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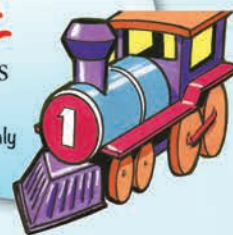
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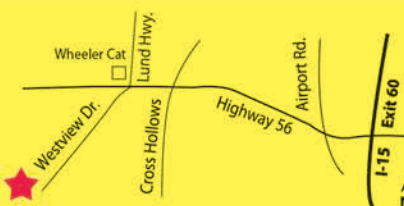
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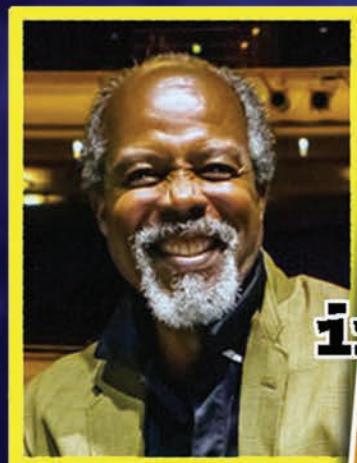
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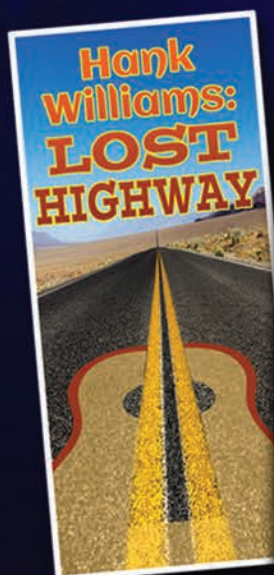


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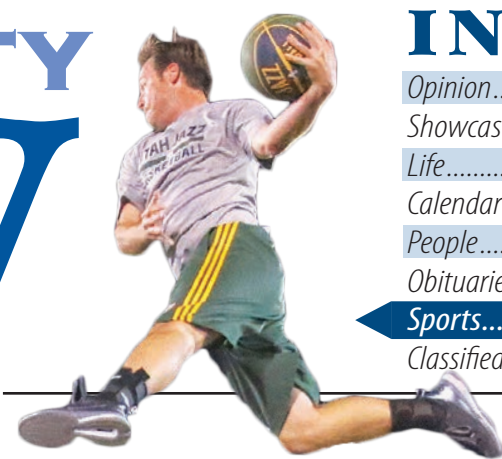
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Gov. Gary Herbert makes visit to Cedar City

BY JEFF LOWE

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Gov. Gary Herbert, Utah's 17th governor, visited Cedar City on June 9 to participate in the Utah Summer Games Opening Ceremonies and to visit with local citizens and organizations, including Iron County Today.

Herbert said he was excited to be in Cedar. He welcomed the opportunity to participate in the Summer Games and help announce the games' new title sponsor, Larry H. Miller Companies.

"It's going to be a good thing for Cedar City and Iron County," Herbert said of the announcement. "I like competition. I like to see people excel. I have a great appreciation for the work ethic of athletes that sometimes excel way beyond anybody's imagination under very difficult circumstances."

"That's our whole system ... free market competition," he added. "Sometimes we try to get away from that to our own peril ... We see a microcosm with the Summer Games. It's really a reflection of life, and I think that's why I'm inspired by it."

In addition to discussing the Utah Summer Games, Herbert spoke of the upcoming primary election and reiterated his hope of seeing Utah continue to move forward. Citing his military service, his experience as a businessman and



COREY BAUMGARTNER

UTAH GOVERNOR GARY HERBERT addresses athletes and community members at the Opening Ceremonies of the 31st Utah Summer Games June 9.

entrepreneur, and his time in political office, Herbert said he is prepared to help make that happen.

"I come to the job, probably as prepared as anybody ever," Herbert said, adding, "I came in at the depths of the Great Recession and with the help of our great legislators and the business community, said, 'Let's really take this challenge and ... not only turn it around, but let's become the best performing economy in America. And also, as long as we're doing this, why don't we become a premier global business destination too.'"

"We have become that," he said. "We became the best performing economy in America ... I'm encouraged by the fruits of our labor. We're on the right path; we're going the right direction. We have reason to be optimistic about the future of Utah. I have had encouragement saying, 'Don't give up the ship now. We've got it turned around going in the right direction.'"

Despite the advances in Utah's economy as a whole during his service, Herbert said he recognizes that not every area is doing as well.

"The problem we have is lack of diversification of our economy," Herbert said.

"Those pockets, fortunately, are smaller in population, but they have significant challenges," he

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CODY SMITH

CANDIDATES FOR IRON COUNTY COMMISSION SEATS answer questions during a debate hosted by the Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service June 8.

County commission candidates discuss plans for the future

BY CODY SMITH

Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service at Southern Utah University hosted the final debate between candidates for Iron County Commission seats A and C on June 8.

SUU students Camino Mathews, a senior marketing major, and Marshal Beach, a senior interdisciplinary studies major, moderated the debate. Incumbent Alma Adams said he was happy the event was well controlled and he felt confident after speaking to those in the audience following the debate. All candidates were present except for Mike Bleak, who participated via

the internet.

Interim Commissioner Casey Anderson and Bleak are vying for Seat A, while Adams, Sam Brower and Jody Edwards each hope to occupy Commission Seat C.

"Our county is poised for some significant growth as evidenced by manufacturing and solar production expansion, the new Beverley Center for the Arts, and the LDS temple, to name a few," Beach said. "Is the county infrastructure prepared to support the growth? Why or why not? Why are you more qualified than the other candidates to handle current and future issues with infrastructure?"

Anderson said, "It's

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City council discusses changes to personnel policy

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The Cedar City Council discussed changes to Section 8.10.1 of the city's personnel policy during the June 8 city council meeting.

The discussion began as a simple change in the city's personnel policy to help eliminate potential confusion of employee benefits by offering them individual free admission passes to local attractions such as the aquatic center and golf course.

The policy change added elected city officials to the list of benefit recipients, which ignited some knee-jerk negativity among community members, who came out in droves during the meeting and on Facebook to oppose the policy change.

Some argued that it was fiscally irresponsible; while others pointed out that the employees who used the free passes also took friends and family who had to pay their own way, which brought in revenue that may not have otherwise been received. Many who spoke out also pointed out that the benefits not only help retain quality employees, but build morale amongst co-workers.

Before council members

could fully share their thoughts and concerns about the change, misunderstandings had already popped up. Once given the opportunity, there was no hesitation among the council to adamantly oppose receiving any type of perk or benefits from the city or citizens they represent.

"I don't think there is anyone on this council who feels the need for a special pass," Council member Craig Isom said. "We didn't ask for it. Human Resources was trying to come up with processes that would be easy to implement for city employees."

After voicing his opinion that benefits should be removed for elected officials from the policy, Isom added his support for keeping the benefits for employees.

"Let's support the employees that make this a great place to live," he said. "They keep this city a well-oiled machine and they make it a wonderful place to live, and work and play."

Isom then motioned to approve the policy change, without the benefit for elected offi-

cials and Council member Terri Hartley seconded the motion. The majority of the council then approved to retain the employee benefits.

Continuing to show support of



COREY BAUMGARTNER

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
Jed Townsend, left, and Luke Mitchell address the Cedar City Council June 8.

its employees, the June Employee of the Month was awarded to the city's accounts payable clerk, Rhean Carlson. Kathy Dahl, of the Employee Advisory

Council, presented Carlson with the award and read the letter of recommendation.

"Rhean is very thorough in her work as accuracy is very important to her," said Dahl. "More importantly, she's very helpful to all vendors who have inquiries about their invoices and understands the persons need on the other end of the phone call and does what she can to help. Over the last year she has developed a great rapport with all city staff and is a very positive influence in the office. Her efforts and her attitude each day are very much appreciated."

The Cedar City Police Department is also seeking to improve relations and trust with the community members they serve. Recently, a special survey was sent out to a random selections of citizens to rate several factors of the CCPD's influence and its effectiveness within the community. Categories included Community Involvement, Safety, Procedural Justice, Department Performance and Individual Interactions.

Southern Utah University Students Jed Townsend and Luke Mitchell made the presentation to the council. Their efforts were in partnership with Dr. Rick Bairett, assistant professor of Political Science and teacher of research methodology and along with the CCPD.

The survey showed that the CCPD would benefit from improving community involvement. Many of the scores were favorable and many citizens feel that the CCPD is doing a great job.

Some common community concerns included drug and alcohol abuse, people texting/talking on cell phones while driving, domestic violence, including child abuse and feeling safer when alone outside. Suggestions for improvement included communicating with citizens through the city newsletter and having local "get-togethers" where citizens can better get to know their law enforcement through fun, food and fellowship.

Police Chief Bob Allinson commented on the survey's results saying that, "While we let our work speak for itself, we will make a greater effort with our social media presence and getting involved with the community."



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very difficult to balance a budget if people are out of work, and you don't have economic growth ... I've met with our road department, and I am confident in their ability to make sure that needs are being met."

Bleak said, "I feel like with the opportunity for such growth in our area that we're pretty well situated ... I know that as far as law enforcement, street department and water department that they have implemented plans to stay on top of that."

Brower said, "I believe that we're doing a good job of identifying the needs that we're going to have ... my hope is that we don't grow too fast, and that we can identify those issues as they come up."

Edwards said, "I'm surprised that water wasn't once mentioned. I don't pretend to know everything, but I'm not afraid to ask for help ... we've made some small mistakes."

Adams said, "We live in such a wonderful place, and we're being discovered, which is good and, sometimes, not so good. We don't want to be overrun with growth too quickly, but I think growth is healthy."

Matthews followed by asking the candidates to name one attribute they would look to develop if elected into office.

Anderson said, "I think all of us need, as much as possible, to be humble and kind, and that's something I'm working on every day."

Bleak said, "Passion, I

am passionate about Iron County, about the lifestyle and opportunities it has afforded me and my family."

Brower said, "The one attribute I would develop is open communication with the public and with all the different agencies."

Edwards said, "I would definitely have to agree with Sam on this point. I would like, very much, to communicate more readily. It's been my experience as a law enforcement officer to do most of the talking, and I know I need to do a lot more listening."

Adams said, "Better

"The one attribute I would develop is open communication with the public and with all the different agencies"

—Sam Brower

communication, I feel good about the work that I do ... but I can do a better job of communicating."

"James Greer, assistant state engineer for Division of Water Rights, recently stated in a Cedar City News article that our county's aquifer is being reduced by roughly 2.3 billion gallons annually without being replenished," Beach said. "Do you believe that Iron County has a water crisis? If yes, what is the best way to meet the water needs of Iron County? If not, explain why there is sufficient water for the county."

