes made of gold mined from the dwarf mountains. No dragon could ask for more.” Armijo sang “I see Fire” by Ed Sheeran, which he dedicated to one of his special bros, Seth Edwards. “He’s helped me these past three years to find out more about myself and who I am,” he said.

Just before the audience placed their votes, the newly formed band, Seven Day Soldiers, which had been together for barely seven days, played for the audience, who cast their votes for the winners.

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PHOTOS BY COREY BAUMGARTNER

**CANYON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL HOSTED ITS FIRST “GOT TALENT” EVENT** April 13. Daniel Armijo took home third place. Breanne and Tyrell tied for second place along with Jonathan Ginoves. Ashley Jordan took first place.



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**KEITH BRADSHAW, COMPOSER**, Natalie Bradshaw, violin, and Hannah Bradshaw, viola, will take part in "The Rhythm of Dance" on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center in Cedar City.

# 'Rhythm of Dance' concert to end OSU's concert season with a bang

BY KRISTIN **BEAUCHAMP-BUTT**  
Special to Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** – Spring is here, and with it comes longer days, warmer nights, and the bittersweet end to the Orchestra of Southern Utah's concert season. But though it may be the last concert of the season, the orchestra is determined to go out with a bang.

"The Rhythm of Dance" concert on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. promises to dazzle and entertain by showcasing a wide range of classical dance music.

Committed to covering the widest array of music possible, the orchestra will start in the Baroque period with dances from "Symphony Suite No.3," composed by Johannes Sebastian Bach and written for strings, oboe, and trumpet. Then, from the always-charming Classical period, the orchestra will take on Mozart's surprisingly aggressive Minuetto movement from his "Symphony No. 40."

Jumping ahead to the latter end of the Romantic period, the orchestra, joined by the exceptional

SUU Ballroom Dance Team, will be tackling Johann Strauss's vibrant Radetzky March, a celebratory march that promises literal dancing in the aisles.

The orchestra will also be playing Jacques Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld." Though the title may not immediately sound familiar to the average audience goer, its "Infernal Gallop" theme will be instantaneously recognizable, as it is the origin of the infamous Can-Can.

Taking inspiration from other cultures, the orchestra will also be embarking on Dvořák's "Slavonic Dances No. 3 and 8," as well as a traditional Chinese piece, the "Dance of the Yao People," composed by Liu Teshan and directed by visiting conductor Qi Li.

On the modern end of the spectrum will be Summer Dances, written by Brian Balmages, as well as a piece so modern it has indeed never been heard before – the world premiere of resident composer Keith Bradshaw's "American Suite," commissioned by the Barlow Endowment for Music Composition

at Brigham Young University and the Orchestra of Southern Utah. The composer's daughters Natalie and Hannah Bradshaw are featured in soloist roles.

Mirroring the wide variety of styles in this concert's playbill, the orchestra will be directed by accomplished conductors Xun Sun, Carylee Zwang, Adam Lambert, and guest conductor Qi Li. As a thank you to the orchestra's many invaluable supporters, a cookie social will be held in the Heritage Center shortly after the concert.

The concert will begin 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 [www.heritagectr.org](http://www.heritagectr.org). Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$30 for groups up to six. Because 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.

Come and enjoy the exuberance of music composed for dance.

# 'Tis the season for Cedar City Arts Council Artists' Mini-Grant Program

BY MARY ANNE **ANDERSEN**  
Cedar City Arts Council

I love the cyclical nature of the year. The coming of the seasons, the anticipation of yearly events, birthdays and anniversaries are all comforting to the likes of a person of order like me.

So it is with a real sense of satisfaction that I have processed another set of applications and awards in the Cedar City Arts Council Artists' Mini-Grant Program. 'Tis the season.

Six individuals or organizations received grants of up to \$500 this term. The still fairly-new choral group, The Red Rock Singers, received some funds to present a major fundraising effort in July. They intend to present a "Christmas in July" event complete with dinner, auction, and concert. Their intent is to raise some of

are cut into the sides of the barrels and then fires are ignited inside. Of course the design is then back lit and the whole piece becomes a thing of beauty and warmth.

I thought they were beautiful, and so, apparently, did many of you. Wyett has received several orders and will use his grant money to purchase tools to better facilitate the practice of his new art form.

Jay Merryweather, another local artist of some reputation, will use his grant to create a mobile art classroom in the shape of a STEAM engine. This cart will then travel from room to room, taking art lessons to individual classrooms at North Elementary School. The cart will serve as the art-designated space that the school cannot provide.



The Arts Council expects it to be a thing of beauty by itself.

the money that is necessary to the needs of a performing group: music, venue rental, advertising, etc.

Danielle Dubrasky, a local poet of some note, has been invited by the Orchestra of Southern Utah to submit a poem to composer Mark Dal Porto who will use it as inspiration for a commissioned work with reference to the southern Utah landscape. Her poem "Retrieval" depicts the ancient origins of our Cedar City geology. Dubrasky will use her award to create a broadside of her work that will be on display in the theater lobby the night of the performance.

I wrote of the beauty of Wyett Ihler's metal barrels after seeing them at Frontier Homestead State Park at Christmas time. Appropriate designs

Painter Valerie Orlemann requested the means to upgrade her field easel of use to her when she paints outdoors. Her old one is battered, heavy, and inconvenient – especially after it has been blown over the edge of a cliff one time and dumped paint thinner on her work another. The council was only too happy to improve her working tools.

The Learning Tree, run by Kristy Kae DeGraaf, has asked for funds to purchase two drums to introduce its little clients to the joys of music through percussion instruments. Parents praise DeGraaf's desire to supply their children with quality experience while they are in her care. Who knows? Maybe a budding percussionist will be inspired by the quality instruments intended for purchase.

# SUU launches new music technology master's degree



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BY **SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS**

*Special to Iron County Today*

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According to Steven Meredith, SUU's director of choral activities and music technology, this degree will allow students more flexibility in the job market.

"The main theme of this degree is not to sit in a cubicle from 9 to 5. This degree allows students to cobble together three to four different jobs and create a career from it," he said.

In recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics,

musician employment from 2012-2022 is expected to grow 5 percent while broadcast and sound engineering technicians' employment is expected to grow 9 percent all due to digital downloads and new emerging music technology.

In his article, "The Coming Melt-Down in Music Higher Education," music educator and critic David Cutler of the Duquesne University Center for Music Entrepreneurship Studies suggests that a music technology focus might be critical to the future of music education in general.

"As we have witnessed in the recording, automobile and housing sectors, past formulas for success may not last forever," Cutler said. "Industries that fail to adapt to current realities are often unsustainable ... over the coming decades, the music schools

that thrive will be those that differentiate their offerings, cultivate entrepreneurial leaders, and best prepare students for professional realities."

The Master of Music degree in music technology is an online degree program designed primarily for musicians who want to use technology to enhance and expand their current skill set. Those who wish to work or are already working as technicians in the music profession will have opportunities to increase their knowledge of current and emerging technology in the industry.

In total, the degree consists of a 30-credit curriculum, which also includes regular interaction with instructors through videoconference and desktop project-sharing technologies.

Those interested in this program should contact SUU at (435) 865-8665 or [onlineadmissions@suu.edu](mailto:onlineadmissions@suu.edu).

## Local performer takes stage at world's largest powwow

**CEDAR CITY** – Amadeo Francisco Wauneka from Cedar City, Utah will perform on Stage 49 at the 33rd annual Gathering of Nations powwow in Albuquerque, N.M., the world's largest gathering of Native American and indigenous people.

The Gathering of Nations powwow, considered the most prominent Native American event in North America, will host hundreds of thousands of people and more than 700 tribes from

performing more than a dozen genres of music will entertain powwow attendees on April 29 and 30. Celebrating Native American and indigenous cultures through music, the bands herald from throughout North America, and will perform many types of music and dances. Strolling entertainers including Diamond Creek Crown dancers, Aztec dancers and Zuni dancers will entertain audiences at and around Stage 49.

While select bands will perform

hip hop, country, as well as dance and comedy routines," said Derek Mathews, founder of the Gathering of Nations. "Stage 49 gives performers an opportunity to share their music and talent with a global audience and possibly lead to additional opportunities."

Wauneka is a self-



**AMADEO FRANCISCO WAUNeka**

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELLE JOHNSON

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**–Derek Mathews**

throughout the United States, Canada, and around the world celebrating their culture and traditions through dance, music, food and indigenous dress including feathers, bells, jingles and fringes.

The Gathering of Nations will take place April 28-30 in the WisePies Arena (aka The Pit) in Albuquerque, N.M.

In addition to Wauneka, 35 bands

from the arena floor, Stage 49 is a full production concert stage provided for traditional and contemporary performers.

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taught dancer and has been dancing for more than three years. He was born in Fort Defiance, Ariz. and raised in Cedar City, Utah. He is a 19-year old powwow grass dancer. All of Wauneka's performances are improvised.

## Leavitt Center hosts panel discussion on benefits of STEM and STEAM education

BY JEFF **LOWE**  
Managing Editor

**CEDAR CITY** – The Leavitt Center for Politics & Public Service at Southern Utah University hosted a STEAM vs. STEM panel discussion April 13 at the Sharwan Smith Student Center.

The purpose of the discussion, moderated by Leavitt Center Student Executive Council members Clay Crozier and Jaren Jeffery, was to differentiate between STEM and STEAM programs and consider the benefits and possible drawbacks of integrated and interdisciplinary science and art programs in education.

“The question we are trying to answer is, ‘Does art even matter in STEM education?’” said Crozier to begin the discussion.

To help answer this question and further the discussion, Ray Whittier,



JEFF LOWE

**WILLIAM HEYBORNE**, Carrie Trenholm, Stan Lockhart and Ray Whittier discuss the pros and cons of STEM and STEAM education at Southern Utah University’s Sharwan Smith Center last week.

principal at North Elementary School, Stan Lockhart, government affairs manager at IM Flash Technologies, William Heyborne, biology professor at SUU and director of the

SUU Center for STEM Teaching and Learning, and Carrie Trenholm, an art educator for more than 21 years, were invited to weigh in on the advantages and disadvantages of STEM and

STEAM programs. Crozier said the Leavitt Center recently surveyed students about the importance of STEM and STEAM programs and that STEAM won the poll “overwhelmingly.” He

questioned whether the state had its priorities in the right place.