Anderson said, "Yes, water is a critical resource, and it's probably the biggest long term issue our county faces ... we need to look at using the water we already have more wisely. I do not support the Lake Powell Pipeline, but I do think we need to renegotiate the Colorado River Compact."

Bleak said, "Water is the most important as far as our way of life in Iron County. If we continue to manage water the way we are right now, we are going to run out; we are not going to have the resources we need to sustain."

Brower said, "As far as I'm concerned, we started running out of water when Iron County was settled ... we are surrounded by mountains that we can exploit. There are a lot of different sources of water if we put the right people to work on it."

Edwards said, "Yeah, the big problem with water is we live in the desert. We need to look at all aspects of water retention, development, everything that (the other candidates) have mentioned to this point."

Adams said, "The West Desert water needs to be developed, and I do believe in the Lake Powell Pipeline but not for Iron County because once you get it to Washington County they have to pump this far up hill, which is not feasible."

Other issues discussed at the debate involved past feuding between the Iron County Commission and the Iron County Sheriff's Office, tax allocation, an Amicus Brief on behalf of Phil Lyman, and commission pay raises.

World War II vet speaks at Cedar Library

BY JEFF LOWE

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Local World War II veteran Richard Gunn and his wife, Shirley Gunn, spoke at the Cedar City Library June 8 in connection with the library's new traveling exhibit, "Parallel Journeys: World War II and the Holocaust through the Eyes of Teens" from Kennesaw State University.

The couple shared personal stories of their experiences during the war with interested community members. Shirley Gunn spoke of life at home during the war, seeing close friends and family members leave for military service and the sacrifices made by community members during wartime. Richard Gunn shared several experiences of his service in the United States Air Force during the war.

"Parallel Journeys: World War II and the Holocaust through the Eyes of Teens" will be on display at the Cedar City Library through the end of June. Cedar City Library in

the Park is located at 303 N. 100 East, Cedar City, Utah, next to Main Street

Park. The exhibition and related programs are free and open to the public.

RICHARD GUNN, a World War II veteran from Cedar City, meets with community members at the Cedar City Library last week.



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Opinion

TO THE EDITOR

Gov. Gary Herbert loves Southern Utah

As the thousands upon thousands of people in Cedar City saw at the Utah Summer Games Opening Ceremonies last week, our governor, Gary Herbert, loves Southern Utah and is highly dedicated and invested in our rural area.

We wish to thank him for that. Having gotten to work very closely and very hard at the Utah Legislature with Gov. Herbert for several years now, we both can say without hesitation that he is one of the finest men we know, and we both give him our full support in his re-election.

Once in a while there are the rare few who, without any basis in fact, complain that the governor ignores Southern Utah. One thing we both love about reason and fact is it

clears away the noise, and shows the truth.

The truth is Gov. Herbert, along with the exhausting burden he carries with his responsibilities as governor, makes certain to visit every single county in our entire state, a total of 29 counties, and he does this every single year, often multiple times. Think of the time, dedication and investment that action alone would take, let alone someone who leads the greatest state in the nation.

But most importantly, Gov. Herbert proves his dedication with the excellent work he has done and continues to do to improve Iron County. Southern Utah University continues to grow with the support of the governor, including

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Stand up to vote

There is a scene from a movie that my little ones have made me watch over and over again with them.

There is a group of ants and a group of grasshoppers in this movie. As the story goes, the ants work all summer to gather food to give to the grasshoppers in exchange for their protection. One summer just as the grasshoppers come flying into town, the klutzy ant of the colony accidentally knocks the offering stone into the water and loses all the food to the stream.

Obviously the grasshoppers are mad and tell

the ants that unless they use the remaining time they have, which is normally used to gather their own food, to gather more food for the grasshoppers they will get squished!

The grasshoppers head back to their headquarters, a sombrero in the desert, and we get to this conversation between the head honcho and the other grasshoppers.

Hopper: There was that one ant that stood up to me.

Grasshoppers: Yeah, but it was just one ant; we can forget about him

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Why is Ali a hero and Fonda is not?

During last week's non-stop focus on and praise of Muhammed Ali, I remembered my last visit to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The beloved world champ wasn't mentioned at the national memorial site, but Jane Fonda was.

"Traitor," "America's Enemy," and other terms not suitable for this newspaper peppered photos of the actress, buttons, and signs sold and exhibited by disgruntled veterans.

"Hanoi Jane" was not being forgiven (or forgotten) despite the fact she hadn't been involved in national politics for some 25 years.

I doubt things have changed much today. I venture if you walked into



a VFW Post and mentioned Fonda's name you would be met with sneers. Fonda's "crime" was clear-cut: she had turned her back on our country's military while the U.S. carpet-bombed its way through an unpopular Southeast Asian war.

Ironically, Muhammad Ali walked close to the same path as Fonda. He refused to be inducted into military service (even though his assignment was to "entertain the troops"). He told reporters that he

had "no fight" with the Viet Cong.

At a time when white America feared the Black Muslim organization, he declared himself a Muslim and changed his name to reflect his religion.

Unlike Fonda, however, Ali was given "probation" by the American public. When he died last week, he was lauded as a "champion of the people" and a leading force for human dignity. Despite his disregard for the military, he became an

American icon, selected to light the Olympic torch in Atlanta in 1996 and has a pair of his boxing gloves memorialized in the White House private study.

What was the difference? Bash me if you wish, but I wonder whether some of the difference is that Ali was male and Jane Fonda is not!

Our culture is rife with males who have recovered from sometimes spectacular public falls from grace. Pee Wee Herman and basketball announcer Marv Albert both returned to their popular niche after embarrassing sexual incidents. Albert even pled guilty to assault charges, but was reinstated on network television just two years

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Current estimated wild horse population reportedly exceeds AML by more than 40,000

BY CRAIG BENNETT

Reporter

SOUTHERN UTAH – Controversy in Southern Utah, including here in Iron County, continues over the number of wild horses on public lands.

According to the Bureau of Land Management website, the BLM manages, protects, and controls wild horses and burros under the authority of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (as amended by Congress in 1976, 1978, 1996, and 2004). This law authorizes the BLM to remove excess wild horses and burros from the range to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands.

To promote healthy conditions on the range, the BLM determines what it calls the

Appropriate Management Level (AML), which is the number of wild horses and burros that can thrive in balance with other public land resources and uses. Wild horses and burros that exceed AML (currently 26,715) are to be removed from the range, in accordance with the 1971 law, as amended.

The current estimated on-range wild horse and burro population (as of March 1, 2016) is 67,027, a 15 percent increase over the 2015 estimate of 58,150. That means the current west-wide on-range population exceeds AML by more than 40,000. The BLM's finding is that wild horse and burro herds double in size about every four years. Wild horses and burros have virtually no natural predators, thus the reason the herd continues to grow. The BLM states that the population of off-range (unadopted or unsold) wild horses and burros maintained in holding facilities is more than 45,000 as of May 2016.

The wild horses and burros compete with other wildlife and animals including deer, elk and cattle for the feed on these lands.

Typically for the cattle industry, BLM measures the amount of grass and feed on each range and determines and controls the number of cattle a rancher can keep grazing on the land permit. They are usually moved from summer to winter

range to allow the feed to grow again.

Wild horses, on the other hand, are free to roam throughout the area, grazing virtually 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Ranchers are asking the government to apply the same regulations to the wild horses that pertain to cattle on the various ranches and open ranges.

The problem arises when there is not enough feed on certain ranges for the wild horses to survive. A video featuring Congressman Chris Stewart, (found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=6L7vJmQBhIU) said it is a situation that needs to be addressed by both sides of the aisle, Democrats and Republicans.

"We can't just continue with what is happening here," Stewart said in the video. "An estimate given to congress just in the last few days says it will cost 1 billion dollars to care for these animals in the next few years."

Stewart went on to say, "We can just throw our hands up in the air and say it is just too hard, we can't fix it, but that just seems unacceptable."

There have been some population growth-suppression treatments introduced, but in a June 2013 report, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) found that no highly effective, easily delivered, and affordable fertility-control methods were currently available to manage wild horse and burro population growth. The NAS also urged the BLM to use better research tools.

The currently available fertility control vaccine, known as porcine zona pellucida (PZP), is limited in the duration of its effectiveness – a one-year formulation (initially

assumed to be 22 months) must be hand-injected into a captured wild horse.

A second formulation of PZP can be deployed via ground-darting, but is also effective for up to only one year. This dart-deployed formulation is not a viable fertility-control option for most wild horse herds because of the animals' propensity to avoid human contact and the vast sizes of most herd ranges, which make it difficult to locate and track individual horses.

Stewart's video can also be found at www.ironcountytoday.com.



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THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT has found that wild horse and burro herds double in size about every four years.



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Local retail decor business receives prestigious award

BY **SBDC**
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – Decorworx, a local specialty retail decor business, was recently awarded the distinguished Rural Business of the Year award by the Utah Small Business Administration.

Owner Jeff Dansie was presented the award by the Utah Small Business Administration District Director, Stan Nakano, during the annual SBA Awards Luncheon held in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City on May 2. Dansie was co-nominated by Joni Anderson, of the Southern Utah University Small Business Development Center, and Eric Heaton, vice president of State Bank of Southern Utah.

Dansie is the owner and president of Rainbow Sign and Decorworx. He grew up in Salt Lake City and moved with his family to beautiful Southern Utah to begin his journey as a business owner. For more than 30 years Dansie has worked in the sign and decor industry. His previous experience in the plastic and metal extrusion industries, as well as his entrepreneurial spirit, gave him the desire to open Rainbow Sign and Banner in Cedar City in 1996. He went on to expand the company to include Decorworx.

As business grew, Dansie caught the vision of the independent grocer and

recognized the important story they had to tell. His background in graphic design, woodworking and manufacturing gave him the expertise in the retail decor industry. Independent grocers were a natural fit, meeting his desire to continuously create new and innovative retail spaces.

Although he still operates the local sign company, Decorworx has become the main focus, which has

Decorworx has received 14 additional awards over the past four years from Progressive Grocer for multiple design categories.

enabled Jeff to gather a stellar team of designers, engineers and craftsmen to create stores that are visually appealing, ultimately improving the bottom line for the store owner.

Even though he is president of the company, Dansie still enjoys working directly with his customers and is often out meeting new clients or catching up on the success of loyal customers.

Decorworx is working on the upcoming interior design and remodel of the Lin's in Cedar City and it just completed the Lin's in Washington Fields as well as the Harmons in St. George and Santa Clara. The company is also currently working on the Harmons at Traverse Mountain in Lehi.

Decorworx has projects from the East Coast to the West Coast and even in the Bahamas.

In addition to this recent award given by the SBA, Decorworx has received 14 additional awards over the past four years from Progressive Grocer for multiple design categories. Decorworx is located in Cedar City, Utah. For more information, visit www.decorworx.com.

The Utah SBDC Network is part of a nationwide program, sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and in partnership with the Governor's Office for Economic Development, and various Institutions of Higher Education. Southern Utah University hosts the Cedar City Regional Center at the SUU Business Resource Center, 510 W. 800 South in Cedar City, Utah. The SBDC offers professional business advising, training and facilitation of networking with valuable resources to help small businesses succeed as part of their mission to strengthen the economy.

Amateur Radio Field Day exhibits science, skill and service

BY CAROLYN BAUER
Special to Iron County Today

IRON COUNTY – Members of the Rainbow Canyon Amateur Radio Club will be participating in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise June 25-26 at Three Peaks Recreation Area, Utah.

Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

For more than 100 years, Amateur Radio – sometimes called ham radio – has allowed people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without needing a cell phone or the Internet. Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any

conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network.

More than 35,000 people from thousands of locations participated in Field Day in 2015.

"It's easy for anyone to pick up a computer or smartphone, connect to the Internet and communicate, with no knowledge of how the devices function or connect to each other," said Sean Kutzko of the American Radio Relay League, the national association for Amateur Radio. "But if there's an interruption of service or you're out of range of a cell tower, you have no way to communicate. Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That's the beauty of Amateur Radio during a communications outage."

"Hams can literally throw a wire in a tree for an antenna, connect it to

a battery-powered transmitter and communicate halfway around the world," Kutzko added. "Hams do this by using a layer of Earth's atmosphere as a sort of mirror for radio waves. In today's electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters if the standard communication infrastructure goes down."

Anyone may become a licensed Amateur Radio operator. There are more than 725,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as 5 and as old as 100. And with clubs such as the Rainbow Canyon Amateur Radio Club, it's easy for anybody to get involved right here in Iron County.

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Wildfire season offers time to remember fallen fire pilots

BY CRAIG BENNETT

Reporter

CEDAR CITY – With fire season here, firefighters will once again risk their lives on the ground and in the air to try to control wildland fires.

As reported by Iron County Today, on June 3 two fallen fire pilots were honored and a memorial was dedicated to them by wildland, municipal and aerial firefighters as they gathered around the families of two fallen fire pilots at the Bureau of Land Management Interagency Fire Center at the Cedar City Airport.

On June 3, 2012 Boise based Neptune Aviation Captain Todd Tompkins and 1st Officer Ronnie Chambless were killed while dropping retardant

on the 5,000 acre White Rocks fire in Hamblin Valley. They were flying a fire tanker out of Cedar City when the crash occurred.

Other fire pilots have also given their lives in recent years, selflessly trying to save lives and property in this area, including 58-year-old Wayne Turner.

Turner was a SEAT pilot (single engine air tanker) from Big Sandy, Mont., who perished in a crash that occurred on the east bench of Dammeron Valley, north of St. George, while fighting the Dammeron Valley Complex wildfire in June of 2004.

On June 17, 2004, the aircraft he was flying, a PZL M18 Dromader, crashed during an attempt to drop retardant on the



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fire. Turner did a dry run, followed by a planned drop. On the second pass, the pilot said that he overshoot the final approach and was going around.

WAYNE TURNER, A SEAT PILOT (single engine air tanker) from Big Sandy Montana, perished in a crash that occurred on the east bench of Dammeron Valley, north of St. George, while fighting the Dammeron Valley Complex wildfire in June of 2004.

On the third pass, Turner called downwind, base and final, which is a typical pattern to drop a load of retardant. He made no other transmissions, and did not indicate that he was having any problems. Witnesses on the ground observed the slurry, or retardant, exiting the airplane. The drop was not at the desired point, and was not distributed in even lines as the pilot's previous

drops had been.

About 2 seconds after the drop, witnesses reported that the nose of the airplane pitched up slightly, which was normal after a drop. All witnesses said the nose of the single air tanker then pitched down about 45 degrees. The aircraft impacted the ground and immediately burst into flames. Turner was killed instantly.

The National Transportation Safety Board, (NTSB) concluded that there was no evidence of structural failure, flight control discrepancy, or obvious catastrophic engine failure at the site of the accident.

The NTSB concluded that the cause of the accident was the pilot's failure to maintain an adequate airspeed, resulting in a stall

and loss of control.

In an article written in 2004, Montana and the Sky, posted, "Wayne Turner was a gifted pilot with over 21,000 hours of flying experience. He operated his own flying service and also did contract flying for different organizations.

His contribution to the flying organizations of Montana was unparalleled. He believed in preserving and bettering aviation in Montana."

The article stated, "To most people the sky is the limit, to Wayne, sky was home."

A monument has been erected on the east bench of Dammeron Valley at the crash site, as it was for the two deceased pilots who perished fighting the White Rocks fire in Hamblin Valley.

VOTE

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(laughing)

Hopper: Yeah, you're right, it's just one ant.

Grasshoppers: Yeah boss, they're puny! (The Hopper gets one piece of grain out of the food dispenser and throws it at this grasshopper).

Hopper: Did that hurt?

Grasshoppers: Ha! Nope (Hopper throws another single grain).

Hopper: Did that hurt?

Grasshoppers: Are you kiddin' (laughing).

Hopper: Well ... how about this? (He pulls the lid off the dispenser bottle, letting all the grain spill out, completely burying the grasshopper he's talking to while the rest of the grasshoppers stand staring, stunned).

Hopper: You let one ant stand up to us, then they all might stand up. Those puny little ants outnumber us a hundred to one and if they ever figure that out, then there goes our way of life!

CYCLOPS

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later.

Bill Clinton is as popular as now as he was before the Monica Lewinsky debacle, and Ronald Reagan's positive image today is not indicative of his relatively low poll numbers during his presidency and the plethora of scandals surrounding his time in office.

Granted, not everybody

This year of voting reminds me of that.

In years' past you may have been able to slide by thinking your individual vote doesn't matter, maybe relying on everyone else to make all the decisions for you. Maybe you are OK with that, or maybe, like me, you didn't realize that in the past the way to make your voice heard was to become a delegate, not necessarily by casting your vote on Election Day.

I left high school with the knowledge that if I went and cast my vote that I was doing my civic duty. Yay me! Honoring the sacrifices made to give us the right to choose our leaders. Well, it didn't quite work exactly that way. Luckily this year is different.

This year a new legislation is in action called SB54. This legislation gives each candidate the opportunity to gather signatures to ensure that their name appears on the ballot, essentially forcing a primary election. That means, now more than ever, your

individual vote matters.

This is how voting will work this year. There will be a primary election for the Republican Party. There are two commission seats up for grabs, Seat A, which Mike Bleak and Casey Anderson are contending for, and Seat C, which Alma Adams, Jody Edwards and Sam Brower are all seeking.

So, on your ballot you will get to choose two people, one for each commission seat. Early voting began Tuesday, June 14. You can go and vote at the following locations: Courthouse, 68 S. 100 East; Parowan and Cedar Council, Cedar City and Enoch City Offices, and new to Cedar City this year will be the mail-in ballots.

On June 7, we should have all received a ballot in the mail. In this magical little package of ease you will find a ballot, an envelope to mail your completed ballot back in and a set of instructions for voting using this method. How convenient is that? If you would prefer to vote in person you will need

gets a second chance. Bill Cosby doesn't have enough time left to reinvigorate a career and Barry Bonds and Pete Rose – both among the top 50 players ever to play Major League Baseball – are still scorned.

But Ali, even though many of us feel he was correct in his assessment of the Vietnam War, was suspended from boxing for three years and stripped of his heavyweight title, but later received a free pass

from the American public. But Jane Fonda is held with disdain, the Dixie Chicks are still despised, and if Sandra Bullock converted to Islam and stated she didn't have a beef with ISIS, she would be box office poison.

Call me crazy, but ...

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to bring the mail in ballot with you and surrender it at the time of voting. If for some reason you did not receive a mail in ballot they can simply double check your voting status when you get to the polling place.

The primary election date is June 28. So if you didn't make it to early voting, or didn't get/want to use your mail-in ballot, then you still have this day to cast your vote. This can be done at your designated

polling place based on where you live.

So you see, this year every individual (ant) makes a difference and if we all stand up ...

Cassie Meredith

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HERBERT

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added, speaking of several rural counties in the state. "When I look at Southern Utah, it's a mixed bag. Some are doing good, some are not doing so good, and we've got to work better with local government officials. This is not a top-down dictation from the state ... saying, 'This is what you should be doing' or 'This is what you should be when you grow up.' This is a matter of you, at the local level saying, 'Here's what our strengths are, here's what our weaknesses are, here's where we have opportunities in the marketplace,' and 'state, can you help us?'"

"We ought to be your partner. We ought to be helping to facilitate, but the drive and the direction should come bottom up, not top down ... We won't rest until all 29 counties, all 245 cities all join in success that we see, particularly along the Wasatch Front ... We still have work to do and that's what keeps me up at night."

With Utah's economy performing well, Herbert said his next challenge is to become No. 1 in education.

"We're not that far off," Herbert said of the state's education, which ranks last in per-pupil spending in the nation, according to census data released last year. "We've done some remarkable things in the last five or six years. We're knocking on the door of top 10, we're still 50 out of 50, but we're knocking on the door ... We spend so much time bellyaching

about being the lowest for spending, we forget about the great outcomes we're getting."

Herbert said increasing the state's educational performance will involve giving resources to teachers, addressing an upcoming teacher shortage, empowering principals to manage resources, and listening to parents regarding the needs of their children.

"We've got to start pulling together, because we're way too divisive," he added. "Some of it's because of ignorance, not understanding. Some of it's because people have political agendas that are trying to divide us rather than unite us for their own political purposes. That's disappointing. I'm committed to make sure, just like I did with the economy, we become No. 1 in education and we're going to pull together."

Herbert also spoke of the state's preparations to file a potential lawsuit against the federal government over the ownership of public lands, and said a resolution of the federal lands issue will involve negotiation, legislation and litigation. He said neither he nor the attorney general have seen the complaint, but that a group of state legislators are currently working with attorneys to consider the issues.

"I think they do have a legitimate, intellectually honest argument, so we'll see how that evolves," Herbert said of the potential suit. "We'll work with the attorney general; we'll work with the legislature ... It may be a fight worth having, I certainly agree

with that, but let's take the next few months to see what happens with the legislative aspect, before we end up getting into a long, drawn-out lawsuit."

When asked what he would like to communicate to the readers of Iron County Today in anticipation of the upcoming election, Herbert spoke of his experience, his moderate tone and his willingness to sit down and reason with anybody to find a better way.

"I've got a track record that you can actually see," he said. "It's not a matter of me throwing out some kind of political slogan ... (There are) people who are running for governor that are saying things they can't deliver ... But you can see what I've done and how I've done it."