“There is a big emphasis on science and technology and engineering and mathematics,” Trenholm said. “I can understand

that necessity because it had been neglected for a while ... I also am seeing an incredible amount of support from our governor as far as the arts are concerned, as well.”

She added that arts and science education has been integrated to facilitate learning through the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program.

Lockhart emphasized the importance of pursuing education with the end goal of obtaining a job in mind.

“There is a need for well rounded people in society, but truly, if you can’t get a job then how well rounded can you really be?” he said.

Citing a Deseret News article listing the highest paying jobs out of college, Lockhart said, “I can tell you the number of (jobs) that required art as part of the job was very minus-

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## Family Support Center to host ‘Creating Family Memories’ silent auction and fundraiser

BY JEFF **LOWE**  
Managing Editor

**CEDAR CITY** – The Family Support Center in Cedar City will host “Creating Family Memories” at Southern Utah University’s Starlight Room (upper level of the Sharwan Smith Student Center) April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event is taking place in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month and serves as the main fundraiser of the year for The Family Support Center.

The event will feature an elementary school art contest with the winners announced at 7 p.m. that evening. There will also be a silent auction, creative art activities for kids, and parenting education booths, which will include

local organizations such as Utah Foster Care, Canyon Creek Women’s Crisis Center, The Family Support Center, and more.

Kasey Nielson, an intern with The Family Support Center in charge of the event, said Cedar High FCCLA will be on hand to do art demonstrations, including making homemade lava lamps. She said the silent auction will include movie theater tickets, a drill donated by Sears, a gift basket donated by Great Harvest Bread Company, full-service car washes donated by Wet Willy’s, and more.

“This is a really important event because it’s the main fundraiser of the year for The Family Support Center and they’re a non-profit center,” Nielson said. “They

provide crisis care for everyone in the community. Everything raised (at the event) will go directly to help provide care and other services.”

In connection with

“Creating Family Memories,” several local organizations, including The Family Support Center, have planted pinwheel gardens around town in recognition of

Child Abuse Prevention Month. Rainbow Sign and Banner has generously donated the signs on display in the gardens. Pinwheels for Prevention is a national campaign

celebrating children’s lives. The pinwheels are a “symbol for the great childhoods all children deserve,” according to [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org).



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER** and other local organizations have planted pinwheel gardens around town in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Rainbow Sign and Banner generously donated the signs seen in the gardens.

# Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, APR. 20

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

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**TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) MEETINGS**, lose weight without buying special foods, morning meeting weigh-in at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:30 a.m., evening meeting weigh-in 6:30 with meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Cedar City Library in the Park, for more information call Rhea Church (morning meeting) at 586-3233 or Liz (evening meeting) at 867-4784.

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

**"UNDERSTANDING LIFE" BY JAMES SWARTZ**, "Vedanta: Putting life's puzzle together by acquiring the knowledge that dispels ignorance," 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.

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## THURSDAY, APRIL 21

**CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**, 6:30 p.m., Cedar City Council Chambers at the city offices, for information visit [www.cicwcd.org](http://www.cicwcd.org).

**OSU CONCERT: "RHYTHM OF DANCE"**, 7:30 p.m., Cedar City Heritage Theater, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$30 for groups of six. Children older than 6 are welcome. No babies please, as concerts are recorded.

**SCOTTY MCCREERY CONCERT AT THE SUU CENTRUM ARENA**, 7 p.m., for tickets visit [www.tbirdtickets.com](http://www.tbirdtickets.com), McCreery is the winner of season 10 of American Idol.

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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](http://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](http://www.cedarcitytoastmasters.org).

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

**AL-ANON HOPE FOR TODAY (FOR THE FAMILIES OF ALCOHOLICS)**, 7 p.m., The KKC Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (435) 531-1045.

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**CEDAR READS EVENT**, 7 p.m., Cedar City Heritage Theater, author Ally Condie will discuss her new book "Summerlost," the new Cedar Reads book. There will be a question and answer period and book signing afterward.

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING**, 10:30 a.m., Cedar City Library in the Park, for more information call Betty at 586-9790.

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**TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) MEETINGS**, lose weight without buying special foods, morning meeting weigh-in at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:30 a.m., evening meeting weigh-in 6:30 with meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Cedar City Library in the Park, for more information call Rhea Church (morning meeting) at 586-3233 or Liz (evening meeting) at 867-4784.

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

**"LIVING MEDITATION" BY CATHERINE INGRAM**, "understand the impermanence of life, and enjoy everything while it's present," 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.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 23

**5K UFO FUN RUN**, a fundraiser for the Southern Utah Space Foundation, 10 a.m., beginning at the baseball fields by the Rotary Centennial Veterans Park, costumes are encouraged, along with the fastest runners, the best dressed aliens will receive prizes, \$10. For more information about the SUSF and its goals, or to sign up for the 5K, visit [www.susf.org](http://www.susf.org).

**SOUTHERN UTAH AUTISM CONFERENCE**, put on by the Southwest Educational Development Center and the Utah State Office of Education, more than 30 sessions to choose from, for more information or to register visit [www.sedck12.org](http://www.sedck12.org).

**MOHEY TAWA JUNIOR DRILL COMPETITION AND CRAFT FAIR**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cedar High School, admission to the craft fair only is \$1. For the drill competition and craft fair the cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids or \$20 for a family.

**"RED HOT POTATO CHIPS" POP-UP ART SHOW**, noon to 6 p.m., 535 S. Main St. #9 in Cedar City, installation art by visiting New York artist Tom McFarland, for more information call Jan at (575) 993-1724.

**NATIONAL PARK WEEK**, offering fee free entry into all national parks, for more information on the parks visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

**UTAH SUMMER GAMES WATER POLO**, SUU Natatorium, for more information visit [www.utahsummergames.org](http://www.utahsummergames.org).

**RAPID CYCLING RACING CEDAR CITY STAGE RACE**, a road race starting in the morning at the Cross Hollows Event Center and a criterium in the afternoon. For more information visit [www.rapidcyclingracing.com](http://www.rapidcyclingracing.com).

**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.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 26

**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](mailto:larrylas@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC**, 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.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 24

**NATIONAL PARK WEEK**, offering fee free entry into all national parks, for more information on the parks visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

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

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



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# Future doctor Alex Nielson named SUU Valedictorian

BY **SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS**

Special to Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** – Dancer, counselor, tutor, leader, researcher, student, valedictorian – these are only a few of the roles Alex Nielson has embraced during her time at Southern Utah University. Nielson will represent SUU as an example of hard work and dedication during her recognition at the university's commencement April 30 in the Centrum Arena.

The 22-year-old from Holladay, Utah has earned a 4.0 GPA, spent countless hours working toward superior achievement as a biology major and chemistry minor, and through her efforts has learned the priceless principle of self-motivation.

“You have to be self-motivated in college,” Nielson said. “It was hard when friends would go out and I’d have homework due or tests on Monday, but it’s so worth it to look back and see how much I’ve achieved.”

Nielson’s collegiate career didn’t begin at SUU. She actually started college at a much larger institution, and today speaks of her general chemistry course there and how unreachable her professor was for the students.

“The professor was teaching 900 kids so there was no opportunity to go speak with him,” she says. “When I heard about SUU, smaller class sizes and the opportunity of working closely with my



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

**ALEX NIELSON WILL BE RECOGNIZED** as Southern Utah University’s valedictorian at the university’s commencement April 30 in the Centrum Arena.

professors, I made my decision to switch. People actually know my name here and care about my future studies.”

After transferring to SUU, Nielson found her chemistry professor to be much more accessible and responsive. Professor Ty Redd, Nielson’s organic chemistry teacher and mentor, has high expectations for his students and does his best to make 8 a.m. classes funny and interactive.

“Alex is an excellent student with great work ethic, stamina, drive and motivation,” Redd said. “She is meticulous with excellent study habits, intellectually independent and creative. Oh yes, and giggly.”

In the Nielson household, medical practice is the family business. Her father is a working OB/GYN, her mother a registered nurse and her sister a recent graduate of nursing school. With good examples sur-

rounding her, Nielson developed a love for medicine and a drive to serve others.

Inspired by two trips she has taken to Nicaragua with SUU’s Rural Health Scholars, Nielson hopes to lead her own medical missions once she is a practicing medical professional. Whitney Johnson, program coordinator for the Utah Center for Rural Health, has worked with Nielson on these two alternative spring breaks and has nothing but good

things to say of this future doctor.

“Alex has taken on a highly rigorous coursework in her preparation for medical school and kept exceptional grades throughout her academic career,” Johnson said. “She has balanced school, community service, and extracurricular work with the utmost precision and deserves to be recognized for that accomplishment.”

“Your hard work will pay off” is a phrase Nielson’s mother would often say to her. Although she has worked hard her entire life, at dance, school and jobs, Nielson says she has only recently seen this concept coming to fruition.

“I never believed my mom growing up,” Nielson said. “Then I got the call this spring saying I had been accepted to the University of Utah School of Medicine – my life dream – and I realized all my hard work is paying off.”

“Alex has not only reached her goals, she has crushed them,” Johnson said. “She has come one step closer to realizing her dreams.”

During her undergraduate education, Nielson has danced with the Waukeenians, tutored for multiple subjects, helped at Camp Kesem as a summer counselor, volunteered at Valley View Medical Center and traveled with Rural Health Scholars. She has made the most of the opportunities SUU offers, and SUU is proud to claim her as a Thunderbird.

## SUU license plate program helps students

BY **CAITLIN WINGET**

Special to Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** – When an alumnus or community member buys an SUU license plate, it does more than allow free parking on campus; it also helps fund needed scholarships that change the lives of students.

One such student is Alexis Molnar, a senior graphic design major from Las Vegas, Nev., who came to Southern Utah University and worried about making ends meet. At one point, she worked two jobs while going to school full-time and maintaining a 3.91 GPA through 76 credits.

Molnar said her scholarship allowed her to gain new experiences by serving in the graphic design club and volunteering as a graphic designer for the

SUU Admissions Office, and less time worrying about making ends meet.

“When I found out that I had received this scholarship, I was brought to tears,” Molnar said. “I have been able to work less and focus more on my upper division coursework. During this time, I also received scholarship housing which helps my husband and me even more. This scholarship is a blessing to our lives and I am forever grateful!”

A shock came to Kelton Chapman, a junior communication major from Oak City, Utah, when he received a scholarship that was solely funded by SUU license plates. Chapman said he is grateful for alumni and

community members for supporting SUU.

“It means a great deal that other people are willing to sacrifice something to help me in my schooling,” said Chapman, who

plans on graduate school after he graduates from SUU.