"We're not going to rest until everybody has the opportunity, not guarantees, but opportunities to be the best they can be ... Pick any subject you want and on my watch you've seen us make positive improvement," he concluded. "We've come from a very difficult time to a better time ... We are on the right road, going the right direction and there's no reason to disrupt that."

GOVERNOR

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his help to fund the new business building on campus and the magnificent art center. He also helped bring about the new and expanded Southwest Applied Technology College building and program in Cedar.

Gov. Herbert's leadership has brought about a surge in those getting their college or technical degrees. One example of many: Gov. Herbert just last year implemented the Utah Aerospace Pathways pilot program in our high schools, including in the Iron County School District, so that a high school student can graduate with their certificate in aerospace manufacturing. With Syberjet and similar businesses that want to locate in our county, Gov. Herbert is helping provide an educated, skilled work force to fill those jobs.

When the governor had to choose a lieutenant governor, he picked someone from rural Utah, Spencer Cox, who understands the issues important to each one of us who live south of the Wasatch Front. When the governor needed to choose a chief of staff, he again looked to rural Utah

and hired Justin Harding, a native of Cedar City and a proud SUU graduate.

Gov. Herbert aggressively stands up for rural Utah against the expanding federal government. He has relentlessly fought the damage wild horses are causing to our grazing lands by the federal government, and against the federal overreach regarding prairie dogs. The governor is fighting the Forest Service who stands silently by while our trees and our timber industry suffers, and the list goes on and on.

We each need to carefully choose who we have lead us, because the strength of an entity almost always can be seen in the strength of who is leading it. Utah is nationally

recognized as having one of the strongest economies in the nation. Utah has been named the best state in the nation for business and careers, along with having one of the lowest unemployment rates nationally. Utah was also chosen as one of the best managed states in the nation. This is all under Gov. Herbert's leadership. He has accomplished great things for us.

Gov. Herbert has proven time and again he loves Southern Utah and champions our way of life, and what we value and hold dear. We need him and his continued leadership as our governor.

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Rusty Wright wins saddle bronc at Cedar City rodeo

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

CEDAR CITY – In the long haul that is the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) season, the chances to compete are numerous, occasionally more challenging than anticipated, but always engaging.

When one family name comes to mind in saddle bronc riding circles, the Wrights from Milford are usually at the top of the list, especially when the time comes to compete closer to home.

On June 10, Rusty Wright completed a strong weekend with a victory at the Cedar City PRCA Rodeo at Iron Rangers Arena. Wright scored an 80 aboard Babe's Foundation and pocketed \$1,750 for the win.

In addition, the 20-year-old tied for second with his dad, two-time world champion Cody, at Days of the West Rodeo in Delta one day earlier and added another \$1,230 to his weekend of work. That event was won by younger brother, Ryder.

Even after his wildly successful rookie year, where he finished

third in his first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Rusty isn't looking any further ahead than his next rides.

"The year's been going good so far and it's been nice being close to home lately," said Wright, who finished third in the PRCA world standings in his rookie year last season. "Make the best rides I can on the best horses, worry about Las Vegas when it gets here."

With his triumph at Iron Rangers Arena, Rusty hasn't had any sophomore jinx. He has eight victories on the season and sits fourth in the season standings with \$53,553.87, less than \$1,500 behind Allen Boore of Axtell. The top 15 cowboys as of Sept. 30 qualify for the WNFR in December.

Through it all, the family keeps the competition friendly. Cody managed to stay on his ride at Cedar City, but could only manage a score of 61 aboard KB's Diamond Hope, which still earned him a fifth-place check of \$371, and Spencer Wright finished fourth with a score of 71 on

Sunroc's Miss Blue Eyes, good for a \$636 check.

"We all want to win, but if one of us can't, we'd like to keep it in the family," Rusty said.

Cody had a streak of 12 straight WNFR qualifications snapped in 2015 and got this season off to a slow start after a broken collarbone in January forced him to miss three months. The 39-year-old has rebounded well and sits 22nd in the standings with \$15,549.44, just more than \$4,000 behind 15th and the WNFR qualifying cutoff heading into the final quarter of the season.

"I've had better, and I've had worse," Cody said. "I guess I can still go."

The elder Wright has three victories on the season (Las Vegas, Logandale, Industry Hills, Calif.) and is impressed with how his sons and brothers are doing.

"They're riding really good, drawing really good and when they get something good, they take advantage of it," Cody said. "I like to come here because the horses buck, there's good prize money and great fans. Our whole family loves to come here

and we love to ride in front of them."

Cody started the unusual family "tradition" of his two WNFR gold buckles won in 2008 and 2010. Jesse continued the pattern in 2012 and Spencer came through from 13th place to win the 2014 title. With Jake Wright sitting fifth in the standings, the chances for the family's championship success to continue are solid.

"It's exciting every year, even if they've got us on the even numbers," he said. "Nothing like doing it on the odd ones, too."

THE CEDAR CITY PRCA RODEO, featuring champion cowboys from around the western United States, celebrated its 10th anniversary with a rodeo competition June 10-11 at the Cross Hollows Event Center.



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Movie Beat: Duncan Jones' "Warcraft" proves surprisingly good

Rating: PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy violence

Screenplay: Duncan Jones and Charles Leavitt, with story and characters by Christ Metzen

Director: Duncan Jones

Starring: Travis Fimmel, Paula Patton, Ben Foster, Dominic Cooper, Toby Kebbell, Ruth Negga and more

Grade: ★★★★★
(Four stars for game fans)

Good video game movies really do exist.

"Warcraft," the new movie based on the immensely popular massively multiplayer online role-playing game, is a surprisingly satisfying experience for both game fans and non-game fans alike.

Those familiar with the game will love that it's actually mostly faithful to the game's storyline (which is insanely rare when it comes to most adaptations), while those new to "Warcraft" will appreciate well-done high fantasy of the sort that rarely gets told these days outside of books and certain HBO shows.

As is the case with most high fantasy books, the story follows two separate species and several different characters who all have to come together to stop something terrible from happening. Part of this involves the orcs invading from their dead world to a nice healthy planet with humans and several other species, thanks to a healthy amount of dark magic (remember, neon yellow-green is the color of evil), which starts a war when they move out the planet's original residents using murder.

But like any good high fantasy, there's also cultural issues, unrest brewing in various ranks, and magical secrets and secret societies. I won't go into all the details – for spoilers, if nothing else – but it's definitely good for anyone who likes world-building, cultural details, and historical perspectives in their fantasy. There's also a light sprinkling of

well-timed humor, which is always welcome, and some very nice special effects (my favorite is the way they showed the "good" magic. My fantasy geek heart seriously nerded out over it). Yes, the characters are a little thin, but that's also been true of every high fantasy book I've ever read.

A dedicated "Warcraft" gamer who watched the movie with me said that it held to about 90 percent of the original storyline, though as always some plotlines have to be tweaked when transferring to a new medium. There are also a lot of smaller Easter eggs for game fans, with a lot of significant names sprinkled throughout.

One area in which viewers not familiar with the games may have trouble with is the ending. Those who have been following the games know that this "Warcraft" is essentially a prequel to a much larger story that comes later, and that characters who are mostly just name-checked here end up growing into major players with world-changing power. Like any good prequel, the movie offers a fascinating look at the way history was shaped.

If you don't know that "Warcraft" is secretly a prequel, however, the ending feels very open-ended and unfinished. This is really a prologue to a larger story, and while the ending reflects that those looking for a neat and tidy ending might feel cheated.

One "story," unfortunately, both game and non-game fans will wrinkle their noses at. For some reason, a brief, incredibly

poorly-timed romance was shoehorned in between two main characters, and it never works even for a moment. It makes no sense, wasn't necessary, and in some ways was flat-out inappropriate, but the moments are thankfully brief and don't end up infecting too much of the story.

In the end, though, it's a minor quibble in what ends up being a surprisingly satisfying ending. Whether or not the characters end up saving the world, "Warcraft" may end up saving video game movies.



JENNIFFER WARDELL

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Putting one over on the rest of the world

BY MARY ANNE ANDERSEN

Cedar City Arts Council

There is a secret society of community members that operates early in the morning while the rest of you are slug-a bed. The number of members is small but recognizable to each other, and it really thrives this time of the year.

I am talking about early morning exercisers who mingle on the streets of our neighborhoods between the hours of 5 and 7 a.m. Those in the habit of this healthful practice know that early morning is the best time of the day. And the smug sense of having put one over on the rest of the world is as nurturing as the exercise itself.

I see the Man on the Bike and his dog nearly every day. He rides an old bike that looks like the one I used to have when I was young. It doesn't seem to have gears or fancy accessories of any kind, as far as I can tell, and it creaks as it goes by. I can hear him coming whether he is behind me or approaching me, and I can also hear the heavy breathing of his big yellow dog. The man rides in the street, but the dog sometimes runs along the sidewalk. He pays absolutely no attention to me as he goes by. The dog, I mean. The man always says a cheerful "hello."

Hearing his coming is especially significant in the winter, when it is dark. He has

a light that I see when he gets close, but I still think I hear him first. That is also true of the group of women that are out at that time, too. In the winter I hear their chatter long before I actually see them. Do you get the significance of that? They are happily visiting as they run, as if they were out for a stroll. They are not strolling; they are definitely running, but still manage to carry on a conversation that stops long enough to say "Hi" to me as they pass.

Sometimes the lone individual calls me by name as he/she goes around me. In the summer I often recognize who it is, but in the dark, I have to try to identify him/her by a voice I remember. Just recently a small woman on a bike called me by name as she rode by, but I'm not sure who it was as she was wearing a bicycle helmet. I hated to call out, "Who are you?"

There is the mysterious Dark Lady, who wears dark clothes, making her hard to see if it is dark out. She never speaks, but perfumes the air around her with something wonderful. I mean, it is 5:30 a.m. and she smells fabulous! The Shuffler doesn't talk, either. He just trudges up the street at a somewhat labored pace.

We pass your dark homes and you never know we are there. You're welcome to come and join us. It really is the best time of the day.



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Sunset on the Square family movie nights begin in St. George

BY DAWN MCLAIN

Special to Iron County Today

SOUTHERN UTAH – Over the past nine years Sunset on the Square has become a summertime staple for local families and tourists alike. The free family-based community event features movies under the stars in the heart of St. George at Town Square Park.

Every event features booths, food, face painting, lots of prizes and of course, dancing – all before the movie starts. The events take place every second and fourth Friday of the month and will feature exciting themes and lots of extras the crowd will love.

Sunset on the Square kicked off the season June 10 by celebrating outdoor adventure.

“With more than 300 days of sunshine and gorgeous red mountains throughout Southern Utah, there are so many reasons to spend time outside,” said Dawn McLain, event coordinator. “Both the City of St. George and Write It Up! wanted to create opportunities for our community to enjoy at Town Square Park this summer, that recognize and celebrate the many extraordinary quality of life our area has to offer.”