Another student who has her sights set on graduate school is Hadlie

Visser, a sophomore elementary education major from Layton, Utah. Visser loves to read, be outside and plans on becoming an elementary school teacher after her SUU graduation.

“Not only does it (the scholarship) help me pay for school, but it also gives me confidence in myself,” Visser said. “Knowing that someone else believes in

me enough to help me through school makes me feel more able to achieve the things I want in college.”

Single mother of one and full-time student, Heather Gow, a freshman from Hampton, Va., came to SUU even though odds were against her finishing her education after she was divorced.

Gow said she is willing to do anything to provide for her child who was diagnosed on the autism spectrum, which meant going back to school.

“The scholarship showed me that I have support here at SUU and there are people willing to invest in my future,” Gow

said. “When all the odds seemed stacked against me, having the support makes all the difference!”

“All of us at SUU are so grateful for the support alumni and community members give our students,” said Mindy Benson, vice president for alumni and community relations. “Scholarships funded through the SUU license plate program do make a difference, and your support is vital to our students’ educational success.”

Alumni and community members wishing to purchase an SUU license plate and assist a student with his or her education, can do so for \$25 at your local Utah Department of Motor Vehicles office. For more details, call the Alumni & Community Relations Office at (435) 586-7777.



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# People

## MISSIONS

### Tyler Chad Carter



Tyler Chad Carter has returned home from serving in the Texas, Houston South Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Tyler will speak April 24, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Cobble Creek Ward, 2015 Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City. Tyler is the son of Chad and Sherene Carter of Cedar City. Grandparents are Cal and Gaye Carter and Nile and Zora Sorenson of Cedar City. Welcome home, Tyler.

## MISSIONS



### Paul and Maureen Holyoak

Paul and Maureen Holyoak, of Cedar City, Utah, will serve in the California Riverside Mission as senior missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They will speak in church April 24 at 11 a.m. at the Cedar City 4th Ward Chapel, 400 N. 500 West in Cedar City.

### DeWitt J Erickson



DeWitt J Erickson has returned from serving in the Portugal, Porto & Lisbon Missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will speak in church Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the Cedar 2nd Ward Chapel, 256 S. 900 West, Cedar City at 9 a.m. He is the son of Reed and Nola Frickson.

### Ariana Hess



Ariana Hess has been called to serve in the Argentina Salta Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She spoke in church April 17 at the Cedar Hills Ward Chapel, 95 N. 2125 West, Cedar City, Utah. Ariana will enter the Argentina Missionary Training Center on April. 21. Her parents are Todd and Lina Hess.

## WEDDING



### Joy Seegmiller and Ben Ames

Joy Seegmiller and Ben Ames were married March 24 in the Bountiful LDS Temple. They will greet friends and family at an Open House on Saturday, April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Frontier Homestead State Park, 635 N. Main St., Cedar City. Joy grew up in Cedar City and graduated from Cedar High and SUU and is looking forward to introducing Ben, who is from Moses Lake, Wash. They are making their home in Bountiful. The Homestead is a great place for a party and Seegmillers invite you to come and enjoy the evening with us at the park.

### Savannah Werber



Savannah Werber has been called to serve in the Missouri Independence Mission, also serving in the Independence Visitor's Center, for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She will speak in church at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 24 at 370 N. 4050 West in Cedar City. She reports to the Missionary Training Center on May 4. She is the daughter of Steve and Lenette Werber, and the granddaughter of George (deceased) and Julia Werber of Cedar City, Dorlene Werber and Rick Klaus of Henderson, Nev., and Len and Marti Barrow of Las Vegas, Nev.

### McKenzie Lee Evans



McKenzie Lee Evans has returned from serving in the New Hampshire, Manchester Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She will speak in church April 24 at 11 a.m. at the Ashdown Forest Ward, 638 E. Canyon Center Drive. Her parents are Derk and Kori Evans, of Cedar City.

## NEWBORN

### Brinlee Marie Petersen



Brinlee Marie Petersen was born March 22, 2016 to April Petersen of Cedar City. Brinlee was 18.5 inches and weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces. Brinlee is welcomed by her Grandma Diane, Grandpa Steve, Aunt Stefanie, Uncle Travis, and five wonderful cousins, Jayden, Gavin, Trinity, Travis, and Orion. Her family loves her so 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](mailto: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.*

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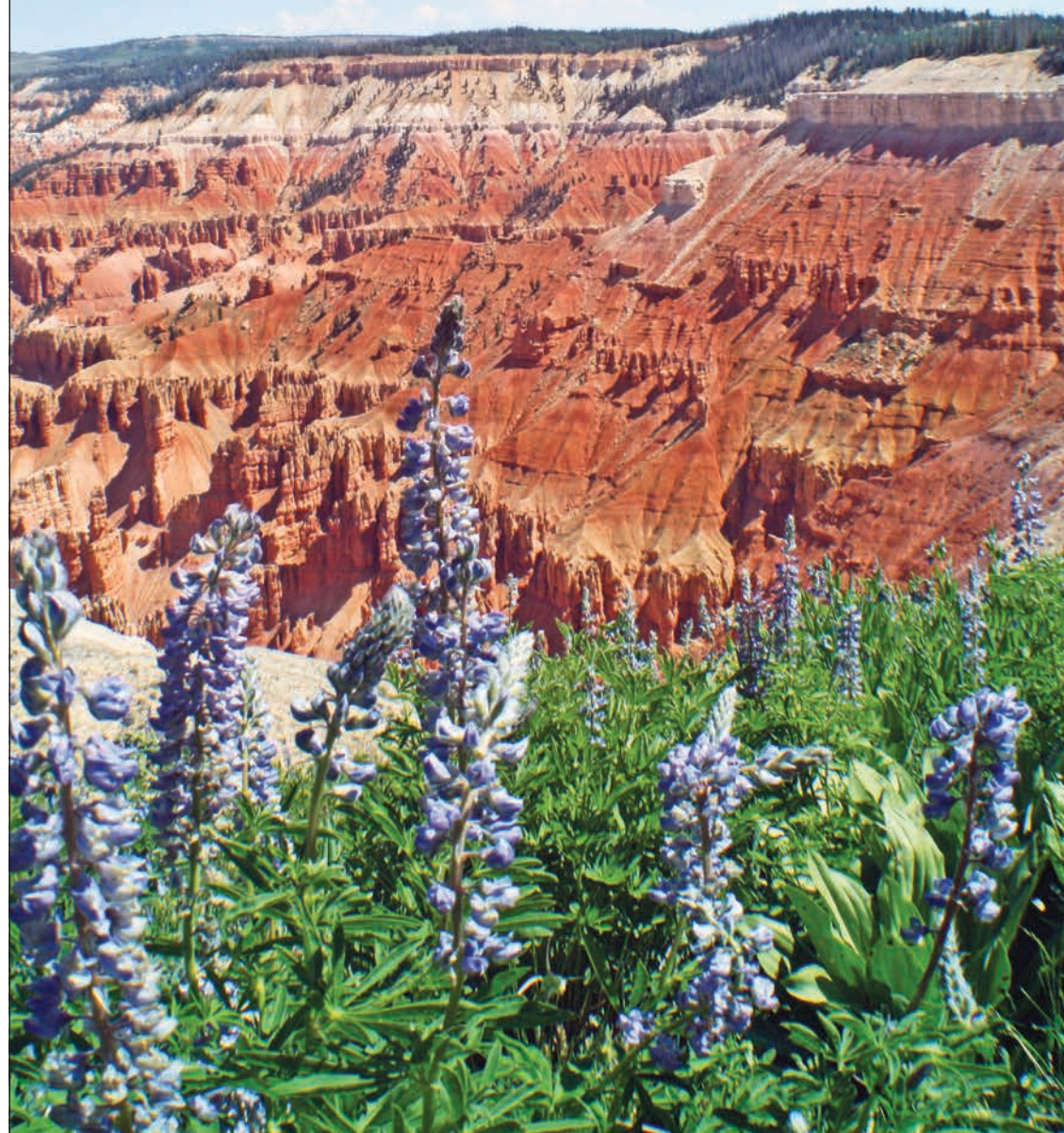
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# Celebrate National Park Week with free admission to every national park

**THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE** is celebrating National Park Week April 16-24 with free admission to every national park. There will be activities on Earth Day (April 22) as well as activities for children and families throughout the week, including National Junior Ranger Day, National Park Instameet events and Park Rx Day. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).



ASHER SWAN

# SUU Army ROTC sponsoring a local food drive

BY ANTHONY BRAUN  
*Special to Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** – The Southern Utah University Army ROTC is hosting a food drive on April 20 to help support the Iron County Care and Share’s increasing demand for food. Come watch “Eddie the Eagle” at 6:30 p.m. at Fiddlers 6 Theater, 170 Fiddlers Canyon Road in Cedar City, and bring food items to donate to the food drive.

Admission to the movie is free with a food donation. ROTC will have SUU Cadets at the movie theater to collect food items to give to the Iron County Care and Share. SUU Army ROTC is sponsoring the event and encourages the community to join them in donating as much food as possible for

those in need. If you have food and would like to donate, but don’t want to watch the movie, donations can be made at Southern Utah University’s campus in the ROTC classroom, TH 005. There is no limit on the number of items you can bring; all the items will be put to use in the community to support families and individuals in need.

Donations are welcome during the entire week leading up to the event, or the day of the event. ROTC cadets will be available to receive those donations and add them to the box that will be taken to the Care and Share.

For more information about the food drive or for instructions to get to SUU’s ROTC classroom, email Anthony Braun at [antbra08@gmail.com](mailto:antbra08@gmail.com).



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# Schools

## Gateway students compete in California festival

“The first essential for the child’s development is concentration. The child who concentrates is immensely happy.”— Maria Montessori

Gateway Academy’s Music Department had a wonderful opportunity to go to Anaheim, Calif. this past week and compete at the Heritage Festival. Choir, band and orchestra students all performed in front of judges and were taught in what ways they could improve.

The judges were very impressed by our students, especially with how young some of them are. The closing ceremonies were held in Disneyland and students had a marvelous time there. Thank you to the parents and chaperons and most importantly to Mrs. Becky Hughes and Mrs. Debbie Doyle for making this trip a success!

This week Gateway students were also able to see the performance of “Junie B Jones” by the Playmakers. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Thank you to all those who made it possible.

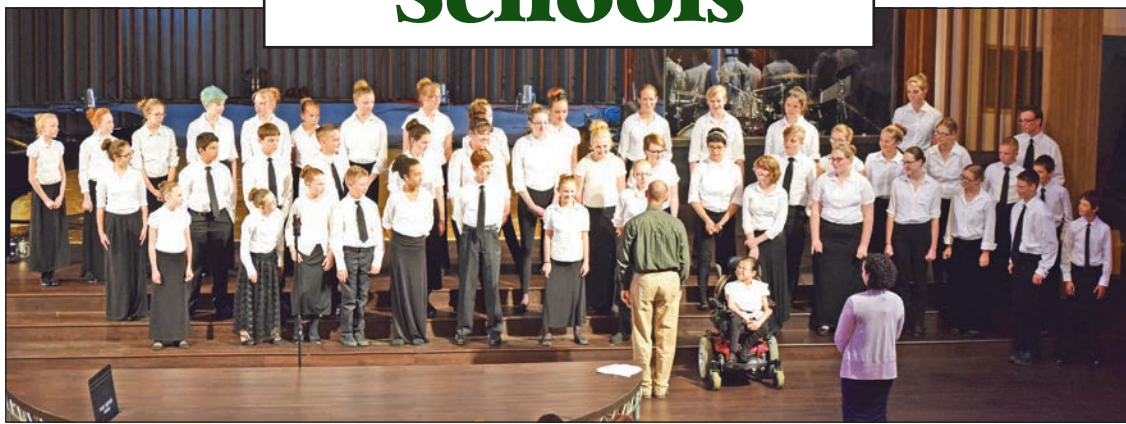
## East attends Playmakers play

Our school was fortunate enough to have the Playmakers from SUU come to our school and put on a play for us. They performed a play called “Junie B. Jones The Musical”

They did a fantastic job performing. It was great being able to see so many children performing with such great talent. The students loved it, and were very well entertained. It is always great to be able to have performances for our students.

## Enoch works on end-of-level testing

Spring is in the air and Enoch Elementary students have been working so diligently with end-of-level SAGE testing.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GATEWAY ACADEMY

**GATEWAY ACADEMY'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT** visited Anaheim, Calif. last week to compete at the Heritage Festival.

Teachers are so appreciative of great attendance during the testing window. It is so fun to watch our students shine and show the academic growth they have gained throughout the past school year.

Mrs. Tracy Womack, our computer lab aide, is such a great asset to our school during the testing period. We praise her abilities to manage testing in our labs with such a level head and positive demeanor.

With the end of the school year coming up, many classes will be having an end of year program. Watch for details coming home from individual teachers. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Ashley Peterson has accepted a new position in the district office. We will miss her abilities and her depth of knowledge. We wish her luck with her new endeavors.

## Fiddlers names Model Mustangs

Fiddlers Elementary recently selected the following students as Model Mustangs. Kindergarten recipients were Christian Perez, Brindle Harris, Michael Howes, Bostyn Bulloch, Janelle Robinson, Ryley Fawson, Cody Stevenson, Roxanna Hernandez, Ty Holmes and Ava Rowley.

First grade recipients were Brix Mcdermaid, Darren Gardiner, Peyton Capello, Teagan Laird, Ellie Barrick, Grant Aitchison, and Gage Miller. Second grade recipients were Jared Ashworth, Marcellia Bow, Amy Holm, Ty Rowley,

Melissa Munro, Wyatt Fawson, Jordan Richardson, and Wyatt Webster.

Ansley Baltzer, Klarissa Williams, Addie Mason, Gabe Bowman, Cody Hulet, Kennedy Slack, Keylee Pierce and Brodie Harris were the 3rd grade recipients. Those receiving the award in the 4th grade were Hallie Newman, Zylea Black, Andrew Barrick, Brooke Johnson, Emily Stagg, Addison Taylor, Kamryn Creamer, and Shawnee Goldthorpe.

Fifth grade recipients were Brooklyn Hulet, Bradyynn Blackburn, Riley Rushton, Karver Mock, Julio Tufur, and Heidi Heath.

## North welcomes new teachers

North Elementary would like to remind parents that our window for teacher requests will be from April 18 to April 29. Any requests received after that will be put on a wait list. Forms to request teachers will be available in the office beginning April 18.

We would also like to welcome our new teachers to North Elementary: Patti Buelte (kindergarten), Kristin Woolsey (first grade), Jill Parrish (fourth grade), Lori Isom (fifth grade), and Brandee Woods (fifth grade).

They are all excellent teachers who were highly recommended by their peers and administrators. We welcome them most warmly and know they will quickly become a vital and creative part of our instructional team!

## Parowan to have end-of-year tests

Spring is here, and students at Parowan Elementary grades 3-6 will be taking the SAGE end-of-year tests. For the next three weeks, students will be assessed in the areas of science, language arts, and math.

We are proud of our students’ hard work this year, and know they will do their best on testing. Thanks parents for all of your support!

## Three Peaks to perform ‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’

The students in Mrs. Susan Parker’s first grade will act out scenes from “Midsummer Night’s Dream” and perform for parents on April 20 at 6 p.m. in the Three Peaks Elementary gym.

Mrs. Toni Robison’s first grade and Mrs. Wendi Fuson’s second grade will be presenting short pieces from “Midsummer Night’s Dream” and will perform for parents on April 20 at 7 p.m. On April 21, all three classes along with Miss Debbie Harding’s class will have the wonderful opportunity to perform at the Bard’s Birthday Bash at SUU.

Michael Bahr, Utah Shakespeare Festival education director, stated, “Our goal is to get local elementary school students acquainted with Shakespeare through their own performance of his words. That way, they find that Shakespeare is a lot easier to

understand than they thought.”

The first and second grade classes will also participate in maypole dances, jousting, improvisation training and performing, and cake with Queen Elizabeth. Thank you Utah Shakespeare Festival for sponsoring this event and inviting our classes to be involved in this educational event.

## CV Middle supports students in state competition

Canyon View Middle School has had great success this year with extra curricular activities in science and math. After doing their best and placing at the local and regional competitions in math and science, CVMS was able to support several students, including Jared Winn, in the “You Be The Chemist” state level competition. Jared took third place and all who participated did an amazing job!

CVMS also had 10 students who qualified for the state math competition at SUU on April 25. CVMS is proud of these students and their supporters and all the work they do to achieve high levels of excellence.

## Cedar Middle has ‘Donations for Donuts’ food drive

CMS student council had a “Donations for Donuts” food drive to support the local food pantry. Mrs. Rebecca Steele and Mrs. Mindy Elliot’s classes had the highest can donations and will be awarded a doughnut party. Thank you for all the donations staff, students, and parents!

As we have already begun our SAGE Assessment testing, please make sure your students come to school with a good breakfast and plenty of sleep. One hundred-eighty-four seventh graders recently enjoyed swimming as a Warrior Pride activity. Qualifications include no Ds or Fs on grades, and no Ns or Us in citizenship.



**GATEWAY CHOIR, BAND AND ORCHESTRA STUDENTS ALL PERFORMED** in front of judges, who were very impressed, especially with how young some of them are. The closing ceremonies of the Heritage Festival were held in Disneyland.



# Obituaries

## Ruby Robinson Bauer



Ruby Robinson Bauer returned home to her Heavenly Father surrounded by her loving family on April 13, 2016.

Ruby was born on May 15, 1931 in Cedar City, Utah to Sarah Lydia Topham and Ernest Calvin Robinson of Paragonah, Utah. She graduated from Parowan High School in 1949. She then moved to Cedar City where she worked and eventually met and married her eternal companion, Forrest (Bud) Bauer.

Bud and Ruby were sealed for time and all eternity in the St. George LDS Temple on March 12, 1957. After they were married they made their home in Cedar City where they worked side by side on the family farm and raising their four children. Ruby spent her life serving not only her own family, but many others as well.

Ruby was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she spent many years serving in various organizations and was Relief Society president on four different occasions. She and Bud also served two service missions at the local LDS bishop's storehouse. Ruby loved the gospel of Jesus Christ and was a faithful daughter of her Heavenly Father throughout her entire life.

Ruby loved spending time with her family. Some of the family's favorite memories included hot dog roasts on the family property south of Cedar City, picnics on the rocks of Zion and mostly time spent at the cabin on Kolob making cherished memories that we will be forever grateful for.

Ruby is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Forrest Q (Bud) Bauer, and her four children, Danette (Manny) Amankwa of Cedar City, Utah, Cal (Joni) Bauer of Santa Clara, Utah, Ryan (Anette) Bauer of Cedar City, Utah, and RaLinda (Tyler) Seegmiller of Cedar City Utah; her grandchildren, Gabe, Ariel, Simeon, and Malabry Amankwa, Josslyn (Leach), Jordan Bauer, James (Shauna), Darin and Nate Erickson, Tessa (Singelton), Nichole, Brady, and Erica Bauer, and Kinsley Seegmiller; also three great-grandchildren, Natalie and Dax Leach, and Jeremy Erickson. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, and sisters, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were April 19, 2016 at the Old Rock Church, 75 E. Center St. Cedar City, Utah. Viewings were April 18 and April 19 before services at Southern Utah Mortuary. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

The family wishes to thank Alliance Hospice for the loving care they provided our wife and mother in her last weeks. A special thank you to Hannah Price, Ethan Bunker, and KC Fatheringham.

## Kent Lyman Munford



Kent Lyman Munford, 76, passed away April 10, 2016. Kent was born to Budd and Marie Munford in Parowan, Utah Feb. 6, 1940. Kent attended 12 years of school in Parowan, Utah, and two years of college at SUU in Cedar City, Utah.

Kent was raised with a very strong work ethic; Kent was a professional floor installer for 50-plus years. Kent enjoyed making his lawn ornaments out of various tools. He enjoyed making things with his hands. Kent was ordained into the High Priesthood of which he was very proud of.

Kent married Alice Joyce Rhodes in Cedar City, Utah on Oct. 2, 1959 where they lived together in Parowan for two years, later moving to Cedar City.

Kent is survived by his wife, Alice Joyce Rhodes; and six children, Debbie (Kirby) Jones of Las Vegas, Nev., James Kent Munford (Joyce Munford) of Picoche, Nev., Karl Budd (Lori) Munford of Cedar City, Utah, Pamela Ann Munford (Joe Williams) of Cedar City, Utah, Daniel K Munford of Cedar City, Utah, and Randy Munford (Danielle Marshall) of Cedar City, Utah.