Brian Head Resort was on hand June 10 with a climbing wall

and two bungee based trampolines for attendees to enjoy.

The Friday night free family movie series plays on a giant outdoor movie screen out under the stars and beautiful Southern Utah skies.

“We’re known for family friendly fun, prizes, movies and so much more,” McLain added.

This year’s movie schedule is as follows.

June 10 – Outdoor Adventure Night: Theme: “Be Adventurous” including adventure style activities for attendees. Movie: “The Good Dinosaur.”

June 24: Nonprofit Night: Theme: “Get Engaged” highlighting the many wonderful programs and services available right here in Washington County. Movie: “Honey I Shrunk the Kids.”

July 8: Education Night: Theme: “STEAM Ahead” featuring educational activities and organizations that support science, technology, engineering, arts, culture and math. Movie: “Minions.”

July 22: Olympics Night: Theme: “Be The Best You Can Be” including sports and sportsmanship based activities, local recreation programs and information. Movie: “Cool Runnings.”

Aug. 12: City of St. George

Night: Theme: “Live, shop and play LOCAL” featuring local businesses, organizations and activities for attendees to enjoy, highlighting and supporting the St. George local economy. Movie: “Aladdin.”

Aug. 26: Season Finale: Theme: “Celebrate Our Community” Featuring Girls on the Run of Southern Utah’s Back to School Fun Run and many fun programs. Movie: “Inside Out.”

This year’s sponsors include Cherry Creek Radio, KCSG Television, The Independent, Family & Kids Magazine and View On Mesquite Featuring Southern Utah.

For more information about Sunset on the Square or to sponsor or purchase a booth please contact Dawn McLain at (702) 860-2341 or dawn@writeituponline.com. The Sunset on the Square movie list and details can also be viewed online via the Write It Up! or City of St. George websites.



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Celebrate 20 years of Summer Solstice programs at Parowan Gap

BY KENZIE LUNDBERG

Special to Iron County Today

PAROWAN – June 18 marks 20 years of hosting Summer Solstice sunset programs at Parowan Gap. This year’s anniversary will include activities throughout the day, including workshops by archaeologist Garth Norman, a barbecue dinner and the traditional sunset program at the Gap.

The Summer Solstice program began in 1996 with museum and visitor center volunteers gathering at Parowan Gap for the chance to learn more about a theorized ancient Native American calendar discovered by archaeologists Garth Norman and Nal Morris.

“After a potluck dinner, Nal and Garth presented their findings,” said Nancy Dalton, Parowan Heritage Foundation secretary. “The volunteers had such a good time, we decided to host it as

an annual event for the public.”

“A natural opening in the mountain range, the Parowan Gap holds a vast amount of petroglyphs that can be interpreted in different ways depending on which Native American culture or scientific interpretation you use,” Dalton said. “The petroglyphs along with various rock outcroppings

and cairns (rock monuments) provide a fascinating look back in history of how ancient cultures survived, traveled, and what they believed in. The Gap was discovered by ancient people who believed it was a natural calendar system to observe solar, lunar and other astrological events. These observations were etched into the walls of

the Gap as petroglyphic symbols to guide current and future people.”

The Parowan Gap is located about 13 miles northwest of Parowan or 19 miles north of Cedar City on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The annual event is hosted by the Parowan Heritage Foundation and Cedar City~Brian Head Tourism

Bureau through an agreement and special event use permit from the BLM.

The June 18 event will include a hands-on workshop from 10 a.m. to noon with Norman on a hiking tour of his work sites at Parowan Gap. The hike will include a chance to study the process and his findings. Workshop attendees are encouraged to dress for hot weather, including hats, sunscreen, and good hiking shoes. The cost is \$25 per person. Registration includes bottled water and snacks. Attendees should meet at Parowan Gap parking lot.

There will be a Parowan Gap research presentation from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Parowan Library where Norman will present a slideshow of his Parowan Gap research. There is no cost to attend.

The barbecue dinner will go from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Parowan Gap. The cost is \$15 per person. This will be followed

by the Summer Solstice program at 7:30 p.m. at the Parowan Gap. The program will feature guest speakers, after which the group will walk two-tenths of a mile to the sunset observation cairns to watch the sunset through the middle of the Gap as interpreted on the “Zipper” petroglyph at the Gap. There is no cost to attend, but please bring your own chairs and wear walking shoes.

Attendees can pre-register for events by calling Nancy Dalton at (435) 463-3735 or by purchasing tickets at Parowan City Library or the Iron County Visitor Center, 581 N. Main St., Cedar City.

For more information contact Nancy Dalton at (435) 463-3735 or the Cedar City~Brian Head Tourism Bureau at (435) 586-5124, visit www.VisitCedarCity.com, or stop by the Iron County Visitor Center (581 N. Main St., Cedar City).



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THE SUMMER SOLSTICE PROGRAM at Parowan Gap is celebrating 20 years of hosting events on June 18. The anniversary will include activities throughout the day, including workshops by archaeologist Garth Norman.



THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH'S Restoration Gathering and Powwow included traditional dancing of youth and adults in colorful regalia, as well as time-honored drum playing from several Southern Paiute bands.

COREY BAUMGARTNER

Paiute Restoration Gathering honors past, present with focus on future

BY COREY BAUMGARTNER
Reporter

CEDAR CITY – The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah had its 36th annual Restoration Gathering and Powwow June 10-12. The special gathering honors the tribe being federally recognized by the United States government on April 3, 1980.

The powwow also honors past leaders who made it possible.

Corrina Bow, chairperson for the event, spoke proudly of that historic moment.

“Without their dedication, determination and unity in making their vision a reality, we may not be celebrating this occasion today,” said Bow, who also expressed gratitude for all the community support. “Thank you for joining us in our celebration to commemorate our history, our culture, our traditions and our friendship.”

The morning of June 11 there was an honorary parade down

Main Street and the much-anticipated traditional dancing of youth and adults in colorful regalia, as well as time-honored drum playing from several Southern Paiute bands.

As the Paiute Tribe continues to honor and protect its heritage, it places high value on teaching unity and integrity to the youth to help them honor and protect their Native American culture. As such, the Restoration Gathering and Powwow included a guest speaker, Demario Warren, the new head coach of the Big Sky Champion Southern Utah University football team.

Warren spoke to the Paiute youth of the importance of not giving up despite making mistakes, diligently studying, being on time and listening to their parents. He also emphasized staying positive and confident, no matter what.

“It’s about focusing on the things you can control,” he encouraged. “Believe in yourself.

Face your challenges head on and make the right decisions every day.”

He also shared three core values – positive attitude, effort, and response – that have helped him become successful in life and as a person. Education and good habits are also part of being successful, he said.

“Education is very important. If you want to be great at something, education will help you do that,” he said. “If you’re not working towards your goals every day with good habits it will be difficult for you to get where you want to go.”

When asked about the challenges of having low self-confidence, Warren offered wise words of encouragement.

“God created you for a reason and you have a purpose in this life so be the best person you can be and don’t worry about what other people say,” he said. “Love yourself, love others and make the people around you better.”

Junior Deputy Academy offers challenging alternative to traditional summer activities

BY JEFF LOWE
Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – For many high school aged students, the opening weeks of June offer a welcome retreat from studies and testing, a chance to sleep in, play games and go on vacation. But for a select few, the opening of summer marks the start of a three-week period of intense testing, training and physical exertion at the Iron County Sheriff’s Junior Deputy Academy. Summer vacation, this is not.

“It’s not summer camp,” said Sgt. Nik Johnson, of the Iron County Sheriff’s Office. “For some it’s an eye-opener. For some, the first couple days, it’s a little rough.”

Johnson said the program is intended for those students who want to pursue a career in law enforcement and for those who seek a challenging alternative to the traditional summer activities. Since its inception, at least five graduates of the program have gone on to become law enforcement officers in Utah, three of which are employed at the Iron County Sheriff’s Office.

Now in its ninth year, the program is as intense as ever and, according to Johnson, attracts some of the best and brightest kids he has ever met.

“They’re not getting a grade for this for school. They’re not getting paid to be there; they

actually bought their uniforms themselves,” Johnson said of the students. “They’re giving up three weeks of their summer. That’s a lot to ask of a high school kid.”

“Over the eight years that I’ve been doing this, I’ve met some of the coolest kids through this program,” he added.

On June 9, Junior Deputy Academy students started their day bright and early with a few hours of physical training before hitting the books in the classroom to learn about traffic stops and vehicle searches. They studied the rules of criminal procedure, what it takes to establish reasonable suspicion to stop a vehicle and probable cause to make an arrest or search a car.

After lunch, the students put their learning to the test in a simulated, hands-on traffic stop training exercise staged by volunteers in the parking lot of Canyon View Middle School.

“We hold them to a standard,” Johnson said of the students, who go through an experience similar to an officer training academy. “They have stuff they have to study at night. We go over legal stuff; we go over ethics, traffic laws – everything we can fit into three weeks. They have to keep up with all of that, plus maintain passing physical fitness.”

Jessica Cunningham, a

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JEFF LOWE

JUNIOR DEPUTY ACADEMY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE in a simulated traffic stop training exercise staged by volunteers in the parking lot of Canyon View Middle School June 9.



PHOTOS BY CODY SMITH

MICHELIN STARRED CHEF MICHEL ATTALI prepares a dish at The French Spot in Cedar City.



The French Spot's Michel Attali 'a master at balancing flavor'

While the rest of Iron County attended the opening ceremonies for the Utah Summer Games, I sat, I ate, and I watched people, unaware of the Michelin starred chef working within it, walk past a little, red shack.

Michel Attali is not a big man. He has lived long

and traveled the world in a white coat, but Attali does not gloat of his accomplishments. Instead, he works at his restaurant, The French Spot, six days a week from morning until night.

His career began when he was 15 years old in Lyon, the culinary capital of France, and developed his skill in the best restaurants of Paris, Dubai, Geneva, and New York, where he earned his Michelin star.

The restaurant is no misnomer. It is truly a spot in which its patrons are transported to France, if only for the duration of their lemon and ginger sautéed salmon, steak au poivre, crêpes, tart, or café. The kitchen is a bustle with the sound of the French language, the clattering of

dishes, and the hiss of an espresso machine.

Attali moved to Cedar City when his wife, Rosa Perez, accepted a job in Southern Utah University's French Department. He said the business here is very different than anything he's experienced before, but the people of Cedar City have welcomed his family and business with kindness.

A word of warning to those who have learned to eat in Cedar City: when I eat Attali's food, I can only explain it as eating for the first time.

He is a master at balancing flavor and he only chooses the best quality ingredients when crafting each of his dishes personally and by hand. In fact, Attali purchases many of the ingredients from his

connections in New York and Paris, but whenever possible he partners with locals like Red Acre Farms to offer locally grown and organic options on his menu.