He is survived by his loving mother, Marie Munford of Cedar City, Utah; siblings, Lyman (Valrae) Munford, Jerry (Gaylynn) Munford, Judy (Mike, deceased) Parry, Joyce Marie Munford and Nicole Munford; eight grandchildren, Kasi and Austin, Tyler, Tanya, A. Jay, Cami and Ross and FaithAnn; and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, Budd Munford, and grandparents Thomas (Mary) Munford.

The family wishes to thank the Cedar City Utah ICU physicians and nurses, the physicians and nurses at the University of Utah in Provo, Utah, and the caregivers and staff at Kolob Rehabilitation Center, as well as friends and staff at Swindlehurst Funeral Home with whom Kent's arrangements and care have been entrusted.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.swindlehurstfuneralhome.com](http://www.swindlehurstfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers a memorial account has been set up at State Bank of Southern Utah, Cedar City, Utah, Main office, 377 N. Main St. in Kent L Munford Donation account.

A viewing was Friday evening, April 15, 2016 in the Relief Society Room of the Cedar City 4th North LDS Chapel (400 N. 500 West). The funeral was Saturday, April 16, 2016, with a viewing at the church before the funeral. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery.

## JoAnn Laird



JoAnn Laird, age 80, passed away on April 13, 2016 at her home in Cedar City, Utah. JoAnn was born on June 27, 1935 in Cedar City, Utah to Ervin and LaVon Wilson Brunson.

She married Raymond Lee Laird on June 28, 1952 in the St. George LDS Temple.

JoAnn had a love for sewing and did this not only at work at Coleman's making sleeping bags, she made everything from Levis to quilts. Her talent for gardening showed in her yard as well as growing flowers, especially the African violets. She loved to go up the canyon, picking elderberries, seeing the fall leaves and enjoyed fishing and hunting with her family. JoAnn's favorite food was shrimp – shrimp of any kind.

JoAnn's love of life showed in all she did from sewing, cooking (sugar cookies), gardening and the beauty all around her. She especially loved her family and it showed in everything she did.

JoAnn is survived by her husband, Raymond Lee Laird of Cedar City, Utah; her children Robert Wilson (Lorrie) Laird of Overton, Nev., Kary Ervin (Karen) Laird of Ogden, Utah and Roland Lee (Bertha) Laird of Enoch, Utah; her brother Frank Brunson and sister Bonnie Crawford; along with 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ervin and LaVon Brunson.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 N. 300 West, Cedar City, Utah. A viewing was Saturday, April 16, 2016 before services. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

## Peggy Lee Harward Benson



Our loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Peggy Lee Harward Benson, age 80, passed peacefully from this life on April 14, 2016 in St. George, Utah from causes incident to age.

Peggy was born in Aurora, Utah on June 20, 1935 to William Ritch and Mabel Ogden Harward. She was the second child in a family of four children. Her love for her parents, two sisters, Marilyn (Gerald) Davis and Karen Young, and brother Brian (Ilene) Harward was apparent whenever they were together.

Peggy attended Richfield High School and achieved high marks academically. She loved her group of friends in school known as the "Solar System" sisters and they got together often to enjoy each other's company. Peggy attended Brigham Young University serving as the student body secretary and was involved in many of the school's service clubs. She graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business.

Peggy met the love of her life, James Lucius Benson, while teaching at Parowan High School. They were married on June 7, 1958 in the Manti LDS Temple. Together Peggy and Jim shared many amazing experiences including, and most importantly, serving our Heavenly Father on three separate missions to Switzerland, Austria and the LDS Family History Center.

After their missions, they served as temple workers in the St. George LDS temple twice a week for many years. Attending the temple faithfully was a highlight in her life. In the temple was where Peggy felt the closest to her Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

Peggy and Jim's marriage was one of true love and constant concern for each other's happiness. Their devotion and pride extended to their children and cherished posterity. She is survived by her husband; siblings; children, Mark (Allison) Benson, Stan (Lesley) Benson, Brent (Amy) Benson, Karen (Paul) McCleary, Nathan Benson, and Thomas Benson; 19 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She treasured the time spent with each of them.

Peggy was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many different positions within the organization including serving as a stake Relief Society president for more than 10 years. She taught school at Parowan High School where she was loved and respected by students and faculty. She loved having an immaculate yard, home and garden and could make delicious bread that no one, to this day, (other than her own mother) has mastered.

Peggy's legacy to her family is one of deep and never wavering devotion to the gospel of Jesus Christ. She served without question and sacrificed what she had to fulfill her commitments to our Heavenly Father. She worked hard at whatever task was laid before her and made sure it was done correctly.

She loved having her family around where there was lots of food, fun and games and to this day remains the (often disputed) croquet champion. Home was to be a heaven on earth, scripture study, spiritually uplifting music, and prayer along with church attendance. Her testimony of Jesus Christ and the Plan of Salvation were always strong and never wavering. She will be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Parowan LDS 3rd Ward Building (90 S. Main St., Parowan, Utah). A viewing will be Friday, April 22, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Southern Utah Mortuary in Parowan (15 E. 100 North). On Saturday, April 23, 2016 the viewing will be at the church from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in the Parowan Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

## Elmer F. Cox 1918 ~ 2016



Elmer Floyd Cox, with the sounds of his favorite songs surrounding him, passed away of natural causes April 13, 2016. He was the second child of nine children: Alma, Elmer, Marie, Lenna, Robert, Evan, Bernice, Amelda and Paul.

He was a kind, grateful man quick to express appreciation and a joke or riddle. It didn't take long to like him and his endearing smile. His "bye for now" left a good feeling in your heart and a smile on your face. A hug from father, grandpa or great-grandpa was a treasure.

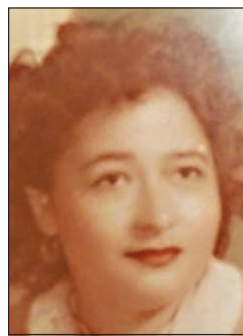
Music was in his DNA. He had a loving tenor voice, a real skill with harmonica and could dance: ballroom, round and especially square dancing. He and his sweet eternal wife, Pauline, of 70 years danced together into his 90s. She left this life five years ago so she could get the orchestra ready and for sure they are gracefully twirling again.

They had five children: Kenneth (Lindy), Michael (Noni), Elvin (Linda), LaNoma "Lannie" (Gary Garcia) and Donald (Cindy), 21 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Elmer was a faithful member of the LDS church. This humble servant served as a stake clerk for 13 years, a counselor in a bishopric and with his wife served a mission to Guam and spent 12 years as temple workers. He was a faithful home teacher right up to his passing. Elmer loved the Lord, his God as evidenced in his last earthly whispered supplication.

A celebration service will be Friday, April 22, 2016 at 11 a.m. with a viewing one hour before at Copperview 8th Ward, 12154 S. 3600 West, Riverton. Viewings will be Thursday, April 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Broomhead Funeral Home, 12600 S. 2200 West, Riverton and April 22 in Cedar City at the 9th Ward Meeting House, 256 S. 900 West, from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a graveside service Saturday, April 23 at the St. George City Cemetery, 700 E. Tabernacle, St. George at 11 a.m. with a viewing before at 10:30 a.m.

## Concepcion Saldaña (Sandoval)



Mrs. Concepcion Saldaña (Sandoval), of Cedar City, Utah died from health-related complications on Thursday morning, April 14, 2016 at the Dixie Regional Hospital in St. George, Utah at the age of 92.

Concepcion Sandoval was born on March 25, 1924 in Colima, Mexico to Francisco Sandoval and Maria Falfan. She married Ignacio Saldaña in 1950. Over 15 years, the couple welcomed seven children into their home and Concepcion set about teaching them the values of hard work, faith, compassion, and kindness to others.

Concepcion and Ignacio experienced sorrow at the loss of their two young sons, Felipe and Nachito in addition to miscarrying a daughter. Realizing that there were greater opportunities they could pursue by leaving Mexico, Concepcion and Ignacio immigrated to the United States (Provo, Utah) on July 4, 1979 with their five remaining children.

Concepcion became a U.S. citizen in 1998 and appreciated every opportunity she had of living in this great country. Concepcion was a devoted mother and grandmother who encouraged her children and grandchildren to pursue their dreams and showed by her example that they could achieve anything they put their mind and focus on. She, her husband, and three daughters and their families have lived in New Harmony and later Cedar City since the year 2000.

Concepcion will be remembered for being generous, optimistic, kind, and always reaching out to help others in need. As an active Roman Catholic throughout her life, she was always a woman of great faith and taught her family to trust in God and have faith no matter the obstacles faced in life. She experienced many challenges throughout her 92 years of life, but always relied on her faith and optimism for the future to see her through the difficult times. She also experienced great joy, lived life to the fullest, and was proud of her family.

Concepcion is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ignacio Saldaña; her five children, Miguel (Silvia) Saldaña, Mary Carrasco, Estella (Gerald) Anderson, Ana Maria Saldaña, and Oscar (Sandra) Saldaña. She is also survived by her sister Modesta Rodriguez. She leaves behind a legacy of 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, and her two sons, Felipe and Nachito.

Funeral Mass was Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 690 S. Cove Drive, Cedar City, Utah. A viewing for those wishing to pay their respects was on Saturday morning at the church. Interment was at the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at [www.sumortuary.com](http://www.sumortuary.com).

The family would like to thank the caregivers and staff at both the Intermountain Dixie Regional Hospital and Valley View Medical Center for their care and compassion during her stay at each of the hospitals leading up to her passing. Also a very special thanks to two very dedicated daughters, Tiachuy and Estella.



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**ELDER LARRY ECHO HAWK** will speak at the Cedar City Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers fireside April 24 at the Cedar City Stake Center.

## LDS general authority to speak at Sons of the Utah Pioneers fireside

BY **SONS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS**

*Special to Iron County Today*

**CEDAR CITY** – The Cedar City chapter of Sons of the Utah Pioneers will host a general authority fireside, “Coming together for future generations,” with Elder Larry Echo Hawk, of the First Quorum of the Seventy, as guest speaker.

The event will take place Sunday, April 24 at 6 p.m. at the Cedar City Stake Center, 155 East 400 South, Cedar City.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Echo Hawk was sustained as a general authority of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 31, 2012. He received a bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University in 1970 and a juris doctor degree from the University of Utah in 1973.

A member of the Pawnee Nation, Echo Hawk was elected attorney general of Idaho in 1990, the first American Indian in U.S. history

elected as a state attorney general. He had served as the Bannock County prosecuting attorney since 1986. Before that, he served two consecutive terms in the Idaho House of Representatives from 1982 to 1986. He subsequently worked as a law professor at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. At the time of his call to the Seventy, he was serving as assistant secretary for Indian affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

## Church Service Directory

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

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

**Christ the King Catholic Church**  
690 S. Cove Drive,  
Cedar City  
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. - Sundays  
Spanish Service  
11:45 a.m. - Sundays  
586-8298

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
**Cedar City Stake**  
155 E. 400 South,  
Cedar City  
586-8381  
9 a.m. & 11 a.m., -  
Sundays  
**Enoch Stake**  
3600 N. Minersville  
Hwy., Enoch  
586-5950  
9 a.m., 11 a.m. &  
1 p.m. - Sundays  
**Parowan Stake**  
90 S. Main St.,  
Parowan  
477-8929  
9 a.m. & 1 p.m. -  
Sundays

**Church of Christ**  
1075 S. Fir, Cedar City  
11 a.m. Sundays  
586-9534

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
2279 N. Wedgewood Ln.,  
Cedar City  
10 a.m. - Sundays  
Childcare Available  
586-8891

**First Baptist Church**  
324 W. 200 North,  
Cedar City  
11 a.m. - Sundays  
586-6994

**Grace and Truth Fellowship**  
**A Church of Christ**  
195 W 650 S, Cedar City  
10 a.m. & 11 a.m. - Sundays  
6 p.m. - Wednesdays  
238-3886

**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness**  
620 E. Nichols  
Canyon R., Cedar City  
7 p.m - Thursdays,  
10 a.m. - Sundays  
867-1837

**Light of the Valley Fellowship Church**  
995 S. Regency Rd.,  
Cedar City  
(Brookdale Senior Solutions)  
1:30p.m. - Sundays  
590-7362

**Mountain View Baptist Church**  
1160 S. 860 West,  
Cedar City  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m. -  
Sundays  
865-1211

**New Life Church**  
**Spring Hill Suites**  
1477 S. Old Hwy 91,  
Cedar City  
10 a.m. Sundays  
233-0047

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

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

**Sonrise Christian Fellowship**  
201 E. 3800 N.  
Enoch  
(Gateway Academy)  
10 a.m. - Sundays  
586-3640

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

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

**True Life Center**  
2111 N. Main St.,  
Cedar City  
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. -  
Sundays  
867-0405

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

**Westview Christian Center**  
2624 W. Hwy 56,  
Cedar City  
11 a.m. - Sundays,  
6:30 p.m. - Wednesdays  
865-1550

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## SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you goes out to all the area Boy Scout troops and their leaders for all their hard work during the recent food drive for the Iron County Care and Share.

Even though the drive proved to be the same great success that it has been in the past, there was one notable improvement that made this year's drive one of the very best. The food items that Care and Share most needed were supplied in a greater abundance than ever before.

The public has to be thanked for this great success as well. Not only did they share from their own abundance, but they also took note of the items that Care and Share has difficulty keeping in stock.

If you would like more information or have any suggestions for other individuals, groups, or businesses that deserve a special thank you, please email Robert at [help.for.the.homeless.one@gmail.com](mailto:help.for.the.homeless.one@gmail.com).

# Worship teams to play in Cedar City Worship Fest

BY CHARLEY WALQUIST

Reporter

**CEDAR CITY** – Three evangelical worship teams will join together April 23 at 1 p.m. for an afternoon of worship and fellowship at the Main Street Park in Cedar City.

The event will take place in the gazebo closer to Main Street and Hermie's, and all ages are encouraged to attend for an afternoon of music and fun. The event is free of charge.

This is the third Worship Fest; the first event occurred in 2013 the weekend before finals week and was hosted by Campus Christian Fellowship. The following year, the group hosted it again at the beginning of April. Although the event did not happen last year, the main coordinator, Steven Walquist, decided to bring it back this year.

"We had a really positive response in the past years from the local churches and community," Walquist said. "Many people (from) the past years were really enthusiastic and encouraging to bring it back."

Walquist has coordinated



CHARLEY WALQUIST

**SONRISE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** plays during Worship Fest in 2014. This year's event will take place April 23 at Main Street Park in Cedar City.

with the local churches that have worship teams, and three of those churches will be present at the park to play. Red

Hills Southern Baptist Church, Sonrise Christian Fellowship, and Calvary Chapel Cedar City's worship teams will be

at the event. Steve Gray, from True Life Center (TLC), will be taking time to run sound for the event.

The event is the result of a lot of cooperation from Walquist, Gray, and the churches. The planning began back in January, and the churches have been preparing their song sets since.

The groups will be playing music by various contemporary Christian artists, and they are excited to share their music with the community.

Walquist, as well as all those involved, are excited to bring the event back to the community.

"We are hoping to continue the event annually and to include more churches in years to follow," Walquist said.

Walquist would like to thank the True Life Center for the use of its sound system for the event, even though its worship team is unable to participate this year. He would also like to thank Gray for taking time out of his schedule to run the sound for the event.

Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend Cedar City Worship Fest to enjoy an afternoon of music, fellowship and fun. For more information, see the Facebook page for "Cedar City Worship Fest" or call (435) 590-3514.

## PANEL

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cule and the number of them that required STEM as a part of the job was very, very large."

"In the 21st Century, that is where we're going," he added. "If you want a job, you gotta learn science, technology, engineering and math."

Lockhart also said he likes the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program because "it more effectively teaches STEM in the classroom. There's a method to doing it. We're not teaching art for art's sake, but we're teaching science, technology, engineering and math."

Heyborne, who said he uses art in teaching college biology, stated that across the country in 2011-12, 84 percent of college degrees were conferred in non STEM fields.

"There has been a huge technological revolution in this country, and yet the number of folks who are pursuing those sorts of degrees has continued to fall very slowly," he said. "I'm not advocating that everyone needs to become a STEM major, that's just unre-

alistic. The world would not go around if we were all STEM majors and it would be a sad place if we didn't have artists ... because they add so much to our quality of life, but ... (there is) a pipeline, if you will, of students coming into careers that is inadequately filled. Literally, we have hundreds of thousands of jobs around the world that go unfilled every year because of a lack of training in these high-tech areas."

"In terms of an economic driver, is it STEM or is it STEAM, clearly it's STEM that's the economic driver, but again, we can't look at STEM in a vacuum," he added, reemphasizing the importance of using those skills creatively.

Trenholm agreed, stating that the arts add to STEM learning. She shared the importance of aesthetics and an understanding of drawing and perception in engineering fields, as well as the importance of understanding music in certain emerging applications for electronic technology. Theater, she said, is important to help people think, present themselves and build confidence.

"Really, we need to branch out of the silos and include the arts, along with the science and technology," she said.

Whittier said North Elementary is trying to teach students to find answers to problems using STEM education, but that thinking creatively is essential to applying these solutions to real life.

"We at North Elementary believe in the balance of all that," he said. "As far as ... trying to help kids to be great scientists, part of that is the arts, helping them think outside the box, creatively communicate."

Trenholm added that by integrating arts education into student curriculum, the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program has seen an increase in attendance and slight increases in math and testing in the arts integrated areas.

"We see an increase in interest and enthusiasm in learning the subjects," she added.

For more information about STEM and STEAM and to further the discussion about their importance in education, visit [www.stem.utah.gov](http://www.stem.utah.gov) and [www.btsalp.com](http://www.btsalp.com).

# Spring

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TOM ZULEWSKI

**PAYTON HIGGINS AND MELISSA COVINGTON** sign their National Letters of Intent at Canyon View High School April 13.

## Higgins, Covington sign NLI's

BY TOM ZULEWSKI  
Sports Writer

When the moment finally arrived, Payton Higgins felt a sense of relief. Melissa Covington knew she had a chance to run track that was too good to pass up.

The Canyon View pair saw the culmination of their hard work come to life April 13 when they signed their respective National Letters of Intent to play at the next level. Higgins will join the baseball team at Cal State San Bernardino and Covington will run for Dixie State cross country and track and field.

Higgins became the third Falcon player in the last three seasons to advance to a four-year school and said the moment of signing his letter was worth the effort.

"I'm just really relieved and happy," Higgins said. "I've worked so hard for this, I'm glad to see the hard work has paid off."

And the allure of the weather in Southern California certainly helped along with playing under former Dixie State pitching coach Dave Martinez, who is in his first year as head coach of the Coyotes.

"It's a nice place, and you can play baseball 24-7, pretty much. They'll be really good in the next year or two," Higgins said.

Higgins said Dixie State had some interest, but they ended up

"easing out over the last little bit."

Falcon coach Jason Jacobsen added that the work of latching on to the school came by reaching out to Martinez directly.

"We made a phone call to Coach Martinez because we knew he liked (Payton) when he was here," Jacobsen said. "We talked about what Payton wanted in a baseball program and a school, and all the stuff going forward. I think San Bernardino is a great place for him."

Covington has two sisters who are part of the nursing program at Dixie State, and the track opportunity was something that came together within the last month. She had yet to visit the school before signing day.

"We've been talking back and forth through email," Covington said. "It's a really recent thing."

The track and field program will be making its debut next season for the Trailblazers, something that helped Covington seal the deal.

"I wanted track mainly, but I liked cross country, too," she said. "When the coach (Justin Decker) contacted me and said they were starting a track program, it was so awesome."

Covington runs in the 100- and 200-meter dashes for the Falcons and was on the 4x100 sprint relay team that placed third at the 3A state meet last spring.

## CV baseball sweeps Hawks, closes perfect first half

BY TOM ZULEWSKI  
Sports Writer

When a pitcher finds himself in early trouble, any offensive support is welcome and serves as a powerful motivator. For the Canyon View Falcons, the offense continued to click on all cylinders last week.

Xavier Stoker allowed two runs over five innings on the mound, and the Falcons belted three home runs – the last by senior Payton Higgins – in a 12-2 rout over North Sanpete on April 14. Canyon View wrapped up the first half of Region 12 play with a perfect 6-0 record.

"It's always easier to pitch when you have a lead," Canyon View coach Jason Jacobsen said. "Xavier did a good job, and we really need him to be good for us, to do what he did today."

The Falcons staked the senior to a 3-0 lead after an inning with the help of an RBI single from Higgins and a two-run single from Tyler Hardin, but the visiting Hawks got one run back in the second when Garrett Christenson singled. Christenson moved to third later in the inning, but was thrown out at the plate for a 6-3-2 double play after Wyatt Nunley grounded out.