Leah, Attali's daughter and a master barista, manages the restaurant during their open season, which is set to end in October. During winter Attali goes back to being a private chef in New York, Paris, and West Palm Beach. Leah works in a restaurant in New York and another in San Francisco, but they both remain eager to return to The French Spot each spring, to what Attali says is only the tip of the iceberg of what he plans to do in Utah.

Leah called the current business "a window into what is possible here," and I love the view.

Cody Smith is a local journalist and wine educator, specializing in French wines.

Affordable health screenings are coming to Enoch

BY **LIFE LINE SCREENINGS**

Special to Iron County Today

ENOCH – Residents living in and around the Enoch area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

Willow Glen Inn will host this community event

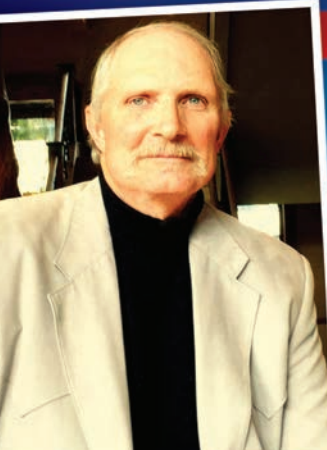
on June 28. The site is located at 3308 N. Bulldog Road in Enoch.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health, HDL and LDL cholesterol levels, diabetes risk, bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis, kidney and thyroid function, and more.

Screenings are afford-

able, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

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

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

ADULT COLORING BOOK CLUB, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park patio area, the library will provide some supplies, but attendees are also welcome to bring their own, come for a fun night of coloring and mingling with new friends.

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

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

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

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 (no texts please).

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

FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located on Freeway Drive between JR's Truck Stop and the Travelodge, rides available at no charge from the Main Street Park pavilion by the library and returning to the same location after the lunch, look for the Sonrise Christian Fellowship van, community welcome.

ACTIVITY CLASS FOR THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA, 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Cedar City Senior Center, \$25 includes lunch, snacks and materials, for more information call LuAnn Lundquist at (435) 319-0407.

COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL, 9:30 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West in Cedar City, for more information call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

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.

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

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

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

CEDAR CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 865-1387 for an appointment, accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and all private insurances, with a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

"WIRES, RAILS & ROADS", a historical presentation by Dr. Wayne K. Hinton, 6:30 p.m., Cedar City Rock Church, 75 E. Center St., put on by the Sons of Utah Pioneers and free and open to the public.

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

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CARRIES CHEST QUILTERS' GUILD, 10 a.m., Cedar City Senior Center, 489 E. 200 South in Cedar City, all are welcome to join the group for quilting activities.

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.

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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 KKCB Meeting Hall, 1067 S. Main St., Cedar City, for information call (435) 531-1045.

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DUCK CREEK FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Duck Creek Village, food, music, prizes and more, for information visit www.duckcreekvillage.com or call Cedar Mountain True Value at (435) 682-3330.

UTAH UFO FEST & CAMP-OUT, Three Peaks Recreation Area, for more information visit www.utahufofest.org/events.

ATV RODEO, 6 to 8 p.m., Iron County Fairgrounds, admission if \$10 per event, for information call Kim or Kelly at (435) 677-2288 or Alice at (435) 691-0722.

STAR PARTY AT CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT, 8:30 p.m. at Point Supreme, park fees apply, join park rangers for night sky programs and telescope viewing.

SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET: YEAR ROUND, every Saturday rain or shine, 9 a.m. to noon, 905 S. Main St. 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.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 19

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.

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

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

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TUESDAY, JUNE 21

MAKE MUSIC DAY, 5 to 9 p.m., Cedar City Main Street Park, hosted by Cedar Music Store & Studio, admission is free, every kind of musician welcome, if you would like to participate call Cedar Music Store & Studio at (435) 586-8742 or email cedarmusicstore@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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.

COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL, 8 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West in Cedar City, for more information call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

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

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

ADULT COLORING BOOK CLUB, 7 p.m., Cedar City Library in the Park patio area, the library will provide some supplies, but attendees are also welcome to bring their own, come for a fun night of coloring and mingling with new friends.

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

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

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

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 (no texts please).

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

FREE LUNCH AT BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., located on Freeway Drive between JR's Truck Stop and the Travelodge, rides available at no charge from the Main Street Park pavilion by the library and returning to the same location after the lunch, look for the Sonrise Christian Fellowship van, community welcome.

ACTIVITY CLASS FOR THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA, 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Cedar City Senior Center, \$25 includes lunch, snacks and materials, for more information call LuAnn Lundquist at (435) 319-0407.

COLOR COUNTRY PICKLEBALL, 9:30 a.m., Southern Utah Sports Academy, 494 N. 2150 West in Cedar City, for more information call Ed Severance at (435) 586-6345.

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.

"HIGHER ANSWERS TO DAILY PROBLEMS" BY VERNON HOWARD, "when working for your true interests, you learn that you don't have to put up with it anymore (depression, negativity, etc.)," 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.

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People

NEWBORNS

Lauren Alexis Poll

Lauren Alexis Poll was born June 1, 2016 to Alex and Morgan Poll, of Cedar City. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19.5 inches. Lauren is welcomed by adoring big sister, Malan, as well as loving grandparents, Drew and Kathryn Bloxham and Rich and Wendy Poll. We love you sweet baby girl!



Grayson and Malea White

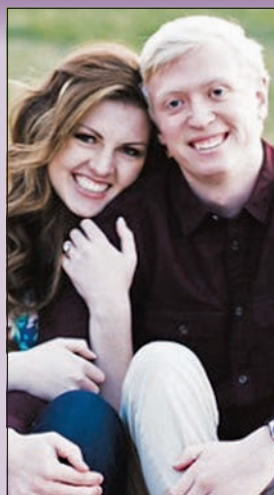
Grayson and Malea White were born May 12, 2016 to Dusty and Amber White, of Cedar City. Grayson was 5 pounds, 6 ounces

and Malea was 5 pounds, 4 ounces. These two little blessings were sent from above; we get twice the smiles and twice the love! Grandparents are Mike and Glenna White, of Cedar City, Utah, and Barney and Carol Thompson, of Milford, Utah.

WEDDINGS

Sidney Dawson and Jacob Cushing

Sidney Dawson and Jacob Cushing will be married June 18, 2016. Parents of the bride are Richard and Michelle Dawson of Enoch, Utah. Parents of the groom are Wayne and SuZie Cushing of Salt Lake City, Utah. They will be married in the Payson Utah Temple. Please join us for a reception June 17, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2233 East Village Green Road. Enoch, Utah.



Ashlee Hoyle and Kameron Simonson

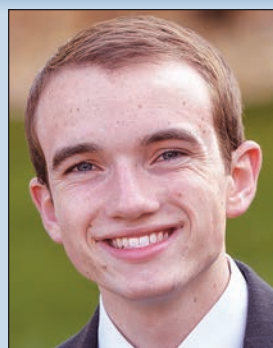
Ashlee Hoyle and Kameron Simonson will be married June 18, 2016 in Cedar City, Utah. The parents of the bride are Doug and Lisa Hoyle and Craig and Lisa Jensen of Cedar City, Utah and the parents of the groom are Bryan and Lori Simonson of St. George, Utah. A reception will be held that evening in their honor at Stonehaven Special Events from 7 to 9 p.m.



MISSIONS

Ben Gatherum

Ben Gatherum has been called to serve in the California Long Beach, Cambodian-speaking Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will speak in church June 19 at 1 p.m. at the Fiddlers Canyon Ward, 638 E. Canyon Center Drive. Parents are Daren and Suzy Gatherum. Ben reports to the Provo Missionary Training Center June 22.



Brock Oldroyd

Brock Oldroyd has been called to serve in the Chesapeake, Va. Mission. He will speak in church June 19 at 9 a.m. at the Cedar Hills Ward (95 N. 2125 West). He leaves on June 22, 2016.



90TH BIRTHDAY

Katherine M. Halterman

Katherine M. Halterman, of Parowan, Utah, will turn 90 on June 16, 2016. Katie's family will be celebrating the occasion with her and her spouse, Daryl Halterman.



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Schools

First generation college students excel with TRIO Program

BY **SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATION**

Special to Iron County Today

CEDAR CITY – Since the seventh grade, Cedar City natives Kaylin Shelley and Samara Rangel have had leadership, service and professional development opportunities available to them through the TRIO Program, hosted by Southern Utah University.

Graduating this year from Cedar City's Canyon View High School, these all-star students had already received their associate's degrees through SUU's Success Academy on April 30.

Shelley and Rangel are members of SUU's TRIO Educational Talent Search Program through Canyon View, a program that recruits students from low-income, first-generation families and helps build a desire and passion for academics and higher education.

Together, the two have been offered more than \$300,000 in educational funding through several universities and independent scholarship programs, and both have decided to continue their studies at Southern Utah University. Shelley and Rangel are on an upward trajectory toward academic achievement and accomplishment.

Through this program, Rangel and Shelley were encouraged to apply for a variety of scholarships, one of which was the Daniels Scholarship, a Denver-based fund that supplies four-year scholarships at any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States. Among 2,200 applicants, Shelley and Rangel are two outstanding recipients of this full-ride scholarship.

Encouraged to excel at their studies by mentors from SUU and Canyon

View, Shelley and Rangel exemplify the American dream of higher education regardless of race, ethnic background or economic circumstances.

Tauna Brandt, TRIO Talent Search Advisor at SUU, said, "The biggest part of the program is getting young students excited about education and the possibility that yes, they can succeed in college, even if mom and dad never went."

Shelley is an all-star volunteer and aspiring humanitarian. Her goal is to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing and psychology from SUU and serve individuals and communities worldwide. At an early

had such an influence on the choices I've made and my purpose in life."

As a psychology major, possible Spanish minor and pursuing the international relations certificate, Rangel has found the perfect combination of her passions in learning and life. She is already involved with the psychology department at SUU and joyously anticipates her continued learning this fall. Rangel credits her mom as the biggest influence in her life and the reason behind her success and determination.

"When I was younger, my mom would ask me every day 'Did you learn something?' and 'Did you help someone?'" said Rangel. "What started out as a to-do list became my lifestyle. This motto of learning and helping was imbedded in my life, and the TRIO program only helped it grow and reinforce my goals for higher education."

Housed by Southern Utah University and promoted in middle and high schools in the area, the federal TRIO Program includes five outreaches stationed across the nation, aimed at motivating and supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO is an educational oppor-

tunity outreach program targeted to serve and assist students on their academic journey from middle school to post-baccalaureate opportunities and careers.

The Educational Talent Search Project is one such outreach program that recruits students from Iron, Beaver and Kane counties in southern Utah, helping them develop study skills, fill out college and scholarship applications and plan for future career paths.



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KAYLIN SHELLEY AND SAMARA RANGEL

age, she realized the need to build her resume and develop writing, speaking and leadership skills. Getting involved with ETS was life changing for her, a decision for which she will always be grateful, she said.

"The TRIO Program and ETS had me thinking about college applications, soft-skill development and resume building from an early age," said Shelley. "The people involved took me on college tours, which I would have never done on my own. They



JEFF LOWE

ABC4UTAH'S DAN POPE INTERVIEWS TODD PRINCE, park manager at Frontier Homestead State Park, alongside several students from Enoch Elementary during a live newscast June 8.

Enoch Elementary students join live newscast at Frontier Homestead State Park

BY **JEFF LOWE**

Managing Editor

CEDAR CITY – ABC4Utah opened its annual Good4Utah Road Tour in Iron County last week with a visit to the Frontier Homestead State Park.

Throughout the summer road tour, members of the Good4Utah news team will travel to two state parks per week for a total of four weeks, showcasing the parks, museums and the Utahns who color the local landscape.

On June 8 the road team rendezvoused at Frontier Homestead State Park for a live broadcast with ABC4Utah's Dan Pope and Cedar City's Todd Prince, park manager at Frontier Homestead, and Maria Twitchell, Cedar City~Brian Head Tourism Bureau executive director. A group of fourth graders

from Enoch Elementary School also joined in the live event.

During the broadcast, Prince delivered information about upcoming events and programs available at the Frontier Homestead State Park and museum. Twitchell answered questions regarding activities available to visitors to Iron County and specifically spoke about the Utah Shakespeare Festival, the Utah Summer Games activities and more.

The Enoch Elementary fourth graders were assigned the special task of being "Pinpoint Weather Kids" for Pope, ABC4Utah's chief meteorologist. The students joined in on the live broadcast and enjoyed playing horseshoes, doing frontier laundry and more of the activities offered by the museum during the downtime between

live broadcast segments. The students were directly involved in the activities available at the park and served as weather assistants to Pope during the weather forecast.

Devan Chavez, communications for Utah State Parks and Recreation, said the goal of the ABC4Utah Road Tour is "to get not only parents, but kids excited about ... summer, (to) get outside, explore your state parks, explore your museums (and) get to know your local community."

Utah has 43 state parks; each year the Good4Utah Road Tour chooses new destinations to highlight the various outdoor activities available throughout the state. The program works to include local citizens of the areas to get kids and families directly involved with the events and activities available locally.

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SMILE

Leland McNeil Parry



Leland McNeil Parry (Talavytawi), 70, passed away on June 9, 2016 in Cedar City, Utah. He was born on April 12, 1946 in Cedar City, Utah to Woodrow Arthur and Thora Heap Parry. He attended schools in Iron County.

He married Phyllis Jean Moore-Parry. They had seven children.

Leland was a devoted father and grandfather. He was hardworking and a good provider. He was a dedicated son, brother and friend. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, traveling and exploring. He was an avid reader and had an exhaustive thirst of knowledge. Leland was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as an Elder Mentor for the Cedar City Paiute Children's Program. He worked as a master painter, carpenter and cabinet maker for over 50 years.

Leland is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his children Boyd D. (Jennifer Chamberlain) Redington II of Brigham City, Utah, Paul E. (Vanessa Wong) Redington of Polacca, Ariz., LaMonte T. (Marilyn Thorley) Redington of Stansbury Park, Utah, Jeanne Redington Woods (James L. Woods) of Morgan, Utah, and Lane M. (Laura Watters) Parry of Moapa, Nev.; 27 grandchildren; 33.5 great-grandchildren; his brothers Lyle (Sharlene) Parry of Henderson, Nev., Geron Parry of Cedar City, Utah and Harold (Sally) Marshall of Fallon, Nev.; and his sister Sandra Parry Matheson of Atkinson, Kan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow Arthur Parry and Thora Heap Crofts, his grandparents, Leland and Lillian Heap Daley and James Arthur and Caroline Parry, his brothers Ronald Parry and Michael Parry, his sons Leland Marshall Parry and Dallen R. Redington.

Funeral Services were June 13 at the 8th Ward Chapel (Cedar Stake Center, 155 E. 400 South, Cedar City, Utah). A viewing was Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N. 300 West, Cedar City, Utah). A viewing was also held June 13, 2016 at the Cedar Stake Center. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.sumortuary.com.

Kamen "Wolf" King Kanosh



Kamen Kanosh, 18, passed away Sunday, June 5. He was born the New Year's baby (Millard County) on Jan. 3, 1998, to Marcy Killian Kanosh and Kenny King Kanosh. He was engaged to Teressa Damiana Salas.

Kamen spent most of his years in Meadow and Fillmore, starting his first eight years of school. Later, he moved to La Verkin and attended Hurricane High and a short moment at Millcreek High. He had a great drive for sports, first starting with soccer then football. He had an ear and appreciation for all kinds of music and recording artists of all languages. He was also a recording artist himself. He loved his siblings, large family and his fiancé's family. Kamen loved animals and would treat them equally, if not better, than humans. They loved him too.

He is survived by his fiancé, Teressa Salas; mother, Marcy Killian Day; father, Kenny King Kanosh; grandmothers, Marlene Pikyavit and Renate Killian; grandfather Bart Killian; soon-to-be mother- and father-in-law, William A. and Diane S. Kneuppel; sisters, Tara J., Gina M. Killian, Kallie R. Kanosh and Brianne M. Tiger; brothers: Kyle M. Kanosh, Jason, Anakin (Joey), Logan Whaley, and Tearson Kneuppel; many cousins, aunts, uncles and extended families.

He is preceded in death by grandfather Milo D. Kanosh; great-grandfather McKay R. Pikyavit; uncle Corey D. Kanosh; and niece Myleigh M. Kanosh.

Funeral services were Monday, June 13 at the Kanosh Band building on the Kanosh Reservation. Viewing was prior to services at the same location. Interment was in the Kanosh Reservation cemetery under the care of Olpin Stevens Funeral Home. Online condolences can be expressed at www.olpinstevensfuneralhome.com.

Donetta Ward Taylor Anderson



Donetta Ward Taylor Anderson passed away on Monday, June 6, 2016, of causes incident to age. Donetta was born on Feb. 14, 1933, a Valentine baby, to Clifton "T" Taylor and Phebe Benson Ward Taylor in Parowan, Utah.

Donetta had two older brothers she truly adored, Ward and Verl. She attended school in Parowan, Utah and graduated from Parowan High School in 1951. She was active in band and speech and loved to be in the plays that the school and the community produced.

On Feb. 14, 1952, Donetta married John Lenard Anderson in the St. George, Utah LDS temple. They were married 62 years when John passed away in 2014. They lived in Cedar City until 1960, while John attended the College of Southern Utah then they moved to Provo, Utah so John could attend BYU.

In 1962, John graduated and took a job in Phoenix, Ariz. Mom joined with her friend and started a drapery business named A&M Draperies. In 1973, they returned to their Southern Utah roots by moving to St. George and have called it home since that time. They served two missions for the LDS church, the first to Australia from 1997-1998, and the second was to Florida in 2000-2001.

Donetta was a homemaker and raised 11 children, while serving in many different church callings. She is survived by 11 children: Boyd (Annette) Anderson of Mesa, Ariz.; Brad (Carolee) Anderson of Las Vegas, Nev.; Curtis (Michelle) Anderson of Santa Clara, Utah; Heber (Michele) Holm of Stanley, N.D.; Monte (Lisa) Holm of St. George, Utah; Natina (Milt) Colegrove of Dallas, Texas; Annetta (James) Stout of Medford, Ore.; Rick (Leslee) Anderson of Mesquite, Nev.; Bruce Anderson of Mesquite, Nev.; Rodney Anderson of St. George, Utah; Cynthia (Dave) Allred of Salt Lake City, Utah; 44 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 18, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the LDS East Stake Center, 449 S. 300 East, St. George, Utah. Viewings will be Friday, June 17 at the LDS chapel at 520 E. 700 South, St. George, Utah, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the LDS East Stake Center before the funeral. Interment will follow the funeral at Parowan City Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements by Serenity Funeral Home, 986-2085.

The Sons of the Utah Pioneers to host historical lecture

BY HOWARD THORLEY
Special to Iron County Today

On June 16 at 6:30 p.m., The Sons of the Utah Pioneers, Cedar City Chapter, will be meeting at the Rock Church at 75 E. Center St. in Cedar City to hear a historical presentation by Dr. Wayne K. Hinton.

Hinton received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Utah State University, his Ph.D. from Brigham Young University and he did postdoctoral work at the University of California, Davis. He served as chair of the history department for 18 of his 38 years of teaching at Southern Utah University. He is the author of four published books as well as many articles, book reviews and professional papers.

This presentation is open to the public. The title of Hinton's presentation is "Wires, Rails and Roads."

When Mormon Pioneers settled in Southern Utah, they found they had settled in out-of-the-way areas with no harbors, few roads and trails, no navigable rivers and no railroads. Remoteness made a large measure of self-sufficiency a necessity. The country they were settling was



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DR. WAYNE K. HINTON

harsh. Rainfall was scarce, the soil generally thin, the terrain and environment were mostly mountainous and desert.

To survive the pioneers had to settle the oasis that had the right

combination of water, fertile soil, nearby timber and grazing and a climate warm enough to produce crops. Under such conditions, labor was almost finite.

With roads being few and inadequate at best, freighting was a slow laborious process. Fording streams was sometimes impossible, and many areas including the scenic wonders of Southern Utah were nearly inaccessible.

As part of a public effort to reduce isolation in the Southern Utah Mission, settlers undertook to establish a telegraph line, to be connected to a railroad and to construct and improve roads. Herculean efforts were necessary to secure a communication system and a transportation system which would afford cheaper, faster, more comfortable and greater volume transit of goods and people. The key to development, growth and prosperity lay in developing a communication and transportation system.

The story of overcoming isolation in remote Southern Utah has many twists, turns and ironies, which Hinton will discuss during his lecture.

ACADEMY

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former graduate of the program who recently finished high school and has plans to go into law enforcement, had such a positive experience with

the academy four years ago she decided to volunteer her time this year to help the new recruits.

"Coming back each year, it's fun to see how the kids change from day one until they graduate," she said. "Even the (students) who don't want to

go into law enforcement, it helps them learn that law enforcement isn't out there to get them and keep them in trouble. It's there to protect them. There's a lot more than writing tickets that goes on."

The Junior Deputy Academy will run

through the end of next week. Those students who have met all the requirements by that time will participate in a graduation ceremony June 24 at the Heritage Center in Cedar City with Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower.