CV got the run back in the bottom of the frame on back-to-back doubles from Dallin Smith and Joey Mackelprang, but North Sanpete countered in the third with an unearned run on a throwing error that cut the deficit to 4-2. The Hawks loaded the bases later in the inning, but Stoker got Christenson to hit a line drive at shortstop Cadyn Clark that he turned into a double play to retire the side.

"We swung the bats well," said Stoker, who will be taking a recruiting trip to Trinidad State College in Colorado this week. "It's easy to pitch when you have a lot of insurance."

Zac Savage gave Stoker a big boost with his bat after the Falcons escaped the jam. The senior first baseman belted a two-run homer to left with two out in the third, then added a three-run shot with two out in



JR ROBINSON

**CANYON VIEW BASEBALL** wrapped up the first half of Region 12 play April 14 with a perfect 6-0 record.

# Lady Reds softball drops pair of games on the road

BY TOM ZULEWSKI  
Sports Writer

After rolling through its first four games in Region 9 play, the Cedar softball team ran into a roadblock last week, suffering a pair of road losses and falling out of first place.

The Lady Reds had their bats quieted by Snow Canyon pitcher Heather Prestwich in a 2-0 loss to the Warriors on April 12, then committed eight errors and dropped a 9-5 decision to Desert Hills on April 15. Cedar fell to 4-2 in region play, a full game behind the Warriors and Thunder.

While the Lady Reds were able to hold Snow Canyon to single runs in the fourth and sixth

innings, it was a different story at Desert Hills as the home team built a big lead early.

Shelby Reynolds was hit by a Bryton Holyoak pitch leading off the bottom of the first inning, and pitcher Brianna St. Clair reached on an error that moved the runners to

With one out in the second, Megan Wiscombe reached on an error and Morgan Rosemeyer beat out a fielder's choice to put runners at first and second. Both moved up as Reynolds grounded out, then St. Clair drove them in with a triple

open in the third with five runs, highlighted by a two-run double from Reynolds with two out that chased Holyoak from the circle.

"That's the worst we've played since the March Warmup," Cedar coach Chris Weaver said. "I don't like to

Clair error, moving over to third on a groundout and scoring on a wild pitch.

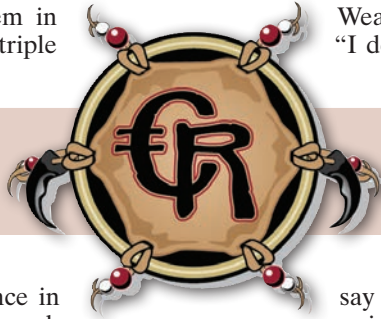
With Sage Oldroyd on in relief, the Thunder wouldn't score again and the Lady Reds continued to rally.

A leadoff walk to Sadie Leavitt and singles from Oldroyd and Abby

drive to center field that turned into a running catch that kept Anderson at third base and saved two more runs. St. Clair escaped further damage by retiring Williams and Pua Johnson on pop-outs.

Cedar scored its final runs in the seventh. Meisner was hit by a St. Clair pitch leading off and Williams singled to left. Both runners moved up a base on an error and scored on a second throwing error as Johnson grounded

**DESERT HILLS 9  
LADY REDS 5**



**SNOW CANYON 2  
LADY REDS 0**

second and third. Sophie Wilcox reached on a second error that allowed both runners to score for a 2-0 lead.

Holyoak was able to stop the bleeding by striking out the side, but the problems were only beginning.

to the fence in left. Although she was thrown out at the plate trying to score herself for the final out of the inning, St. Clair returned to the circle with a 4-0 lead.

The Thunder batted around and blew the game

say I'm disappointed in the kids, but their effort was sub-par today. That's all you can say."

Cedar broke its 10-inning scoreless drought when Hannah Williams led off the fourth by reaching second on a St.

Anderson loaded the bases with no outs in the fifth, and Allie Meisner lined a two-run single that deflected off the glove of St. Clair that cut the lead to 9-3 and put runners at second and third.

That brought up Javlyn Weaver, who sent a line

out.

The Thunder sealed the victory when Amanda Cardon lined to short for the final out.

The Lady Reds returned home to play Pine View on April 19. Results were not available at press deadline.

# Thunderbirds wrap spring ball with annual Spring Game

BY SUU MEDIA RELATIONS  
Special to Iron County Today

**CEDAR CITY** - The Southern Utah University football team hosted its annual Spring Game April 16, pitting the Thunderbird offense against the defense.

The defense prevailed 53-52 over the offense, with a scoring system that awarded points not only for the standard scores, but for turnovers, three and outs, sacks, 15-plus yard rushing plays, 20-plus yard passing plays and other offensive and defensive marks.

The offense and defense would square off for three series, then take on a challenge. That pattern was repeated multiple times.

Points were also awarded for challenges, such as running back on linebacker challenges and a fan field goal kicking contest, among others. Fans also got involved by snapping the ball to quarterbacks during challenges, and pitching the ball to running backs.

The game went down to a challenge that featured three offensive linemen, three defensive linemen and a running back, and the defense was able to hold off and win the game.

"It went down to the last one on the one yard line, so people competed and that was the main thing we wanted to get out of this," SUU coach Demario Warren said. "Get people in the spotlight and see who is going to compete when



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**SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY'S DEFENSE** prevailed 53-52 over its offense during the annual Spring Game April 16.

it's live."

SUU linebacker Junior Tufuga had a big day for the Thunderbird defense, and said moving forward he hopes to see the team continue to improve.

"It was good, we did good, but I feel like we still have

some things to work on," he said. "Small things, but overall we did really good. We like the outcome of the game, that's always, but we've got to go back and watch the film and see if there's anything we need to work on and fix those things

up."

SUU wide receiver Raysean Pringle, who has made the transition from running back, said the transition has been tough, but it has been a welcome one.

"Coming out in the spring it was a little different," he

said. "Starting in the stance I've been having trouble with that, but I guess it's been kind of weird because I've been at running back all my life. But it's a good move, because I'm able to use my speed more and do things outside the box."

On the day, the offense scored two touchdowns and put two field goals up on the board, with three runs of 15-plus yards and four pass plays of 20-plus yards.

The defense racked up five sacks, four tackles for loss and five pass breakups en route to victory.

Overall, Warren said he felt like the team was able to accomplish a lot during the spring camp.

"Offensively, I thought we got much more disciplined as fall camp went on and got much more consistent," Warren said. "Defensively, the effort (was big). When you lose four guys like we lost last year on defense getting that relentless effort every single day is something that could be a struggle, and by the end of camp I thought we did it."

The Thunderbirds will open their season on Sept. 1 in Salt Lake City against the University of Utah.

SUU's home opener will be the following weekend as the Thunderbirds will host Southeast Louisiana at Eccles Coliseum on Sept. 10.

Season tickets can be purchased online at [www.tbird-tickets.com](http://www.tbird-tickets.com).

# Cedar baseball breaks losing skid, beats Warriors

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

Cedar baseball coach Eric Fieldsted said after a tough loss to Snow Canyon on April 12 his team needed “to get better in every aspect of the game, physically and mentally.”

Three days later, the Redmen broke out of their funk and came through with a key victory.

Despite falling behind after an inning, Cedar got run-scoring hits from Ryan Slack and Trey Esplin to beat the Warriors 5-2 in the rematch at Snow Canyon. The Redmen snapped a five-game losing streak and earned their first Region 9 win of the season (1-3).

After the Warriors took the early lead with

a two-run first inning, Cedar countered with a run in the second, two in the third and two more in the fourth to come away with the road win and series split. Slack and Esplin delivered doubles

to back the pitching of Berick Englestead, who picked up the victory on the mound.

In the series opener, the Redmen were routed by the Warriors at the CHS field, 13-2. Cedar had struck first with two runs in the second on two-out doubles from Kyler Carrizosa and Travis Tait, but Snow Canyon took full advantage of shaky defense by scoring eight in the top

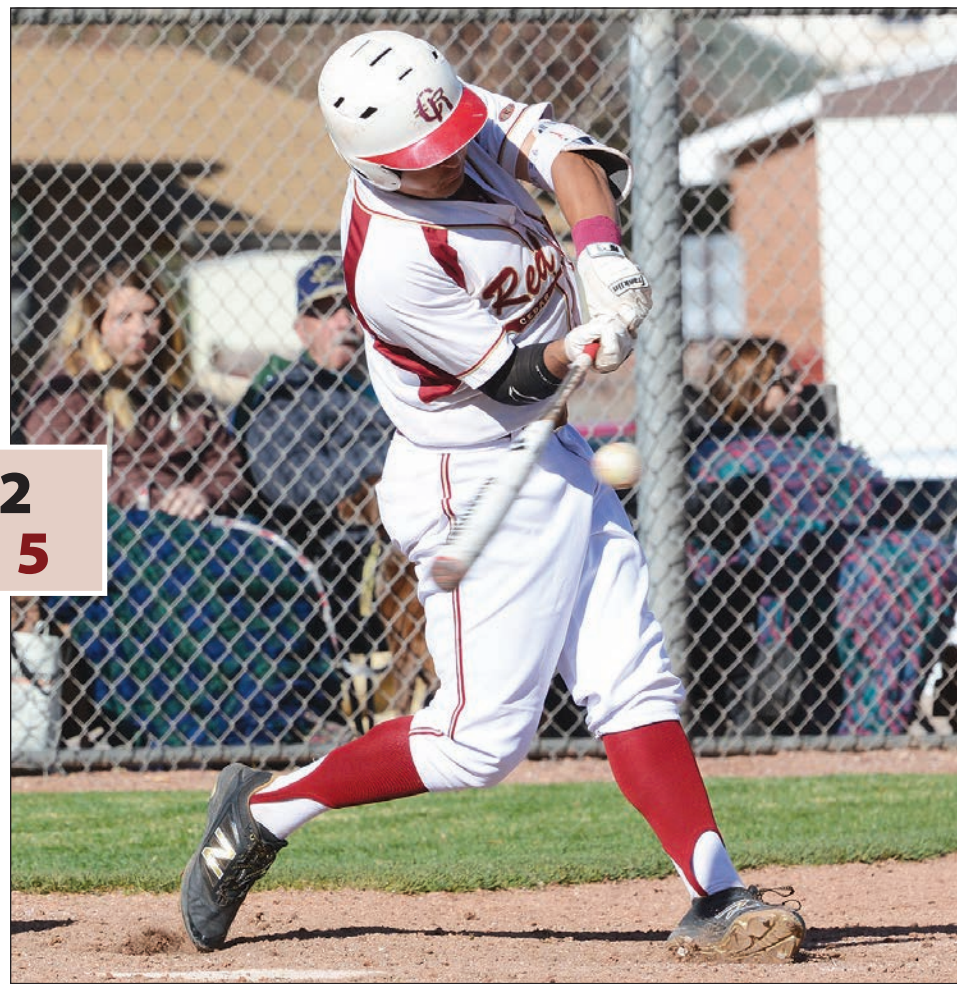
of the third.

Two runs scored on wild pitches from Carrizosa and two more came in on a throwing error.

## SNOW CANYON 2 CEDAR REDMEN 5

The Warriors poured on the offense with five more runs in the fourth, and the Redmen didn't have an answer. Cedar hit into double plays that killed potential rallies in the fourth and fifth innings that ended the game early due to the mercy rule.

Cedar returned home to play Pine View on April 19. Results were not available at press deadline.



CINDY TEGGE

**CEDAR BASEBALL ENDED A FIVE-GAME LOSING SKID** by topping Snow Canyon 5-2 April 15 and earning its first Region 9 win of the season.

# Edwards rolls at Bristol with surprises in top 10

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

As the Food City 500 got under way April 17 at Bristol Motor Speedway, I was hardly surprised to see some social media posts bemoaning the lack of fans at the half-mile track that calls itself “The Last Great Colosseum.”

For those who weren't there in person or didn't see the race on TV, it was one tremendous show that had a multitude of reasons to pay attention.

The headline exhibit was Carl Edwards, who defied the negative statistics and led 276 of the 500 laps in picking up his fourth win at Bristol – his second spring race win in three years to go with fall race victories in 2007 and 2008. As much as his closest challengers tried to get by the No. 19 Comcast Business Toyota, Edwards was simply too good on the restarts and left everyone else eating his brake dust.

Edwards' margin over runner-up Dale Earnhardt Jr. was just over three-fourths of a second, but that's only a small sample of how some of the top 10 came together.

Earnhardt had qualified 20th, but ran into a battery issue with the race less than 20 laps old. He fell two laps down at one point, but rallied back.

- Kurt Busch started 26th and got by Edwards for a time late in the race, leading 41 laps before finishing third.

- Chase Elliott had the best finish of his Sprint Cup career, coming home fourth after qualifying 19th, his second-worst starting position of the season.

- After an average finish of 21.7 in the first seven races,

way up the field, stayed out of trouble, and crossed the line in sixth. DiBenedetto let out plenty of emotion in his post-race radio interview and couldn't remember several sponsors.

When you haven't gotten so much as a smell of the exhaust fumes of the top 10, any forgetfulness can definitely be excused.

teammates struggled mightily on the day. Denny Hamlin finished on the lead lap in 20th, but Matt Kenseth and Kyle Busch ran into trouble, had to go to the garage for repairs, and finished 36th and 38th, respectively.

It was Busch's worst run of the season – his second outside the top five (25th at Fontana) – and he vented in angry terms, as

me ever since the grinding,” Busch told reporters after coming in a winner of the past two Cup races at Martinsville and Texas. “I'm about sick and tired of coming here since it sucks to race.”

Busch hasn't won at Bristol since the 2011 spring race. In nine visits since, he has one top-5, three top-10s, and an average finish of 19.5.

You can't win them all, but Busch apparently believes it's the track's fault he isn't doing it at Bristol. Adding to the bad vibes, Busch failed to win the XFINITY race, ending up second to teammate Erik Jones.

On the good news side of the ledger, Busch won't be racing on Saturday again until Pocono in June. Those who can't stand the bad attitude won't have to deal with it for a while.

One thing is for certain with this week's races. The storylines were plentiful, and the emotions were wide-ranging. Things may not always be perfect and drama may get in the way, but when drivers do well, they're always worth celebrating.

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**CARL EDWARDS**, driver of the #19 Comcast Business Toyota, pits during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway on April 17

Trevor Bayne wheeled his No. 6 Advocare Ford Fusion to fifth, his best run since winning the 2011 Daytona 500.

- Easily the best finish of the day belonged to Matt DiBenedetto, who qualified 30th. Driving the No. 83 for BK Racing, he steadily worked his

Several of DiBenedetto's supporters were so giddy after the race, they doused him and his car with silly string as he made his way out of the race track. The moment is on YouTube and very cool to watch.

While Edwards was winning, the rest of his Joe Gibbs Racing

is his custom.

Busch said he was “sick and tired” of Bristol Motor Speedway ever since the half-mile track's banking was reduced, and let his feelings be known in a story published on [www.foxsports.com](http://www.foxsports.com).

“This track has sucked for

# CV soccer edges Hawks to remain unbeaten

BY TOM ZULEWSKI  
Sports Writer

The Canyon View Falcons saw their shutout streak in Region 12 play come to an end, but came out with what mattered on the road and stayed at the top of the standings.

Dallin Duncan and Jose Larios scored goals as the Falcons held off

North Sanpete in a 2-1 overtime thriller April 12 and improved to 5-0 in Region 12 play. Both teams tallied once in the second half before CV netted the game-winner.

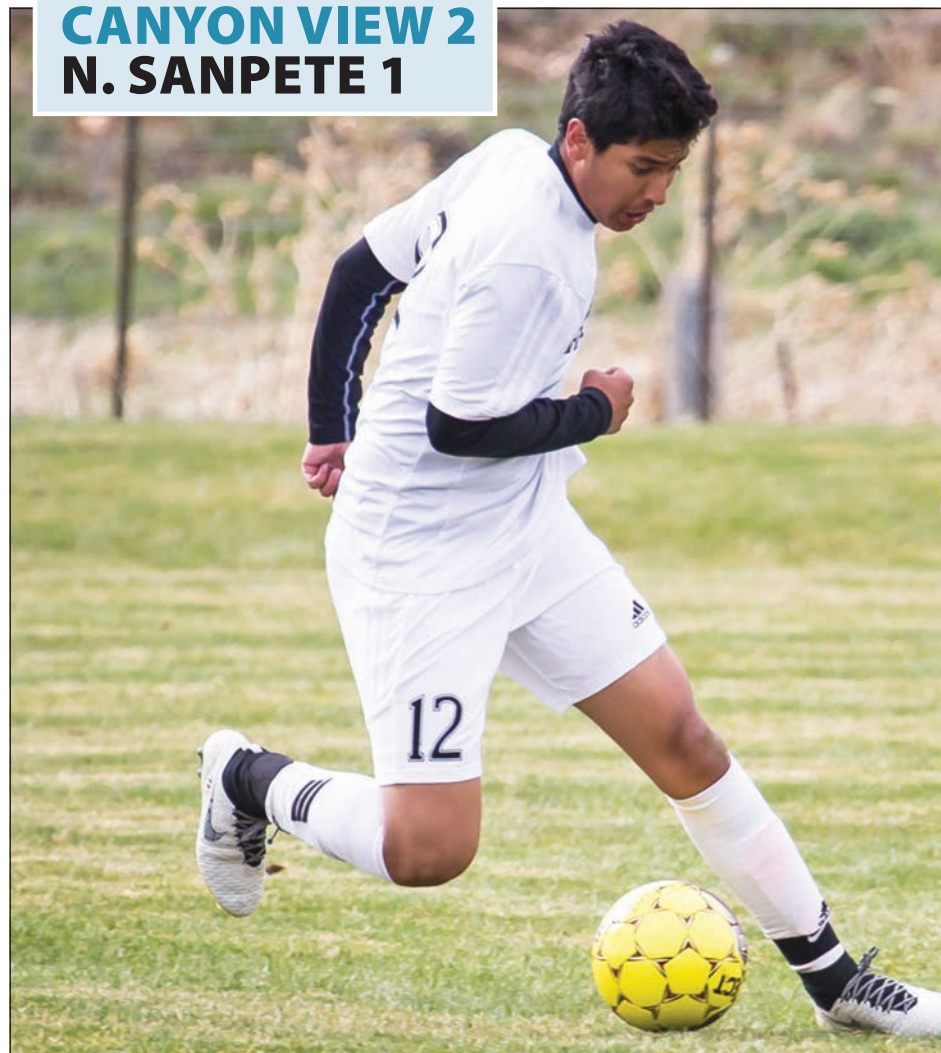
Taylor Lee had the lone goal for the Hawks in the loss.

Canyon View played a pair of games over the weekend and came

through with a split. The Falcons were blanked 6-0 by Juan Diego on April 15, but bounced back to beat Tooele 3-2 the next day and push its record to 8-4-1 overall.

The Falcons resume Region 12 play April 22 with a game at Juab. They will play two of the final three games on the road.

## CANYON VIEW 2 N. SANPETE 1



JR ROBINSON

**CANYON VIEW SOCCER** stayed on top of the Region 12 standings by defeating North Sanpete 2-1 in an overtime thriller April 12.

## FALCONS

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the fourth that extended the lead to 10-2. Savage got his chance after Stoker hit a sacrifice fly and the next two batters reached.

“Both of the hits felt solid off my bat,” Savage said. “I thought the second one may be a double, but it ended up going over.”

“Our pitchers always know we have a good offense this year. They know if they give up a run

or two, we’ll come back and score some runs.”

Higgins, who signed his National Letter of Intent to play baseball for Cal State San Bernardino the day before, sealed the victory for the Falcons by belting a two-run homer with one out in the fifth to end the game on the mercy rule.

It wasn’t a walk-off hit in the conventional sense, but Higgins didn’t mind.

“I had a thought in my head that if I hit it out, the game will be over,” Higgins said. “I tried a couple of swings, but I knew I

needed to just get a hit, put the bat on the ball!”

The Falcons started the series April 12 with a 14-0 shutout over the Hawks, then a 16-8 win in Game 2. CV scored 13 runs in the fifth inning of the opener, led by home runs from Higgins and Clark, then wiped out an early 4-1 deficit in the nightcap with four runs in the second and six more in the fourth to take control.

CV will be on a bye this week, then return to Region 12 play against Juab at home April 26.

# Parowan falls to Delta



**THE PAROWAN RAMS GOT GOALS** from Harper Gardner and Mitch Byl, but came out on the short end of a 4-2 decision against the Delta Rabbits in 2A South play April 14. Parowan fell to 0-8 in region play and 0-10 overall.

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