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Utah Summer Games celebrates 31 years of competition



UTAH SUMMER GAMES ATHLETES greet the Utah Jazz Bear during Opening Ceremonies June 10 at Southern Utah University's Eccles Coliseum.

Larry H. Miller Companies to sponsor Utah Summer Games

BY TOM ZULEWSKI
Sports Writer

As he made the walk around the track at Eccles Coliseum and warmly accepted handshakes of congratulations from community and state dignitaries, Utah Summer Games executive director Casey McClellan had a smile that could have easily lit up the night sky by itself.

It came with good reason when Gov. Gary Herbert made the announcement June 9 during the opening ceremonies for the 31st edition.

The Larry H. Miller Companies have signed on as title sponsor for the Utah Summer Games starting July 1. The announcement was capped off by the unveiling of a banner on the Harris Center building to tell the public that next year's games – with the trademark Miller signature stretched

across the top – will be held from June 8 through June 24.

"This solidifies our future," McClellan said of the new partnership. "We've had 31 great years, a lot of history, a lot of tradition, but this gives us just a little more credibility,

On a cool, comfortable evening, the opening ceremonies featured a procession of government officials that included Herbert, Cedar City Mayor Maile Wilson, members of the Army National Guard 2nd Battalion 222 Field Artillery

County high school sports teams also walked the track, including Cedar High's 3A runner-up baseball team and state champion girls track team, Canyon View's Region 12 champion swimmers and baseball team, and Parowan's girls

Following a video presentation on the Miller family, Gov. Herbert said "more than 100,000 athletes have participated in the Summer Games since its beginning in 1986," and it is also the third longest-running state games in the country. The age range of this year's athletes is from 4 to 87 years old.

After the Games' torch was lit, Caldwell started the run around the track, handed it off to the Utah Jazz Bear, and Zane Miller took the final steps to the cauldron to complete the ceremony. Spectators and athletes were treated to entertainment that included the Utah Jazz Dunk Team, 70s cover band Boogie Nights, and a fireworks display that lit up the skies for nearly 15 minutes.

It was a fitting cap to a bright future ahead for the Utah Summer Games.

"It allows us to take the next step," McClellan said. "We've got great tradition, great history, but this allows us to penetrate places we've only dreamt of. It's a tribute to all the volunteers and athletes over 31 years who've made (USG) what it is today and created this partnership."



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a presence on the Wasatch Front we've been looking for a long time. To have the belief from the Miller family and the organization to up their sponsorship and let us be a part of what they do is really humbling to a lot of people."

Unit led by Lt. Commander Chris Caldwell, and leaders of several area businesses from Larry H. Miller Megaplex Theatres to Intermountain Healthcare and Cherry Creek Radio.

Athletes from several Iron

cross country state champions.

Some of the kids from a Murray youth soccer team milked their moment in the spotlight by doing their best "dabs" for the crowd as they took part in the parade of athletes.

Kovar finishes season strong, earns All-American status

BY SUU STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Special to Iron County Today

Jayson Kovar represented the Thunderbirds at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Historic Hayward Field on June

good to get that under my belt and it just makes me hungrier for next year.”

Kovar finished second in the first of two flights, with a high throw of 57.76 meters (189 feet 6 inches). He led the way for the majority of

finished in ninth place and earned the title of All-American.

Kovar entered competition ranked 18th, finishing much higher than was expected.

SUU coach Eric Houle said he was extremely impressed with what Kovar was able to accomplish at the National Championships.

“At this level and this stage to more than simply perform like you have all year and perform better is exactly what you want,” he said. “To go in and better their place under all that pressure is the sign of a successful athlete.”

Nebraska’s Nicholas Percy won the event with a throw of 61.27 meters.

Kovar was just five inches away from finishing in eighth place, and said that will motivate him moving forward.

“My last throw was actually my best one, had it not gone foul I could have finished in sixth or seventh place,” Kovar said.

With the conclusion of the meet, Kovar wrapped up his junior season, and will have a senior campaign to once again chase an NCAA Championship.

Houle said finishes like these, and adding another All-American to the growing list at SUU, is helping propel the program forward.

“It’s a testament to the program and how far the program has come when we can produce All-Americans,” he said. “It’s a testament to the coaches we have in the program and the type of athletes, so at the end of the day it says we’re a player on the national scene.”



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SUU’S JAYSON KOVAR FINISHED IN NINTH PLACE IN DISCUS and earned Second Team All-American status at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships last week.

10 in the discus, where he earned Second Team All-American status finishing in ninth place in a field stacked with the very best in the NCAA.

“It means a lot,” Kovar said when asked what having the title of All-American means to him. “It’s what I’ve been working for, so it’s

the first flight, but a late and big throw from Virginia Tech’s Marek Barta (58.57) gave him the furthest throw of the opening flight.

The throw was good enough to advance Kovar to the finals, one of only nine competitors advancing.

In the finals Kovar was not able to top his previous mark, but still

Bowlers showcase skills during USG event



THE UTAH SUMMER GAMES BOWLING EVENTS CONTINUED

June 8 with a tournament for physically challenged players at Cedar Bowling Center. The bowlers were in good spirits and smiled throughout the competition; some received help from family members and friends in pursuit of the perfect score. All participants in the physically challenged bowling tournament received a medal.

COREY BAUMGARTNER



TOM ZULEWSKI

JOHN BECKSTRAND, OF ST. GEORGE, stands with his gold medal atop the podium following the Utah Summer Games 10K run June 10.

Beckstrand rocks and rolls to USG 10K gold

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

As the sky dawned clear and bright with comfortable temperatures, St. George resident John Beckstrand had a secret weapon to help get him motivated for the Utah Summer Games 10K run June 10.

With “80s rock” guitar riffs blaring in his iPod, Beckstrand started strong and won the gold medal with a time of 36 minutes, 4.4 seconds over the 6.2-mile course. The run was nearly two and a half minutes ahead of silver medalist Josh Decker.

In his third appearance at the event, Beckstrand pushed the pace from the first mile and improved on his bronze-medal showing from 2014.

“It was a beautiful course on a beautiful day. We had shade for the first four miles,” Beckstrand said. “The first few miles are pretty steep, so I was trying to go out hard in the beginning to discourage anyone else from chasing me.”

Beckstrand admitted the first two miles were “faster than I normally run,” but was able to settle into a more comfortable pace as a result on the downhill portion of the course.

“I ended up running about six-minute miles ‘til the end,” said Beckstrand, who wore a neon-colored T-shirt with the sleeves and sides cut out for what he called “better aerodynamics.” “When I hit Mile 5, there’s a loop where you can look back and see if anyone’s close. I couldn’t see anyone for a few blocks,

so I knew I had it for the last mile coming in. The nice thing is even if you’re getting tired, everyone else is getting tired, too.”

Decker won the race to the line and the silver medal in 38:29.9, three seconds ahead of Cody Goff, who took the bronze.

The women’s 10K race was won by Megan Curtis of Delta, who ran the Summer Games course for the first time in a time of 40:37.8, 25 seconds ahead of Rebecca Albrecht.

“I’ve run the half-marathon on this course, just not this (10K) race,” Curtis said. “I was glad it was a little bit windy so it cooled us off some.”

Curtis said she raced alongside Albrecht for “about the first three miles” and it gave her an easy marker to follow.

“Just looked at her ponytail,” she said.

Curtis said she didn’t start running until her “post-kids” part of her life that includes four children, and called running her “social outlet.”

“It’s my chance to set goals and push myself,” she said. “This race was really good. (Albrecht) pushed me all the way, but I wanted to walk.”

Curtis didn’t stick around for the medal presentation, stating she wanted to catch her children who accompanied her on the trip at their soccer games.

“We’re hoping for more than just my gold medal,” she said.

Albrecht ran the 10K in 41:02.2 to claim the silver, while Sandy Hulet took the bronze in 41:11.0.

Logano rules youth movement at Michigan

BY TOM ZULEWSKI

Sports Writer

Joey Logano won six races in 2015, nearly made the final four for a second time, and had an all-around successful year.

As for Logano's start to 2016, the wins were just a bit harder to come by. The newest incarnation of a lower-downforce package was a catalyst to end his drought.

Asserting his dominance on restarts to hold off all challengers, Logano cruised to the win in the Firekeepers Casino 400 at Michigan International Speedway on June 12, leading 138 of the 200 laps. He became the 10th different driver to win a race on the season and punched his ticket to the Chase.

And if anyone had doubts about the future of NASCAR, they needed to look at who ran up front at MIS. After the 26-year-old Logano, Chase Elliott (20) and Kyle Larson (23) combined to become the youngest top three finishers – average age: 23 – in a Sprint Cup race since 1951.

While the young ones were ruling the front of the field, some of the veterans weren't nearly as fortunate, including Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kyle Busch.

For the fourth race in a row, Busch finished 30th or worse. His No. 18 M&Ms Toyota lost the



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JOEY LOGANO, DRIVER OF THE #22 SHELL PENNZOIL FORD, celebrates with a burnout after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Firekeepers Casino 400 at Michigan International Speedway on June 12.

engine on lap 52 and he finished dead last in 40th. Earnhardt Jr. was the next car out of the race after his No. 88 collided with Chris Buescher at lap 62.

Adding insult to the injury, Buescher was able to have the damage repaired to his No. 34 and he went on to finish 20th.

As the series heads to the second off week of the year, the debate can officially begin on who will break through and change their zero in the win column to get into the Chase.

Here's a stat to note: In the first two seasons with

the new eliminator-style format, there were 13 and 11 drivers, respectively, who got into the Chase by winning a race in the first 26. So far in Year 3, there are some notable names still searching for that elusive checkered flag.

Earnhardt Jr. headlines the list. After three wins in 2015, Junior has been shaky of late. Although he has four runner-up efforts, the average finish for the 88 since Texas has been 16th and he's led just 53 laps on the year.

Elliott is as close to having a breakthrough

in the win column as any Cup rookie in a long, long time. The runner-up finish at Michigan was the best of his 15-race career and he's had 11 top-10 runs.

After crashing at Las Vegas and ending up 38th,

Elliott's average finish since then has been 7.1. He should be Rookie of the Year in a stone-cold lock, although Ryan Blaney has potential to give him a run for his money.

Austin Dillon – love

him or hate him – shook off three weeks of bad runs and grabbed an eighth-place finish at Michigan. He'll need to put at least three weeks of solid runs together to stay in Chase contention.

As for Blaney, he would be the 16th and final Chase qualifier if it started today. Cliché aside, the Wood Brothers driver has seen mistakes at the worst times cost him shots at wins.

Blaney does have four top-10s in the last six races, but with the first of two road course races coming up at Sonoma Raceway in two weeks, the pressure to perform is officially on.

For all the remaining drivers with championship dreams, the race to the Chase begins right now.

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